



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY NEWS

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when electronic gadgets appear in your life! If you received a new smartphone, eReader, or tablet computer over the holidays, we can help you make the most of the digital resources the library has to offer. Our new Library Mobile smart phone app is getting great

reviews, and we have Mango Languages, RB Digital downloadable magazines, and Overdrive eBooks and downloadable audio books. Make an appointment for a staff member to help you get started, or you can stop in and depending on availability, a staff member will assist you.



News from the Lyme Garden Club: The Lyme Town Campus Meadow

For those who have been watching the meadow growing near the library, you may have noticed that the meadow has been mowed. It has also been fertilized, had some pH adjustment with lime, and was seeded with some Echinacea and Hyssop, with seeds donated from Lyme Garden Club members' gardens. For the most part, the meadow is in a resting period, but there is activity there with birds and other small animals.

In the spring the meadow again will be allowed to grow and will be seeded with more meadow flowers and some meadow plants. Lyme Garden Club has applied for a grant to assist with the cost of these additions, which will make the meadow more interesting. East Haddam Horticulture has been advising the Garden Club with the development of the organic, pesticide- and herbicide-free grass on the town campus property and with the development of the meadow.

On March 24, Kathy Connelly, a local landscaper, garden lecturer, and garden writer for the *Lyme Times* and other garden publications, will give a talk called "The Development and Value of Meadows." The program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Lyme Garden Club. —Mary Ann Kistner, Lyme Garden Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Drop-in Preschool Story Hour

Ages 2–5, Wednesday, February 7 from 10:30 –11:15

Drop-in story hour for children ages 2–5 will begin on Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 A.M. and will run through April 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

Open Studio – Still Life with Kristen Thornton (Grades 6-12) Tuesdays from 5:00–6:00 P.M. – Resumes January 2, 2018

Students will recreate Still Life exhibits from their choice of media and materials, i.e. painting (watercolors/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. Please note: There will be no class on February 20 due to school winter break.

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Art and Books with Kristen Thornton

Grades K-5, Wednesdays, January 10th, February 14th, and March 14th from 3:15–4:30 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.

Jan. 10th – *Snow Scene* by Richard Jackson/Pastel drawings of nature in winter

Feb. 14th – *The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever* by Brenda Ferber/Valentines

Mar. 14th – *Tiptoe Tapirs* by Hanmin Kim/Ink and watercolor animals

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

Toying with Science

Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, January 17th, February 21st, and March 7th from 3:15–4:30 P.M.

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

Projects to be announced. Watch our online calendar and notices sent home with Lyme School Students.

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

It's Spring and an Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 A.M.

Kristen Thornton will read the story *Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure* by James Dean. Children will enjoy a craft activity and an egg hunt. **Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register.**

BOOK CLUBS

Library Book Club – Thursdays, January 11th and February 8th, and March 8th at 7:00 P.M.

Jan. 11th – *The Bridge Ladies* by Betsy Lerner

Feb. 8th – *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

Mar. 8th - TBA

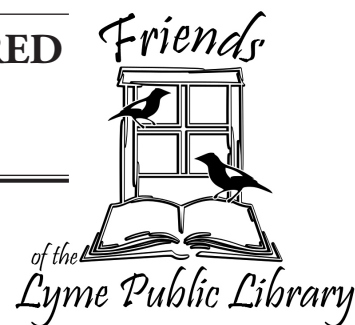
New members and guests are welcome. A limited number of copies of the selected titles are available at the circulation desk 3-4 weeks before each discussion.

Reading Group

The Friday afternoon reading group will have its first meeting of 2018 on January 12th at 2:00. Members will discuss books read during the holidays. Members and guests are welcome to join the group which usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 2:00.

PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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



“Stone Walls of New England — the Art of Stone Wall Structures from Both England and New England”– Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 P.M. – Andrew Pighills

Transplanted from Yorkshire, England, Andrew Pighills is passionate about his English garden heritage and the art of creating stone structures. He received his formal horticultural training with the Royal Horticultural Society and has completed stone building apprenticeships with master stone artisans in the Yorkshire Dales. His many years spent creating gardens and building traditional stone structures in his native England has earned him a devoted list of private and public clients both here and in England.

The Meaning of Omelets and Life: What I Learned from My Mom, the Queen of Omelets. Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 P.M. – Dr. John Finn

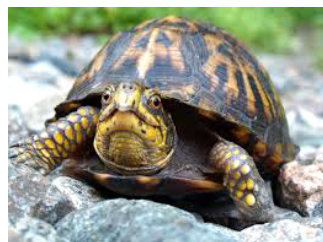
Simsbury resident John Finn, author of *The Perfect Omelet: Essential Recipes for The Home Cook* will talk about the process of writing his definitive book on the iconic omelet, full of practical wisdom about omelets, cooking and life. He will also demonstrate omelet preparation and invite audience members to try out and enjoy samples.

Dr. Finn received his J.D. from Georgetown University, his Ph.D. from Princeton University and is a professionally trained chef as a graduate of the French Culinary Institute.

Pre-registration is required. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Pam Meier, Turtle Rehabilitator – Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 P.M.

Local wildlife rehabilitator Pam Meier joins us to introduce you to some of



our most beloved, least understood neighbors: turtles. From the aquatic to the terrestrial, the well-known to the rarely seen, many of these ancient iconic creatures have quietly disappeared across New England, and seven of Connecticut's twelve species are already on the endangered list. The shoreline remains a stronghold for several, however, and understanding them is more important than ever to their survival.

Come meet some live examples of our native turtles, hear about their natural history and unique characteristics, as well as what to do – and not do – if you find one.

