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Derby Neck Library  
A Regional Library

# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community

## UPCOMING 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!

### Special Events

#### **Genealogy Programming Series March 5th, 12th, and 19th at 6:30pm**

Ever thought about exploring your family tree? Derby Neck Library is here to help with three special events! First, learn the basic principles of genealogy and family history research to help you start uncovering the mysteries of your own family tree on March 5th. Then, delve deeper into the sources you will encounter on your family research journey, including vital records, historical census data, and military records on March 12th. Finally, put it all together at a writers' workshop on March 19th. Registration is required for the event on March 12th — visit our website or call the library to learn more!

#### **Community Conversation About Gambling March 21th at 6:00pm**

Since March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, Derby Neck Library is proud to host a community conversation about problem gambling in partnership with the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness of BHCare. Topics discussed will include the types of legal gambling in Connecticut, the impact of problem gambling, where one can find help, and more. Please register for this event on our website or at the front desk.

#### **Who's That Girl? A Cultural History of American Girl Dolls March 14th at 6:30pm**

Meet Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, and Molly! These iconic characters defined girlhood for thousands of real American kids in the '80s, '90s, and '00s. Embrace the nostalgia and come learn a lesson about how American Girl changed a generation. Registration is not required.

#### **B.A.R.K. Be a Reading Kid! March 26th and April 30th 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.

#### **Anti-Vaping Info Session for Teens**

Join us on **April 11th at 4:30pm** right after Teen Takeover for an anti-vaping information session for teens. We'll have pizza and swag for everyone who sticks around until the end—register on our website! This program is made possible thanks to our partnership with the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness of BHCare.

#### **Visit the Valley – 1920s April 18th at 6:30pm**

Visit the Valley in the 1920s with a new Powerpoint presentation by Pat Sweeney on Thurs., April 18 at 6:30 in the Community Room. It was the jazz age of flappers, alcohol prohibition, and fun fashions. Learn what life was like in the local towns. Just drop in — no registration is required.

#### **Learn to Play Pokémon TCG with Ethereal Lounge! March 11th at 4:00pm**

The Ethereal Lounge is here to school us in Pokémon the Trading Card Game! In this event for beginners, big time card collectors and local partners from the Ethereal Lounge will drop by to show us the difference between Paralyzed, Poisoned, and Asleep for all those Confused! Registration not required.

### Return of the Chicks!

Just like last year, stop in our Children's Room after April 24th to check on our incubating chicken eggs!

We'll also have books and all sorts of information about chickens and how to raise them. The eggs should hatch around May 15th, so make sure you stop in to meet our new friends before they return to the farm on May 30th!



### TONIES are here!

Looking for a screen-free song and story experience? Check out a Toniebox! The Toniebox is a screen-free digital listening experience that plays stories, songs, and more. Designed for little listeners ages 3+ to use independently or for younger children to use with the help of a grown-up, it's the perfect storytime companion for tiny hands and active imaginations! Stop in today to give one a try, or take one home!



Teens, get your volunteer hours done with our **Read-a-Thon!** Are you, or do you know a teen looking for community service hours? Sign up to take part in our **Read-a-Thon!** All you have to do is find sponsors who will commit to a certain dollar amount for every book read between now and March 31st. Then, **READ, READ, READ!** All funds raised will go towards a new Teen Space -- just for teens, by teens. Learn more about our campaign by visiting our website, or use the QR code pictured here to go straight to the fundraiser to sign up!

