



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

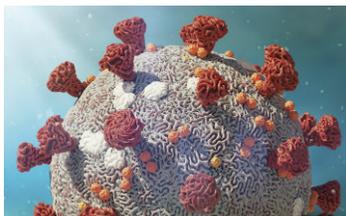


April/May/June 2020

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Shutdown Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

On Friday, March 13 as this newsletter was going to press, the Library was ordered to close to the public by First Selectman Steve Mattson to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. His order lasts until April 30, but depending on the situation at that time, the shutdown could last longer. As of this writing, staff will be reporting to work and will assist patrons via phone and email. We will also investigate the safety of offering curbside or delivery services. Our digital resources are available 24/7. We can assist you over the phone if you need help accessing them. If your Lyme Library card is expired, we can renew it over the phone for you. Your card must be up to date to access our digital offerings. If you do not have a library card, we can give you a temporary card via email that you can use. Once the shutdown is over, you will have to come to the library and confirm your identity to continue using the card.



If you do not subscribe to our email list or follow us on social media, this would be a good time to start. We will be posting daily updates about available services. You can subscribe to our email list by emailing programreg@lymepl.org. Also, follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@lymepl) and Instagram (lymepubliclibrary).

We are including May and June programs in this newsletter. We hope we can proceed with them, but it is possible some or all of them will be cancelled as well. Please stay tuned, and stay safe!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Now on Tuesdays)

Art and Books with Kristen Thornton for Grades K-5, Tuesday, May 5 at 3:15 P.M.

May 5: *The Honeybee* by Kirsten Hall/Honeybee illustrations.

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

Toying with Science with Kristen Thornton for Grades 3-5, Tuesday, May 12 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 12: All about Bees

Limited to 12 participants.

Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register.

There will be no Art & Books and Toying with Science programs in June.

Open Studio/Still Life with Kristen Thornton for Grades 6-12, Tuesdays from 5 to 6 P.M. through June 2

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: The regular session of Open Studio will end on June 2. The summer session will begin on June 30. The full summer schedule will appear in the next newsletter and on our website.

Open Studio Art Show: June 30 through July 28

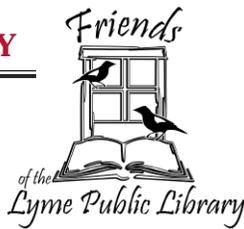
Students in Kristen Thornton's Open Studio class will be exhibiting their art in the Library Community Room. There will be an opening reception on Tuesday, June 30 at 5 P.M. Please come and see the imaginative and creative work the students are doing!

SUMMER READING

The kickoff for the Reading Program will be Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 P.M. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story!" Children are invited to join Kristen Thornton for activities throughout the summer. Please check our next newsletter, website and events calendar for July and August dates.

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**PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY
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Please register for the programs below by calling 860-434-2272 or email programreg@lymepl.org.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE RAPID SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY ON THE DAY OF THE PROGRAM TO CONFIRM THAT THEY WILL TAKE PLACE.

Library Cookbook Club: Saturdays, May 9, and June 27 at 1:00 P.M.

Pick and make a recipe from each month's category, bring it to share, sample other attendee's recipes, and make new friends!

May 9: Dot Orr Cookbook Collection. Pick a recipe from one of the many volumes in the Dot Orr Collection at the Library.

June 27: It's Picnic! Choose your favorite picnic recipe.

"Xtreme Sports" with Tom Miller, Saturday, May 2 at 2 P.M.

Recently retired ESPN employee Tom Miller will talk about his experiences traveling the world working on X Games Television Production. ESPN X Games is the premier action sports competition and lifestyle brand, spotlighting the world's best action sports athletes at the Summer and Winter versions of the X Games.



"Creating Connecticut," presented by Walter W. Woodward, Saturday, May 16 at 2 P.M.



Connecticut State Historian Walter Woodward helps us understand how people and events in Connecticut's past played crucial roles in forming the culture and character of Connecticut today. Woodward, a gifted story-teller, brings the history we thought we knew to life, and will leave us thinking about our state's past – and its future – in a whole new way.

Staehtly Farm and Winery Workshop, "Create Your Own Spring Planter and Wine Tasting," Tuesday, May 26, 6 to 8 P.M.

Back by popular demand, this is a great way to "kick-off" the summer session. Join us at Staehtly's greenhouse for a tutorial about all the wonderful plants they have to offer to



create your own unique masterpiece to enjoy all summer. Top the evening off with cheese and crackers and a selection of Staehtly's very own wines. The fee this year will be \$50.00/person. The workshop is limited to 15 participants, so call 860-434-2272 to sign up soon.

Lyme Library's Digital Resources: An Overview, Saturday, May 30 from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.

