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# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community

## Summer Reading 2023

It's time to get ready for this year's **Summer Reading program, Find Your Voice!** Our program will start June 19th and run for 9 weeks until August 17th. We'll have special events and contests going on for all ages centered on the themes of social engagement, expression, and activism. More details will be available on our website as we near the end of May, so be sure to visit [www.derbynecklibrary.org](http://www.derbynecklibrary.org) so you don't miss a thing!

## Youth Button Design Contest

Have a say in the design of our Summer Reading: **Find Your Voice** button! The chosen design will be featured on the 2023 Summer Reading Coins and Book Buddies. The winner will also receive a mystery bundle prize! Email a picture of your design to [youthservices@derbynecklibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@derbynecklibrary.org) or stop in to hand in your design in person. Contest ends May 20th.



**Did you see the news?  
Congratulations to  
Miss Krissy as our  
new Head Librarian and  
Miss Sarah as our new  
Youth Services Librarian!**

A few changes we're super excited to announce: since Miss Krissy has taken over as the new Head Librarian, Miss Sarah will be stepping into the role of the Youth Services Librarian! Don't worry, Miss Krissy will still be in and around the children's area, hosting Storytimes, and having fun with you all! Don't miss out – Summer Reading starts on June 19th with the **Kickoff Party** and the return of our Book Buddies! This year's theme is "**Find Your Voice**," which explores how we use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. This Summer Reading we'll be learning about some tools we can use for self expression. Miss Sarah is super excited to host **Creative Arts Workshops** with free-for-all sessions and guided projects. We'll also be seeing the return of past programs including **Sidewalk Arts**, and new ones like **Teen Karaoke!** There's so much to get excited for! Check our website to register for any of these programs and to sign up for a **READ squared** reminder. You don't want to miss out on accruing those points for our **Summer Reading End Games** in August! Looking forward to a Summer of learning, creativity, and plenty of reading!

## BOOK BUDDIES

Looking for a furry friend to read with? Beginning June 19th, you can adopt a Book Buddy from the Derby Neck Library! Check out 5 books or more and you'll get to take home a new furever friend, complete with a commemorative **Find Your Voice** pin. There are 13 different Book Buddies, so be sure to keep an eye out to collect them all!



**PROGRAM  
BEGINS  
JUNE 19TH**

**Important Notice**



## ANDREW'S PICKS

### *Crimson Tide* (Tony Scott, 1995).

I would be very pleased if we could achieve the kind of society where the dominant movie genre, both culturally and at the box office, was the submarine thriller. I have nothing against superhero movies — in fact, I enjoy most of them, and I love more than a few — but if we're going to be forced to watch endless, increasingly corporatized variations on a very limited, weirdly specific set of situations, characters, and themes, I'd just as soon replace the capes and masks with the hallowed iconography of the sub movie: the possibly psychotic, about-to-retire captain, his young and by-the-book executive officer, the simmering tension, the philosophical ruminations on the nature of war and the nature of man, the claustrophobic setting, the bleeps of the radar console, the strangely beautiful nautical jargon. I love *Run Silent, Run Deep* (Robert Wise, 1958), in which Clark Gable and the great Burt Lancaster set the high standard against which all the actors who tackle this genre must be measured. I love *K-19: The Widowmaker* (Kathryn Bigelow, 2002), in which Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson commit to Russian accents and Bigelow expertly crafts the scariest movie in the genre. I love *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* (Nicholas Meyer, 1982), which is basically a submarine movie set in outer space. And I love *Crimson Tide*, in which Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington both give performances for the ages, alongside a legendary supporting cast including Viggo Mortensen and James Gandolfini. The late, great Tony Scott, the auteur of blockbuster maximalism, goes all out, and Hans Zimmer composes one of his iconic pre-superhero scores. Of course, would a world in which the Russo brothers were directing a *Crimson Tide* reboot starring Josh Brolin and John David Washington be preferable to the one we're living in? Or even significantly different?



**Culture Club Tuesdays May 22nd and June 19th 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.



### Afternoon TeaV

**Tuesdays at 1pm:** As in our pre-Covid days, attendees will be meeting on each Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm 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 the *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.



**Computer Orientation Class for Adults Mondays at 10:30am:** 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. Classes last an hour. Instruction in Spanish is available. La instrucción en español está disponible. Call the library and ask for Bob to register.



**Healthy Aging with Griffin Hospital Thursdays May 25th and June 22nd 1:30-3:00pm:** On the fourth Thursday of each month, 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 some or ALL of these FREE events and start 2023 in better health! Please register by calling 203-734-1492.



**Needlers Group Saturdays at 1:00pm:** The Derby Neck Needlers Group meet in the Community Room 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!



# 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!

**Summer Reading 2023 Kickoff Party! June 19th 3-6:00pm:** Join us in our garden for some fun outdoor challenges to kick off the start of Summer Reading! For the littles, we'll have a music and movement storytime and playtime beginning at 3:00pm, while the older kids can try some basic outdoor activities like Hide-and-Seek, Red Light Green Light, freeze tag, and SPUD. All attendees will get a jumpstart on Summer Reading points and go home with treats and swag! Registration required.

**Adobe Day: Photoshop Animal Mashup! June 28th Noon:** Check our website for details!



**Creative Arts Workshop Thursdays at 12:00pm:** 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 online to take part in special projects planned for every other week.

