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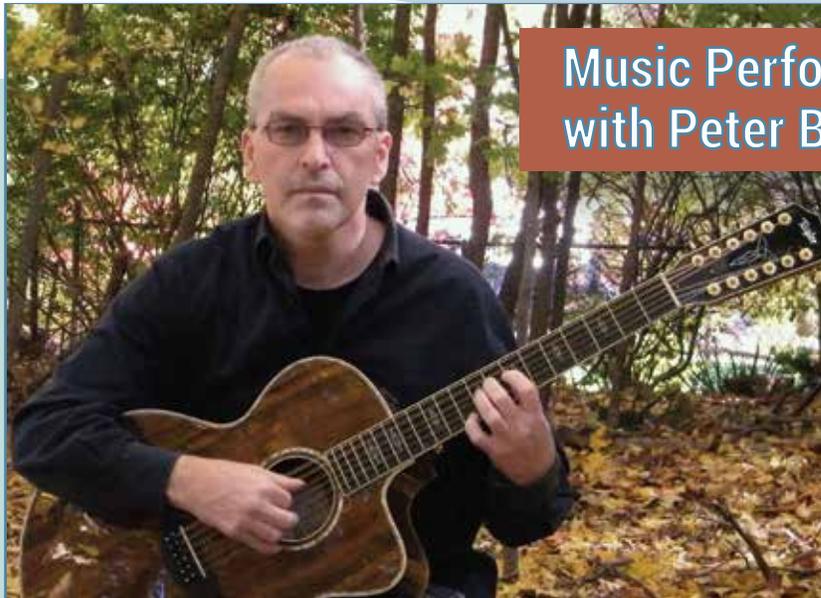
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Music Performance with Peter Biedermann

Peter Biedermann is an instrumental guitarist from New Jersey that has been composing and performing for over 35 years and will be appearing for the second time at the Derby Neck Library on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30pm. The music will be performed on a variety of 6, 8 & 12 string guitars in unique tunings combined with subtle ambient electronics. Visit www.peterbiedermann.com for more info on the artist.

MEET the AUTHORS

On Tues., Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. we will host a very knowledgeable husband and wife writing team. They will be discussing their richly informative book which details the process of selecting a college that best fits your expectations and plans for the future. Janet and Paul Marthers, collectively, have decades of experience in college admissions and guidance having worked at various colleges including Oberlin, Reed, Skidmore, SUNY, Boston College, R.P.I., and Vassar. In an interactive discussion, they hope to cover themes discussed in their book, "Follow Your Interests to Find the Right College," as well as answer questions you may have about undergraduate opportunities. This is a free program.

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

By Patricia E. Sweeney

STRIKE!

On Tues., Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. we will offer another in a series of power point presentations on Valley history by Pat Sweeney. The topic is "**Strike: A History or Radical Labor Unrest, 1900-1920 in Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton.**" These two decades were filled with fury and violence, including here in the Valley. Come learn about the major strikes at Farrel Foundry, Blumenthal Mills, American Brass, and Union Fabric. The latter company was headed by Frances Osborne Kellogg, and the talk will include details of her business career. This is a free program.

ANDREW'S PICKS

Anatomy of a Murder (Otto Preminger, 1959).

What is the greatest courtroom drama ever made? It depends on how narrowly one defines the genre. *The Passion of Joan of Arc* (Carl Theodor Dreyer, 1928), *Paths of Glory* (Stanley Kubrick, 1957), and *A Man for All Seasons* (Fred Zinnemann, 1966) – three of my very favorite movies – all involve climactic trials and dramatic courtroom scenes, but none of them is typically considered a “courtroom drama” in the strict sense. Perhaps this is because all three are period pieces. Perhaps it is because they are tragedies. Who knows? “Genre” is a very weird and misleading thing, an example of man’s incessant penchant for taxonomizing (and obfuscating, and dismissing) the incomprehensible complexity of reality in favor of comforting conceptual frameworks that are based ultimately on the vagaries of whim or intuition or cognitive bias. (“Criticism,” the intellectual game we are currently playing, is another example of this penchant, of course.) In any case, when one limits the discussion to those films that are (for whatever reason) commonly considered “courtroom dramas,” the best I’ve ever seen is Otto Preminger’s *Anatomy of a Murder*, which surpasses even such great films as *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Robert Mulligan, 1962), *Witness for the Prosecution* (Billy Wilder, 1957), *Young Mr. Lincoln* (John Ford, 1939), and *12 Angry Men* (Sidney Lumet, 1957). Preminger’s film is dark, morally ambiguous, brutally honest, utterly original, and visually stunning. It features one of James Stewart’s greatest performances, as well as a fine ensemble cast including Lee Remick, Ben Gazzara, Eve Arden, George C. Scott, Arthur O’Connell, Kathryn Grant, and Orson Bean. The script, by Wendell Mayes, is both groundbreaking and excellent (two very different things). It even has a score by Duke Ellington. It is a pivotal movie and an endlessly fascinating one, still shocking even after more than half a century. It is a film, like all truly great films, to return to again and again.



