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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 or www.irs.gov for directions and hours.

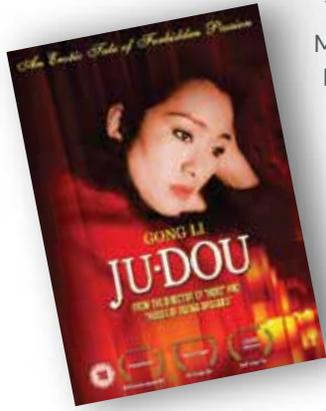


Needlers Club

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!

ANDREW'S PICKS

Ju Dou (Zhang Yimou & Yang Fengliang, 1990).



Yasujiro Ozu and Setsuko Hara. Michelangelo Antonioni and Monica Vitti. Jean-Luc Godard and Anna Karina. Ingmar and Liv Ullmann . . . and Bibi Andersson . . . and Ingrid Thulin . . . and Harriet Andersson. The story of cinema is, very often, the story of great directors and the great actresses with whom they collaborate. In my lifetime, probably the most significant of these pairings

has been between the extraordinary Zhang Yimou, the most famous and prolific of China's so-called "Fifth Generation" of filmmakers, and his incomparable muse Gong Li, one of our most talented living actresses. This film is their third (of seven) together. It is an unforgettable picture, painted in ravishing Technicolor. I dare you to watch it, and not to feel as though "the real world" has turned black-and-white in comparison.

Free Homework Help

Having trouble with that one math problem on your homework that you just can't get? Need help finishing that book report? Maybe you need help studying for finals? From 3pm-5pm Monday through Thursday at the library's Information Desk, students are invited to bring their homework, text books, and other related materials for free tutoring in Math and English from Library staff. There is no registration required for this service, but it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Ask Ian Parsells, the head librarian, for more details.



Computer Classes

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel, email, and how to search the Internet for whatever interests you. Start any day, but you can only attend once a week. Classes last an hour and are held on Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays/Wednesdays at 10:30am.

teen events

Smash Club for Teens

On Wednesdays from 2pm-5pm, teens and tweens are invited to the new Smash Club! Using the library's Nintendo Wii U and Dreamcast, teens will play various games on the systems, particularly Super Smash Bros. and Powerstone 2. Smash Club is about fun and not competition. Other games that we play will include Pokken Tournament, Mario Maker, Mario Kart 8, Injustice, Fatal Fury, Soul Calibur, and more multiplayer games will be purchased as they come out. Whether you're a beginner or a highly-skilled gamer, this club will have something for everyone.

Teen Film Club

Every Tuesday throughout the year at 4pm, join us for the award-winning Teen Film Club. Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, acting, and editing. All work is done in-house and all films produced by the club are put into the library's DVD collection and onto the library's Youtube channel.



2017 Community Puzzle

Last year's puzzle is finished. The new puzzle is ready and is out for anyone and everyone to assemble. For 2017, the puzzle features another iconic Derby location: Osbornedale State Park. If you help put it together, don't forget to write your full name on the sign-in sheet because when it's complete we will mount the finished puzzle with a plaque with all the names of those who helped finish the assembly. Don't miss out!

tournament

Smash! Club Video Game Tournament

On February 15 at 3pm, Teens and Tweens are invited to compete in the Smash! Club Video Game Tournament. There will be prizes available based on the number of participants up to a maximum of 3. The game of the day will be announced on flyers in the library and on the Web site. Never played the game? At Smash! Club on February 8, we will devote the entire day to practicing the tournament game. This way, everyone has a chance to git gud!

Children's Corner

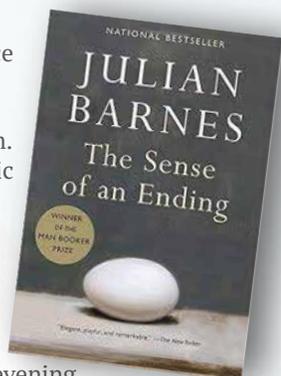


The holidays are over and winter has arrived. Come into the library and warm up with some **Music and Movement** in Miss Kathi's classes. For those of you who have not yet joined in the fun of these classes, Miss Kathi loves sharing books, puppets, art and musical instruments with babies, toddlers and their grownups. Now is the time to help children learn about the fun of visiting a library and enjoying all that it has to offer. Books galore, a Children's Room to play and learn in, somewhere to do homework and access computers are just a few of the libraries offerings for children and grownups alike. The regular children's classes will begin on January 9th, so check out the webpage for upcoming dates. Any changes in the schedule due to weather will be posted on Facebook and Twitter.

