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## Derby Neck Library

A Regional Library

# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community

FROM

THE

ARCHIVES ...

By Patricia E. Sweeney

### VALLEY (AND OSBORNE/KELLOGG) HISTORY SERIES

Pat Sweeney has developed several PowerPoint presentations based on original research from newly found documents on the internet, combined with the letters and archives of Frances Osborne Kellogg housed here at the library. These programs show what life was like in the Valley towns at several crucial junctures in our shared history. On Tues., Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Pat will narrate *"The Civil War Career of Major Wilbur F. Osborne,"* founder of Derby Neck Library. This evening will include original pictures of the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, Osborne's unit, as well as readings from his remembrances of the war years; it helps commemorate his January birthday. On Tues., Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m., the topic will be *"The Valley in the Great Depression Years,"* with a focus, among other things, on the Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Frances Kellogg's life during the 1930s. Also discussed will be everyday life in the Valley, the CCC camps, the New Deal initiatives in the local area, food, fashion, and entertainment. Watch our newsletter, website, Facebook page, and local news sources (both on-line and in print) for more programs in this Valley History Series.

### Closed for Renovations

During the winter months, the library will be closed to the public for up to a week. We will be closed so that we can install new carpeting throughout the entire building as well as a brand new circulation desk. At this point, we do not know specifically when this will happen, but it will occur during the winter. Fines accrued for any items that are due back during this time will be forgiven. However, library staff will be in the building, so feel free to return items using the book and media drops next to our side entrance and we will make sure the items get to the owning libraries. Please check our website, Facebook, Twitter, and with staff for updates on the closure and please join us when we reopen for the grand reveal of our new desk!

### Tech Talks

"Tech Talks", the program series that focuses on topics related to modern technology that you may be interested in learning more about, is a recurring program that takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 10:30am and in the evening on the Monday prior at 6:00pm. Both sessions will happen in the same week. The January class will be *"PC Maintenance: Hardware"*. February's topic will be *"PC Maintenance: Software"*.



### D&D Sundays

On the first and third Sundays of the month, members of the D&D club will meet in the library from 1-5pm to play custom campaigns and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts.

Refreshments are served throughout. All supplies provided. Contact club moderator, Ian Parsells at headlibrarian@biblio.org if you are interested in joining the group.



### VITA Free Tax Preparation Services Begin at the Derby Neck Library

Starting on January 29, VITA free tax preparation services will commence at the Derby Neck Library on Sundays from 1-4:00pm throughout the tax filing season. Households that earned less than \$54,000 in 2016 may be eligible for VITA's free tax preparation services, provided by IRS-certified volunteers at community centers, nonprofit organizations, and other convenient locations across Connecticut. For individuals and families that qualify, VITA volunteers will work with you step by step to ensure you file accurately and on time.

To schedule an appointment, call Team, Inc. at 203-736-5420. For other VITA sites' hours of operation, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211ct.org](http://www.211ct.org) or [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for directions and hours.



### Needlers Club

The Needlers Club of the Derby Neck Library is welcoming new members to join them on Saturdays throughout the year at 1pm in the library's Community Room. Learn a new skill or hone an old one whether through knitting, needlepoint, crochet, beading, or other crafts. There are also refreshments throughout. So drop in on any given Saturday that the library is open!



# Calendar of Events

## January 2017

January 9, 16, 23, 30	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
January 10, 17, 24, 31	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
January 10, 17, 24, 31	Science for Toddlers	10:00 am
January 12, 29, 26	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
January 4, 11, 18, 25	Smash Club! for Teens/Tweens	2:00–5:00 pm
January 8, 15	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
January 19, 26	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm
January 2, 9, 23, 30	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
January 4, 11, 25	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm



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January 1	LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Day)	
January 10	Civil War Career of Major Osborne	6:30 pm
January 16	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
January 16	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
January 18	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
January 29	VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only)	1:00–4:00 pm
January 30	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm

## President's Day, February 20th



## February 2017

February 2, 9, 16, 23	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
February 1, 8, 15, 22	Smash Club! for Teens	2:00–5:00 pm
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
February 5, 19	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
February 16, 23	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm
February 1, 8, 22	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
February 6, 20, 27	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
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February 4, 11, 18, 25	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
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February 2	Dinner and a Movie for Adults	5:30 pm
February 13	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
February 15	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
February 15	Smash! Club Video Game Tournament	3:00 pm
February 20	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
February 21	The Valley in the Great Depression Years	6:30 pm
February 27	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm

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New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.