



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2018

LIBRARY NEWS

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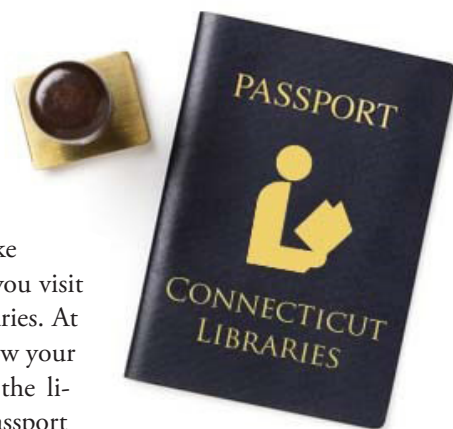
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Passport to Connecticut Libraries: April 2–30, 2018

Your library card opens the world to you through books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs. Now let it open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program!

Over one hundred Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in this program. To celebrate National Library Week during April, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program invites you to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries. Each library has its own architecture, vibe and collection to explore and browse! The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

To participate, visit your local participating library to pick up your Passport. They will stamp it and give you a token gift to get you started. Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.



If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 7th, then you will be entered into a state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). Four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.

For more details and a full list of participating libraries, ask your local librarian.

Lyme Consolidated School Art Show

Lyme Public Library presents “Art Transformed,” April 27–May 25, an exhibit of unique 3D drawings created by Lyme Consolidated School’s fifth grade students. Inspired by the agamographs of Yaacov Agam, students created their own transforming artwork. Enjoy this engaging display as you move through the Community Room gallery and interact with their original art. An opening reception with light refreshments will be held on Friday, April 27 from 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.

Open Studio Art Show: June 5–29

Students in Kristen Thornton’s Open Studio Class will display their art in the Library Community Room between June 5 and 29. Come check out the creative work these students are doing!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Drop-in Preschool Story Hour

Ages 2–5 – Wednesdays, April 4 and 11 from 10:30 A.M.–11:15 P.M.

The final two sessions of spring Drop-in Story Hour will be held on April 4 and 11. In addition to being fun, story hour helps develop language and social skills that children need to succeed and foster intellectual curiosity. Each session will feature stories on a particular theme followed by a related activity or craft.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Art and Books with Kristen Thornton for Grades K–5, Wednesday, May 9 at 3:15 P.M.

Kristen Thornton will conduct after school art programs which will feature a story, based on a recent or notable children's book, and art activity.

May 9 – *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner/ group painted mural

Limited to 12 children. Please call to register or email programreg@lymepl.org.

Toying with Science with Kristen Thornton

for Grades 3–5, Wednesday, May 16 at 3:15 P.M.

Each session will explore a principle of physics or chemistry by making something fun that works, with everyday materials!

May 16 – Engineering with levers and fulcrums

Limited to 12 participants. Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register.

Open Studio – Still Life with Kristen Thornton

for Grades 6–12, Tuesdays from 5–6:00 P.M. through June 12.

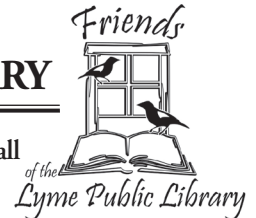
Students will recreate Still Life exhibits from their choice of media and materials, i.e. painting (water-colors/oils) or drawing (charcoals/pastels.) Kristen Thornton will guide them through their projects as they work at their individual paces. Materials will be supplied for all programs, but students may bring their own supplies if they choose. **Limited to 10 participants. Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register. There will be no class on April 17 due to school vacation week. This program will take a break after June 12 until the summer session begins in July.**

Summer Reading Program

The theme of this year's summer reading program is *Libraries Rock!* Join Kristen Thornton for activities related to the theme on the following dates from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Tentative dates are, July 17, July 31, August 7, and August 21. Check our July newsletter, our online events calendar, and the notice going home from Lyme School for more detailed information.

PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



To register for any of the following programs, please call 860-434-2272 or email programreg@lymepl.org.

Sergeant Stubby the Dog, How a Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and Stole the Heart of a Nation, with Ann Bausum

Thursday, April 12, 7 P.M.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the war, a number of Stubby-related events are happening. The CT State Library is sending someone to Europe to retrace Robert Conroy (Stubby's inseparable companion during the war) and Stubby's steps during the war. A statue of Stubby is being placed at the Trees of Honor Memorial Park in Middletown. Our guest speaker, award-winning nonfiction author, Ann Bausum, strives to make history feel alive and irresistible for readers of all ages. Her presentation coincides with the premier of an animated film about this military service dog. Robert Conroy is the grandfather of local Lyme resident Curt Deane.



Clutter Control—Downsizing your STUFF, with David Downs

Saturday, April 28, 2 P.M.

David Downs, a retired third grade teacher, has taken a serious topic, CLUTTER, and created a fun-filled humorous program loaded with amusing personal examples of his own love/hate relationship with STUFF. David shares original thoughts, practical tips, and easy-to-understand strategies that anyone can use to begin the process of change. This is an innovative, upbeat program that contains useful information that will help motivate everyone to begin the process of downsizing. David uses colorful stories throughout the talk to engage as well as inform the audience. Downsizing is a process, not an event!



Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Garden, with Nancy Ballek

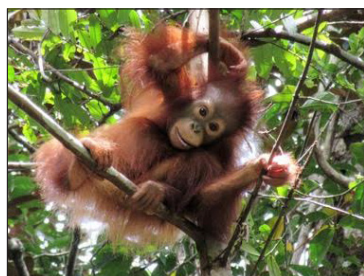
Monday, April 30, 7 P.M.

Design your landscape with wildlife in mind, and you are sure to see more colorful butterflies and hummingbirds, hear more glorious bird songs and appreciate the many interconnections in Mother Nature's intricate designs. Learn to nurture and recreate landscapes that support a diversity of species and a resilient garden ecosystem.

The Orangutan: The Geography and Biology, with Katherine Meier

Saturday, May 12, 2 P.M.

Connecticut native Katherine Meier spent a year conducting wild primate field research in the heart of Indonesian Borneo. There she spent days following wild orangutans, collecting behavioral and physical data, and contributing to long-term research that focuses on the nutrition and health of wild orangutans. Her presentation covers an overview of orangutan geography and biology. Through photos, videos and stories, she shares the ups and downs of life as a field primatologist working in a tropical peat swamp. From fire ants to fatal fights, you'll leave this talk with a better understanding of one of the world's most important ecosystems, its biodiversity, and, of course, an intimate look into the wild lives of the world's only Asian great ape.



Design and Create Your Own Doorstep Arrangement, with Nancy Ballek

Monday, June 11, 7 P.M.

Plan and plant your own container using a medley of annuals, herbs, tropicals and/or perennials. Learn to design with the “thriller, filler, spiller” concept. Each participant will go home with a mixed planter of their own composition. Planters and a selection of sun and shade plants will be available. **The class will be limited to 25 participants. The fee is \$20 per person. Pre-registration required.**

Music by the Meadow

Join us for an exciting new venue and series of events sponsored by the Friends:
(Dates and times to be determined)

The Friends will feature three outdoor concerts in the summer of 2018, featuring three well-known, outstanding bands/groups:

“The Plywood Cowboy”: Formed in 2015 here in CT, the *Plywood Cowboy* is poised to rewrite the American Songbook. “With great harmonies, clever songs and tasty guitar pickin’” (Chris Bergson, NY Blues Hall of Fame Inductee), their heartfelt songs interweave the rich heritage of earthy, country roots with the sentimental poignancy of singer-songwriter traditions. *Plywood Cowboy* has performed widely from Connecticut to Tennessee.

“Hungrytown”: After more than a decade of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson—otherwise known as the folk duo *Hungrytown* have earned the reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting.

“Moving Target Jazz Band”: Local professionals and music enthusiasts started gathering for impromptu jam sessions and the group *Moving Target Jazz Band* was formed. Their group has become a sought-after addition to numerous local fundraisers and community events.

Herbs for Year-Round Pleasure, with Nancy Ballek

Monday, June 25, 7 P.M.

Learn how to use herbs for their beauty, fragrance, and enduring health benefits. Whether in the garden, outdoor planters, or the indoor windowsill, herbs are sure to brighten your palette, lift your spirits and bring beauty and grace to your life. It's time to stop and smell the rosemary, the lavender, the sage, and the heliotrope.

BOOK CLUBS

Library Book Club – Thursdays, April 19, May 10, and June 21 at 7 P.M.

April 19 – *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.


May and June titles TBA.

New members and guests are welcome. A limited number of copies of the selected titles are available at the circulation desk 3–4 weeks before each discussion.

Reading Group

Reading Group meets at 2 P.M. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month through June. New members and guests are cordially welcome. Meeting dates are April 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8 and 22.

Friends **President's Report, April 2018**



“Spring hath put a spirit of youth in every thing.” —*William Shakespeare*

With the snow that never seems to cease falling, we are slowly “tip-toeing” into spring. As we anxiously await the first signs of spring—the daffodils, crocus, and finally the tulips—mark your calendars for all the very exciting upcoming events sponsored by the Friends. These programs include gardening workshops, the story of a famous World War I dog, lectures on the orangutans in Borneo and “Clutter Control”, to our Annual Book Sale, and last but not least, the Friends Annual Meeting, on June 26. Join us for these unique, outstanding programs!

— **Mary Mazur**
President, Friends of the Lyme Public Library

Friends Annual June Book Sale

Attention Booklovers!

We will be having a book sale in the community room again this year.

The dates and times are:

Friday, June 15 from 3–7 P.M.

Saturday, 16 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Credit cards are accepted for purchases over \$20

Bonus: Free library tote bag with purchase of \$20

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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday – Closed
Tuesday – 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Saturday – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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The Friends will meet to review the accomplishments of the last year, elect a slate of officers, and enjoy a program by guest speaker Stephen Gencarella. He is the resident folklorist at the Connecticut River Museum and is an Associate Professor in the Communication Department at UMASS Amherst. He will speak about his upcoming book *Wicked Weird & Wily Yankees: A Celebration of New England's Eccentrics and Misfits* which will be published by Globe Pequot Press on May 1, 2018. Please come to enjoy refreshments, learn about the Friends, and hear a wonderful program!

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