



Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents



This year's Summer Reading Program encourages children to read about sports and good nutrition, and then engage in outdoor or indoor sports. Kick off the program with Paul Mordoff and outside games in the Derby Neck Library's garden area on Monday, June 20th from 3-4PM.

There will be sack races, tug of war pulls, relay races and other fun games. Miss Kathi will also have age appropriate toddler activities going on. All ages are encouraged to join in the fun. Each week through August 18, there will be special programs for a variety of ages. Hula hooping, animals and arts are some of the fun activities planned. Pick up a flyer at the library or go online to derbynecklibrary.org to see the days and times scheduled. Miss Kathi will also have her regular story time and music classes throughout June, July & August. If a program requests that you register, please sign up at the front desk or call (203) 734-1492. When your child signs up for Summer Reading, they will receive a bag with a reading log, bookmark and surprise gift. Help our Runners reach their goal by reading and adding cutout sneakers to the posters in the library! Also plan for our annual beach party in the garden on August 17th at 3:30 PM. Have a happy, healthy and active summer here at the library!

Teen Wrap-Up Party

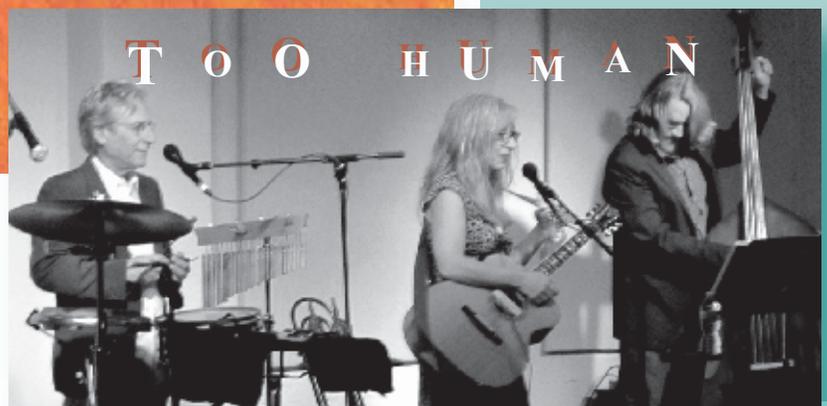
August 18, 12:00-2:00pm
The end of summer Wrap-Up Party will feature even more great prizes that you can use your sweepstakes entries to win. You will get your tickets at the party. There will be a host of prize options you can enter your tickets to win. Attendees will draw a winner blind from a hat for each prize. No one will leave empty handed, as those who do not win a prize from the lots can take a prize from the mysterious orange sack!

See inside page three for complete listing of Teen Summer Events.

Over a century of service to the Valley Community

TOO HUMAN Jazz Performance

On Saturday, July 30 at 2:00pm, the jazz band *Too Human* will put on a performance for the Derby Neck Library community. Performing jazz standards from the American Songbook with a fresh interpretation, *Too Human* combine vocals, guitar, percussion, and, on occasion, upright bass to create their jazzy/bluesy feel with a lot of heart. High quality musicianship with humor and passion, totally in sync with each other, *Too Human* create a strong and intimate atmosphere. Join us for what is sure to be a memorable performance! Visit www.toohumanonline.com for more on the band.



ANDREW'S PICKS

Duck Soup (Leo McCarey, 1933).

