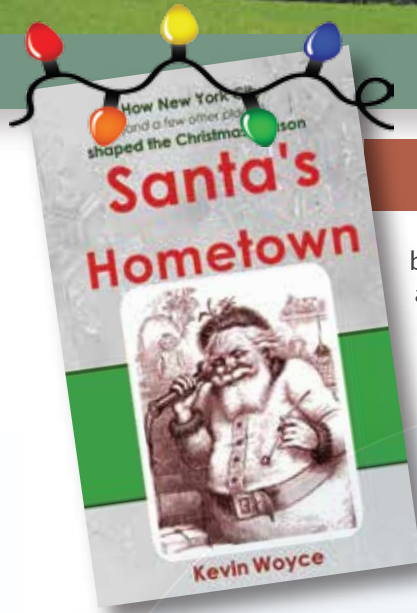




Derby Neck Library
A Regional Library

Currents

Over a century of service
to the Valley Community



Santa's Hometown



Ever wondered how New York City and Christmas became so intertwined with each other? Learn all about the history, stories, art, and traditions that forever linked the two when we host author and photographer Kevin Woyce on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm. Kevin will discuss this topic and his book *Santa's Hometown* while taking attendees on a sleigh ride thru the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, and the New Year's Eve ball drop at Times Square. There is no registration required for this free event. Join us!



Workshop: Learn Quiet Sitting

Learn and experience the value of quiet sitting with backdrops of calming music and relevant readings during this workshop on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm. This experiential session will be run by social worker, WPKN radio programmer, and practicing Buddhist Annette Sczesiul. Current themes throughout her work and parallel life have been the value of quiet reflection, being present (emotionally and physically), creative expression, and connection to oneself and all life forms. No previous experience is required. All are welcome to attend!

Join calligrapher Debby Reelitz from 6:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, November 6



for a fun class embellishing a large letter, your initial perhaps. Such versal letters are popular at the beginning of a fancy verse, story, or manuscript. This free event is limited to 12 participants so registration is

required. All materials provided.

Children's Corner



It's holiday time again and what better time to bring your children to the library to dance and sing to holiday songs and checkout books to read to them at bedtime. Encourage your readers to choose holiday favorites to reread or to read aloud to younger siblings or even to you yourself. Children emulate what they see their parents doing and if they see you reading they will want to read also. Remember that your child might want to go to the library but they may have a transportation issue. Make time to bring them to the library as a weekly habit. This would be a wonderful family resolution to start off 2020. It's always easier to keep a New Year's resolution when you share it with someone. Make sure to include everyone - moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even caregivers in this effort to encourage lifelong readers. Be sure to look at our calendar to see upcoming dates for Story times, Music and Movement, Mommy and Me Art, Wee Jamboree, B.A.R.K (Be A Reading Kid), Pokemon Club and our new Gadgets and Gizmos programs. All programs are drop in and marked for appropriate ages.

-- Miss Kathi

Decorated Letters: Paint Your Own Beautiful Versal

ANDREW'S PICKS

To Have and Have Not (Howard Hawks, 1944).

To watch this film is to witness a theogony as beautiful and terrible as that which occurred on the shores of Paphos, when foam-born Aphrodite emerged from the waves and, in the words of Hesiod, "came forth an awful and lovely goddess, and grass grew up about her beneath her shapely feet." Betty Joan Perske was born in the Bronx on September 16, 1924; Lauren Bacall was born in January 1944 during a screen test with the great Humphrey Bogart (a god if ever there was one). Nineteen-year-old Betty was so nervous that she couldn't stop shaking. Years later, in her book *Now*, she would write of the experience: "How could I play a woman when I was a girl? How could I have the upper hand in an exchange with a man when I knew so little about them, was still a virgin? How could I be insolent and independent when I was terrified?" To steady herself, she pressed her chin against her chest and tilted her eyes upward: thus the origin of "The Look." In one sense the screen test was a mere formality; Howard Hawks had already signed Betty to a seven-year contract after seeing a photograph of her in *Harper's Bazaar*, and together with his wife "Slim" had taken her under his tutelage. The script of *To Have and Have Not*, adapted from Ernest Hemingway's novel, was written by Jules Furthman and then substantially rewritten by William Faulkner, but the screen test was written by Hawks himself, who did not intend for it to be included in the finished film. When he saw it, Jack Warner insisted that a place had to be found for it in the movie; and so we are all privileged to see not only the birth of a divine being but also the inception of perhaps the greatest of all Hollywood romances. According to Homer, golden Aphrodite seduced Anchises with "a robe out-shining the brightness of fire, enriched with all manner of needlework, which shimmered like the moon over her tender breasts, a marvel to see." Their son, the Trojan hero Aeneas, became the glorious ancestor of the Roman people. Betty—or, rather, the newborn immortal Lauren Bacall—seduced Humphrey Bogart with her look, her way of moving, and above all her voice: "You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve?" Their love would go on to give us *The Big Sleep* (Howard Hawks, 1946), *Dark Passage* (Delmer Daves, 1947), and *Key Largo* (John Huston, 1948). You tell me who the real goddess was.



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 11am -2:30pm and 2:30pm-6pm. Refreshments are served throughout. All supplies provided. Registration is required. Contact club moderator, Ian Parsells at headlibrarian@biblio.org if you are interested in joining a group.



*We wish you a Wonderful Holiday
and a Happy New Year!*

teen EVENTS



Teen Film Club

The Derby Neck Library's award-winning young adult film club is a magnificent opportunity for all aspiring artists. For more than fifteen years we've been making movies together in a casual, no-pressure, wildly fun environment that nurtures creative collaboration and encourages passionate, personal artistic expression. Hang out with us, and you'll learn and participate in every aspect of film production—so whether you're interested in writing, directing, acting, editing, or all of the above, this program's for you! All young adults, middle-school through college, are welcome. Stop by the library any Tuesday at 4 PM, and make some art you can be proud of.

