



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

LIBRARY NEWS

Fines? No. Donations? Yes!

Effective October 1, 2017, the Library will no longer charge overdue fees for late materials. Instead, we will encourage you to contribute a donation to the jar on the circulation desk in the amount of your choice.

Why the change? There are many reasons. We don't want anyone to be reluctant to come to the library because they owe fines and can't pay them. Our staff does not want to have to evaluate whether a person has a valid (or good) reason for the delay in returning their item(s). We don't want to be discussing with patrons how much they owe in fines! We want to discuss the latest books we've read and what we're looking forward to next! We want visiting the library to be an enjoyable and enriching experience for all our patrons.

That being said, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- We will continue to use our current fee schedule as suggested donation amounts, so if you are not sure how much to donate, we can suggest an amount. However, the amount you donate is up to you.
- Remember that other people may be waiting for the items you have checked out. Please be considerate and return them by their due dates whenever possible. You will still be required to pay for lost or damaged materials. If you have items that are four weeks overdue, your card will be blocked until the items are returned or you pay for them.
- The Library depends on fine income as part of our annual operating budget. If we do not receive enough donation income to balance our budget, we may be required to reinstate mandatory fines.

We hope this change will enhance your library experience. We welcome your comments.

Lyme Local History Archives Open House

The Lyme Local History Archives will have an OPEN HOUSE at the Library on Oct. 21, 1-3 P.M. On exhibit will be letters written by individuals from Lyme who served in the United States armed forces during World War I. Photos, artifacts and other ar-

chival materials will be on display, loaned from Lyme families or drawn from the Archives' collections. Everyone is welcome.

Please Note: From November 20, 2017 through January 15, 2018, the Lyme Local History Archives will be open only on Thursdays from 10 A.M. to 12 noon. Assistance will be available then or leave a phone or email message. Phone: 860-598-9760. Email: lymepublichall1887@gmail.com

News from the Lyme Garden Club

Q: What is happening with the lawns at the library and town campus?

A: The Lyme Garden Club is in the long process of building a pesticide and herbicide-free organic town campus, which will take 3-4 years. We are creating a perennial meadow in the area near the library by planting cool-weather grasses, black-eyed Susans, coneflowers and other plants. It will take time before the plants are fully established and the soil pH is changed with the addition of lime which will discourage weed growth without the use of herbicides. Ongoing maintenance will be required to sustain these areas. The mowed areas are also treated with organic fertilizer and the grass is cut at a 3-4" height.

Q: Why is this being done?

A: With the decrease of honeybees, butterflies and other beneficial pollinators in our gardens and on our farms, we want to provide an environment where these pollinators, birds, insects and wildlife will be able to survive and thrive.

Q: What other benefits are there?

A: Storm water accumulation and erosion will be reduced with meadow planting. With the school adjacent to the town property, not using herbicides will protect the children and will keep harmful chemicals from affecting plants and wildlife.

Watch for future articles, handouts and a lecture at the library. The Lyme Garden Club welcomes volunteers to help with this project.

—Mary Ann Kistner (makistner@comcast.net) & Judy Davies (jwd50@comcast.net), Lyme Garden Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Hour

Ages 2–5, Wednesday, October 18th from 10:30–11:15

Story hour for children ages 2-5 will begin on Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30 A.M. and will run through December 13th. 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.**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Art and Books with Kristen Thornton

Grades K-5, Wednesdays, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th 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.

Oct. 11th – *Butterfly Park* by Elly MacKay/Shadow box collages

Nov. 8th – *Lotus & Feather* by Ji-Li Jiang/Origami paper birds

Dec. 13th – *The Wish Tree* by Kyo Maclear/Print-making

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

Toying with Science

Grades 3-5 with Kendall Perkins, Wednesdays, October 18th, November 15th, and December 20th 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!

Oct. 18th – Cool Concoctions! Learn about liquids. Experiment with liquid volume, shape, & flow, make viscosity wands, mystery marbles, and density necklaces.

Nov. 15th- Gravity Gadgets! Power objects without batteries, electric power, or computer chips. Use gravity's pulling power and a few everyday items to make a "flow and go" boat that really works.