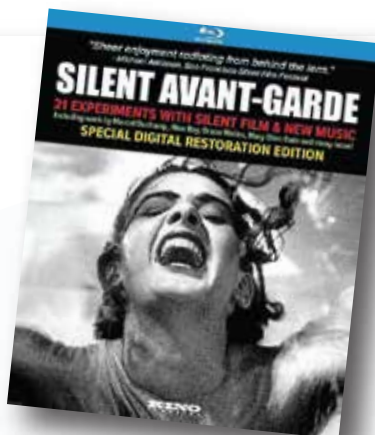




## ANDREW'S PICKS

### *Silent Avant-Garde: 21 Experiments with Silent Film and New Music.* (2023)

This collection put out last year by Kino Lorber is a revelation, a testament to the extraordinary artistic power and versatility of the medium of film. There are beautifully restored classics of experimental cinema, including Slavko Vorkapić and Robert Florey's *The Life and Death of 9413, a Hollywood Extra* (1928) and Fernand Léger, Dudley Murphy, and Man Ray's remarkable *Ballet Mécanique* (1924). Several of Vorkapić's montage sequences created between 1928 and 1934 are included as well, though tragically the films from which they were excerpted, such as Dorothy Arzner's *Manhattan Cocktail* (1928), are now considered lost. There are curiosities and fragments directed by some of film's greatest titans, including Orson Welles's first film, *The Hearts of Age* (1934), made when he was just 19, and outtakes from Sergei Eisenstein's never-completed passion project *iQue Viva México!* (filmed c. 1930). The city symphony is particularly well represented with fascinating time capsules like *Manhatta* (Paul Strand & Charles Sheeler, 1921) and *A Bronx Morning* (Jay Leyda, 1931), though it is difficult not to compare such films unfavorably with the undisputed masterpiece of the genre, Jean Vigo's *À propos de Nice* (1930). I was most excited by the new and unexpected discoveries, such as Francis Thompson's beautiful, *kaleidoscopic N.Y., N.Y.* (1957), a truly rare unique vision of the most-filmed city on the planet. It is a great collection, and I hope that as time goes on more of these artistic treasures will be rescued from obscurity and brought to the attention of audiences who will appreciate them.



Congratulations to the Friends of the Derby Neck Library for reaching its 20th year of service! We have our Friends to thank for many great programs and upgrades throughout the years. Be sure to keep your eyes out for our Friends helping us during events, and thank them for all their hard work! Or better yet, get involved yourself by joining in -- pick up a form at the front desk or email [friends@derbynecklibrary.org](mailto:friends@derbynecklibrary.org) to join today!

## What's Derby Neck Library's Value?

Below you'll see the value of the materials we provided here at Derby Neck for all our patrons during the months of December and January. Learn more about how these numbers are calculated and how much we're saving you personally by visiting our website today!

Adult Books Borrowed	\$18,853
YA Books Borrowed	\$1,284
Children's Books Borrowed	\$18,989
Movies Borrowed	\$2,784
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,910</b>

## FUN @ Recent Events



## TEEN TakeOver TIME!

### It's Teen Takeover Time!

Thursdays beginning at 2:00pm are now just for teens in the Community Room! We've taken all your favorite things like movies, games, snacks, and more and combined them into one giant program that rotates different weekly activities. Check the calendar on the back to see what's in store!

Sunday, March 10th







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!

### New Program Alert! Birth to Three Play Group

**Every Wednesday at 10:30am**, caregivers with children ages birth to three are invited to the Derby Neck Library for a play group in collaboration with Connecticut Birth to Three! Come try all the library's resources alongside Early Interventionists who will work with you and your child to build confidence and competence and enhance child learning and development, all within the typical activities of the family. ALSO: We collect diapers! Any size diapers that your child has outgrown can be donated to families in need. Just bring them to the program and we'll distribute to local food banks!

### Sit & Social Snacktime

**On March 11th and April 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. 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, & 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, pixelart, 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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### FREE Technology Help!

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](mailto:techservices@derbynecklibrary.org).

### Afternoon TeaV

On **Tuesdays at 1:00pm**, join in for tea and light refreshments, as we enjoy a showing of a popular series on the library's big screen. A brief discussion time concludes each episode. Just stop in; registration is not required.

### Sunday Crafternoons

**Every other Sunday**, adults and teens ages 14+ are invited to our new DIY Zone for a demonstration and craft. You'll learn how to use our sewing machine, Cricut, 3D printer, and more! Registration required—visit our website to learn more.

