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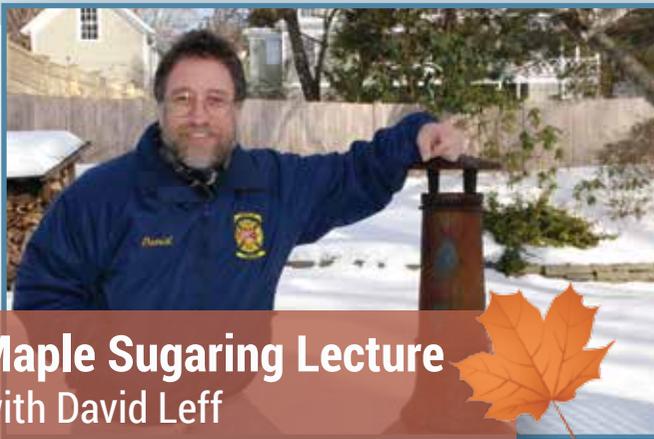
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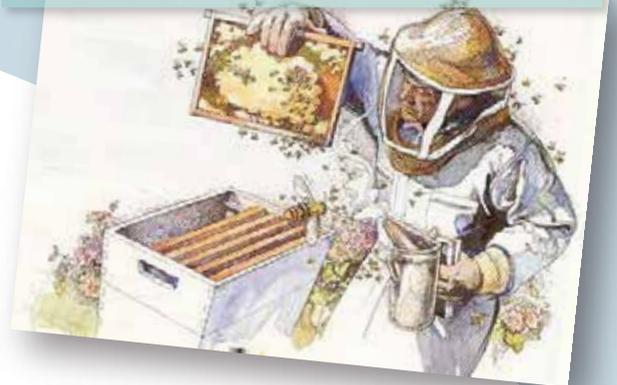


Maple Sugaring Lecture with David Leff

Join us on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30pm for a slide-illustrated talk about maple sugaring. Explore the mysteries and mystique of maple sugaring and meet the dedicated, sometimes quirky folks who make it. Find out how this unique and ancient northeastern North American product was discovered and the high tech techniques it takes to produce today. Are sugar makers the canary in the coal mine for climate change? Why do some people think maple syrup is the next miracle food? Learn how you can make and enjoy your own syrup.

As a former sugar maker and board member of the Connecticut Maple Syrup Producers Association, David Leff will give guests an insider's view of the craft. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Beekeeping Lecture: *The history of honey bees*



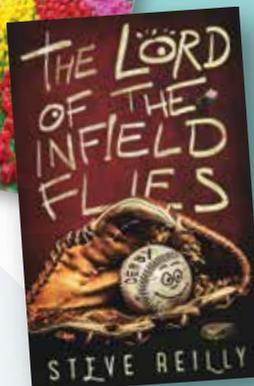
Who is Rev L. L. Langstroth? Why was Connecticut so important to him? How did honey bees come to America? Learn the answers to these questions and much more in this engaging lecture provided by **The Humble Bee Honey Company** on Saturday, March 11 at 2:00pm!

How many famous people do you know that are Beekeepers? Beekeeping information and resources for beekeepers available!

Spring Bus Trip

by Friends of the Library

Our Friends' Club is sponsoring another of their fabulous bus trips to a delightful garden event. Join them to visit the Albany Tulip Festival in Washington Park on Sat., May 13th (the day before Mothers' Day). See over 100 varieties of tulips, homemade crafts, live music, and more. At a cost of \$93 per person, your payment includes bus fare, admittance to the festival, and a delicious lunch at Shadows on the Hudson, with a scenic view of the river— with your choice of entrée from a select menu. Bring a friend, or treat your mom to a happy excursion. The departure time from Derby is 9:30 a.m., with a return at 7:30 p.m. Your check is appreciated at the time of your registration. The deadline for sign-up is April 10th. For details please call Ellen Amodeo at 203-734-3561



Meet the Author: Steve Reilly

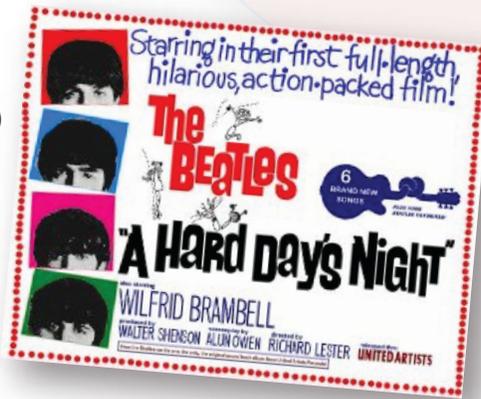
Join us on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm when we host Seymour author Steve Reilly when he discusses his new book *The Lord of the Infield Flies*. This non-fiction book covers Coach Steve Reilly's harrowing, challenging, and adventuresome baseball team's trek from Connecticut to play in Maine. As a prequel to his award-winning memoir, *The Fat Lady Never Sings*, Reilly, a high school baseball coach, narrates the true story from the beginning of his coaching career at the age of 20.

