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Over a century of service
to the Valley Community

THE VALLEY IN WORLD WAR ONE



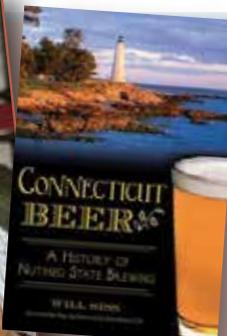
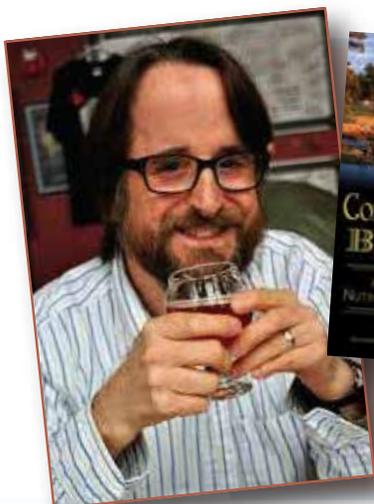
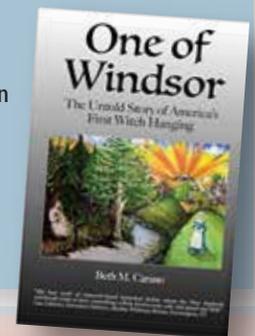
Pat Sweeney will present another powerpoint in her historical series on life in the Valley on Tues., Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The topic, commemorating World War One, will focus on events in the Valley for the war effort and area happenings of the time. Included will be details about military items made in our local factories, the "War Games" of Derby/Shelton, fashion, Liberty Bond drives, food conservation, the flu epidemic of 1918, the careers of Frances Kellogg and her husband architect Waldo Kellogg, and much more. Join us at this free event to learn more about our local heritage.



Meet the Author: Beth Caruso

Join us on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm when we host local author Beth M. Caruso as she discusses her new novel *One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America's First Witch Hanging*. This novel is based on the life of Alice (Else) Young and the

possible events that led to the first witch hanging in the American colonies. The author uses extensive historical research combined with literary inventions, to bring forth a shocking and passionate narrative theory explaining this tragic and important episode in American history. Copies of Beth's book will be available for purchase and signing. Come and meet the author!



History of Beer in Connecticut

Craft beer is taking over the country and the Nutmeg State is no different. The Library will host author and self-proclaimed beer snob Will Siss on Thursday, October 26 at 6:30pm for a presentation on the *History of Beer in Connecticut*. Will Siss is the author of *Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing* and a writer for the Waterbury Republican-American, where his column "Beer Snob" has appeared since 2005. His writing about beer has appeared in the national magazines *Beer Advocate* and *Brew Your Own*, as well as on his blog at BeerSnobWrites.com. He is also a public school teacher and musician.

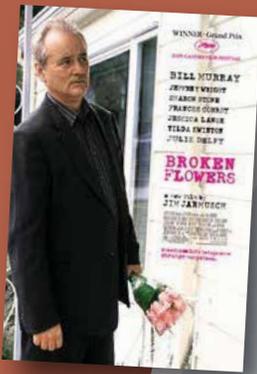
teen events



ANDREW'S PICKS

Broken Flowers (Jim Jarmusch, 2005).

If you like movies at all, chances are Bill Murray is one of your favorite actors. You love him spontaneously and fiercely, the way you might love a gentle, older mastiff. A weary glance from him is enough to break your heart, and the smile spreading across his craggy face is like the sun dancing on the mountainside. You love *Stripes* (Ivan Reitman, 1981) and *Ghostbusters* (Ivan Reitman, 1984) and *Scrooged* (Richard Donner, 1988), not to mention *Lost in Translation* (Sofia Coppola, 2003) and, above all, the incomparable films of Wes Anderson. You might even, like me, harbor a soft spot for *Space Jam* (Joe Pytka, 1996), though if you don't I won't hold it against you. You recognize that *Groundhog Day* (Harold Ramis, 1993) is an unparalleled masterpiece, simultaneously a romantic comedy worthy of Lubitsch and a spiritual parable worthy of Bresson, and that Bill Murray is the only actor who could have played Phil Connors—precisely because we all play Phil Connors every day. You dream sometimes that Bill Murray, like Buster Keaton before him, is a philosopher and an alchemist: he knows that the cold facts of the indifferent and meaningless cosmos mask a secret element which, like dark matter, cannot be seen or measured but which somehow makes the universe as we experience it possible. This element, which we call Melancholy, lies hidden within all things. Though glimpsed as the object of mystical experience, we can never perceive it directly; it is intangible to all but the chosen few who, by some miracle, can roughly lay mortal hands upon it and fashion it by subtle arts into that philosopher's stone from which can be squeezed the elixir of immortality, which is humor. Then you open your eyes and slowly blink and look around you with what you imagine is an expression of noble chillaxation, very Murray-esque. You scour the internet for any of Bill Murray's films that you haven't seen, and you encounter his collaborations with Jim Jarmusch, among which you find this quietly beautiful (and, yes, Melancholy) picture, co-starring Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, and Chloë Sevigny. You decide that if you could have any actor portray you in a film based on your life, you know who it would be.



