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Derby Neck Library
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Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community

Decorated Letters: Paint Your Own Beautiful Versal

Join calligrapher Debby Reelitz at 5:30pm on September 27 for a fun class embellishing a large letter, your initial perhaps. Such versal letters are popular at the beginning of a fancy verse, story, or manuscript. This free event is limited to 12 participants so registration is required. All materials provided.



Pixel Art Creations: A CRAFTING EVENT

Whether a pixel-perfect Pikachu or a pixelated Rick & Morty, teens/tweens will create their very own art to keep using Perler beads. The library will provide all supplies and the how-to; teens should bring their creativity. Join us for our next session on Wednesday, September 26 starting at 4:00pm. Remember: keep what you make!



Fall Beer Tasting with Will Siss

Join us on October 25 at 6:30pm for a Fall Beer Tasting event with self-proclaimed beer snob Will Siss. For this event, attendees will learn the history of autumn's biggest beer celebration, Oktoberfest, as well as taste local brews that bear the moniker. Registration is requested for this free event so that sufficient supplies can be bought ahead of time. Attendees must be 21 or older to attend and must have a photo I.D. on hand.



Organizing Your Clutter with Anita Taylor

Join us on September 12 at 6:00pm as we host professional organizer Anita Taylor who will show you the how and why of organizing all your STUFF! Systems are the answer – find easy solutions and simplify your life with Anita's help. Anita Taylor has been helping clients simplify their lives for 25 years with her business, Anita & Company. Registration is requested but not required for this free event so bring a friend!



ITALIAN HERITAGE with Monica Peterson

On October 8 at 6:30pm, storyteller Monica Peterson returns to the Derby Neck Library to share fascinating family lore that she learned at the knee of her Italian-American grandparents and her own touching personal accounts. Stories will include: the romantic tale of how her grandmother's aristocratic parents met in their native Italy (circa 1890), fell in love, lost a fortune, and immigrated to the United States; and the thrilling story of her grandfather's brother Tony and his fight against Fascism in 1920's/30's Italy. This is a free event and registration is not required.





ANDREW'S PICKS

The Complete Jean Vigo

When he died of tuberculosis in 1934 at the age of 29, Jean Vigo left behind just four films. You can watch his entire body of work in about the same amount of time it would take you to endure, say, *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice* (Zack Snyder, 2016). Vigo's first short film, "À Propos de Nice" (1930), is a poetic evocation of daily life in the city which features the gorgeous images, rhythmic editing, hypnotic slow-motion, and manifest sensuality (now delicate, now frankly carnal) that would go on to mark each of his movies. The political consciousness which suffuses all his work comes, perhaps, nearest to the surface in this film — the pointed juxtaposition of frivolous, bourgeois leisure with back-breaking industrial toil is difficult to miss. (Vigo was, by both birth and conviction, a man of the left. His father, known by the nom de plume Miguel Almeréyda, was a famous anarchist who was imprisoned and likely murdered by right-wing forces; while his closest creative collaborator, the great cinematographer Boris Kaufman, was the younger brother of the legendary Soviet filmmaker Dziga Vertov, whose masterpiece *Man with a Movie Camera* (1929) bears comparison, both thematically and stylistically, with "À Propos de Nice"). Vigo's second film is a delightful short documentary starring the Olympic swimmer Jean Taris. Featuring Vigo's camera at its most playful and inventive, "Taris" (1931) exemplifies his continuing interest in the human body as a subject, and establishes his place alongside Leni Riefenstahl both as one of the great early innovators of sports filmmaking, and as one of the most remarkable photographers of the beauty of the human form in motion. In Vigo's final two films, *Zero for Conduct* (1933) and *L'Atalante* (1934), his art reaches its maturity in a unique, poetic style that is, paradoxically, at once real and surreal. *Zero for Conduct*, maybe the greatest film ever made about childhood and rebellion, is a lyrical portrait—exquisite in its perception, elegance, and complexity—of the freedom and innocence (and indignity and pain) of adolescence. It is also a magnificent ode to anarchy, a poisoned dart aimed right at the heart of conventional society. It has directly inspired a number of great films, including *The 400 Blows* (François Truffaut, 1959), *A Bagful of Fleas* (Věra Chytilová, 1962), and *If...* (Lindsay Anderson, 1968). Finally, what can I say about *L'Atalante*? Its images, quite simply, overwhelm me. To quote David Thomson, it is "not so much a masterpiece as a definition of cinema, and thus a film that stands resolutely apart from the great body of films."



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 epic 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.

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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.



Thank You . . .
from Miss Kathi!

Thank you everyone who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program. We had a lot of great programs including animals, art, comedy and music which were all well attended. If you missed out on playing mini golf here in the library perhaps you will have an opportunity in the future. School will be starting soon and we want to remind parents to take time to bring their children to the library to pick up books for their projects and leisure time reading.

