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Derby Neck Library  
A Regional Library

# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community

## Sheri Miller Returns

On August 15 at 5:30pm, the Derby Neck Library will host acclaimed singer/songwriter Sheri Miller for a summer concert performance. Sheri will put on an eclectic set that will include rock n' roll classics from acts like the Beatles and Patsy Cline mixed with her bluesy, uplifting pop songs, all while accompanying herself on guitar!

We are excited to have Sheri return to perform for our guests and we know you will love what you hear. There is no registration required for this free concert. It's perfect for the whole family!



## History of UFOs in Connecticut

Interested in the topic of UFOs and what sightings have originated in Connecticut? Then join us on July 15 at 6:30pm when we will host Michael Panicello, state director of the Mutual UFO Network's CT Chapter, for a presentation

titled "History of UFOs in Connecticut: Past & Present." This presentation will look at some of the current and historical UFO sightings in the State of Connecticut, as well as in the surrounding area. Michael will lead attendees thru some of Connecticut's most interesting cases and what makes them excellent examples of potential non-humanoid, not-of-this-world crafts. No registration is required for this free event and all are welcome to attend.

## The Grotesque 10 with Mathew Duman

Many American colleges and universities decorate their architecture with grotesque sculpture. Join us on July 18 at 6:30pm

when photographer Mathew Duman will take attendees on a pictorial safari of the grotesque in which he highlights a variety of architectural sculpture from each school of the Grotesque 10. He also points out many curious aspects of the Collegiate Gothic style of architecture and shows how these features are meant to enhance an institution's identity both on and off the campus. This is a free event and no registration is required. Join us!



## The Sweet History of Honey & Honey Tasting

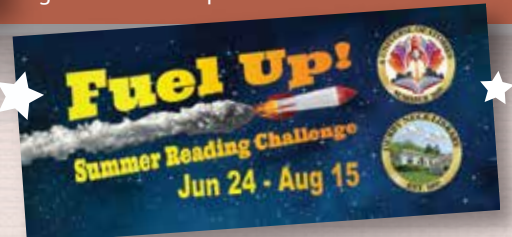
Catherine Wolko of *The Humble Bee Honey Company* returns to the Derby Neck Library on August 5, 2019 for a presentation called "The Sweet History of Honey & Honey Tasting." Attendees will take a journey learning about the history of nature's greatest natural sweeteners and the busy bees that make it every day! There will be samples for all attendees, free literature, and raffles. Registration is required for this free program so our presenter can come prepared.

## Space Race 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50-year anniversary of the "Space Race." Join us on August 12 at 6:30pm when we welcome author, photographer, and lecturer Kevin Woyce who will lead us in a celebration of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. Kevin will help viewers relive the dramatic Space Race thru historic photographs and vintage concept art that cover the Mercury and Gemini flights, the first Apollo landings, and the lesser-known scientific missions that followed. This free program is open to all and no registration is required. Bring your family and friends!



## FUEL UP! Summer Reading Challenge



This summer, all of our readers will need to work together to *Fuel Up!* the library's rocket ship. Starting on June 24, every book that gets checked out here will add some fuel to the rocket located at the circulation desk. Help us send our ship on an intergalactic adventure!

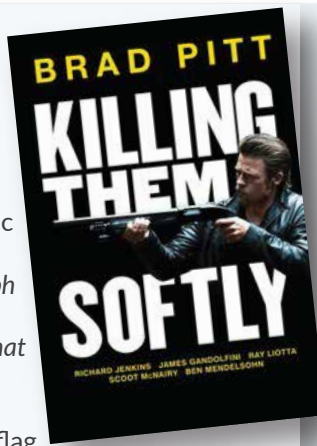
### Summer Challenges:

**Gold Challenge Coin** – For our readers, if you visit the library eight (8) days and check out a book, you will earn the **Gold Challenge Coin!** Audiobooks and print book materials only. Sorry, no magazines, music CDs, DVDs, or Blurays.  
**Silver Challenge Coin** – Attend five (5) unique events over the course of the summer to win the **Silver challenge coin.** This means recurring events, such as "Dinner and a Movie" and "Music and Movement", will only count once!

## ANDREW'S PICKS

*Killing Them Softly* (Andrew Dominik, 2012).

