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Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community

Head Librarian Wins Lewis Savitsky Award

On December 5, 2017, Ian Parsells, head librarian of the Derby Neck Library, was awarded the *Lewis Savitsky Staff Excellence Award* from the Valley Council for Health and Human Services. The *Lewis Savitsky Staff Excellence Award*, named in honor of a long-time employee of the Valley United Way, recognizes extraordinary service as an employee in the nonprofit community. It is one of three annual awards the Council hands out at their annual meeting. For a list of past winners, visit valleycouncil.org.

Pictured (from left to right): board member Linda Cappola, board Vice President Shirley Erickson, Melissa Parsells, Ian Parsells, and board President Jack Walsh.

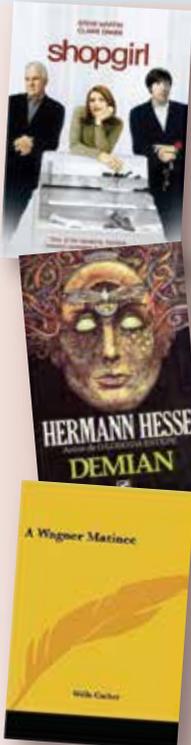


Literary Club Events



The **Evening Book Club**, which reads novellas by award-winning authors (and sometimes memoirs), meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Reading Room by our fireplace. On Monday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. we will be discussing “*Shopgirl*” by Steve Martin. On Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. we focus on “*Demian*” by Hermann Hesse. Copies of the selected books are always available at the library. Join us for a stimulating and informative evening.

Women’s Forum, a lunch group that discusses short stories and also enjoys Valley history presentations, meets on the third Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. We serve free coffee and tea; those attending may wish to bring a light lunch. On Monday, Jan. 15 at 12:30 p.m. we will be discussing two short stories with a horror theme — “*Sredni Vashtar*” by Saki and “*The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar*” by Edgar Allan Poe. On Monday, Feb. 19 on 12:30 p.m. the focus is two short stories by Willa Cather — “*The Enchanted Bluff*” and “*A Wagner Matinee*.” Copies of the stories are always available at the library prior to the meeting.



VITA Free Tax Preparation Services Begin at the Derby Neck Library

Starting on January 28, VITA free tax preparation services will recommence at the Derby Neck Library on Sundays from 1-4:00pm throughout the tax filing season. Households that earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 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.



ANDREW'S PICKS

The X-Files – Season 3
(Chris Carter, 1995–1996).

My family's fanatical obsession with *The X-Files* reached its apogee during this season. We recorded every episode on VHS tapes, and my brother and I would watch them every day after school. (Then we watched them all summer while waiting for the fourth season premiere—but that's when the show switched from Friday nights, when our father allowed us to stay up late, to Sunday nights, when he didn't. Our mother, whose fervor nourished and indeed surpassed our own, faithfully recorded every episode for us for the rest of the show's run, but the indignity still rankles.) The trilogy comprised of season 2's cliffhanger finale ("Anasazi") and the opening episodes of season 3 ("The Blessing Way" and "Paper Clip") is a harrowing, dizzyingly intricate, and thematically rich masterpiece in its own right, but it also occupies a pivotal place in the series, marking the point when the show's Alien Mythology arc outpaced in sheer narrative complexity anything that had previously been attempted on network television (with the exception, of course, of *Twin Peaks*, the greatest TV show ever made). This plot weaves its way through the season in the thrilling two-parters "Nisei/731" and "Piper Maru/Apocrypha" (which introduced the iconic Black Oil Virus) before concluding with another cliffhanger (and an homage to *The Brothers Karamazov*) in the magnificent "Talitha Cumi." In between, season 3 features a succession of unforgettable "Monster-of-the-week" episodes, including Vince Gilligan's first great episode for the show ("Pusher") and three genre-defying works of genius by the incomparable Darin Morgan. Two of these, "Clyde Bruckman's Final Repose" and "Jose Chung's From Outer Space," are so utterly unique, so funny and scary and true, so philosophically deep and artistically bold that I don't dare describe them—but they're my favorite episodes of *The X-Files*. "The truth is out there." "Trust no one." "I want to believe." Don't these three phrases — and the progression from intrepid curiosity through paranoia to melancholy yearning — epitomize the intellectual and spiritual odyssey of mankind?



teen EVENTS



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.

Derby Neck Video Game Club

Using the library's Nintendo Wii U, PS4, and Dreamcast, teens will play various games on the systems on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Derby Neck Video Game Club (VGC for short) is all about fun, so come join us. No registration is required and we play throughout the school year on Tuesdays after school when the director is in the building. This club was formerly called *Smash! Club*.