The Development and Value of Meadows (Co-sponsored by the Lyme Garden Club) – Saturday, March 24th at 2:00 P.M. presented by Landscape Designer Kathy Connolly

Ms. Connolly is a landscape designer, writer, and speaker who loves to help people enjoy and care for their home and community landscapes. She emphasizes earth friendly designs, native plants, and low-impact land care techniques.

Sunday Movie Club

January 7th & 21st and February 11th and 25th at 2:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars to continue the voyage with us—through the magic of movies—to Europe, Australia, China, Mexico, India . . . all without leaving town. Two Sundays in both January and February we will be showing a feature length movie at the Library at 2 o'clock. This is a wonderful opportunity to escape for a couple of hours and share a movie with friends and neighbors. After each movie there will be time to socialize and discuss the film. There is no charge for the event. Feel free to bring your own (non-alcoholic) refreshments. The films are scheduled as follows:



January 7, *THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT*, Sydney, Australia. 1994. The three stars of a campy drag act set sail for Alice Springs aboard their lavender bus, the eponymous Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. Along the way, they perform for an audience of appreciative Aborigines and unearth the heart of the Outback, perhaps the world's most macho culture. This warmly funny, endearing, generous-spirited and powerfully affecting comedy won one Oscar, was nominated for several British Academy Awards and Golden Globes and will have you tapping your toes throughout. Writer and Director: Stephan Elliott 102 minutes

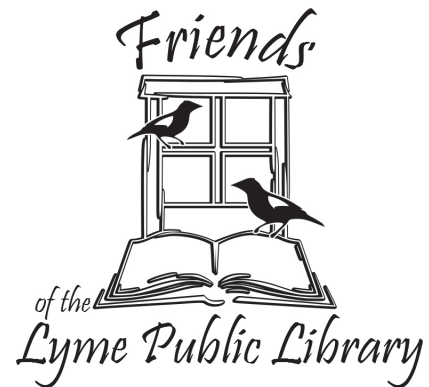
January 21, *TORTILLA SOUP*, (2001) Critics call it “scrumptious,” with a Latin-flavored score that enlivens the whole dish. It's a tale of food and family set in Southern California. Hector Elizondo plays the aging father, a retired chef who has lost his taste for life. Nonetheless he prepares a bountiful, beautiful Mexican-American family meal every week for his three fractious daughters, each of whom challenges his patriarchal assumptions in a different way. On the surface, it's a warm human comedy. But it's also spiced with cogent observations about aging, loneliness and ethnic identity. Altogether, it's as comforting as, well, a bowl of tortilla soup. Raquel Welch (nee Jo Raquel Tejada) plays the father's love interest. Director: Maria Ripoll 103 minutes.

February 11, *THE LADY FROM SHANGHAI*, (1947) One of the most famous “film noirs” even made, it stars Rita Hayworth and Orson Wells. It is the story of a complicated murder, with many crosses and double-crosses. To reveal anything would be spoiling the fun of working it all out afterwards. The initial reception of the film was lukewarm: viewers complained they couldn't understand what was going on. However, its reputation has only grown since 1947 and these days it is generally considered a masterpiece. Director: Orson Wells 90 minutes

February 25, *TO CATCH A THIEF*, a 1955 romantic thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock, from a screenplay by John Michael Hayes based on the 1952 novel of the same name by David Dodge. The film stars Cary Grant as a retired cat burglar who has to save his reformed reputation by catching a new “cat” preying on the wealthy tourists of the French Riviera. Grace Kelly stars opposite him as his romantic interest in her final film with Hitchcock.

For any updates, please call the Library 860-434-2272 or consult our website at www.lymepl.org

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Winter came down to our home one night quietly
pirouetting in on silvery-toed slippers of snow.
And we were children once again.

—Bill Morgan, Jr.

Again the snow blankets our landscape and our activities take us inside.

As I look back over the last six months, I reminisce about all the activities, lectures, and events sponsored by the Friends. We learned about a special horse called “Reckless,” listened to toe-tapping music, vicariously hiked the Appalachian Trail, heard a lecture on the ever increasing crisis of the “Opioid Epidemic,” and made a holiday topiary. All these programs were made possible by your membership in the Friends and your very generous donations. Thank you all for helping to make these last six months so successful. We couldn't have done it without you. From the Friends Board, we wish you all peace, good health, hope, laughter, joy, and love during this winter season, and all the seasons of your lives.

Join us in the coming months for even more exciting programs!

— Mary Mazur
President, Friends of the Lyme Public Library

Books-to-your-door

As the cold days and nights of winter ensue, do you feel like you need an escape? The Friends of the Lyme Public Library can help. It's simple. If you have a valid library card, give us a call or email us with your favorite authors, genres, or even movies. Give us a couple of days, and we will deliver some selections to your door. And it's free! Contact Gary at 860-434-9353 or Gljenki@sbcglobal.net.

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Wednesday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday – 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Book Donations

The Friends of the Lyme Public Library accept donations for the Book Nook, annual book sales, or for adding to the library's collection. Please go to <http://lymepl.org/friends-lyme-library.htm> for guidelines on what items and books the Friends can accept. Please do not deposit items directly into the Big Hearted Books bin in the parking lot. Please bring them inside the library for evaluation and sorting.

Dates to Remember

Art & Books (gr. K–5) – 3:15 P.M.

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14

Book Club – 7:00 P.M.

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8

Development and Value of Meadows – 2:00 P.M.

Mar. 24

Drop-in Preschool Story Hour – 10:30 A.M.

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28

Library Board – 4:30 P.M.

Jan. 31, Mar. 28

Meaning of Omelets and Life – 2:00 P.M.

Feb. 17

Open Studio (gr. 6–12) – 5:00 P.M.

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Reading Group – 2:00 P.M.

Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23; Mar. 9, 23

Spring Stories/Egg Hunt – 10:30 A.M.

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Mar. 10