



Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community

Understanding Your Best Friend



If you want to gain a much better understanding of your dog and its challenging behaviors, this session on Sunday, November 26 at 1:30pm led by Phil Klein, Certified Dog Listener is for you. You will learn how canines see the human world and how they communicate including the importance of eye contact and movement. You will also learn the underlying reasons for your dog's behaviors like nervousness, toileting indoors, incessant barking, aggression, jumping on people, and more. **THE BEST NEWS** – learn the simple, dog-friendly changes in how to interact with your

dog to transform its behavior in a kind and lasting way. In doing so, you will have a calmer, happier dog and a more enjoyable relationship with it.

Phil Klein is Certified Dog Listener who attended Jan Fennell's Foundation and Advanced Canine Communications courses. Through in-home consultations, volunteer work with Labs4Rescue and other rescue organizations, and public talks, Phil has been honored to help hundreds of dog owners and their dogs. There is no registration required or this free program. Join us!



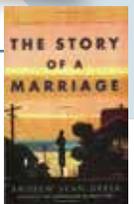
With the holidays just around the corner, why not learn how to make mouth-watering chocolate candies to present to that special someone? If you simply love chocolate and cooking or would like to learn to make some elegant desserts and chocolates, come join us on Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm for a Holiday Truffles Program at the Derby Neck Library! The lecture will include some basic information about chocolate, the various types, and how to work with it. Samples and recipes will include several different types of truffle candies, perfect for holiday gift giving. Registration is required. Signup sheets are available at the library's front desk. Join us!



LITERARY CLUB EVENTS

The Evening Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Reading Room. Its focus is on novellas by award winning authors. For Mon., Nov. 27 the discussion centers on *The Story of a Marriage* by Andrew Sean Greer, set in 1953 in San Francisco. In December we will be taking a holiday break.

Women's Forum meets on the third Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. to discuss short stories, alternating with presentations on Valley history by moderator Pat Sweeney. On Mon., Nov. 20 we will focus on two short stories about crime—*"Cut-Throat Farm"* by J.D. Beresford and *"Called to the Rescue"* by Henry Spicer. Copies of these stories are available at the library. Attendees may wish to bring a light lunch: we serve free coffee and tea. On Mon., Dec. 18 this group will enjoy a pot-luck holiday celebration.



The Derby Neck Library is proud to host an 8-week Tai Chi course taught by Ann Sullo, an experienced martial artist and teacher. The class will begin on Wednesday, October 25 and run thru December 20 (skipping November 22) taking place in the library's Community Room from 6:00-7:00pm. Students will learn a series of basic forms of Tai Chi. If there is enough interest, we will continue this program throughout the year.

Registration is required and the cost for this program will be \$60 per person for the full 8 week course. This cost is reduced based on a contribution by the library to help make this course even more affordable than it already is. Please note that there will be no refunds for missed classes.

Ann Sullo is a certified instructor with the Tai Chi for Health Institute. She is an IFA-certified fitness instructor and holds a 3rd-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do with over 15 years' teaching experience.

ANDREW'S PICKS

Blade Runner (Ridley Scott, 1982)

In his Promethean revolt against an indifferent creator, Roy Batty, the android played by Rutger Hauer in Ridley Scott's masterpiece, is the paradigmatic Absurd Hero. His act of patricide, though it encompasses the obvious Freudian interpretation, is emblematic of a more fundamental metaphysical rebellion; and it is in this precise sense that the replicant has become human — more human than Harrison Ford's Deckard, who (perhaps until this very moment) has not intuited the fundamental irony of the Voight-Kampff empathy panel: its subjects are judged to be "human" or not on the basis of their autonomic emotional responses to hypothetical accounts of animal suffering, but its administrators (who, as Sean Young's Rachael observes, are not tested themselves) are "human" by definition, despite their complete lack of empathy for the intelligent beings it is their proximate goal to "retire" (i.e., murder). Perhaps replicants are distinguishable from humans in some irrelevant empirical way — if not by the Voight-Kampff test, then by some genetic marker, for instance — but Batty proves that in their essential ontological status humans and replicants are one. This status is characterized by what Heidegger calls "Thrownness," that anxiety described so well by Kierkegaard in his *Repetition*: "I stick my finger in existence — it smells of nothing. Where am I? Who am I? How came I here? What is this thing called the world? What does this world mean? Who is it that has lured me into the world? Why was I not consulted, why not made acquainted with its manners and customs instead of throwing me into the ranks, as if I had been bought by a kidnapper, a dealer in souls? How did I obtain an interest in this big enterprise they call reality? Why should I have an interest in it? Is it not a voluntary concern? And if I am to be compelled to take part in it, where is the director? I should like to make a remark to him. Is there no director? Whither shall I turn with my complaint?" But then, how often is this nausea, this vertiginous sense of the Absurd, this mood of being assailed by the arbitrary and inscrutable nature of existence, punctuated by moments (all too fleeting, but not less powerful for that) of transcendent awe? Consider Batty's justly famous dying words: "I've seen things you people wouldn't believe. Attack ships on fire off the shoulder of Orion. I watched C-beams glitter in the dark near the Tannhäuser Gate. All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain. Time to die." Have the beauty and tragedy of the human condition ever found more wonderful expression? I think of the words of my favorite character in all of literature, Ivan Karamazov: "I have a longing for life, and I go on living in spite of logic. Though I may not believe in the order of the universe, yet I love the sticky little leaves as they open in spring." And I think of my favorite moment in the history of cinema, when, in Yasujiro Ozu's *Tokyo Story*, Setsuko Hara responds to the question "Isn't life disappointing?" with a smile so infinitely compassionate and ineffably beautiful that it redeems the human race—and with the simple statement, "Yes, it is."