literary club selections

The first meeting of 2017 for Women's Forum takes place on Mon., Jan. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Our topic will be "*The Civil War Career of Major Wilbur Osborne*," a powerpoint presentation by Pat Sweeney. In February, we will meet on Mon., Feb. 20 again at 12:30 p.m. when we will discuss two contemporary short stories—"*The Art of Elsewhere*" by Ali Smith and "*Hi! Howya Doin!*" by Joyce Carol Oates. Copies of the two stories are available at the library. The Women's Forum is dedicated to stimulating discussions focused on short stories, historical presentations, and more. You may wish to bring a light lunch. We serve free coffee and tea at each meeting. For more details, speak to Pat Sweeney, club moderator.

The Evening Book Club meets on Mon., Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. surrounding the fireplace in the Reading Room. We will be discussing "*The Sense of an Ending*" by Julian Barnes. At our meeting on Mon., Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. we will focus on "*The Invisible Man*," a classic short novel by H.G. Wells. Copies of each book are available at the library approximately three weeks prior to each meeting. We primarily read shorter novels by award-winning authors and occasionally a memoir. Bring a friend or family member and enjoy an informative and entertaining evening. This club is also moderated by Pat Sweeney.



Dinner and a Movie

Taking place on the 1st Thursday of the month, adults are invited to the library's Dinner and a Movie. Featuring movies new and old on Bluray, this popular program has something for everyone 18 and over! Dinner will be served at the half-way point with refreshments being served throughout. There will be no movie for January. February's movie will be announced on fliers in the library and on our Web site.



Staff Picks

Starting in January, we will be reorganizing our new book section in the lobby to accommodate brand new "Staff Picks" selections. Staff will pick fiction, nonfiction, movies, and music that they think you might be interested. Each staff member will be encouraged to draw from their personal interests to make recommendations, pull those selections from the shelves, and also provide similar reads. Each selection will have a short write-up (spoiler free!) highlighting why they think you will enjoy it. We will rotate selections out every few months to keep things fresh and to give all staff the chance to participate.

STAFF:

Ian Parsells, Head Librarian
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recurring children's programs

All programs will be drop-in with no registration required. We welcome patrons from all towns to come and enjoy the programs.



Prethrees classes are for ages Birth-3yrs and offer age appropriate stories, finger plays, Nursery rhymes, puppets, coloring pages and music. Name tags and a different theme are provided each week. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 10am.

Mommy and Me: Art Partners are for all ages. Working together you will explore different mediums such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolor pencils, paint and finger paint. Both you and your child can open up a new expressive world to explore as you share time together creating your own art. All supplies will be provided.

Been There Done That Movin' On Twos and Threes is for children who have been coming to the classes for a while and are capable of following more specific directions to musical games and are ready to learn new songs. Each week a different type of instrument is introduced and shared. Classes regularly occur on Tuesdays at 10am.

Toddler Science is for children ages 3 and up. Experiments, books, music and crafts encourage you and your child to explore the world around you. Relearn things you forgot as you work with your toddler to learn about such subjects as space, magnetism, chemistry and physics. Classes regularly occur on Tuesday at 11am.

Music and Movement programs are for ages Birth to 5 and use instruments, scarves and singing to enhance children's language proficiency. Songs and dancing combine to help children learn about rhythm and practice motor skills needed to improve their communication abilities. Scarves and musical instruments add to the fun. Classes regularly occur on Thursdays at 10am and 11am.

Tabletop Gamers

Care to play a game? Chess, checkers, Go, card games, board games, dice games!

They're all here and ready to be played.

This will also function as a strategy session for D&D Sundays as well as character creation.

We meet on the third and last Thursdays of the month. The upcoming meetings will be on

January 19/26 and February 16/23.

This program is for teens, tweens, and adults.



Correction for "From the Archives . . ." in our last newsletter. The phrase "the late state representative Carl Ajello" should have read "the former state representative Carl Ajello."

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
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
February 5, 12, 19, 26	VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only)	1:00–4:00 pm



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.