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.



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. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 11am.

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.



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.

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 is no January movie and February's will be revealed on flyers in the building and on our Website.

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. Check flyers in the library and on the Web site for topics.

children's corner

- Miss Kathi

Happy New Year from the Derby Neck Children's Department! Starting on January 8th, the winter session of Miss Kathi's children's program will begin. The Prethrees story time on Mondays will give children a chance to have an interactive experience with stories, coloring, singing and dancing. Puppets and felt boards will also add to the fun. Join us also on Mondays to create art with your children in the Mommy and Me Art Class. New experiences for little ones with paint, crayons, markers and mixed media will provide an artistic outlet for all.

The Science class on Tuesdays for Preschoolers and the Crazy 8's Math Club on Wednesdays for K-2nd graders will continue to provide fun learning activities to enrich STEAM learning. Music and Movement classes on Tuesday's and Thursdays will support parent and child interactivity with singing, dancing and fun.

For children who love dogs we have a new Rover to Read to. Spirit, a Newfoundland dog, will visit the library once a month to be read to and take pictures with. The photo will be made into a bookmark that children can keep and take home.

Make sure you take the time to spend quality time with your children especially after school. Coming to the library and looking for good books to read and share is a good way to relax for a few minutes after a hectic day of school and errands. Older children can help the younger children and babies by reading to them and sharing a few minutes together as a family.

Remember that the library is an important part of your community and by visiting often you can connect with other parents and give and get support and learn about new happenings and opportunities for your family in the surrounding areas. **REMEMBER - LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!**



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FROM

THE

ARCHIVES ...



By Patricia E. Sweeney

On Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. "On the Homefront," a powerpoint presentation on Mrs. Frances Kellogg's various activities and her career highlights during the 1940's, as well as an overview of Valley industry and community life during World War 2, will take place. This program also focuses on the fashion, entertainments, foods, and home life during that memorable and historically significant era.

The founders of the Derby Neck Library initially had filling the reading needs of the local school children as their primary goal. Familiarity with and activities involving children's literature were always at the forefront in the Osborne family. Maj. Wilbur Osborne's parents had subscriptions to children's magazines delivered to their home when he was a young boy, and his own sister had a career as an author for youngsters. Helen Virginia Osborne attended Vassar College and then wrote for "Golden Hours" a Methodist Church funded magazine which featured moral, literary, and naturalist tales and poetry for children. This journal was based in Cincinnati where Helen resided for a time, and it was there she met her future husband, Henry Edward Krehbiel, a celebrated music critic. They became the parents of Miss Helen Krehbiel, a longtime librarian at Derby Neck, until her death in 1956.

2018 Community Puzzle

Just before Christmas, the library put out the 2018 Community Puzzle for patrons to assemble and enjoy together. What iconic Derby location is the focus of this year's puzzle? The Derby-Shelton Bridge and downtown Derby!

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!

Afternoon Tea V



Afternoon Tea V

On Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00pm, the Derby Neck Library hosts its newest adult program series: Afternoon Tea V! This new program series will feature an hour's worth of episodes of a streaming-only show on services like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video followed by an hour of discussion. Throughout, there will be tea, coffee, and biscuits for refreshments. The first series will feature the Netflix series: *The Crown*. We just started season 2. Season 1 is available in DVD format for those who wish to catch up. There is no fee for this program and no registration is required. Join us!

Calendar of Events

January 2018

January 8, 15, 22, 29	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Toddler Science for children	11:00 am
January 11, 18, 25	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
January 7, 21	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
January 3, 10, 24, 31	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
January 6, 13, 20, 27	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Afternoon Tea V: The Crown Season 2	1:00–3:00 pm



January 1	LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Day)	
January 2, 3, 4	VITA Volunteer Training (PRIVATE)	6:00-9:00 pm
January 15	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
January 17	Tech Talks	10:30 am
January 17	Bedtime Music and Movement	6:00 pm
January 28	VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only)	1:00-4:00 pm
January 29	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm



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February 2018

February 1, 8, 15, 22	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Toddler Science for children	11:00 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
February 4, 18	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
February 3, 10, 17, 24	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
February 7, 14, 28	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Afternoon Tea V: The Crown Season 2	10:30–11:30 am
February 4, 11, 18, 25	VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only)	1:00-4:00 pm



February 1	Dinner and a Movie for adults	5:30 pm
February 19	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
February 21	Tech Talks	10:30 am
February 21	Bedtime Music and Movement	6:00 pm
February 26	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.