teen EVENTS



Teen Film Club

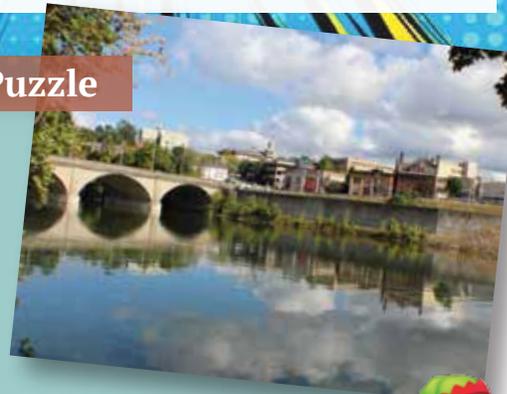
Every Tuesday throughout the year at 4pm, join us for the award-winning **Teen Film Club**. Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, acting, and editing. All work is done in-house and all films produced by the club are put into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

2018 Community Puzzle

Just before Christmas, the library will put out the 2018 Community Puzzle for patrons to assemble and enjoy together. What iconic Derby location will be 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!



children's corner - Miss Kathi

The holidays are coming up, so check out the programs here at the Derby Neck Library Children's department. The **Story times, Art classes and Music and Movement classes** will be holiday themed. On Monday, November 27th, we will have a visit from **Glen Harper** a storyteller who will engage your young children with fairy tales and stories that will connect all generations.

On Sunday, December 10th, we will have a **Frozen Tea Party** featuring songs presented by Elsa along with juice and snacks. This program is appropriate for all ages. Children will also have the opportunity to read to **Spirit**, a Newfoundland Therapy dog. Please check the website, Facebook, and Twitter or more info on all the programs.



D&D Sundays & Skirmishes

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.

Also, on the third and last Thursday of every month at 6pm, we will do skirmish battles either against each other in PvP or in PvE against threats players have seen in the campaigns. If you don't have a character, we will roll one together.

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 & 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 - 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.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

By Patricia E. Sweeney

On November 3, 1907 the Derby Neck Library, in its new Carnegie funded cottage-style building, was opened to the public for the first time. After the death of Major Wilbur Osborne in late March of 1907, his daughter, then Miss Frances Osborne, was made president of the library's board of trustees. Under her direction, architect Henry Killam Murphy completed the last components of the new library. She saw to the landscaping and the furnishings to ready the building for use. The board of trustees at that time consisted of many neighbors, primarily women, who lived along Hawthorne Avenue. The new library was decorated with autumn leaves and pinecones for its first evening open. The bookcases were made of fine cherry wood. A lecture was presented by English literature professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale; his topic "Novels and Other Books and How to Use Them," was well received by a large audience.



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*. There is no fee for this program and no registration is required. Join us!

adult programs

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. November's movie will be *Baby Driver*. December's movie will be revealed on flyers in the building and on our Website.

BABY DRIVER

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.

Calendar of Events

November 2017

November 2, 9, 16, 30	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
November 6, 13, 27	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
November 6, 13, 27	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
November 7, 14, 28	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
November 7, 14, 28	Toddler Science for children	11:00 am
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
November 5, 19	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
November 16, 30	D&D Skirmishes	6:00 pm
November 1, 8, 15, 29	Tai Chi: An 8-Week Course for adults	6:00 pm
November 1, 8, 22, 29	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
November 6, 13, 20, 27	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Afternoon Tea V: The Crown	1:00–3:00 pm



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November 2	Dinner and a Movie for adults: Baby Driver	5:30 pm
November 15	Tech Talks	10:30 am
November 15	Bedtime Music and Movement	6:00 pm
November 20	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
November 22	LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5PM (Thanksgiving Eve)	
November 23	LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)	
November 26	Understanding Your Best Friend with Phil Klein	1:30 pm
November 27	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm

December 2017

December 4, 11, 18	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
December 4, 11, 18	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
December 5, 12, 19	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
December 5, 12, 19	Toddler Science for children	11:00 am
December 7, 14, 21	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
December 5, 12, 19	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
December 5, 12, 19, 26	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
December 3, 17	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
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December 7	Dinner and a Movie for adults	5:30 pm
December 12	Truffles Program	6:30 pm
December 18	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
December 18	Teen Choice Movie Night	5:00 pm
December 20	Tech Talks	10:30 am
December 24	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Eve)	
December 25	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Day)	
December 31	LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Eve)	

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