



NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

July • August • September 2024



LIBRARY NEWS

The Lyme Library staff and the Lyme Public Library Board of Directors sincerely thank artists Judy Cotton and Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff for donating their stunning paintings to the Library's collection of artworks. Ms. Cotton's painting is dedicated in honor of her friend TA Anna Kneeland. Mr. Peltenburg-Brechneff's works were given in honor of his long friendship with Judith and Richard Lightfoot. Please drop in to view these wonderful works of art.

Save the date for *Escape to Margaritaville*, the Lyme Library Foundation Fundraiser on August 29 at 7:30pm at the Ivoryton Playhouse. For ticket information, watch your mailbox or swing into the Library. See you there!

Melissa Fournier
Library Director

OUR TOWN • OUR VOICE OUR RESPONSIBILITY

In September, you will have the opportunity to record your opinions about Lyme's 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development. The Plan will guide decisions on land use, finance and development until 2035.

After Labor Day, look for a postcard inviting each adult in your household to take the POCD survey online. If you prefer to take the survey on paper, please call the First Selectman's Office at 860-434-7733, and a copy will be mailed to you.

Please fill out the survey! It is our responsibility to set Lyme's direction for the next ten years.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

For more information, call 860-434-2272, or visit lymepl.org. To register for any program, e-mail programreg@lymepl.org and include your name, contact information and the name of the program.

Summer Reading 2024 from June 13 to August 30

This year's summer reading theme is *Read, Renew, Repeat*. The Lyme Public Library would like to encourage all students to read and promote sustainability and conservation. Sign up for the program at the children's library and participate in the program to read, learn and win prizes. Free ice cream is provided by Salem Valley Farms.

Weekly Nature & Recycled Object Craft

For this year's summer reading program, the Children's Librarian will make a craft available during the Library's open hours to encourage making art from recycled objects. Drop by anytime and be creative! This is fun for all ages. Some parental assistance may be required.

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:15am

Children ages 2 to 5, along with their parents or caregivers are invited to a story time, sing-along and craft project. Each week Ms. Natalie will be focusing on a new theme for the stories along with songs and creative activities.

Shell & Bee Studio After-School Art Class Series: Tuesdays, July 16, August 6, Sept 3, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Join Ms. Chelbi as she leads a fun and creative after-school art class for elementary school students in grades 1-5.

Lyme Creative Arts Young Adult Hip Hop Dance Program: Saturday July 13, 2:00pm

A collaborative program between the Lyme Library and Lyme Creative Arts. An introduction to Hip Hop dance for students ages 11 and up. Please wear comfortable clothes that are easy to move in. To register for this event, go to lysb.org/teenarts or email programreg@lymepl.org

Lyme Creative Arts' Young Adult Afro-Colombian Dance Program: Saturday July 20, 2:00 – 3:30pm

A collaborative program between the Lyme Library and Lyme Creative Arts. An introduction to Afro Colombian dance for students ages 11 and up. Please wear comfortable clothes that are easy to move in. To register for this event, go to lysb.org/teenarts or email programreg@lymepl.org

Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday: Gross But Cool Science: July 27, 11:00am – noon

For children ages 6 – 11. S.T.E.A.M. Saturday provides hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences aimed at getting kids really excited about science, engineering, STEAM connections, and the world around them!

Cool-ology Wonder Tots: Saturday, August 3 and September 21, 11:00am

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Game Day with Veronica from Old Tyme Toys: September 17, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Kids ages 6 to 10 will enjoy a fun afternoon when Veronica brings several games to test out and play together.

ADULT PROGRAMS

To register for any program listed below, email programreg@lymepl.org or call 860-434-2272.

Art Exhibit by Allison Maltese, July 2 – August 30

Meet the Artist: Saturday, July 6, 2:00pm

Nature photographer Allison Maltese will be exhibiting her photographs at the Lyme Library. All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the work of the Lyme Public Library.