Derby Neck Video Game Club

VGC

Ever played Smash Bros Ultimate with 8 simultaneous players? What about a heated match of Street Fighter V with skilled competitors? Think you're good enough to compete in a tournament with real stakes and prizes? Using the library's Nintendo Switch, PS4, Dreamcast, and more, teens and tweens will play various games on the systems on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Derby Neck Video Game Club (VGC for short) is all about fun, so come join us. No registration is required and we play year-round when the director, Ian, is in the building.

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THE

by Patricia E. Sweeney



"THE LOOKOUT" AT DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

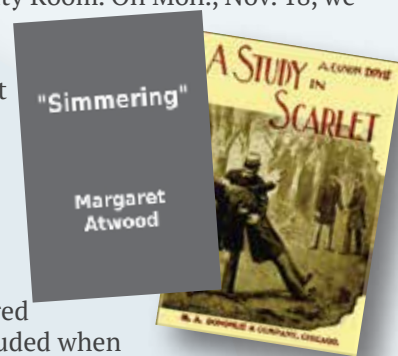
Generous neighbors and patrons of our library have donated various copies of the student publication "The Lookout." Derby High School students created this small magazine at a few junctures in the academic year. The end of school edition became the graduating class's yearbook, keeping the name "The Lookout." These magazines are filled with essays, short stories, poetry, and games and puzzles all created by the students, led by a faculty advisor. They provide an interesting view of teenage life in Derby; we have some of these items from the 1930s and 1960s, and one from January of 1905.

Daytime Club

Women's Forum, meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 12:30-1:30 in the Community Room. On Mon., Nov. 18, we discuss two short stories by Margaret Atwood — "There Was Once" and "Simmering." Copies of the stories are available at the library. On Mon., Dec. 16 we will be enjoying a holiday and end-of-the-year pot luck luncheon. The library prepares free coffee and tea at each meeting.

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., Nov. 25 we will be discussing "A Study in Scarlet" by Arthur Conan Doyle. There will be no December meeting so that all members can celebrate the holiday season. The featured 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.



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.

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Pokémon TCG Club

Whether you've played the game a hundred times, or never have but want to learn, join us on Mondays after school from 4:00 to 6:00pm for the library's 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. This free club is intended for children ages 7 and up.

Gadgets and Gizmos Club

Get ready to make some thingamajigs, thingamabobs, doodads, doohickeys, widgets, and whatsits! Meeting regularly on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm, the Gadgets & Gizmos Club will feature STEAM-based activities that change from week to week. Some weeks you'll be building with LEGOs, crafting your own slime, creating pixel art, or some other crazy invention!



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 November film will take place on November 7 and will be the bestselling-novel adaptation *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. On December 5, we will be showcasing the modern Mark Twain adventure story and critically-acclaimed film *Peanut Butter Falcon*.



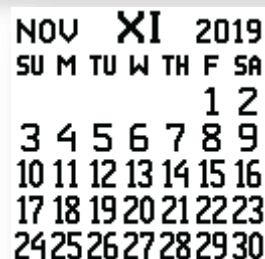
Calendar of Events

November 2019

November 4, 11, 18	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
November 4, 11, 18	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
November 5, 12, 19	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
November 5, 12, 19	Wee Jamboree for children	11:00 am
November 7, 14, 21	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Pokémon TCG Club for children 7+	4:00–6:00 pm
November 6, 13, 20	Gadgets and Gizmos Club for children 7+	4:00–5:30 pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Video Game Club for tweens & teens	3:00–6:00 pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
November 3, 17	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	11:00 am & 2:30 pm
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
November 6, 13, 20, 27	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Afternoon Tea V for adults	1:00–2:30 pm

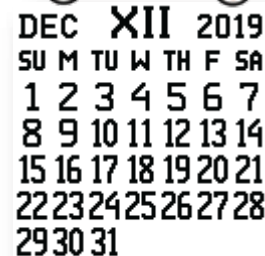


November 6	Decorated Letters for adults (reg. req.)	6:00 pm
November 7	Dinner and a Movie for adults: <i>Art of Racing</i> . . .	5:30 pm
November 13	Workshop: Learn Quiet Sitting for adults	6:00 pm
November 18	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
November 20	B.A.R.K. with Spirit the dog	5:30 pm
November 20	Friends of the Derby Neck Library monthly mtg.	6:00 pm
November 20	Friends, Food, and Books Club for adults	6:00 pm
November 25	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
November 27	LIBRARY CLOSING EARLY (Thanksgiving Eve)	5:00 pm
November 28	LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)	



December 2019

December 2, 9, 16	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
December 2, 9, 16	Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children	11:00 am
December 3, 10, 17	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
December 3, 10, 17	Wee Jamboree for children	11:00 am
December 5, 12, 19	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
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December 3, 10, 17	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
December 1, 15, 29	D&D Sundays for teens and adults	11:00 am & 2:30 pm
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	6:00–7:00 pm
December 4, 11, 18	Computer Orientation Classes for adults	10:30–11:30 am
December 3, 10, 17	Afternoon Tea V for adults	1:00 pm
December 7, 14, 21, 28	Needlers Club for adults	1:00–4:00 pm



December 5	Dinner and a Movie for adults: <i>P.B. Falcon</i>	5:30 pm
December 16	Women's Forum	12:30 pm
December 18	B.A.R.K. with Spirit the dog	5:30 pm
December 18	Santa's Hometown with Kevin Woyce	6:30 pm
December 24	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Eve)	
December 25	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Day)	
December 31	LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Eve)	

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