Children who are home schooled can also take advantage of all the resources the library provides. Miss Kathi will be continuing her story time, art and music programs in the mornings for ages Birth to 5. Come and enjoy time singing and dancing with your little ones. Also keep an eye out for special holiday programs for families in the upcoming months.
Happy Fall Everyone!



Literary Club Events For Fall

Women's Forum is a daytime discussion group that meets on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Community Room. On Mon., Sept. 17, at 12:30 we will be focusing on two witty short stories—"My Financial Career" by Stephen Leacock and "The Whistle" by Benjamin Franklin. On Mon., Oct. 15, at 12:30 the discussion centers on two mystery stories—"The Pickup" by Peggy W. Fisher and "The Worst Crime Known to Man" by Reginald Hill. Copies of the stories are available prior to each meeting. Feel free to bring a light lunch. We serve coffee and tea.

The Evening Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month in the Reading Room by the fireplace. Novellas and short memoirs are the selections, all by noted authors. On Mon., Sept. 24 at 6:30 we will be discussing "Joy School" by Elizabeth Berg. On Mon., Oct. 29 at 6:30 the selection is a mystery, "Driving Lessons" by Ed McBain. Copies of the books are available at the library prior to each meeting. Join us for an informative evening of stimulating conversation.

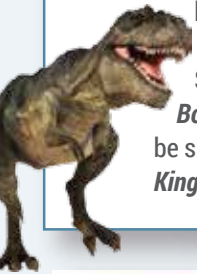
adult programs

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. On September 6, we will be showing *Book Club*. On October 4, we will be showing *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*. Join us!



Afternoon Tea

On Tuesdays from 12:00–3:00pm, the Derby Neck Library hosts our adult program series *Afternoon Tea V*! This program series features an hour's worth of episodes of TWO shows, a traditional TV series at noon followed by a streaming-only show on services like Netflix and Hulu at 1pm, followed by an hour of discussion. Throughout, there will be tea, coffee, and biscuits for refreshments. There is no fee for this program and no registration is required. Join us!

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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 is 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.

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, 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

By Patricia E. Sweeney

The Civil War Soldiers' Monument on the Derby Green

The recent restoration and re-dedication of the handsome monument to local Civil War soldiers on the Derby Green recalls the speech Maj. Wilbur F. Osborne gave at the dedication on July 4, 1883, which is housed in our archives. Using his refined, extensive knowledge of English prose and

American history his eloquence reached out to the 8000 residents gathered on the Derby Green that day so long ago. His address contains the following, particularly poignant passage:

"The citizens of this community have given you this monument to dedicate. They had not placed on its pedestal a soldier in the throes of death, with his broken blade flashing over his head, or his broken musket lying by his side, on the principle that patriotism alone and not moments of agony should be clad with the immortality of granite, but the statue is a citizen soldier ready to guard our country's interests in war and, when danger is past, to lay aside its pomp and circumstance for the peaceful avocation of the citizen."



Calendar of Events

September 2018

September 4, 11, 18, 25	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
September 6, 13, 20, 27	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
September 10, 17, 24, 31	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
September 10, 17, 24, 31	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
September 4, 11, 18, 25	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
September 4, 11, 18, 25	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
September 2, 16	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
September 4, 11, 18, 25	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 10, 17, 24, 31	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
September 4, 11, 18, 25	Afternoon Tea V for adults	12:00 & 1:00 pm



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September 3	LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)	
September 6	Dinner and a Movie for adults: Book Club	5:30 pm
September 12	Organizing Your Clutter with Anita Taylor	6:00 pm
September 15	Board of Alderman 2 Ward – Public Forum	1:30-3:30 pm
September 17	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
September 19	Friends of the Derby Neck Library monthly mtg.	6:00 pm
September 26	Pixel Art Creations for Teens/Tweens	4:00 pm
September 26	Friends, Food, and Books Club for adults	6:00 pm
September 27	Decorated Letters	5:30 pm
September 31	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm

October 2018

October 1, 22, 29	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
October 1, 22, 29	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
October 2, 23, 30	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
October 4, 15	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00–6:00 pm
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
October 7, 21	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	1:00–5:00 pm
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
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October 4	Dinner and a Movie for adults: Jurassic World 2	5:30 pm
October 8	Italian Heritage Event with Monica Peterson	6:30 pm
October 15	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
October 17	Friends of the Debry Neck Library monthly mtg.	6:00 pm
October 22	Open Enrollment Medicare Seminar	1:30 pm
October 24	Friends, Food, and Books Club	6:00 pm
October 25	Fall Beer Tasting with Will Siss	6:30 pm
October 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.