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Derby Neck Library  
A Regional Library

# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community



## Find Your Voice!

**Summer Reading 2023** is well underway! For adults, we have a Bingo sheet filled with all sorts of fun activities involving our collection, programming, and social media. Filling out one line gets you a drawing entry, three lines earns you a challenge coin, and the entire sheet gets you a FREE book voucher! Youth can pick up a logging sheet or register with *READsquared* to track how many days they read and which events they attend. The more you read and participate, the more points you'll earn to spend on prizes at our **Summer Reading End Games**. And don't forget about our Book Buddies! Check out 5 books or more and you'll get to choose from one of our Buddies to bring home with you as a new forever friend, complete with a commemorative *Find Your Voice* pin. Each Buddy is based on a real endangered animal that you can learn more about how to help from our Youth Bulletin Board. Make sure to read regularly so you can collect them all!

## YOUTH Services

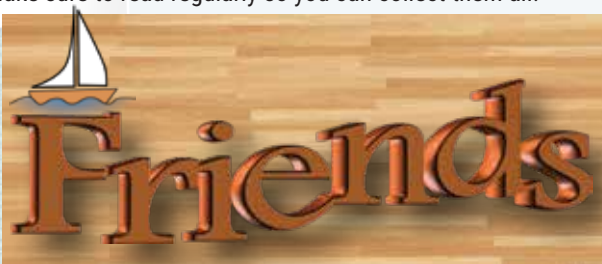
It's Summer Reading and the Book Buddies are here! The Book Buddies are in limited supply, so

make sure to check out books and adopt yours before they're all gone! We still have so many more programs to come: get excited for the Creative Arts Workshops, Adobe Days, Sidewalk Arts, and Teen Karaoke! Make sure to keep reading and attending events because, on the 17th of August, we will have the Summer Reading End Games! There you'll spend all the points you've earned on treats, games, crafts, and more, including a chance to SUPER-SOAK THE STAFF! Keep track of all we have going on by signing up for our weekly Youth Services newsletter and visiting our website!



## Challenge Coins

Check out this year's 2023 Summer Reading Challenge Coin! Adults can earn a coin by completing three lines of our BINGO sheet, and youth will earn one for attending our Summer Reading End Games on August 17th--visit our website to register today!



## Looking for friends? So are we!

The Friends of the Derby Neck Library is a group of dedicated patrons who help the library's programs, collections, and services flourish. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in supporting large-scale programs like **Dinner and a Movie**, raising funds for special projects and events like the **Kerry Boys** concert, or just meeting some of your neighbors and getting involved in the community. The Friends of the Derby Neck Library meet on the third Wednesday of every month in our Reading Room at 6:00pm. Talk to Miss Krissy if you'd like more info!



## Veiled Voices

Our special Summer book display for adults is *Veiled Voices* -- stop in and pick a wrapped mystery book to check out at the front desk. Each book contains a prize that is yours to keep! Limit one book per visit.

## ANDREW'S PICKS.

### *Marathon Man* (John Schlesinger, 1976).

A warning: if you watch this movie, you will be perpetually and inescapably condemned, every time you go for a routine teeth cleaning, to consider the possibility that your friendly neighborhood dentist might be a Nazi war criminal determined to extract not just your molars but the location of a horde of stolen diamonds. If you ask me, it's worth it — I mean, what the heck, it's a great movie and you only go to the dentist every six months. Laurence Olivier is terrific as the insidious Dr. Christian Szell, as is Dustin Hoffman in the role of his victim: and it is, among other things, the contrasting styles of the two acting giants that makes the movie essential viewing. Olivier, of course, was one of the greatest classically-trained actors of the 20th century, whereas Hoffman studied at the Actors Studio and was a devoted "method" actor. According to Ben Mankiewicz, in order to prepare for the climactic tooth-drilling scene, Hoffman deprived himself of sleep for days and showed up on set looking awful — sick, haggard, utterly bedraggled. Olivier took one look at Hoffman and said, "Have you ever tried acting? It's much easier." A couple years later Olivier followed this up with *The Boys from Brazil* (Franklin J. Schaffner, 1978), where he plays a Nazi hunter trying to stop Gregory Peck's Josef Mengele from breeding an army of Hitler clones. Also well worth seeing.



## Tech Talks

On Wednesday July 5th and August 2nd at 6:30pm, stop by for a chat and a hands-on lesson about new technologies. On July 5th, learn how to access free ebooks and audiobooks via the Palace Project. On August 2nd, learn how to use the library's online databases, including Mango Languages, A to Z World Culture, and A to Z Food America. Be sure to bring along your Apple or Android mobile device!

## FROM THE

## ARCHIVES ...

The library is proud to own a rich variety of archival collections reflecting local history as well as the lives of the Osborne and Kellogg families. On designated dates selected materials will be shown on a special, limited display. The first showing will feature the scrapbooks of the Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Reading Room.



## 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.



## Zentangle Workshops

At 6:00pm on July 13th and August 16th, join Rosemarie Main in creating Zentangle art pieces in an in-person, two-hour workshop held in our Community Room! Zentangle is a meditative form of art set in a peaceful environment using repetitive patterns to create the unexpected. Our instructor is certified with years of experience. All supplies will be provided free of charge. Registration in advance is required.



## Find Your Voice Filmmaking Workshop

On Wednesday July 26th at 5:30pm, come to the library and direct your own short film! Learn tricks of the trade from experienced filmmakers. We will provide the camera, equipment, props, and script. Fun for all skill levels! Adults and teens welcome. Space is limited, so please register online or call 203-734-1492.