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 and 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.



In Memory of Friend Sidney Lust

On July 26, 2017, an active and loyal Friend of the library for many years, passed away. Sidney Lust was a special individual with a unique perspective on the world and he loved the Derby Neck Library. He frequently attended library events and enjoyed sharing his love of chess, writing, and art with others. But, no one knew him better than his daughter Sarah who penned a beautiful eulogy in his honor. Although we can't share it in its entirety, here are some excerpts:

"Many people have described my father as one of the sweetest, kindest people they have known. You may have known him as a sibling, silly uncle or dear friend. To me he will always be remembered as a caring and devoted father. He always wanted the best for me. He frequently encouraged and rarely criticized. Dad always made me feel safe. He was a source of wisdom and comfort."

"Dad taught me a lot of things that are now near and dear to my heart even if I didn't take them up as my own passion. We spent time playing chess, tennis, and the harmonica. He took me to concerts long before I was old enough to appreciate them."

"Despite some of the struggles Dad faced in his life it always struck me what a resilient person he was. Somewhere around the year 2000 he started drawing his geometric figures, at first I think just to keep his mind busy, but over the years it became a staple to share his incredible and unique work with friends and family."

"Many people may not know the depth of Dad's brilliance. When I was small he played chess competitively and I was always amazed and a little intimidated that he would actually read books on tactics... Dad also enjoyed reading books about physics and math theory and discussing those ideas with anyone smart enough and willing to listen."

"One of Dad's memorable characteristics was his sense of humor. Always ready with a joke."

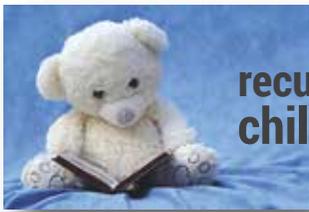
"Dad seemed to have the right words in the right moment."

"All he really wanted was to be loved without a fuss and that has been the easy part to fulfill. His memory will always be a blessing."

Sid's memory will live on with staff and Friends at the Derby Neck Library. A permanent memorial in his memory is being planned and will be unveiled in the coming months.



Sidney Lust Original



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.

Autumn Music and Movement is for children ages 3 and up. 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 occur regularly on Tuesdays during the autumn only 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.



Starting on Tuesday, September 26 and then on every Tuesday thereafter from 1:00-3:00pm, the Derby Neck Library will begin 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!



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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.



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.



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. September's movie will be Fargo. October's movie will be revealed on flyers in the building and on our Website.

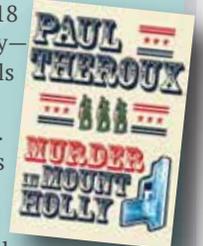
Free Homework Help



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.

LITERARY CLUB EVENTS FOR AUTUMN

The Women's Forum, a discussion group that focuses on short stories and local history will meet on Mon., Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. to view a powerpoint by Pat Sweeney—"The Valley in World War One." Included are details about our Valley factories, the "War Games" in Derby/Shelton, and Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg's careers. On Mon., Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m., we meet to discuss two short stories by James Herriot, featuring his favorite cats and dogs. Copies of the stories are available at the circulation desk. Feel



free to bring a light lunch; we serve coffee and tea at each meeting.



The Evening Book Club will meet on Mon., Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a mystery, "Murder in Mount Holly" by Paul Theroux. On Mon., Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m. our selection will be "A Virtuous Woman" by Kaye Gibbons. Join us at the fireplace in the Reading Room for an informative and stimulating discussion.

Copies of the books for discussion are always available at our library.

Calendar of Events

September 2017

September 5, 12, 26	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
September 5, 12, 26	Autumn Music and Movement for children	11:00 am
September 7, 14, 28	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
September 11, 25	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
September 11, 25	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
September 3, 17	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
September 21, 28	D&D Skirmishes	6:00 pm
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 6, 13, 27	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 11, 18, 25	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm



September 4	LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)	
September 7	Dinner and a Movie for adults: Fargo	5:30 pm
September 12	World War One in the Valley	6:30 pm
September 18	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
September 20	Tech Talks	10:30 am
September 20	Bedtime Music and Movement	6:00 pm
September 25	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
September 26	Afternoon Tea V: The Crown	1:00–3:00 pm

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October 2017

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
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October 19	Meet the Author: Beth Caruso	6:30 pm
October 26	History of Beer in Connecticut	6:30 pm
October 30	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.