In *Daredevil* #232, the penultimate issue in Frank Miller's masterful "Born Again" arc, the Kingpin literally drapes himself in the American flag as he manipulates the demented, über-patriotic supersoldier Nuke, saying, "It tortures me that the noble concept of free enterprise – the crowning triumph of our forefathers – has been murdered by endless, corrosive legislation. To simply keep some shadow of that dream alive, I must . . . must break the law." An issue later, when a corrupt general fawningly solicits Captain America's "loyalty," the hero points to the flag and replies, "I'm loyal to nothing, General – except the dream." It is a justly famous moment which exemplifies the kind of ambivalent idealism which Captain America represents: "loyalty," in the words of Barack Obama, "to America's ideals" rather than "just loyalty to a place on a map or a certain kind of people . . . to any particular leader, or government, or policy." These "ideals," of course, remain conveniently abstract. Certainly there is no way they could ever be deduced from America's actual history of slavery, genocide, robber-baron capitalism, imperialism, and state terror. A yet deeper and more disturbing irony remains, though: doesn't Captain America's "truth-to-power" idealism echo the Kingpin's cynical performance just a little too closely? The soaringly idealistic rhetoric of Barack Obama's 2008 campaign snakes its way, "like a tedious argument of insidious intent," through Andrew Dominik's post-Great Recession masterpiece *Killing Them Softly*. In the foreground, a brutal, hardboiled crime thriller (based on a novel by George V. Higgins) plays out before our eyes – featuring brilliant performances by Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, Richard Jenkins, Ray Liotta, Ben Mendelsohn, and a magnificent supporting cast – while in the background, the triumphant language of "hope and change" is starkly contrasted with the inhumanly cruel reality of the neoliberal order: a reality in which the very same sociopathic behavior that is vilified in the petty criminal is rewarded in the politician and the CEO. *Killing Them Softly* is hardly the first Hollywood film to draw a direct equation between violent crime and capitalist exploitation; that theme has (inevitably, by its very nature) been a thread woven into the fabric of Hollywood's story from the very beginning. Dominik's film is truly radical because it has the audacity to echo the most alarming motif of Miller's Reagan-era comic book; that is, Captain America's enlightened, complex idealism as the mirror-image of the Kingpin's (utterly insincere) sentimental right-wing nationalism. *Killing Them Softly* exposes not just the vacuity of neoliberalism's "idealistic" rhetoric, but its secret identity with the nihilistic forces it claims to oppose. At the climax of the film, Obama's victory speech is playing. Brad Pitt says, "This guy wants to tell me we're living in a community? Don't make me laugh. I'm living in America, and in America, you're on your own. America is not a country; it's just a business."



## teen EVENTS



### Teen Film Club

Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, and editing. Consider staying on through the school year!

### Derby Neck Video Game Club

Using the library's Nintendo Wii U, PS4, and more, teens will play various games on the systems. **Derby Neck Video Game Club** (VGC for short) is all about fun, so come join us. No registration is required and we play throughout the school year on Tuesdays after school.

### Pokémon TCG Club

Whether you've played the game a hundred times, or never have but want to learn, join us on Mondays throughout the summer to play in the library's new **Pokémon Trading Card Game Club!** Attendees are free to bring their cards, but the library will have plenty on hand for all to play and enjoy.

### Backyard Birds

Build birdhouses for your backyard and the library's, and then see what birds frequent them. Share your findings with fellow watchers and then create a unique work of art to commemorate your experience. All supplies provided for this free program series. Meeting dates are: June 30, July 14, 18, & August 11, 2:00pm. Registration is requested. If you miss a meeting, let us know and we can catch you up!



### I-Spy Teen Movie

This summer, we will be showing 2 movies in June and August for teens on Blu-ray. At each movie, teens will need to keep their eyes peeled for special moments and details. A list of clues will be given at the start of the film. The teen who spots the most will win the prize! The movies will be revealed on the flyers so everyone will have a fair shot. Dinner will be offered after the movie to attendees. Registration is required. Limit of 20.

### Mystery Game Tournaments

On August 6, we will have two **Mystery Game Tournaments** using the library's Nintendo Switch and Sony PS4! Competition will be fast, fun, and fierce! Games will be revealed day of so everyone has a chance. Prizes for winners.