The Marx brothers' most famous film has been hailed as a masterpiece by just about everyone, from T. S. Eliot to Winston Churchill to Salvador Dalí. It is the only movie on Harold Bloom's list of the most sublime American artworks of the 20th Century, rubbing shoulders with Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*, Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow*, Nathanael West's *Miss Lonelyhearts*, the poetry of Wallace Stevens and Hart Crane, and the jazz performances of Bud Powell and Charlie Parker. Moreover, it features prominently in the climax of my favorite Woody Allen film, *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1986), when Allen's character is convinced not to kill himself after he stumbles into a movie theater playing *Duck Soup*. What makes it such a special film? There is no doubt that it is one of the funniest, craziest, most outrageous and subversive pictures ever made; the unique genius of the Marx brothers has been so thoroughly explored by others that I have little to add here. But it is worth noting that *Duck Soup* is (I think) the Marx brothers' only collaboration with a really great director: Leo McCarey, who, aside from making classics like *The Awful Truth* (1937), *Going My Way* (1944), *The Bells of St. Mary's* (1945), and *An Affair to Remember* (1957), also directed the astonishing *Make Way for Tomorrow* (1937). A dark and unflinching drama, McCarey's other masterpiece couldn't be more different from *Duck Soup*, but it has its own impressive list of admirers: Jean Renoir, Peter Bogdanovich, Orson Welles (who reportedly said, "It would make a stone cry") and Errol Morris, who named it his favorite film and called it "The most depressing movie ever made, providing reassurance that everything will definitely end badly." It also provided Yasujiro Ozu and his screenwriter Kogo Noda with the inspiration for *Tokyo Story* (1953), which is the wisest and gentlest and most perfect film I have ever seen. In any case, perhaps the miracle that is *Duck Soup* can best be explained by the strange chemistry that exists between McCarey's subtle artistry and the madcap anarchic brilliance of Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Zeppo.

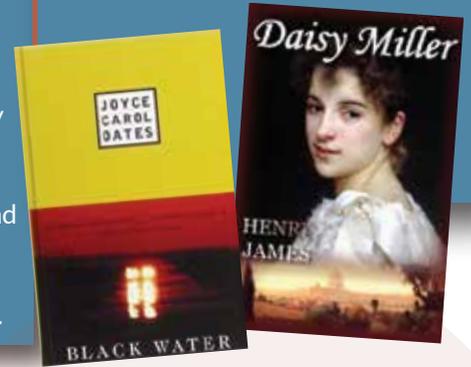


literary club events for summer

The Evening Book Club will meet on Monday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Henry James' *"Daisy Miller."* The August meeting will take place on Monday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *"Black Water"* by Joyce Carol Oates. Join us at the Reading Room's cozy fireplace to enjoy an informative and stimulating conversation. Books are available at the library prior to each meeting. The Women's Forum will meet on Monday, July 18 at 12:30 p.m. and again on Monday, August 15 at 12:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss short stories of interest and skill.

Copies are available prior to each date. Attendees may wish to bring a light lunch. We serve free coffee and tea.

For details on either of these clubs please speak to Pat Sweeney.



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.

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. Topics will be announced on fliers in the library and on our Web site.

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

By Patricia E. Sweeney

The library owns a typescript of the speeches of Wilbur Fisk Osborne which was also prepared for publication when *"An Osborne Treasury"* (the family's letters) was created in 1983. The manuscript includes speeches delivered at the dedication of the Civil War Monument on the Derby Green on July 4, 1883 and at the dedication of the battlefield artillery piece, *"The Dictator"* in Hartford on Sept., 25, 1902.

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.

teen summer events

I-Spy Teen Movie Night

June 23 & August 11, 5:00-7:30pm

This summer, we will be showing 2 movies in June and August for teens on Blu-ray. At each movie, teens will need to keep their eyes peeled for special moments and details. A list of clues will be given at the start of the film. The teen who spots the most will win the prize! On June 23, we will be watching *10 Cloverfield Lane*. The August movie will be revealed on the flyer. Registration is required.

Video Game Tournament

June 30 & August 3, 3:00-5:00pm

Looking for some competitive gaming this summer with a chance to win some great prizes? On Thursday, June 30 and Wednesday, August 3 from 3-5pm, you will get your chance when you compete on the Wii U. But, don't expect to play the same game twice. In June, we will be playing Mario Kart 8. August's game will be announced on the flyer. Registration is strongly recommended, but not required.

New SAT Seminar with Ellis Ratner

July 14, 6:00pm

Ellis Ratner will provide a seminar for students and parents on the new SAT format that has not yet been made public. This session will be extremely valuable for students AND parents. Registration is recommended. Attend this program for double points!