### Conversation Café

Join the Derby Neck Library and Literacy Volunteers for Conversation Café! This free program will be twice a month on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm** in the Community Room, and is intended 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!



### Culture Club

The Culture Club meets **every second Wednesday** in the library's Community Room. Join us 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. Pat Sweeney is the moderator, your questions can be addressed to her.

### Dinner and a Movie

At **5:00 on April 4th**, join us for Dinner and a Movie! We'll provide pizza, a drink, something salty, something sweet, and "The Color Purple" on the library's big screen. No registration required, but doors close to newcomers at 5:15pm. Please consider bringing a canned food item for our neighbors in need! 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.


### Morbid Curiosity Book Club

On **Thursdays March 28th and April 25th 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.

**Note:** Library patrons attending programs understand their photo may be taken and used in promotional materials unless they specifically inform staff of an objection to such use. Contact the Head Librarian if you have any questions or concerns.

# Schedule of Events

## March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>1</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm <b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Sunday Crafternoons: Cricut 101 3:00pm	<b>4</b> Drums and Strings and Shaky Things! 10:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm	<b>5</b> Littles' Art Studio 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm Genealogy Basics 6:30pm	<b>6</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm	<b>7</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: Anime Watch Party 2:00pm	<b>8</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>9</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Littles' Storytime! 10:30am Sit & Social Snacktime 11:30am Learn to Play Pokémon TCG 4:00pm	<b>12</b> Babies Stories and Senses 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm Genealogy Next Steps 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Culture Club 12:15pm Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm Conversation Café 6:30pm	<b>14</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: Game Night! 2:00pm American Girl Doll History 6:30pm	<b>15</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>16</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
<b>17</b> Sunday Crafternoons: 3D Printer 101 3:00pm	<b>18</b> Drums and Strings and Shaky Things! 10:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm	<b>19</b> Littles' Art Studio 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm Writing Remembrances 6:30pm	<b>20</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Friends' Meeting 4:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm	<b>21</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: So Bad, it's Good - Cupcake Decorating 2:00pm DNL Board Meeting 4:00pm Problem Gambling Discussion 6:00pm	<b>22</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>23</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Littles' Storytime! 10:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm Evening Book Club 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Babies Stories and Senses 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm B.A.R.K. Program 5:00pm	<b>27</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm Conversation Café 6:30pm	<b>28</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: Game Night! 2:00pm Morbid Curiosity Book Club 6:30pm	<b>29</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>30</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
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## April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>1</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm <b>2</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Littles' Storytime! 10:30am Sit & Social Snacktime 11:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm	<b>9</b> Babies Stories and Senses 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm	<b>10</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Culture Club 12:15pm Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm Conversation Café 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: Game Night! 2:00pm Anti-Vaping Info Session/Teens 4:30pm	<b>12</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>13</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
<b>14</b> Sunday Crafternoons: Needle Felting 3:00pm	<b>15</b> Drums and Strings and Shaky Things! 10:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm	<b>16</b> Littles' Art Studio 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm	<b>17</b> Birth to Three Play Group 10:30am Makerspace! 3:00pm DNL Friends' Meeting 4:00pm DNL Productions Film Club 6:00pm	<b>18</b> Cantos y Cuentos 10:30am Teen Takeover: So Bad, it's Good - Bad Poetry 2:00pm Visit the Valley - 1920s 6:30pm	<b>19</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAYS</b>	<b>20</b> Needlers' Club 1:00pm
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<b>28</b> Sunday Crafternoons: Stamp Making 3:00pm	<b>29</b> Drums and Strings and Shaky Things! 10:30am Pokémon TCG Club! 4:00pm Evening Book Club 6:30pm	<b>30</b> Littles' Art Studio 10:30am Afternoon TeaV 1:00pm Let's Play Tuesdays! 3:00pm B.A.R.K. Program 5:00pm				

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