



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY NEWS

Wi-Fi Hotspot Available for Loan

The Library is now offering a Sprint portable Pocket Wi-Fi Hotspot for loan. The device can offer connectivity for up to 10 devices anywhere 3G or 4G service is available. Borrowers must be at least 18 years of age, have lived in Lyme for at least 90 days, and must have a library card in good standing. The device may be borrowed for one week and cannot be renewed or reserved. Not sure why you might need a Wi-Fi hotspot? Check out the Top Ten List below or ask the staff for more information.

Top Ten Reasons to Check Out the Library's Pocket Wi-Fi Hotspot

10. You can save money on outrageous hotel Wi-Fi charges when you are traveling.
9. You are experiencing an extended power failure.
8. You will be traveling or visiting an area where Wi-Fi is limited or unavailable.
7. It is safer than connecting to public Wi-Fi networks that can be easily hacked or fraudulent.
6. You can supplement your own home internet capacity because the hotspot can support up to 10 Wi-Fi enabled devices.
5. You can stay connected in the car to keep the kids entertained on long trips.

4. You are fed up with your slow internet connection at home.
3. Make your train commute go faster by connecting your computer or tablet.
2. You can connect your Android or Apple devices, laptops, Kindles, and gaming consoles.
1. It can save you money by preventing you from exceeding the limits on your data plan!

Library Conference Room Renamed to Honor Judith Lightfoot

On August 6, approximately 60 people gathered at the Library for the dedication of the Judith Lightfoot Conference Room. Judy recently stepped down after 31 years on the Library Board, 27 of those as Chair. Library Director Theresa Conley, First Selectman Ralph Eno, Lyme Public Library Foundation President George Willauer, Friends of the Library President Mary Mazur, and Library Board Chair Jack Sulger spoke about Judy's contributions to the Library. A plaque now hangs over the door, and a portrait of Judy now adorns the wall of the Conference Room. A summary of Judy's accomplishments on the Library Board is available at <http://lymepl.org/latenews.htm>.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Drop in Story Time

for Children Ages 2-5 – Wednesdays, September 21 through November 16 from 10:30–11:15 A.M

Drop in Story Time for children ages 2-5 will begin on Wednesday, September 21st at 10:30 A.M. and will run through November 16th. 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. Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson will be available to read to children who drop by.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Art and Books with Kristen Thornton

for Grades K-5, Wednesdays, September 14 and October 12 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.

Wednesday, September 14 – Book – *Circle* by Jeanne Baker/Activity – Photo collages

Wednesday, October 12 – Book – *Night World* by Mordicai Gerstein/Activity – Crayon and ink washes

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

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Toy Around with Science with Kendall Perkins

for Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, September 21 and October 19 from 3:15–4:30 P.M.

Toy around with Science!

Gizmos and Gadgets. . . and a few Pops and Fizzes! Each session will explore a principle of physics or chemistry by making something fun that works, with everyday materials!

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. beginning September 6th.

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.

Note: The Open Studio participants held an art show at the library in June that showcased the progression in their artistic development. Even if a child doesn't think he or she has any artistic talent, this is an enjoyable stress-free environment for them to learn and grow in skills and confidence. Who knows? The next Monet or Van Gogh may be among us!

BOOK CLUBS

Library Book Club – Thursdays, September 15th and October 13th at 7:00 P.M.

September 15th – *The Bookshop* by Penelope Fitzgerald
October 13th – *Theophilus North* by Thornton Wilder

Guests and new members are welcome. Copies of the titles are available at the circulation desk 3-4 weeks before each discussion.

Reading Group

The Friday afternoon reading group will resume on September 9th at 2:00. Members will share titles they read over the summer. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 2:00 P.M. New members and guests are always welcome. Upcoming meeting dates are September 23, October 14 and October 28.

Tablet and eReader Help

Saturdays, September 24 and October 29 from 1:30–3:30 P.M.

Our drop-in Technology sessions are now by appointment. There are four 30 minute slots available for each date. If you would like help learning how to use your tablet computer or eReader, call to schedule a time. Please let us know what device you would like help with and be sure to bring any power and USB cables that came with your device as well as any relevant passwords, instruction manuals or user guides. Library staff will assist you in learning how to access library resources from your devices and can give some basic help to get you started. If you can't make these sessions, give us a call and we will try to find a mutually convenient time to help you.

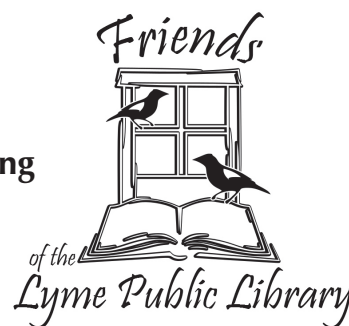
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To register for any of the programs below, please call 860-434-2272 or email programreg@lymepl.org.

Lisa Lelas – Stacking your building blocks toward bliss. 8 essential steps toward creating a more focused, fulfilled and streamlined life:

Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 A.M.

LISA LELAS is a nationally recognized productivity director, lifestyle coach and bestselling author who helps businesses and entrepreneurs achieve success by implementing a clear plan of action. She is an expert on time management, work/life balance and living joyfully every day. Her tips and advice on organizing your life can be heard regularly in newspapers, magazines, TV and radio. She has appeared on: Oprah Winfrey, the Today Show and more. A former NY film and TV casting director, Lisa knows the importance of captivating your audience and editing your life 'script' through prioritizing, simplifying and strategizing.



Water Babies, a Slide/Lecture Presentation
by William Burt: Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 P.M.



