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Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community

**SPECIAL
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!

1890s in the Valley, November 2nd at 6:30pm

Visit the Valley back in the Gilded Age of the 1890s with a Powerpoint presentation by Pat Sweeney in the Community Room. Learn how industrial work and leisure time were spent around the area. The bicycle craze will also be highlighted since it reached its height in this decade. Join us!

Healthy Aging with Griffin Hospital, November 16th and December 14th at 1:30pm

Griffin Health and the Agency on Aging of South-Central Connecticut are partnering to increase access to care and prevent disease among our senior community through a series of health screenings and healthy living education sessions on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Periodically, this program will deliver nutritiously balanced and delicious foods for you to enjoy. Register by calling 203-734-1492.

B.A.R.K. Be a Reading Kid! November 28th 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.

So Bad, It's Good, December 9th at 3:00pm

This teen programming series is all about bad movies, bad art, and bad taste! For December, teens are invited to join us in the Community Room for a "Nailed It" competition for the best-worst gingerbread house. The houses will all be put on display in the library for people to vote on their favorite, and the winner will receive a Target gift card! All supplies will be provided. Visit our website or stop at the front desk to register!

Indoor Snow Sculptures, December 13th at 4:00pm

Let's bring the snowy fun inside for an artistic science experiment featuring fake snow that really gets cold! Youth ages 5+ are invited to the Community Room to create their very own unique snow sculptures. We'll also provide watercolor paints, accessories, fun tools, and hot cocoa for all. Registration required.

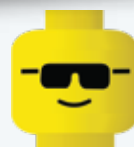
Krampus: The Next Chapter, December 14th at 6:30pm

You better watch out . . . Krampus is coming to Derby Neck! This fascinating remnant of the Old World has seen a recent resurgence in interest. Come listen to Head Librarian Krissy Warrenger discuss the roots and current traditions around this menacing yet enduring holiday figure. No registration required.



NEW DIY Zone!

Just in time for the gift-giving season, we're proud to announce the grand opening of our **DIY Zone** on November 15th! We have all sorts of tools and supplies for ages 14+ to use for crafting and scrapbooking, including a Cricut Machine, sewing machine, and a high-quality photo printer. Workshops on how to use many of these machines are coming, so stay tuned!



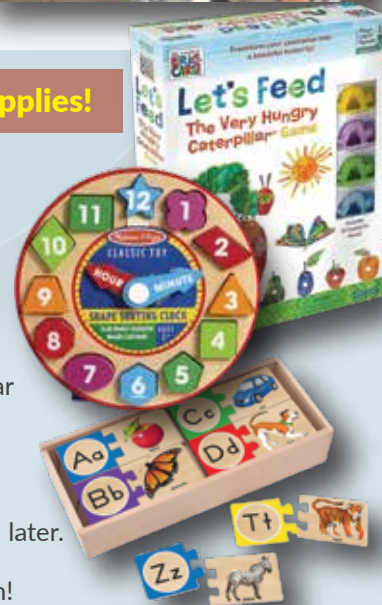
Things are always moving and changing in Makerspace!

We have full LEGO sets available, so come on in and create with us! Thank you to Paige and Rylan for your work on the Space Station!



New Early Learning Supplies!

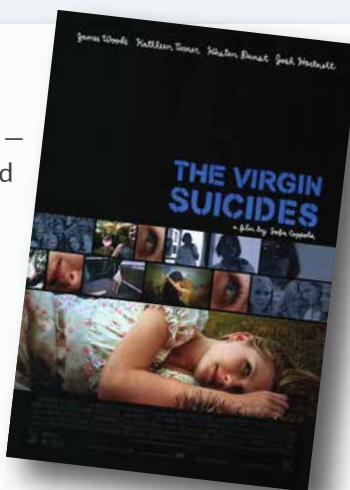
Concerned about the recent change in the kindergarten cutoff date? Come visit our **Little's Makerspace!** We have new supplies centered on letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and more. Little's can match letters with pictures, play a game to turn the Very Hungry Caterpillar into a butterfly, and even slap some sight words! And don't forget—something small like learning to hold a crayon now means learning to hold a pencil later. We have plans for more to come, so check in with us often!



ANDREW'S PICKS

The Virgin Suicides (Sofia Coppola, 1999).

The male gaze has never been more exactly depicted – nor more radically interrogated, challenged, and deconstructed – than in this movie. It is a deliriously hazy, dreamy, hypnotic masterpiece, a movie that has constantly moved, astonished, and haunted me since I first saw it almost twenty years ago. I've since seen it more than a dozen times, and it never fails to break my heart anew. It is one of the greatest works of art ever made about nostalgia, memory, obsession, and regret; the danger of looking and of being seen, and the ineffably mysterious unknowability of other people. The combination of talent that produced this miracle boggles the mind – Sofia Coppola, of course, with one of the greatest debut features in the history of movies, and Jeffrey Eugenides, author of the original novel; the entire cast, particularly Kirsten Dunst, Kathleen Turner, and James Woods; cinematographer Edward Lachman; the band *Air*, which did the amazing soundtrack; even *Heart* and *Styx* and the *Hollies*, without whose music the film would be unimaginable. Above all, it is the unforgettable voice of the narration that lives with me always, the lyrical and mournful first-person plural reflections of a Greek chorus of teenage boys, now grown up and looking back through the fog of years at the Lisbon sisters, who have never ceased to fascinate and obsess them. *"And so we started to learn about their lives, coming to hold collective memories of times we hadn't experienced . . . The only way we could feel close to the girls was through these impossible excursions, which have scarred us forever, making us happier with dreams than wives . . . We felt that if we kept looking hard enough we might begin to understand what they were feeling and who they were."* Have the promise and the tragedy of the art of cinema ever been more poignantly distilled than in those words?



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.



Looking for friends? So are we!

Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month in our Reading Room at 6:00pm, the Friends of the Derby Neck Library is a group of dedicated patrons who help the library's programs, collections, and services flourish. Pick up a form at the front desk or email friends@derbynecklibrary.org to join today!

FUN @ Recent Events



Online Archives

Here at Derby Neck, one of our goals is to provide resources for documenting and sharing local history, especially with Derby's 350th right around the corner. That's why we've partnered with Permanent.org to set up our own website hosting high-quality scans of our archived materials. We already have a number of items available for your perusal, including all of the Derby High School Yearbooks from the 1940s and 50s and the original catalog when the library first opened in 1897! Visit our website today and see what else is there.



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!

Sit & Social Snacktime

On November 20th and December 11th 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.

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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Conversation Café – New Program Alert!

Join the Derby Neck Library and Literacy Volunteers for **Conversation Café!** This free program is 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! **Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm** in the Community Room.

Dinner and a Movie

At 5:30 on December 7th, join us for Dinner and a Movie! We'll provide pizza, a drink, something salty, something sweet, and Angela Lansbury in "*Mrs. Santa Claus*" 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**.

Culture Club

On Mondays November 20th and December 18th at 12:30pm, join us in the library's Community Room as we explore two short stories and engage in lively conversations; copies of the two stories will be available at the library prior to each meeting. Check our website calendar for information on which titles will be discussed.

Morbid Curiosity Book Club

On Thursdays November 30th and December 28th 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!



**Daylight Savings
 Time Ends
 NOVEMBER 5th**

Schedule of Events

November

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			Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm	Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Game Night! 3:00pm 1890s in the Valley 6:30pm	LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS	Needlers Group 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.