



# LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Take Your Child to the Library Day – Saturday, February 2

February 2nd is the 8th annual Take Your Child to the Library Day! Once again, the Lyme Library is participating in this international event that started right here in CT! Stop in and enjoy special activities and some quality reading time with your child.



[www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org](http://www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org)

### Library Digital Resources Day – Saturday, January 12 – 10:30 A.M – 3:30 P.M.

This is the second of several designated days throughout the year when library staff will be on hand to assist patrons with learning how to use the library's digital resources. Whether it's Mango Languages, Hoopla, Overdrive, or RB Digital, the findIT CT or researchIT CT databases, stop in to get general information or make an appointment for one-on-one help. Bring your laptop, tablet, or phone (make sure you bring your charging cords and any passwords for Apple, Amazon, etc. that you might need) and learn how easy it is to access these resources. Please note: Older devices or devices with limited memory or disk space may not be compatible with these programs. (Snow date: January 26)

### PATRON'S CHOICE

Patrons have recommended these titles that they have checked out of the Lyme Public Library:

*Time's Convert* by Deborah Harkness – Harkness, author of the *All Souls Trilogy*, returns with a novel about vampires that spans centuries. Bustle says, "In *Time's Convert*, Deborah Harkness, the author of *A Discovery Of Witches*, spins a tale of life-ever-after, romance, and family drama, and it is gloriously entertaining."

*Varina* by Charles Frazier – The author of *Cold Mountain* revisits the Civil War with the story of Varina Howell, who longs for a quiet, comfortable life, but ends up marrying the man who becomes President of the Confederacy, and she must endure deal with the consequences of all that follows.

*The Good Neighbor: the Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King – "As the extreme importance of our most gifted teachers, and the credit they are due, become ever more evident, Maxwell King has provided a superb, thoughtful biography of the brilliant Fred Rogers, who with his long-running television show, reached more children than any teacher ever. ...Much there is for all of us to learn in Maxwell King's *The Good Neighbor*." —David McCullough

### Top Ten Titles Chosen in the PBS Network series "The Great American Read"

These titles were chosen by voters as the best-loved American novels. You can read the full list at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org).

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| 10. <i>Jane Eyre</i>           | 5. <i>Lord of the Rings</i> (Series) |
| 9. <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> | 4. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>        |
| 8. <i>Little Women</i>         | 3. <i>Harry Potter</i> (Series)      |
| 7. <i>Charlotte's Web</i>      | 2. <i>Outlander</i> (Series)         |
| 6. <i>Gone with the Wind</i>   | 1. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>      |

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Preschool Story Hour for Ages 2-5–Wednesdays,  
February 6 through April 10, from 10:30–11:15 A.M.**

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. **Please call to register or email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org).**

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### Art and Books with Kristen Thornton for Grades K-5, Wednesdays, January 9, February 6, and February 27 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. 9—*Penguin Problems* by Jory John/Penguin painting and collage

Feb. 6—*Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes* by Eva Chen/Scratch Paper Art

Feb 27—*The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires/Innovative Sculpture

**Limited to 12 children. Please call to register or email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org).**

### Toying with Science with Kristen Thornton for Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, January 16, February 13, and March 13 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!

Jan. 16—Ice science experiments

Feb 13—Color experiments

Mar. 13—Straw roller coasters

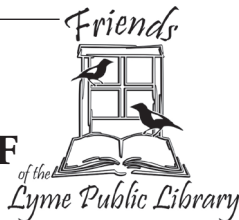
**Limited to 12 participants. Please call or email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) to register.**

### Open Studio—Still Life with Kristen Thornton for Grades 6-12, Tuesdays from 5:00–6:00 P.M.

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](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) to register. (The class will resume after the holiday break on January 8 and will not meet on February 19, March 5, and April 16.)**

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*Creatures of the Night*, With Live Animals from  
the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center,  
Saturday, January 19th at 2:00 PM