Naturalist, writer, and photographer William Burt will preview his upcoming new book *Water Babies: The Hidden Lives of Baby Wetland Birds* with a slide/lecture presentation. The “babies” are the downy young of ducks, grebes, gallinules and shorebirds, herons, and the other birds of wetlands – those that get their feet wet, as it were – and challenging they are, to birder and photographer alike: quick-footed, wary, and well-

camouflaged, to say the least; and temporary (you have only a week or two each year in which to find them). But above all else, they are endearing. From the comic-monster herons to the fuzzy ducklings and stick-legged sandpipers, these tots have personality, and spunk. You see it in their faces, every one.

You’ll see the parent birds of wetlands in this slide presentation, too. Each downy chick is juxtaposed with the adult it will become.

To photograph these youngsters and adults, the author prowled their wetland breeding grounds each spring and summer for some 7 years, all over North America, from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico. The result: a portrait of these wild birds of the wetlands as both young and old, unknown and known, new and familiar.

Blue Madonna – Book Reading and Signing
by James R. Benn: Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 P.M.

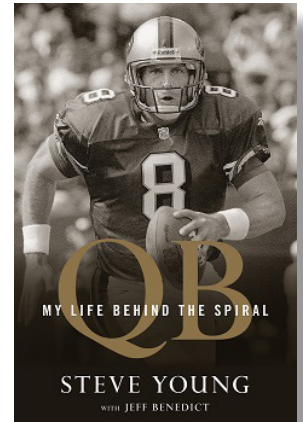


Jim Benn will read from and sign copies of his 11th Billy Boyle mystery, *Blue Madonna*. “Sentenced to three months, hard labor, Billy Boyle can avoid his punishment by partaking in a dangerous mission on the eve of the Normandy invasion.” Kirkus Reviews says, “Benn’s 11th Billy Boyle mystery has snappy dialogue, satisfying action scenes, and much interesting history about D-Day.” Copies of *Blue Madonna* will be for sale at the program.

Author Jeff Benedict – QB: My Life Behind the Spiral: the Autobiography of Hall of Fame Quarterback Steve Young
Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 P.M.

Jeff Benedict will speak and sign copies of his latest book *QB: the autobiography of Hall of Fame Quarterback Steve Young*. Benedict is a New

York Times bestselling author, a special features writer for *Sports Illustrated*, and a television and film producer. He has also written for the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*, and his stories have been the basis for segments on *60 Minutes*, *20/20*, *48 Hours*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, the *NFL Network*, *HBO Real Sports* and the *Discovery Channel*.

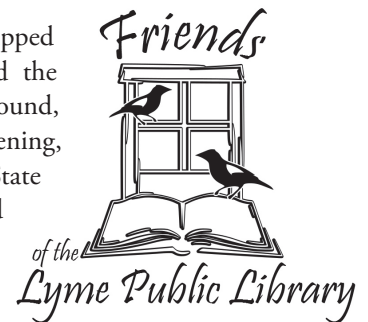


He has written fifteen books on topics ranging from violence against women to a deadly *E. coli* outbreak to the discovery of a 10,000-year-old skeleton in North America.

He is also an executive producer on the forthcoming motion picture film “*Little Pink House*,” starring Catherine Keener and Jeanne Tripplehorn. The movie is based on his book by the same title, and is the true story of the eminent domain case *Kelo v. City of New London* that was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005.

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As the sun gently slipped behind the hills and the evening dew kissed the ground, on a beautiful July evening, Kate Callahan, the CT State Troubadour, entertained a captivated audience with her melodic voice. Her gentle strings filled



the air as the lawn was dotted with enraptured concert goers sipping lemonade and munching on homemade chocolate chip cookies. A keynote summer—music echoing from the Library. A memorable concert in July followed by a joyous, nostalgic trip in August, back through time, hanging on to the warm memories of the music that filled our hearts and souls from the 50s and 60s. An evening shared with memorable composer/songwriter and singer Marc Black.

“What is more important in a library than anything else —than **everything** else—is the fact that it exists.” Archibald MacLeish, *American Scholar* (June 5, 1972)

Thanks to everyone who attends and shares in these unforgettable events, ensuring that our wonderful Library will continue to grow and flourish.

— 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.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 6 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 6 - Water Babies - Bill Burt 7:00 P.M.
Sept. 9 - Reading Group 2:00 P.M.	Oct. 8 - Jim Benn – Blue Madonna Book Talk 2:00 P.M.
Sept. 13 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 11 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.
Sept. 14 - After School Art (Grades K-5) 3:15 P.M.	Oct. 12 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.
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Sept. 21 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.	Oct. 14 - Reading Group 2:00 P.M.
Sept. 21 - Toy Around with Science (Grades 3-5) 3:15 P.M.	Oct. 18 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.
Sept. 23 - Reading Group 2:00 P.M.	Oct. 19 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.
Sept. 24 - Lisa Lelas Organizing 11:00 A.M.	Oct. 19 - Toy Around with Science (Grades 3-5) 3:15 P.M.
Sept. 24 - Tablet/eReader Help 1:30-3:30 P.M.	Oct. 25 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.
Sept. 27 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 26 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.
Sept. 28 - Library Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 28 - Reading Group 2:00 P.M.
Sept. 28 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.	Oct. 29 - Tablet/eReader Help 1:30-3:30 P.M.
Oct. 4 - Open Studio (Grades 6-12) 5:00 P.M.	Nov. 3 - Jeff Benedict – 7:00 P.M.
Oct. 5 - Drop in Storytime (Ages 2-5) 10:30 A.M.	

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