Since 1976, Steve Reilly, a practicing attorney, has coached high school baseball in Connecticut's Lower Naugatuck Valley. He has spent the last thirty years assisting other high school coaches and is currently in his seventeenth season at Seymour High. Reilly and his wife, Suzanne, live in Seymour, Connecticut.

ANDREW'S PICKS

A Hard Day's Night (Richard Lester, 1964).

The Beatles' first film is one of the most delightful and innovative musical pictures ever made. Its influence has been so pervasive that its director, Richard Lester, has often been referred to as the "Father of MTV." (Lester says that the first time he heard this honorific being applied to himself, he responded by angrily demanding a paternity test.) At the beginning of his career, Lester worked on television commercials and experimental short films, including a collaboration with Peter Sellers called "The Running, Jumping, and Standing Still Film" (1959). That movie's absurdist sense of humor endeared it to John Lennon, who suggested Lester for the role of director when the Beatles were beginning to make their first feature. It is hard to overstate how fortunate this decision turned out to be: Lester matched the Beatles' musical revolution with a cinematic one. Lester liberated the musical from its traditional trappings by combining a handheld, black-and-white, cinéma vérité aesthetic with off-the-cuff improvisation and wacky formal novelties. He didn't just film the band, he captured their attitude, their spirit, in a way that a more traditional filmmaker would have been unable to. A definite qualitative leap separates, say, Elvis's films from *A Hard Day's Night*, and if this is largely because of the Beatles themselves, who were unique in the history of music and culture, it is also to an extent because of Richard Lester, who used the medium of cinema to allow us to know and love the Beatles in a new way, one that was unavailable to Elvis's fans. He captured on celluloid for all time the brilliance, the irreverence, the hilarity, the joie de vivre of John and Paul, George and Ringo, and in so doing ushered in a new age of musical filmmaking.



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.

Staff Picks

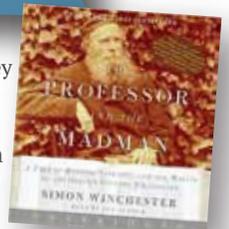
Check out our new "Staff Picks" selections in our lobby. Staff will pick fiction, nonfiction, movies, and music that they think you might be interested in. Each staff member will be encouraged to draw from their personal interests to make recommendations and pull those selections from the shelves.

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

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By Patricia E. Sweeney



The library is the happy recipient, from a generous donation by Lisa Brailey, of a complete 20-volume set of the Oxford English Dictionary. Housed in our reference area, this specialized dictionary contains the entire history of each word in the English language. Its formation as a project in Victorian England is detailed in the book, "The Professor and the Madman" by Simon Winchester.

The Derby Neck Needlers recently passed their 14th anniversary. This group was founded in 2003 by two of our staffers — Bonnie Chevarella and Pat Sweeney. The group welcomes anyone interested in the needle arts—knit, crochet, embroidery, quilting, etc. Meetings are on each Saturday in the Community Room. Beginners will be shown how to master a fine craft. Also, visit the needlers' display of handmade goods for sale in our front lobby. All proceeds from sales go to the library.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA Free Tax Preparation Services Begin at the Derby Neck Library

Starting on January 29, VITA free tax preparation services will recommence at the Derby Neck Library on Sundays 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.

Children's Corner

It's been a snowy February here in Connecticut, but Miss Kathi's classes have continued to grow. We have been keeping warm with stories, science, coloring, music and dancing. As we head into (hopefully) warmer Spring weather, we will continue to provide all of you parents with fun and educational classes for you and your children. All of our classes are age appropriate and we encourage visitors (older siblings, Grandparents, visiting relatives and friends, etc) to join us in the fun. Many children and their caregivers continue to go into the children's room after classes and spend time visiting, playing and reading. We are always adding new books to our collection, so make sure to browse our displays for the latest and greatest books to share with your children. Remember to check out our webpage (derbynecklibrary.org) in case of inclement weather for any delays or closures. Our next set of classes begins on March 6th. All classes are listed in a variety of easy to access places such as our webpage, twitter, Facebook and flyers in the library.

Literary Club Events

The Women's Forum, devoted to literature and history, will meet on Mon., March 20 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss two short stories — "The Art of Elsewhere" by Ali Smith and "Hi! Howya Doin'!" by Joyce Carol Oates. On Mon., April 17 at 12:30 p.m., the meeting will focus on two short stories by Irina Denezhkina of Russia — "My Beautiful Ann" and "Isupov." Copies of the stories are available at the library's front desk. Feel free to bring a light lunch; we serve free coffee and tea. The Evening Book Club will meet on Mon., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck and again on Mon., April 24 at 6:30 p.m. to focus on "Reflections in a Golden Eye" by Carson McCullers. Copies of the selected books are always available at the library. We enjoy evening at each meeting, as we learn about short novels or memoirs by award-winning authors. Join us in the Reading Room near the fireplace.