Dec. 20th – Go With Gravity! Make mini marble ramps and up-and-down critters, or a simple tumbler. **Limited to 12 participants. Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register.**

Open Studio: Still Life with Kristen Thornton

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 (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.**

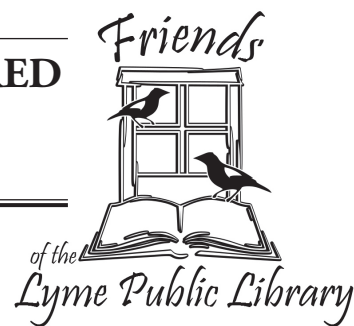
Halloween

Grades K-2, Wednesday, October 25th from 3:15 – 4:30 P.M.

Children in grades K-2 will join Kristen Thornton for a program of spooky stories, creepy crafts, and Halloween treats. No costumes, please. **Please call or email programreg@lymepl.org to register.**

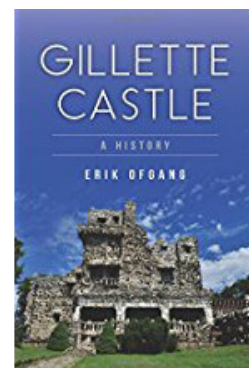
PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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



Gillette Castle: a History by Erik Ofgang - Thursday, October 12, 6:00 P.M.

Gillette Castle is one of the best known attractions in our area. The castle and grounds were the home of actor William Gillette. The site became a state park in 1943 and has become one of the area's most popular tourist attractions. Award-winning writer Erik Ofgang will speak about the history of the castle and William Gillette's career portraying Sherlock Holmes, and will sign copies of his book.



"The Opioid Epidemic" presented by Michael Saxe, M.D., Chairman Emeritus, Department of Emergency Medicine Middlesex Hospital - Monday, November 6th, at 7:00 PM

One of the most urgent issues we are facing in our state right now is the spike in overdose deaths due to opioid addiction. It is not a pleasant topic to think about, but it affects every one of us in some fashion. Dr. Michael Saxe will speak about the history of the epidemic, its causes, and what must be done to end it.

Designing Boxwood Topiaries for the Holidays presented by Nancy Ballek - Thursday, November 16th, 6:30 PM

This workshop is limited to 10 people, and advance registration is required. There is a fee of \$10.00/person to cover the cost of materials.

Songs of the Second World War presented by Catfeather Art & Music - Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 P.M.

The popular music of the Second World War was influenced by many different cultural traditions. Tin Pan Alley, Vaudeville, Swing, Country, Jazz, Blues and Big Band music were blending in a diverse and dynamic way to form the soundtrack of the period. "Songs of WWII" is a program that combines some of the most entertaining and popular songs of the 1940s (Don't

Sit Under the Apple Tree, Road to Victory) along with background information on the War and the music that it inspired.

Future Programs

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018, at 2:00 PM; Andrew Pighills, of The Royal Horticultural Society

“The Art of Dry Wall Structures from both England and New England”

Saturday, March 10th, 2018, 2:00 PM, Pam Meier

Demo and Presentation: Turtle Wildlife Rehabilitator

Sunday Movie Club

Sundays, November 5th & 19th, and December 3rd & 17th at 2:00 P.M.

Back for its second season, mark your calendars to travel with us—through the magic of movies—to Europe, Australia, China, Mexico, India...all without leaving town. 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:



November 5, SILK STOCKINGS, from 1957, is an MGM film adaptation of the 1955 musical of the same name, which in itself was a remake of NINOTCHKA, the successful Billy Wilder movie (1939) with Greta Garbo. The film stars Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse and was directed by Rouben Mamoulian. It was nominated for two Oscars, for Best Film (The Bridge on the River Kwai won) and Best Actress (Kay Kendall for Les Girls). It would be Astaire's last musical comedy, almost reason in itself to come and see it (again). 1 hr., 57 min.

November 19, ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT, from 1930. Based on possibly the most famous book about the First World War, which ended on November 11, 1918. The film rights were bought by Universal Studios and the director, Lewis Milestone used thousands of German army veterans as extras to make the film as realistic as possible. It was considered a truthful account of the war by most critics. Nominated for four Oscars, it won for Best Movie and Best Director. A true classic. 2 hrs. 37 min.