# Youth EVENTS



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 cancellations and other info

**Cantos y Cuentos** Coming soon -- stay tuned for more details!

## 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+.

## Youth Services Twitch Stream!

Follow our Twitch channel to watch the Derby Neck Library's Youth Twitch Club play a variety of games like Pokémon, Animal Crossing: New Horizons, Overcooked, Astro Bears, and even older games like The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask. No Twitch account is necessary of you just want to watch, but you will need one if you'd like to chat with us. Tune in every Monday from 3:00-6:00pm to join in!

## Creative Arts Workshops for Youth

On Thursdays at noon, come flex your creativity muscles in a free-for-all arts workshop! Youth are welcome to drop in our Community Room to express themselves using paint, clay, paper, markers, crayons, and their imagination. If you need a little inspiration, register on our website to take part in special projects planned for every other week.

## Adobe Days for Teens

Learn the basics of some Adobe programs with Miss Sarah as she leads you through some fun guided projects with Audition, Photoshop, Premiere, and Acrobat. Check our website calendar to register for specific dates!

## Sidewalk Arts for Youth

Come join our community art project on July 8th at 1:00pm! If you think sidewalk chalk is just a ho-hum childhood pastime, think again! Join us outside on our front stoop to learn some chalk drawing and painting techniques. Together we'll make our own sidewalk chalk and chalk paint and then use what we've learned to create an amazing piece of art together. Each participant will get their own sidewalk square to decorate, with prizes being awarded upon completion.



**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!

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## Teen Karaoke Party!



On Saturday August 5th at 3:00pm, join us in our Community Room for an evening of Karaoke, games, and fun! We'll have pizza, soda, candy and Capri-Suns as well as the opportunity to be loud in the library! This program is targeted to ages 12+ and the musical content will reflect that. Registration on our website is required.

## Summer Reading 2023 End Games!



You've read so many books and attended our events all Summer long, so now it's time to party your tail off and celebrate the end of Summer Reading 2023! This all-ages, in-person event will be held in our garden, Children's Room, and Community Room. Come spend your raffle tickets on treats, games, crafts, and more, including a chance to SUPER-SOAK THE STAFF! You'll want to come wearing your bathing suit, because we'll have splash pools, sprinklers, and a HUGE water ball fight! We'll finish off the party by picking the winners of our Summer Reading Baskets, packed with games, treats, gift certificates, and more!

*After Summer Reading is over, there will be a two-week Youth Programming shutdown between August 20th and September 2nd. But, don't worry, all our regularly scheduled programming will be back starting September 5th!*



## Voices from the Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton was a vibrant organization, especially under the leadership of Frances Osborne Kellogg, whose presidency began in 1925 and continued until her death in 1956.

She brought to Derby the very best voices from the Metropolitan Opera of NYC, as well as noted authors, explorers, actresses, journalists, and more. Come learn about the voices heard at the club in a Powerpoint lecture by Pat Sweeney on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.



# Schedule of Events



## Special Events/Holiday Closings

July 3	LIBRARY EARLY CLOSING (Independence Day Eve)	5:00pm
July 4	LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day)	
July 5	Tech Talks – Ebooks & Audiobooks	6:30pm
July 8	Sidewalk Arts	1:00pm
July 10	Sit and Social Snacktime for Parents	11:30am
July 12	Adobe Day: InDesign/Acrobat	12:00pm
July 13	Zentangle Workshop	6:00pm
July 19	Friends of the Derby Neck Library Monthly Meeting	6:00pm
July 20	Voices from the Woman's Club	6:30pm
July 25	B.A.R.K. Program for Youth	5:00pm
July 26	Adobe Day: Audition Podcast Creation!	12:00pm
July 26	Find Your Voice Filmmaking Workshop	5:30pm
July 27	From the Archives: Woman's Club scrapbooks	6:30pm
July 31	Evening Book Club for Adults	6:30pm
August 2	Tech Talks – Library Databases	6:30pm
August 5	Teen Karaoke Party	3:00pm
August 9	Adobe Day: Premiere Mini-Movies!	12:00pm
August 16	Zentangle Workshop	6:00pm
August 16	Friends of the Derby Neck Library Monthly Meeting	6:00pm
August 17	Summer Reading End Games	1:00pm
August 19	Medicare Enrollment Workshop	1:00pm
August 21	Culture Club for Adults	12:30pm
August 24	Age Well Series with Griffin Hospital for Seniors	1:30pm
August 28	Evening Book Club for Adults	6:30pm



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## Recurring Programs for July and August

\*Please check the website for specific dates and note that listed ages are for target audience, not a restriction.\*

<b>Mondays</b>	Drums and Strings and Shaky Things for Ages Birth+ (Alt. Mon.)	10:30am
	Little's Storytime for Ages 3-5 (Alt. Mon.)	10:30am
	Youth Services Twitch Stream!	3:00pm
	Pokémon TCG Club	4:00pm

<b>Tuesdays</b>	Little's Art Studio for Ages 3+ (Alt. Tuesdays)	10:30am
	Baby Stories and Senses for Ages Birth-3 (Alt. Tuesdays)	10:30am
	Afternoon TeaV for Adults	1:00pm
	Video Game Club	3-6:00pm

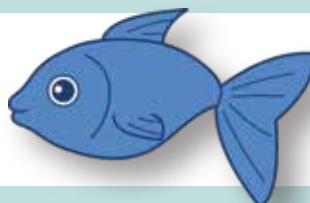
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Makerspace! for Youth	3:00pm
	DNL Productions Film Club for Adults and Teens	6:00pm

<b>Thursdays</b>	Cantos y Cuentos for Ages Birth+	10:30am (beginning August 3rd)
	Creative Arts Workshop	12:00pm
	Teen Game Night	3:00pm

<b>Saturdays</b>	Needlers Group	1:00pm
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<b>Sundays</b>	Tabletop Sundays for Youth (Alt. Sundays)	1:00pm
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\*New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.\*



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