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UPCOMING EVENTS

We have many unique and fun recurring events going on every week for all ages—refer to the back page or our website for more information!

Free Community Narcan Training January 11th at 6:00pm

In partnership with the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness of BHCare, Derby Neck Library is proud to offer free, in-person Narcan training for members of the community ages high school and up. Training will include Overdose Prevention Strategies, Signs and Symptoms of Overdose, How to Administer Naloxone, Good Samaritan Law, and Support Information and Resources. Please register for this training on our website or at the front desk.

The Civil War Career of Wilbur F. Osborne January 18th at 6:30pm

Join us as Pat Sweeney presents a powerpoint talk on the Civil War Career of Wilbur F. Osborne. One focus of this event is on the technology used during the war. In addition, there will be a display of his original documents as a supply captain and other related items—all from our archives. Registration is not required.

Jeopardy Jujutsu – Anime and Manga Trivia Contest for Teens! January 20th at 2:00pm

Teens are invited to battle each other in a trivia contest focused on popular anime and manga in our collection! Think you know more than all your friends? Come find out in our Community Room over pizza and drinks. The winner will receive the first 10 volumes of the manga, Demon Slayer! Register on our website or at our front desk.

Take Your Child to the Library Day! February 3rd at 1:30pm

Take Your Child to the Library Day is an annual event where you do just that—take your child to the library! We'll have different events for each age group throughout the day. There will be games and crafts for the littles in the Children's Room and video games for the big kids and teens in the Community Room. And, every youth who attends and checks out a book will be entered into a raffle for a great mystery prize—complete a library scavenger hunt for an extra ticket! Registration required.

Free Community Suicide Prevention Training February 8th at 6:00pm

In partnership with the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness of BHCare, Derby Neck Library is proud to offer free, in-person suicide prevention training for adult (18+) members of the community. Training will include how to Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) someone who may be suicidal, how to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide, the common causes of suicidal behavior, the warning signs of suicide, and how to get help for someone in crisis. Please register for this training on our website or at our front desk.

So Bad, It's Good – Frankentoys for Teens! February 17th at 3:00pm

This teen programming series is all about bad movies, bad art, and bad taste! For February, teens are invited to join us in the Community Room to create new life from old toys! Participants will be provided supplies, sewing kits, duct tape, hot glue, toys to take apart and popcorn! Visit our website or stop at the front desk to register!

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to the Valley Community



Introducing TONIES!

Beginning January 15th, both Derby libraries will be offering Tonieboxes and kits for checkout! The Toniebox is a screen-free digital listening experience that plays stories, songs, and more. Designed for little listeners ages 3+ to use independently or for younger children to use with the help of a grown-up, it's the perfect storytime companion for tiny hands and active imaginations! Stop in today to give one a try, or take one home!



Our DIY Zone is up and running!

Conveniently located in our lobby, we have all sorts of tools and supplies for ages 14+ to use for crafting and scrapbooking, including a Cricut Machine, sewing machine, laminator, and a high-quality photo printer. We've also brought back our very popular 3D printer! Visit our website to register for upcoming Sunday Crafternoons!



What's Derby Neck Library's Value?

Below you'll see the value of the materials we provided here at Derby Neck for all our patrons during the months of October and November. Learn more about how these numbers are calculated and how much we're saving you personally by visiting our website today!

Adult Books Borrowed	\$23,276
YA Books Borrowed	\$2,280
Children's Books Borrowed	\$11,128
Movies Borrowed	\$15,282
TOTAL	\$51,966

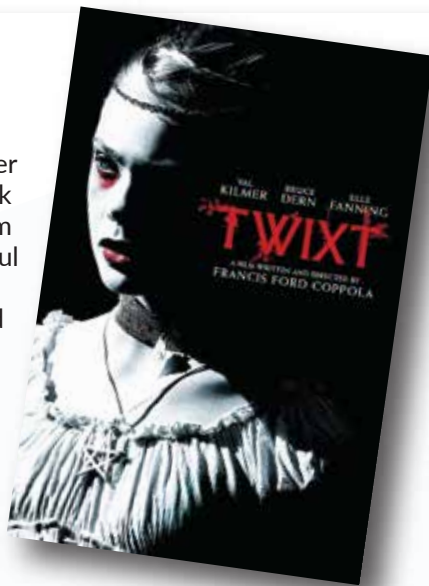
LOOK AT US!