Join wildlife biologist Kris Vagos from the Stewart B. McKinney Wildlife Refuge for an entertain-

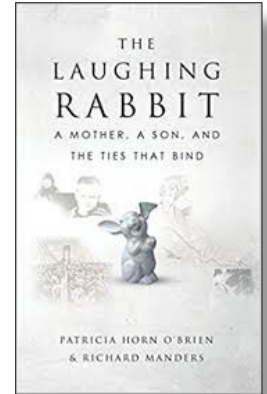
ing and informative nature program about nocturnal animals. This family friendly program about owls, bats, opossums, flying squirrels, and other fascinating creatures of the night is great for all ages - and we'll have LIVE ANIMALS here at the library, courtesy of Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Come by to learn about these fascinating creatures of the night!



### *The Laughing Rabbit: A Mother, A Son, and The Ties That Bind* - A Book Reading and Signing event with Patricia Horn O'Brien on Saturday, February 16th at 2:00 P.M.

In 1962, when Pat (O'Brien) made the difficult decision to give up her baby, the laws surrounding adoption forced a complete severing of the link between mother and child. But as the years passed, and Pat met adoptees searching for birth parents, as well as other birth mothers longing to reunite with their children, she began to hope that she might one day reconnect with her son. After a relentless pursuit for information that ended with sidestepping the bureaucracy that walled off adoption records, she found him. The two eventually formed a deep bond that became the foundation for a close, albeit surprisingly extended family.

Pat is a graduate of Columbia School of Social Work and has worked and volunteered as a social worker throughout her adult life. She is a member of the Guilford Poets Guild and co-founded CT River Poets. Pat is Old Saybrook's Poet Laureate.



### "Irish Folktales & Songs" presented by Ann Shapiro, Master Storyteller & Musician - Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 P.M.

Ann Shapiro will present "Irish Folk Tales & Songs," bringing the folk traditions of music and storytelling together in her presentation. Her Irish stories are full of humor, as well as poignancy. Come and celebrate the Irish through their voluminous oral tradition and enjoy the participatory songs interspersed with the tales. Although Ann is not Irish herself, she was brought into the fold through her husband, Tom Calinan, and she has kissed the Blarney Stone!

Ann and Tom's recordings include: "Hokey Folky" and "For No Good Reason At All" (sing-alongs), "Imagine Menagerie" and "I'm Gonna Tell" (stories in tandem), "Let's Clean Up Our Act" (songs for the earth), and most recently, "Home Remedies" (original songs about family life).



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## THE SUNDAY MOVIE CLUB

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On several Sundays in January through March, the Friends will be showing feature length movies at the Library at 2 o'clock. 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. We look forward to seeing you at our screenings, as follows:

**January 6, *CINEMA PARADISO* (1988)** Written and directed by the Italian filmmaker Giuseppe Tornatore, it stars the French actor Philippe Noiret. It won the Grand Prix at the 1989 Cannes Film Festival and the Oscar for Best Foreign Movie in the same year. It deals with the memories of a successful filmmaker (Salvatore Cascio), when he hears of the death of his mentor, the projectionist Alfredo (Noiret). 124 minutes.

**January 20, *THE LADY EVE* (1941)** Preston Sturges directs a sinfully romantic comedy starring Barbara Stanwyck as a calculating card shark who fleeces passengers on transatlantic ocean liners. When she discovers that an ingenious young millionaire (Henry Fonda) is on board, the scheming Stanwyck figures he'll be a pushover if she plays her cards right. 94 minutes.

**February 3, *MEETING VENUS* (1991)** A deliciously biting satire set in Paris when Europe faces unification and is struggling not only with differing languages and cultures, but also with divergent ideas about work, love and art. Glenn Close plays a temperamental Swedish diva. (Kiri Te Kanawa provides the diva's voice.) Niels Arestrup plays a married Hungarian conductor whose job requires that he navigate the nationalities, politics, eccentricities, ambitions and affairs swirling all around him. Istvan Szabo directs. 120 minutes.