Teen 3D Puzzles

July 19, 2:00-4:00pm

They're back!!! Working as a pair or solo, teens will be tasked with putting together one of an assortment of small 3D puzzles. Everyone who finishes their puzzle will be able to take theirs home. Be the first person or pair to complete the puzzle and you will win the grand prize. Registration is recommended.

Tabletop Gamers

July 28, 6:00-8:00pm

Care to play a game? Chess, checkers, Go, card games, board games, dice games! They're all here and ready to be played. This program will continue throughout the year once the summer's over so join us for the inaugural evening! During the year, we will meet on the last Thursday of the month.

Smash! Club

Every Wednesday, 2:00pm

Using the library's Nintendo Wii U, teens will play various games on the system, particularly Super Smash Bros. Smash! Club is all about fun so come join us. During the school year, Smash! Club will host all video game tournaments starting with August 3.

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Teen Film Club

Every Tuesday, 4:00pm

Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, and editing. Consider staying on through the school year!

Beat the Director at Checkers

Monday - Thursday

All summer and year long, you can challenge the director, Ian, to a game of checkers. Win and get a book of your choice and an entry into the summer sweepstakes! 1 challenge per person, per week.

Readathon

June 22 - August 17 Deadline

Read as many books as you can this summer and come in every 2 weeks to log your submissions. With each submission, you gain points that unlock fantastic prizes at higher and higher tiers (4 total) as well as entries for the summer grand prize sweepstakes (1 for Tier 1, 2 for Tier 2, and so on)! For full rules, pick up a Readathon flyer.

Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt: Active Selfies

June 20 - August 17 Deadline

How many different ways can you come up with to stay active this summer? Get creative and bring your favorite camera or phone! Take a selfie, post it to your favorite social media site, and share the posts with the library or send them directly to the director at: headlibrarian@biblio.org. The teen/tween who submits the most creative batch of photos will win the grand prize, but ALL SUBMITTERS will win a prize, Readathon points and 2 Sweepstakes Entries! All you need is 1 photo to submit to earn your points and entries.



Dinner & a Movie

Taking place on the 1st Thursday of the month, adults are invited to the library's Dinner & 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. On July 7, we will watch the sequel to a surprise smash hit, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*. August's movie will be announced on fliers in the library and on our Web site.

Calendar of Events

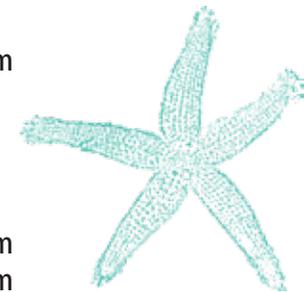
July 2016

July 5, 12, 19	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
July 7, 21, 28	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
July 11, 18, 25	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
July 11, 18, 25	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
July 6, 13, 20, 27	Smash Club! for Teens/Tweens	2:00–5:00 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
July 6, 13, 27	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
July 11, 25	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm



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July 4	LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day)	
July 7	Dinner and a Movie – My Big Fat Greek Wed. 2	5:30 pm
July 14	Art Truck for children	10:00 am
July 14	New SAT Seminar with Ellis Ratner	6:00 pm
July 18	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
July 18	Bring the Hoopla for children	3:30 pm
July 18	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
July 19	Teen 3D Puzzles	2:00 pm
July 20	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
July 25	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
July 26	Have You Ever Met a Llama? for children	10:30 am
July 28	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm
July 30	Too Human music performance	2:00 pm



August 2016

August 1, 15	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
August 1, 15	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
August 2, 16	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
August 2, 16	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
August 18	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Smash Club! for Teens	2:00–5:00 pm
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August 4	Dinner and a Movie for Adults	5:30 pm
August 11	I-Spy Teen Movie Night	5:00 pm
August 15	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
August 15	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
August 17	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
August 17	Annual Summer Beach Party for children	3:30 pm
August 17	Teen Summer Readathon Deadline	8:00 pm
August 17	Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt Deadline	8:00 pm
August 18	Teen Summer Wrap-Up Party	12:00 pm
August 25	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm
August 29	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm

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