ANDREW'S PICKS

B'Twixt Now and Sunrise

(Francis Ford Coppola, 2011).

Some of my favorite films are the neglected later works of old masters, particularly when they work with smaller budgets and are therefore freed from the strictures of traditional studio filmmaking. Paul Schrader's *Dog Eat Dog* (2016), for instance, is a film made with such obvious joy and passion, and with such a ridiculous sense of fun, that I find it impossible to understand why so many people decided to dislike it. Schrader and his stars Nicolas Cage and Willem Dafoe, untrammelled from the dictates of the money men and unconcerned with catering to bourgeois pieties (or, let's be honest, any sense of respectability or good taste at all) made a wild, anarchic masterpiece worthy of comparison with the films of the Coen brothers or Věra Chytilová. Coppola's *Twixt* is an altogether different kind of film: an intimate, mournful elegy wrapped in a temporally disjointed low-budget gothic mystery. Like *Dog Eat Dog*, though, it is the work of a legendary filmmaker blissfully unconcerned with marketability or the way things "have" to be done. It is the kind of film that features Val Kilmer as an alcoholic novelist, Bruce Dern as a sheriff right out of *Twin Peaks*, Ben Chaplin as Edgar Allan Poe (for real!), and Elle Fanning as a ghost or maybe a vampire. When *Twixt* was first released in 2011, it was derided by the American press (though critics in Europe were much more positive, and it was named the third-best film of the year by *Cahiers du Cinema*). The recent director's cut released on Blu-Ray, now happily retitled *B'Twixt Now and Sunrise*, is shorter than the theatrical release. I hope people will give it a chance, because it's a really good movie: deeply felt yet terrifically fun, the kind of movie a great director makes when he has complete freedom but he's not trying to make a masterpiece.



Celebrating 20 years of Friends!

Congratulations to the Friends of the Derby Neck Library for reaching its 20th year of service! We have our Friends to thank for many great programs and upgrades throughout the years. Be sure to keep your eyes out for our Friends helping us during events, and thank them for all their hard work! Or better yet, get involved yourself by joining in -- pick up a form at the front desk or email friends@derbynecklibrary.org to join today!



Are you a teen? Do you need community service hours? We now have new and exciting youth volunteer opportunities for ages 13+, especially those working towards graduation or honor society requirements. We'd specifically like to highlight our fund-raising option, a Read-a-Thon! Beginning on Valentine's Day, fall in love with a book, raise money for the library, and contribute to your community all at the same time! Visit our website or stop in today for more information and an application.

FUN @ Recent Events



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

VITA will be at TEAM's headquarters this year

Households that earned less than \$60,000 in 2023 may be eligible for VITA's free tax preparation services, provided by IRS-certified volunteer preparers. For individuals and families that qualify, VITA volunteers will work with you step by step to ensure you file accurately and on time. Please contact TEAM, Inc. to schedule an appointment at 203-736-5420 or you may schedule an appointment by going to <https://www.211ct.org/>.



TECH SUPPORT

Do you need help learning how to use the computer? Do you have a problem with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or other electronic device? Derby Neck Library's Tech Services department is ready to help! Make an appointment by calling the library and asking for Andrew, or email techservices@derbynecklibrary.org.



Unless otherwise noted, all programs are drop-in. Be sure to sign up for our Youth Services Mailing List on our website to get program reminders and stay in the loop about cancelations and other info!

Sit & Social Snacktime

On January 8th and February 12th at 11:30am, parents with little ones are invited to join us after our morning program for snacktime in our Children's Room! We'll have an activity and guest speaker on a variety of topics, followed by a period of free play and socialization. Light refreshments will be served. Come learn alongside other parents and give your child (and yourself) a chance to socialize with others! Registration required.