Frances Kellogg in Business

By Patricia E. Sweeney

At the end of her life, besides raising champion bulls and cows at Osborndale Farm, Mrs. Kellogg was actively engaged in a number of manufacturing businesses, including two in Derby. On Roosevelt Drive an L-shaped, brick building housed both The F. Kelly Company and the Union Fabric Company. The former was named for an early business partner, Fergus Kelly, an inventor and Civil War veteran who predeceased Mrs. Kellogg. The other company originally produced covered wire used in ladies’ corsets, but also branched out into making headsets for early radio listening (1920s) and cigar lighters. Her office on the top floor of the factory building gave her a lovely view of the Housatonic River, while she worked.



Children’s Corner

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading program this year. We had lots of visiting animals, amazing art, hula hooping, outdoor games and of course, our annual beach party to entertain you and your children this summer. I hope you enjoyed the many books you read with your children throughout July and August. It is now time to bring them in for school projects and pleasure reading as the school year begins. Even though this is a busy time of year for all, taking some time to visit the library and encourage your children to read can be beneficial to all. You may even find some “good reads” for yourself. My story time and music and movement classes will begin right after Labor Day, so mark

your calendars to spend time interacting with your babies and toddlers. Remember this quote from Charles Darwin – “If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week.”

--- Miss Kathi

September 5th



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.

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, teens will play various games on the system, particularly Super Smash Bros. Differing from our regular Video Game Tournaments, Smash Club will be about fun and not competition. Other games that we play will include Pokken Tournament, Mario Maker, Mario Kart 8, Injustice, 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.

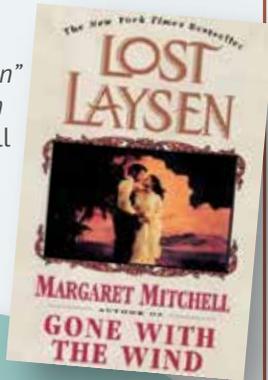
Tabletop Gamers

Care to play a game? Chess, checkers, Go, card games, board games, dice games! They're all here and ready to be played. We meet on the last Thursday of the month. The upcoming meetings will be on September 29 and October 27. This program is for teens, tweens, and adults.

literary club selections

Women's Forum, our luncheon group, will meet on Mon., Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a power-point presentation on labor unrest in the Valley from 1900 to 1920, including details of Frances Kellogg's business life. On Mon., Oct. 17 we will discuss two short stories—“*Handsome Brown's Day Off*” by Erskine Caldwell and “*The Overspill*” by Fred Chappell. Feel free to bring a light lunch to each meeting. We serve free coffee and tea.

The Evening Book Club meets on Mon., Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss “*Lost Laysen*” by Margaret Mitchell (author of “*Gone With the Wind*”). On Mon., Oct. 24 at 6:30 we will feature “*Miss Lulu Bett*” by Zona Gale. Each month we enjoy an informative and stimulating talk. Join us in The Reading Room near the fireplace.



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 1, we will watch the new Disney live action remake of *The Jungle Book*. October's movie will be announced on fliers in the library and on our Web site.



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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.

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.

Calendar of Events

September 2016

September 6, 13, 20, 27	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
September 6, 13, 20, 27	Science for Toddlers	10:00 am
September 8, 15, 22, 29	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
September 12, 19, 26	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
September 12, 19, 26	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
September 6, 13, 20, 27	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
September 7, 14, 21, 28	Smash Club! for Teens/Tweens	2:00–5:00 pm
September 3, 10, 17, 24	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
September 6, 13, 20, 27	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 7, 14, 28	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
September 12, 26	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm



September 1	Dinner and a Movie – The Jungle Book	5:30 pm
September 5	LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)	
September 6	Strike! presentation by Pat Sweeney	6:30 pm
September 13	Music Performance with Peter Biedermann	6:30 pm
September 19	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
September 19	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
September 20	Meet the Authors – College Prep.	6:30 pm
September 21	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
September 26	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
September 27	Essential Oils program for adults	6:30 pm
September 29	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm

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October 2016

October 3, 17, 24, 31	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
October 3, 17, 24, 31	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
October 4, 18, 25	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
October 4, 18, 25	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
October 6, 20, 27	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
October 4, 11, 18, 25	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
October 5, 12, 19, 26	Smash Club! for Teens	2:00–5:00 pm
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Computer classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
October 4, 11, 18, 25	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
October 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
October 6	Dinner and a Movie for Adults	5:30 pm
October 17	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
October 17	Tech Talks – Evening	6:00 pm
October 19	Tech Talks – Morning	10:30 am
October 25	Tabletop Gamers for teens and adults	6:00 pm
October 31	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.