December 3, KING OF MASKS, Director: Wu Tianming Writer: Wei Minglung, 101 minutes - Sichuan, China. 1930. An old curmudgeon in search of an heir; a young child in search of a father. The compelling simplicity and beauty of this film packs surprising emotional power. Wang, the old man, is a performer who plies his craft from village to village along a river. Although his act—the rapid changing of silk masks—is as humble as he, Wang has earned a certain fame and the respect of far more powerful artists. But he has no son to carry on the tradition. Enter the child, whom he buys at a black market and begins to train—only to discover that she is a girl, and thus not eligible to inherit. This poignant story digs deeply into the nature of hope, poverty, loneliness and art—and is sure to take hold of your heart.

December 17, WATER, Writer and Director: Deepa Mehta 115 minutes - India. 1938. An 8 year-old, sold as a child-bride by her impoverished parents, is suddenly widowed. The Hindu practice of suttee—wherein a widow hurls herself onto the funeral pyre of

her late husband—has been outlawed. Chuyia, the young girl, is consigned to an ashram, where widows who aren't married off to their brothers-in-law, live out their lives in a kind of suspended animation. Deepa Mehta's exquisite film “Water” follows the girl as she makes a life for herself in the ashram and finds her way to liberation from its confines. It also explores the traditions of an Indian society on the brink of independence. Released in 2005, this lyrical movie was nominated for an Oscar as Best Foreign Film.

BOOK CLUBS

Library Book Club – Thursdays, November 9 and December 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Nov. 9 – *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Dec. 14 – *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (tentative depending on availability)

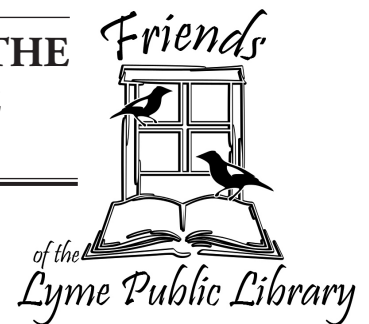
New members and guests are welcome. A limited number of copies of the selected titles are available at the circulation desk 3-4 weeks before each discussion.

Reading Group

Reading Group meets at 2:00 on the second and fourth Fridays of each month through December. New members and guests are cordially welcome.

Due to the holidays there will only be one meeting in Nov. & Dec. Upcoming meeting dates will be: Oct. 13th and 27th, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

FRIENDS OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY



“Autumn is crisp days and cool nights,

a time to curl up around the dancing flames

and sink into a good book” —John Sinor

Who said, “Spring forward, fall back?” Not the Friends of the Lyme Public Library!!!! We are “springing” ahead with some wonderful, exciting, informative, educational upcoming programs!! See the “Programs” section of the newsletter.

Thanks to all those who shared in the captivating and endearing history of the horse called Reckless with Janet Barrett; thanks to those who sang along with singer, song writer, Marc Black; and thanks to those who traveled the Appalachian Trail with retired K9 officer, Sam Ducharme. Thanks again for helping to make all our efforts successful by your participation and support.

— Mary Mazur
President, Friends of the Lyme Public Library

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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.

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

Open Studio (gr. 6-12) 5:00 P.M.

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19

Art & Books (gr. K-5) 3:15 P.M.

Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

Gillette Castle 6:00 P.M.

Oct. 12

Reading Group 2:00 P.M.

Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 10; Dec. 8

Preschool Story Hour 10:30 A.M.

Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13

Toying with Science (gr. 3-5) 3:15 P.M.

Oct. 18; Nov. 15; Dec. 20

Lyme Local History Archives Open House 1–3 P.M.

Oct. 21

Halloween (gr. K-2) 3:15

Oct. 25

Sunday Movie Club 2:00 P.M.

Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17

Opioid Epidemic 7:00 P.M.

Nov. 6

Book Club 7:00 P.M.

Nov. 9; Dec. 14

Boxwood Topiaries 6:30 P.M.

Nov. 16

WWII Music 7:00 P.M.

Dec. 2