**Baby Stories and Senses Alternate Tuesdays at 10:30am:** A special story and playtime just for babies and toddlers! We'll start with some songs, stories, and lap bounces, followed by free play! There will be interactive toys perfect for those practicing tummy time up to those learning to stand and walk, such as shakers, interactive mats, water tables, and more! This program is targeted to ages Birth – 3, but older siblings are welcome, too!

**Drums and Strings and Shaky Things! Alternate Mondays at 10:30am:**

Come get your groove on with Miss Sarah every other Monday during a hybrid music and movement program! There will be singing, dancing, stories, and a whole lot of shaky things! This program is targeted to ages Birth – 5, but everyone is welcome!



**Littles' Storytime! Alternate Mondays at 10:30am:** Little ones are invited to join Miss Krissy and Miss Sarah for some fun fingerplays, stories, and games aimed at early literacy, language development, and socialization! This program is targeted to ages 3 – 5, but everyone is welcome!

**Littles' Art Studio Alternate Tuesdays at 10:30am:** Bring your little one in for some artistic exploration of various art mediums! One session will feature finger painting, while another will have stamps, and then another will have chalk. Your child will get to experiment with all sorts of artwork, bringing out their little Picasso (and maybe a bit of yours, too)! And the best part is, we clean up the mess. This program is targeted to ages 3 – 5, but everyone is welcome!

**Sit & Social Snacktime Monday May 8th 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.



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**B.A.R.K. Program Tuesdays May 30th and June 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.



**Makerspace! Wednesdays from 3-6:00pm:** Come check out our Makerspace in the Children's Room! 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! Please note that the Makerspace is flooded with small parts, so we do not recommend it for very young children.



**Hybrid Video Game Club Tuesdays from 3-6:00pm:** Join us for the Derby Neck Library's Video Game Club! Playing a host of multiplayer games on the library's game systems (Xbox Series S, Playstation 4, Switch, Dreamcast, etc.), players will be able to experience fun yet competitive play. We will also host in-club tournaments from time to time. Meetings take place both in-person and online simultaneously. Game on!

**Tabletop Sundays Alternate Sundays 1-4:00pm:** Youth ages 8+ are invited to our Community Room every other Sunday for tabletop games like Pokémon TCG, Magic: The Gathering, and Dungeons and Dragons! Bring your own cards if you've got them, but we'll have plenty to share if you don't.

**Teen Game Night! Thursdays 3-6:00pm:** Join us in our Community Room for snacks and tabletop games like Survive!, Settlers of Catan, Twister, Jenga, Magic: The Gathering, foosball, pool, and more! We'll also have computers available to play online and browser-based games like Jackbox, Garticphone, skribbl.io, Magic: The Gathering Arena Online, Among Us, Bloocket – whatever you can think of! This program is targeted to ages 12+ and the gaming content will reflect that.

**Youth Services Twitch Stream! Mondays 3-6:00pm:** 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.

**Evening Book Club Mondays May 22nd and June 26th at 6:30pm:** Evening Book Club is a monthly program where we primarily read shorter novels by award-winning authors and occasionally a memoir. Reading selections are available on Project Gutenberg. Bring a friend or family member and enjoy an informative and entertaining evening. Check our website calendar for information on which title will be discussed.





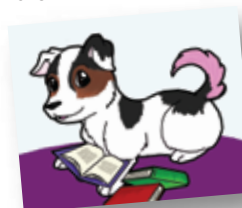
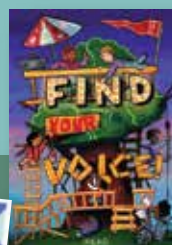
# Schedule of Events

## Special Events/Holiday Closings

May 8	Sit and Social Snacktime for Parents	11:30am
May 15	Culture Club for Adults	12:30pm
May 17	Friends of the Derby Neck Library Monthly Meeting	6:00pm
May 22	Evening Book Club for Adults	6:30pm
May 25	Age Well Series with Griffin Hospital for Seniors	1:30pm
May 29	LIBRARY CLOSED (Memorial Day)	
May 30	B.A.R.K. Program for Youth	5:00pm
June 19	SUMMER READING STARTS	
June 19	Culture Club for Adults	12:30pm
June 19	Summer Reading Kickoff Party	3-6:00pm
June 21	Friends of the Derby Neck Library Monthly Meeting	6:00pm
June 22	Age Well Series with Griffin Hospital for Seniors	1:30pm
June 26	Evening Book Club for Adults	6:30pm
June 27	B.A.R.K. Program for Youth	5:00pm
June 28	Adobe Day: Photoshop Animal Mashup!	12:00pm



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## Recurring Programs for May and June

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

<b>Mondays</b>	Computer Orientation Class for Adults	10:30am
	Drums and Strings and Shaky Things for Ages Birth+ (Alt. Mon.)	10:30am
	Littles' Storytime for Ages 3-5 (Alt. Mon.)	10:30am
	Hybrid Poképals Club (ends June 5th)	4:00pm
	Youth Services Twitch Stream! (beginning June 26th)	3-6:00pm



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



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<b>Wednesdays</b>	Makerspace! For Youth	3-6:00pm
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<b>Thursdays</b>	Creative Arts Workshop (beginning June 22nd)	12:00pm
	Teen Game Night	3-6:00pm

<b>Saturdays</b>	Needlers Group	1:00pm
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<b>Sundays</b>	Tabletop Sundays for Youth (beginning June 25th)	1:00pm
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**SUMMER READING  
KICKOFF  
JUNE 19th**



\*New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.\*