Theresa Conley and Kathy Varady will present a visual overview of the library's digital resources and how to use them. Included will be how to log into your Verso account to renew and reserve items, and setting up and using accounts for Overdrive, Hoopla, RB Digital, Kanopy, and Mango. If you can't attend the presentation, staff will be on hand between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. to assist patrons individually. Please be sure to bring power cords and account passwords for individual devices you need assistance with. Please call the library for more information and to register so that there are enough handouts for those present.

"In a Class All Their Own," presented by Tom Verde, Saturday, June 20 at 2 P.M.

Journalist Tom Verde will talk about the classic and historic boats he has covered in articles written for the *Westerly Sun*. These stories include the fabled history of the cat boat; the first fiberglass sailing yacht; a NY ferry boat repurposed as a houseboat; the oldest working fishing boat in Stonington, CT; racing rivalries in the Sound; the French love affair with American boat designs; and the Jazz Age era of luxury yachting, among others.



Friends of the Lyme Public Library Annual Meeting and Music Event, Thursday, June 25 at 7 P.M.

Join the Friends for our Annual Meeting and celebrate our six-year anniversary with an evening filled with refreshments and music. Following our brief meeting, musicians Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuhle will entertain us with popular songs from the 1960s and 1970s, performed in an authentic style. Find out what amazing programs the Friends have sponsored this past year and dance the night away on the Library's patio.

BookNook News from the Friends

Spring is here and books are popping up everywhere! See what's new at the FLPL Book Nook! We have a great collection of knitting books on display now plus a good collection of fiction and non-fiction to entice you and you can support your library at the same time! Stop by!

We have also been sorting and preparing for the upcoming annual June book sale all year long. It's time for spring cleaning, so donate your gently used books to the library! Bring them to the library when it's open and we'll take care of them. No need to wait until June. The sale will be held June 12 & 13 this year. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare for the sale, please contact me at lymelibraryfriends@gmail.com.

*Deb Giaconia,
FLPL Book Sales*

Message from Mary Mazur

President, Friends of the Lyme Public Library

Welcome to New England!! It seems like the seasons are morphing into each other, each lacking a clear definition. As we anxiously await the first vestiges of spring, the trees budding and the daffodils proudly displaying their brilliant colors, let us look forward to some exciting and diverse programming being sponsored at our Library. Mark your calendars for sharing recipes and culinary delights when you participate in our on-going cookbook club. Share the adventures of a local, Emmy Award-winning, Xtreme Sports newscaster. Finally, don't forget to join us for our annual meeting for a night of music, refreshments, and warm memories. These are just a few of the many upcoming events, so join us at our library, the heart of our community.

BOOK CLUBS

Library Book Club, Thursdays, May 14, and June 18 at 7 P.M.

May and June titles to be announced. New members and guests are always 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 Reading Group meets September through June on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 2 P.M. New members and guests are always welcome. Future meetings will be held on May 8, May 22, June 12 and June 26.

Library Strategic Plan

In January 2019, the Lyme Public Library Board of Directors voted to create an updated three-year strategic plan to determine how the library can best serve the evolving needs of Lyme residents in the coming years. In order to do this, a subcommittee undertook a thorough information-gathering process that lasted several months and engaged more than 250 members of the community through individual interviews, focus groups, online and paper surveys, as well as research and analysis. Board members are now taking steps towards achieving the goals outlined in the plan. Want to know more? Go to <http://www.lymepl.org/latenews.htm>.

LPL Programming Committee

In early 2020, a new committee formed to coordinate event programming at the library. It features members from the Friends of the Library, Library Board Directors, and the library director. The committee welcomes feedback from the community. If you have ideas for programs you'd like to see at the library, please contact Library Director Theresa Conley at 860-434-2272 or tconley@lymepl.org.

Top Ten List: Library Digital Resources You Can Access without Leaving Your House

10. Hoopla for digital books and comics, digital audio books, TV shows, and movies. These resources are always available.
9. Kanopy for movies and TV. You can get unlimited viewing for 30 days with Kanopy Kids, and for individual seasons of TV series. Individual movies are good for 3 days.
8. Acorn TV through RB Digital enables you to watch the best of British TV.
7. Overdrive for digital magazines.
6. Were you planning to attend a concert that's been cancelled? Stream concerts with Qello Concerts via RB Digital.
5. Get best-selling ebooks and digital audio books via Overdrive. This is a one user at a time service, but you can reserve titles that are checked out.
4. Need to keep your kids engaged? Help them learn a new language with Mango. There are over 75 languages to choose from!
3. Do you like offbeat, quirky movies? Check out IndieFlix from RB Digital.
2. Download or stream music via Hoopla. Check out the latest releases from your favorite artists or try something new.
1. All of these resources are free and waiting for you with your Lyme Public Library card!

Contact the library if you need help setting up your account or accessing these resources.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 am to 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am to 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm

Friday: 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

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