### Shipwrecked No-Bake Cooking Event

Your spaceship has crash landed on a deserted planet. Can you make what you need to survive from what the planet offers? On July 11 at 2:00pm using a host of random snacks you will create survival rations for you and your friends. The tastiest creation wins!



### Teen Silly and Strange Trivia

How much do you know about the weird and wacky in the world? Want to put that to the test? On July 17 at 3pm, try our **Teen Silly and Strange Trivia** event where you can win some equally strange and silly prizes. But all in the name of fun! Remember the orange sack of the weird?!?

### End of Summer Pizza Party

The **Teen/Tween End of Summer Pizza Party** will feature even more fun and a mystery prize giveaway on August 15 at 3:00pm. All teens/tweens who attend will have a chance to win one of many prizes that will be hidden from view. Some will be in the sack of the weird, others underneath boxes. Who knows what you'll discover! And did I mention PIZZA?!



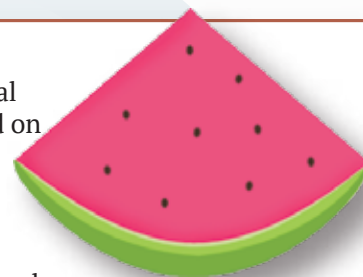
## D&D Sunday

On scheduled Sundays of every month (see the calendar), members of the **D&D**

**club** will meet in the library to play epic campaigns and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts. There are now two sessions, from 11 am -2:30pm and 2:30pm-6pm. Refreshments are served throughout. All supplies provided. Contact club moderator, Ian Parsells, at [headlibrarian@biblio.org](mailto:headlibrarian@biblio.org) if you are interested in joining a group.

## Children's Corner

A universe of stories is this year's Summer Reading theme. There will be a variety of special programs designed around this theme for children of all ages. Dates and times will be posted on our webpage, Facebook, Twitter, the newsletter and on flyers throughout the library. Miss Kathi's story time and music programs will continue in July and August. All of her programs will be drop in with no registration needed. Spirit will also be here this summer to listen to stories read by children. A special scavenger hunt will be available to participate in at any time during the summer. Children will be able to participate in art, reading, gaming, live animal programs and earn Derby Neck Challenge Coins here at the library. We will also end our summer with the annual beach party held in our garden area. Please bring your children to these fun and educational programs as often as you can and blast off to a universe of summer activities.



-- Miss Kathi

### 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** is 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. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 11am.

**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.

**Wee Jamboree** is for ages birth and up! Drop in and spend time playing musical instruments with your child. This event series is a relaxing time to explore a variety of child-friendly instruments and help introduce music to babies and toddlers. Children will enjoy participating in free play and parades. Classes regularly occur on Tuesdays 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.

## LITERARY CLUB EVENTS

### Daytime Club

**Women's Forum**, meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 12:30-1:30. On Mon., July 15, Pat Sweeney will present her program on "The Valley in the 1950s." On Mon., Aug. 19 we will discuss two short stories written by Heinrich Boll — "My Uncle Fred" and "The Laughter." Copies of the stories are available at the library prior to each meeting. Feel free to bring a light lunch; we serve coffee and tea.

### Evening Book Club

This highly informative and stimulating book club meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., by the fireplace in the Reading Room. We focus on novellas and memoirs by award-winning authors, including many of the classics of fine literature. On Mon., July 29 we will be discussing "Seize the Day" by Saul Bellow. On Mon., Aug 26 our book is "Three Blind Mice" by Agatha Christie. Copies of the books are available at the library prior to each meeting; some large print editions are included when possible. Join us and have an informal, yet incisive learning experience among fellow readers.



## Woodstock: 50 Years Later



The greatest Rock N' Roll concert of all time took place 50 years ago in the rural New York town of Bethel. That concert's name: *Woodstock!* On August 8 at 6:30pm, join us as we host master percussionist, storyteller, educator, author, and radio host Craig Harris for a fun-filled 50th-anniversary celebration of the 1969 Woodstock that includes archival audio/video, captivating behind-the-scenes storytelling, music-making, and a half-century of memories. Come early for a pre-program concert! There is no registration required for this free event.