B.A.R.K. Be a Reading Kid! January 30th & February 27th at 5:00pm

Stop in at the library to read to dogs and Be A Reading Kid (B.A.R.K.)! We are so excited to welcome certified therapy dogs Spirit and Brian back to the Derby Neck Library. Both pups love children and are fantastic listeners. Reading aloud to a dog provides an attentive audience and may boost a child's confidence in their reading skills. Each participant will receive a commemorative photo of themselves with the dogs, as well as an experience they won't soon forget! Registration required.

Pokémon TCG Club!

It's back! Our original Pokémon TCG Club will be meeting once more on Mondays at 4:00pm in our Community Room. Attendees are free to bring their cards, but the library will have plenty on hand for all to play and enjoy. This free club is intended for children ages 8+.

Let's Play Tuesdays!

Youth and their families are invited to our Community Room on Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00pm for all things gaming! We'll have all your favorite family board games like Uno, Yahtzee, Qwirkle, and Clue, and all the exciting video games available on the library's various gaming systems, including the Switch, Xbox, Playstation 4, and more. Come in, have a snack, and let's play!

Makerspace!

Come check out our Makerspace in the Children's Room! Every Wednesday between 3:00 and 6:00pm, Miss Sarah will be on hand to assist you with any project you'd like to complete. We have a LEGO wall, a programmable robot, snap circuits, origami, pixel art, ingredients for slime – you name it, we can make it happen!

Cantos y Cuentos

Every Thursday at 10:30am, join Señor Bob in our Community Room for a bilingual storytime for speakers of all languages! You'll sing songs, listen to stories, and ¡se divertirán mucho! This program to promote foreign language skills is targeted for ages 3-5, but all are welcome!

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New Program Alert! – Sunday Craftafternoons
 Every other Sunday beginning January 7th, adults and teens ages 14+ are invited to our new DIY Zone for a demonstration and craft. You'll learn how to use our sewing machine, Cricut, 3D printer, and more! Registration required.

Conversation Café

Join the Derby Neck Library and Literacy Volunteers for Conversation Café! This free program will be twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Community Room, and is intended for adults practicing their English language skills through guided conversation. Free coffee and tea will be served at each session. All community members are invited to participate – join us!

Dinner and a Movie

At 5:30 on February 1st, join us for Dinner and a Movie! We'll provide pizza, a drink, something salty, something sweet, and all the fabulousness of "Barbie" on the library's big screen. No registration required, but doors close to newcomers at 5:45pm. Special thanks to our Friends group for their assistance during this program.

DNL Productions Film Club

We make movies! Are you interested in taking your first steps as an actor, writer, director, or editor? Are you an experienced filmmaker looking for fellow artists to help bring your next vision to the screen? Do you just want to have fun and express your creativity with fellow movie-lovers? Then this is the group for you! Adults and teens welcome to our meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Afternoon TeaV

On Tuesday, January 2 at 1:00pm, Tea-V starts the New Year watching *The Crown*, Season 6. Join in for tea and light refreshments, as we follow the life of Queen Elizabeth II from 1997-2005. A brief discussion time concludes each episode. Just stop in; registration is not required.

Morbid Curiosity Book Club

On Thursdays January 25th and February 29th at 6:30pm, adults are invited to our Community Room to discuss a selected title related to the morbid and macabre: true crime, cults, conspiracies, mortuary science, ghosts and more. Check our website calendar for information on which title will be discussed.

Needlers' Club

The Derby Neck Needlers' Club meets on Saturdays to exchange tips on crocheting, knitting, and needlepoint. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come learn some great skills in good company!

Schedule of Events

January Sunday

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		LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Day) 1	Babies Stories and Senses 10:30am 2 Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm	Makerspace! 3:00pm 3 DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm	Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am 4 Teen Game Night! 3:00pm	LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS 5	Needlers' Club 1:00pm 6
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New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.