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.

Teen Choice Movie Night

On Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30pm, teens and tweens are invited to attend the Teen Choice Movie Night where you will vote on the movie we watch on Blu ray! Check the flyers in the library for the selection of movies. Dinner will be served at the midway point with refreshments served throughout. Seating is limited, so sign up early. Doors closed to newcomers at 5:45pm.

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

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. March's movie will be the Amy Adams blockbuster Arrival. April's movie will be announced on flyers in the building and on our site.



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.

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 late winter-early spring. 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!

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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.

The Kerry Boys Return to the Derby Neck Library



Connecticut's premier Irish balladeers, the Kerry Boys, will return to the Derby Neck Library on Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 pm for a performance in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. An annual tradition here at the library, the Kerry Boys will perform a free one hour set of Irish favorites as well as some originals for Derby Neck patrons of all ages.

The Kerry Boys are Mark James, originally from the county Kerry Ireland now a Cheshire, CT resident, and Pierce Campbell, (CT's official State Troubadour 2007/08) from Prospect, CT. These two dynamic and popular Connecticut Irish Balladeers combined their talents to form an exciting Irish music duo over 25 years ago, and have been dazzling audiences from Maine to Pennsylvania ever since. Their humorous, high-energy show will have you clapping and singing along in no time, engaging you from start to finish with their wide collection of traditional and original Irish/Celtic songs.

There is no registration required for this event, but it is a very popular program and seating will fill up quick. The performance is perfect for the whole family so bring the kids! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Derby Neck Library.

Calendar of Events

March 2017

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| March 6, 13, 20, 27 | Pre-Threes classes for children | 10:00 am |
| March 6, 13, 20, 27 | Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children | 11:00 am |
| March 7, 14, 21, 28 | Been There Done That classes for children | 10:00 am |
| March 7, 14, 21, 28 | Science for Toddlers | 10:00 am |
| March 9, 16, 23, 30 | Music and Movement classes for children | 10:00 & 11:00 am |
| March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Smash Club! for Teens/Tweens | 2:00–5:00 pm |
| March 7, 14, 21, 28 | Teen Film Club | 4:00 pm |
| March 5, 19 | D&D Sundays for teens and adults | 1:00–5:00 pm |
| March 16, 30 | Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults | 6:00 pm |
| March 1, 8, 22, 29 | Computer classes for adults | 10:30–11:30 am |
| March 6, 20, 27 | Computer classes for adults | 6:00–7:00 pm |
| March 7, 14, 21, 28 | Computer classes for adults | 10:30–11:30 am |
| March 4, 11, 18, 25 | Needlers Club for adults | 1:00–4:00 pm |
| March 5, 12, 19, 26 | VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only) | 1:00–4:00 pm |



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| March 2 | Dinner and a Movie for adults: Arrival | 5:30 pm |
| March 7 | Teen Choice Movie Night (reg. req'd) | 5:30 pm |
| March 11 | Beekeeping Talk | 2:00 pm |
| March 13 | Tech Talks – Evening | 6:00 pm |
| March 14 | Meet the Author: Steve Reilly | 6:30 pm |
| March 15 | Tech Talks – Morning | 10:30 am |
| March 18 | Kerry Boys Performance | 2:00 pm |
| March 20 | Women's Forum | 12:30 pm |
| March 27 | Evening Book Club | 6:30 pm |

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April 2017

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| April 3, 10, 24 | Pre-Threes classes for children | 10:00 am |
| April 3, 10, 24 | Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children | 11:00 am |
| April 4, 11, 25 | Been There Done That classes for children | 10:00 am |
| April 4, 11, 25 | Science for Toddlers | 11:00 am |
| April 6, 13, 27 | Music and Movement classes for children | 10:00 & 11:00 am |
| April 4, 11, 18, 25 | Teen Film Club | 4:00 pm |
| April 5, 12, 19, 26 | Smash Club! for Teens | 2:00–5:00 pm |
| April 2, 23 | D&D Sundays for teens and adults | 1:00–5:00 pm |
| April 20, 27 | Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults | 6:00 pm |
| April 1, 8, 22, 29 | Needlers Club for adults | 1:00–4:00 pm |
| April 3, 10, 17, 24 | Computer classes for adults | 6:00–7:00 pm |
| April 4, 11, 18, 25 | Computer classes for adults | 10:30–11:30 am |
| April 5, 12, 19, 26 | Computer classes for adults | 10:30–11:30 am |
| April 2, 9 | VITA Free Tax Assistance (by appt. only) | 1:00–4:00 pm |



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| April 6 | Dinner and a Movie for Adults | 5:30 pm |
| April 17 | Women's Forum | 12:30 pm |
| April 17 | Tech Talks – Evening | 6:00 pm |
| April 19 | Tech Talks – Morning | 10:30 am |
| April 24 | Evening Book Club | 6:30 pm |
| April 25 | Maple Sugaring Lecture with David Leff | 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.