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Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community



Have you visited our Makerspace lately?

Next time you have a school project or a hankering to craft and explore, come check out the new things we've added to our Makerspace!

Come explore technology, get creative, and make something new! We're really excited to share access to regular everyday craft tools like duct tape, glue, and markers, as well as our new 3D Pen, Jewelry Kits, Marble Run, Lego Kits and more!

Special Events

The Life and Crimes of Lydia Sherman, the Derby Poisoner **September 21st at 6:30pm**

Join us for a presentation on Derby's own "black widow" serial killer. Lydia Sherman was arrested, tried, and convicted for the murder of her third husband, Horatio Sherman, in 1872-- but the complete story is much more disturbing and her list of victims much longer. No registration required.

Healthy Aging with Griffin Hospital September 28th 1:30-3:00pm

Professional nurses from our stellar local hospital present a free program focused on living the senior years being pro-active in regard to one's health. Registration for these classes is strongly suggested. Join us for the last of these FREE events--register by calling 203-734-1492.

So Bad it's Good October 14th at 3:00pm

This new teen programming series is all about bad movies, bad art, and bad taste! For October, teens are invited to join us in the Community Room for a special showing of the kult classic "Killer Klowns from Outer Space." If you're down to clown, come dressed as a creepy clown or use our make-up kit during the event to enter a drawing to win a Spirit of Halloween gift card! Snacks and pizza will be provided. Visit our website or stop at the front desk to register!

Before Salem: The Connecticut Witch Trials of 1647-1663

October 19th at 6:30pm

Nearly fifty years before the events that turned Salem, Massachusetts, into the witch-hunting capital of the world, Connecticut was home to the first witch trials and executions that occurred in the United States. Join us for a historical presentation in which we explore a timeline of the events, theories about what sparked them, and a discussion of the impact they still have on us today. No registration required.

Boo Bash! October 31st at 3:00pm

If you're planning on trick-or-treating this year, schedule a visit at the Derby Neck Library! Drop in at our Community Room any time between 3:00pm and 6:00pm to have some treats, play games, and do a spooky craft. Keep an eye out for Miss Krissy and Miss Sarah, but beware--they will be in costume too! Visit our website or stop at the front desk to register for this all-ages event.



Sign-up Month Calling all Derby youth -- September is *Library Card Sign-Up Month*! Stop by the library and sign up for a card or show us your card if you already have one, and you'll be entered into a raffle for a Back-to-School Survival Pack, including a backpack, games, treats, and more! Remember -- there is no minimum age requirement to sign up for a library card, and you can also sign up over the phone. Ask us about it today and start seeing all the things you can check out with your library card! And did we mention we're a fine-free library?

We have a new space for adults to relax! Visit our new *Coloring Corner*! Stocked with markers, pencils, and books of empty pages waiting to be filled, along with books of puzzles including brainteasers and sudoku, it's a perfect place to take a few minutes and unwind.



Coloring Corner

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. Talk to Miss Krissy if you'd like more info!



ANDREW'S PICKS.

Magnificent Warriors

(David Chung, 1987) and

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

(Ang Lee, 2000).

I was very pleased about the success of last year's Best Picture winner, *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (Daniel Kwan & Daniel Scheinert, 2022), not only because it was a terrific movie, but also because it inspired a new appreciation among Western audiences for the great Michelle Yeoh. In the months since she won the Oscar for Best Actress, *Criterion* has shown a retrospective of her Hong Kong films, and several previously difficult-to-find masterpieces (many of which were bowdlerized when they were originally released in Western markets, if they were released at all) have been restored and released on disc with all the extras and scholarly apparatus that they deserve. *Magnificent Warriors* is one of these, a spectacular Indiana Jones-style adventure film that showcases Yeoh's breathtaking athleticism and martial arts skills. (In one unforgettable scene, she takes on what seems like the entire Japanese Army single-handed.) I first encountered Yeoh when I watched *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* on a dubbed VHS tape in the summer of 2001. My family loved the movie so much that we rented it over and over again before finally buying it that Christmas. We probably watched *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* more than any other tape we owned with the exception of the original *Star Wars* trilogy and Miyazaki's *Princess Mononoke*. It remains one of my most cherished films to this day: a deeply spiritual and romantic film, pervaded by that mood of heartbreaking melancholy which comes with all true wisdom. The cinematography, the music, the choreography, and the performances by Chow Yun-Fat, Zhang Ziyi, Chang Chen, and Michelle Yeoh are all matchless. It is a perfect introduction to the wonders of Chinese cinema.



Summer Reading SURVEY!



Did you enjoy

Summer Reading 2023?

We certainly hope so, and would love to hear your feedback! All ages are asked to participate in our **Summer Reading Outcomes** survey either on our website or by stopping at the front desk. Your input helps us make our programming better and assess where we need to improve! We ask that you fill out one survey for each family member who took part in our program. Thank you for your time and continued support!



FUN @ Recent 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 cancelations and other info!

Sit & Social Snacktime

On September 18th and October 9th 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. Coffee and 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+.

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 if 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!

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!

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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Dinner and a Movie

At 5:30 on October 5th, join us for Dinner and a Movie! We'll provide pizza, a drink, something salty, something sweet, and Jordan Peele's "Nope" on the library's big screen. No registration required. 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-overs? Then this is the group for you! Adults and teens welcome to our meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Tech Talks

On Wednesday September 6th and October 4th at 6:30pm Do you have technological questions you need to be answered? Do you have a problem with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or other device? Stop by for Tech Talks and we will help you find a solution!

Afternoon TeaV

Meet with us on each Tuesday afternoon at 1:00pm to enjoy a showing on our large-screen TV. Following the show, we will stay on for a discussion. Light, individually wrapped snacks and flavored teas are served at each meeting. The group is currently watching Bridgerton.

Culture Club

On Mondays September 18th and October 16th 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 September 28th and October 26th 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 Group

The Derby Neck Needlers meet in the Community Room on Saturdays at 1:00pm to exchange tips on crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's a great way to learn some great skills!

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!



Schedule of Events

September

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					LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS	1 Needlers Group 1:00pm 2
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New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.