Lyme Library Trivia Club Night: July 3, August 7 and September 4, 7:00pm

Joining the Lyme Library Trivia Club is not only a terrific way to increase your knowledge of esoteric facts and bragging rights, but is an easy way to reconnect with family and old friends, and to make new friends.

What a Glorious Crash They Made! American Revolutionary Music with Richard Donohue: Thursday, July 9, 6:00pm

This 40-minute program features a collection of "New Songs" and hymns published in Connecticut during the American Revolution. Richard Franklin Donohue, Tenor & Harpsichord, will explore this fiery repertoire that, in the words of John Adams, "cultivated the sensations of Freedom." To register for this program, email programreg@lymepl.org

Yoga at the Library with Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga: July 19 and August 16, 11:00am – noon

Joan is a wonderful yoga instructor—even if you are new to yoga, this is the class you want to take. A \$10.00 fee is paid to the teacher at the door.

One-on-One Tech Support with Sue Latourette and Emily Lewis:

- Saturdays, July 20, August 17, 2:00 – 4:00pm (Sue)
- Wednesdays, July 10, August 14, September 11, 4:00 – 5:00pm (Emily)

Are you having technology issues? Could you use some support to figure things out? Drop by the library and sign up for one of our "one-on-one" tech support sessions.

Martin Scorsese and the American Dream with author Jim Cullen: Saturday, July 20, 2:00pm

The Lyme Library is honored to have author and educator Jim Cullen speak about his book *"Martin Scorsese and the American Dream."* Scorsese, acknowledged as one of the greatest American filmmakers, has tackled the consequences of striving toward the "American Dream" in each of his films. From *"Mean Streets"* to *"Killers of the Flower Moon,"* he has portrayed both the glamor and the moral and financial pitfalls of unchecked ambition, as well as what happens to the human spirit when it is disconnected from the anchors of human empathy and understanding. *"Martin Scorsese and the American Dream"* is a fascinating book and a must-read for any Scorsese fan or film lover. Register for this program by emailing programreg@lymepl.org

Discovering Moths: Nighttime Jewels in Your Backyard, with John Himmelman: Thursday, July 23, 8:30 – 10:00pm

Meet the beautiful, fascinating, and underappreciated cousins of the butterflies. Chances are that hundreds of species of moths live just outside your door. These important pollinators show an amazing variety of color, shape, and behavior, but since most (by no means all) are active at night, we often simply overlook them. But not Himmelman, who has long been as attracted to the moths as they are to lights! **Rain date July 25.**

The Lyme Library Chess Club: August 1 and September 5, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month (no meeting on July 4). Whether you want to learn how to play or you are looking for advanced players to play chess with, the Lyme Library Chess Club welcomes all levels. Chess boards are supplied by the Library.

Shoulder: A Memoir – Author reading with Moya Hession-Aiken: Tuesday, August 6, 6:00pm

Author and artist Moya Hession-Aiken will be appearing at the Lyme Library to speak about and read from her fantastic memoir *Shoulder*. An engaging, humorous, and heartfelt autobiography, *Shoulder: A Memoir* has the insight, wit and warmth that every autobiography needs to keep you turning pages and feeling like one has to say goodbye to a new friend at the end. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Racial Equity Book Club (Zoom): Tuesdays, August 13 and September 10, 5:30 – 6:30pm

To investigate how race, racism and white supremacy impacts our lives and our culture the Lyme Library Racial Equity Book Club meets once a month via Zoom to discuss books, films, and poetry on race in America. This group's meeting offers an open door to a respectful dialogue about systemic racism and its impact on society and the future. To register for these meetings and to receive the Zoom meeting invitation email programreg@lymepl.org

August's book is: *"Why Willie Mae Thornton Matters"* by Lynnée Denis, and September's selection is *"Without Reservation: The making of America's most powerful Indian Tribe and the World's Largest Casino"* by Jeff Benedict. Books can be picked up at the Lyme Library circulation desk.