**February 17, *THE PALM BEACH STORY* (1942)** Vintage Preston Sturges, with Claudette Colbert, Joel McCrea, Rudy Vallee and Mary Astor in a screwball romp guaranteed to make you laugh. McCrea plays Tom Jeffers, an inventor whose pie-in-the-sky concoctions haven't yet made a dime. Colbert is Gerry, Tom's wife. They are about to be thrown out of their New York apartment. This inspires Gerry to divorce Tom, find someone wealthy to marry and use her second husband's money to finance more of Tom's inventions. Gerry heads for Palm Beach—Tom follows in hopes of dissuading her. Revelry, confusion, complications and witty dialogue ensue. 88 Minutes.

**March 3, *RABBIT PROOF FENCE* (2002)** Three mixed-race girls are brutally torn from their Aboriginal mother and sent over a thousand miles away to a training camp for domestic workers as part of a government policy to integrate them into white society. Linking the camp and their distant home territory is a vast rabbit-proof fence, which stretches from one coast to another and just might help the girls find their way back. 94 minutes.

**March 17, *WAKING NED DEVINE* (1998)** When best friends Jackie O'Shea (Ian Bannen) and Michael O'Sullivan (David Kelly) discover someone in their small Irish village has won the lottery, they immediately set off to see if the winner is in a sharing mood. Deducing that Ned Devine is the lucky man, O'Shea and O'Sullivan pay him a visit, only to find him dead from shock. Since Devine is the only one who can claim the prize, the towns-

folk band together to convince the claim inspector that O'Sullivan is really Devine, and split the cash. Perfect for St. Patrick's Day! 92 minutes

**Reservations are not required. For any updates, please call the Library 860-434-2272 or consult our website at [lymepl.org](http://lymepl.org).**

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## BOOK CLUBS

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**Library Book Club—Thursdays, January 10, February 14, and March 14 at 7:00 P.M.**

January 10—*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
February 14—TBA  
March 14—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 September through June on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 2:00 P.M. New members and guests are always welcome.

Upcoming meeting dates will be: January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22.

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## FRIENDS OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Friends President's Message

As we look back over the last six months, the Friends have sponsored events that have drawn our community together—from music by the meadow, to talks given by distinguished authors and scholars. We hope you will take some time to escape the cold days to come and enjoy the new “Book Nook” sign, the expanded bookcases, and new tables for the community room. —Mary Mazur, President of the Friends of the Lyme Public Library

### Nook News from the Friends...

Good news! The Book Nook has recently expanded! We have added two new bookcases to accommodate a variety of children's books from picture books to informational texts. We have also reinvented the adult bookcases to feature a nice collection of both fiction and non-fiction books. Stop by to see our new sign and find some great reads for those long winter days! —Deb Giaconia, Book Sales

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### LIBRARY HOURS

**Sunday & Monday – Closed**  
**Tuesday – 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**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.**

### Dates to Remember

Art & Books (gr. K-5) Jan. 9, Feb. 6, 27 at 3:15 P.M.  
Creatures of the Night – Jan. 19 at 2:00 P.M.  
Irish Folktales/Songs – Mar. 16 at 2:00 P.M.  
Laughing Rabbit – Feb. 16 at 2:00 P.M.  
Library Board of Directors – Jan. 30, Mar. 27 at 4:30 P.M.  
Library Book Club – Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14 at 7:00 P.M.  
Library Digital Resources Day – Jan. 12 from 10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Open Studio – Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26 at 5:00 P.M.  
Preschool Story Hour (ages 2-5) – Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 A.M.  
Reading Group – Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, 22, Mar. 8, 22 at 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday Movie Club – Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, 17, Mar. 3, 17 at 2:00 P.M.  
Take Tour Child to the Library Day – Feb. 2, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
Toying with Science (gr. 3-5) – Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 at 3:15 P.M.