## Adult Programs



### Computer Orientation Classes

Feeling left behind in a world where computers are everywhere? No matter where you are at skill-wise, whether you need to learn the basics of Microsoft Word, how to search the Internet, or simply how a mouse works, this is the class for you. Bob teaches to the individual and meets you at your needs. Start any day, but you can only attend once a week. Classes last an hour and are held on Mondays at 6pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am. Instruction in Spanish is available. La instrucción en español está disponible.

### 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. Our July film will take place on July 11 and will be the science fiction spoof *Galaxy Quest*. Check the flyers in the building or on our Website for August's selection.

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# Calendar of Events

## July 2019

July 8, 15, 22, 29	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
July 8, 15, 22, 29	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
July 9, 16, 23, 30	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
July 9, 16, 23, 30	Wee Jamboree for children	11:00 am
July 18, 25	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
July 14, 28	All About Backyard Birds!	2:00 pm
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Pokémon TCG Club for tweens & teens	4:00 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Video Game Club for tweens & teens	3:00-6:00 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
July 14, 28	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	11:00 am & 2:30 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Afternoon Tea V for adults	1:00 pm
July 6, 13, 20, 27	Needlers Club for adults	1:00-4:00 pm
July 8, 15, 22, 29	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	6:00-7:00 pm
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am



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July 1	Over the Moon with Animal Embassy	10:00 am
July 3	LIBRARY EARLY CLOSING (Ind. Day Eve)	5:00 pm
July 4	LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day)	
July 7	Sunday Children's Matinee: The Jetsons	2:00 pm
July 10	Paint Your Own Planet	4:00 pm
July 11	Music with Deirdre for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
July 11	Shipwrecked No-Bake Cooking Event	2:00 pm
July 11	Dinner and a Movie for adults: Galaxy Quest	5:30 pm
July 15	Space for Pollinators	12:00 pm
July 15	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
July 15	UFOs in Connecticut	6:30 pm
July 17	Teen Silly & Strange Trivia	3:00 pm
July 17	Pixel Art: Space	4:00 pm
July 17	B.A.R.K. with Spirit the dog	5:00 pm
July 17	Friends of the Derby Neck Library monthly mtg.	6:00 pm
July 18	Sherlock Holmes Summer Read for children	4:00 pm
July 18	The Grotesque 10 with Mathew Duman	6:30 pm
July 21	Sunday Children's Matinee: Scooby-Doo	2:00 pm
July 24	Choose Your Own Craft Event for children	4:00 pm
July 24	Horizon Wings Raptors for children	6:00 pm
July 29	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
July 31	Finger Painting for children	4:00 pm
July 31	Friends, Food, and Books Club for adults	6:00 pm

## August 2019

August 5, 12, 26	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
August 5, 12, 26	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
August 6, 13, 27	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
August 6, 13, 27	Wee Jamboree for children	11:00 am
August 8, 15, 29	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
August 5, 12, 26	Pokémon TCG Club for tweens & teens	4:00 pm
August 6, 13, 27	Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens	3:00-6:00 pm
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
August 11, 25	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	11:00 am & 2:30 pm
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Needlers Club for adults	1:00-4:00 pm
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	6:00-7:00 pm
August 7, 14, 21, 28	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am
August 6, 13, 27	Afternoon Tea V for adults	1:00 pm
August 17-25	Friends Annual Book Sale	ALL OPEN HOURS
August 1	Music with Deirdre for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
August 1	Scrabble for children	4:00 pm
August 1	Dinner and a Movie for adults	5:30 pm
August 4	Sunday Children's Matinee: Lego Star Wars	2:00 pm
August 5	History of Honey	6:30 pm
August 7	Create a Friends' Book Sale Poster for children	4:00 pm
August 8	I-Spy Teen Movie	3:00 pm
August 8	Summer Bingo for children	4:00 pm
August 11	All About Backyard Birds!	2:00 pm
August 12	The Space Race with Kevin Woyce	6:30 pm
August 14	End of Summer Beach Party for children	3:30 pm
August 15	Teen End of Summer Pizza Party	3:00 pm
August 15	Sheri Miller Returns Concert	5:30 pm
August 15	SUMMER READING ENDS	8:00 pm
August 19	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
August 27	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
August 28	Friends, Food, and Books Club	6:00 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.