Art Exhibit – Jac Lahav: September 1 – November 1

Jac Lahav is a multi-disciplinary artist, curator, parent, arts writer, children's book author, and community organizer. With Iranian and Polish roots, Lahav was born in Jerusalem Israel and raised in the United States, graduating with an MFA from Brooklyn College. Lahav's paintings and installations investigate narratives about community, belonging, and cultural history.

The Sweet Spot: Tuesday, September 3, 10:30am

Join your friends and family at the Lyme Library's "café." Refreshments are provided for free (donations are always welcome). Make new friends and learn more about the Library in an informal setting.

Twice Told Tales Film Series with Academy Award Winning Screenwriter Janet Roach:

Thursdays, September 5 & 19, 5:00pm

In the Lyme Library's new movie series "Twice Told Tales," we will be exploring two different films that are based on the same plot and screenplay, but are created by two different Directors and leading actors. We will screen two movies over two weeks, with a potluck dinner after the second movie and a chance to get together and discuss the films. The film series is hosted by Academy Award winning screen writer Janet Roach. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. To register email programreg@lymepl.org

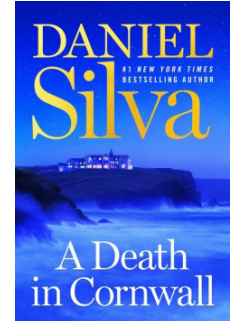
- **September 5:** *Ninotchka* (1939) directed by Ernst Lubitsch, starring Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas.
- **September 19:** *Silk Stockings* (1957), directed by Rouben Mamoulian with music by Cole Porter. Starring Cyd Charisse and Fred Astaire.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION

For more new reading choices, check out the Staff Pick shelf in the Library's new book area or use the scrolling carousels on our catalog homepage: lym.agverso.com.

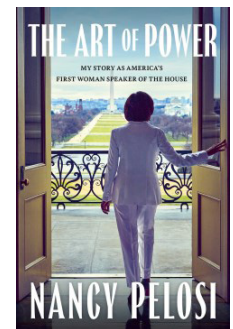
***A Death in Cornwall*
by Daniel Silva
(July release)**

A brutal murder, a missing masterpiece and a mystery only art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon can solve. Elegant and suspenseful, *A Death in Cornwall* is one of Daniel Silva's best.



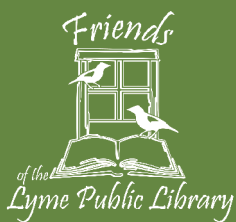
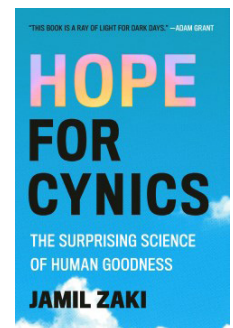
***The Art of Power: My Story as America's First Woman Speaker of the House*
by Nancy Pelosi
(August release)**

The most powerful woman in American political history tells the story of her transformation from housewife to House Speaker—how she became a master legislator, a key partner to presidents.



***Hope for Cynics: The Surprising Science of Human Goodness*
by Jamil Zaki (September release)**

For thousands of years, humans have argued about whether our species is generous or selfish, intrinsically kind or cruel. Cynicism is a perfectly understandable response to a world full of injustice and inequality. But it is often misplaced: if we fail to realize how kind, generous, and open-minded others really are, we actually bring out their worst behavior. Cynical thinking worsens social problems because our beliefs don't just interpret the world, they change it. Cynicism is a disease, with a history, symptoms...and a cure. Through science and storytelling, Jamil Zaki imparts the secret for beating back cynicism: *hopeful skepticism*.



The Friends of the Lyme Public Library had a very busy 2024-24 year, and a new fiscal year began in June. **Please** renew your Friends' membership—we value your support and need your funding for both adult and children's Library programs, and for other needs as they occur.

Our Sweet Spot event co-sponsored with the Library Board of Directors has become quite the social event! It will start up again in September, on the first Tuesday of the month, from 10:30 to 11:30am. Come share the sparkling conversation and refreshments.

SAVE THE DATES! The Friends' major fundraising event is our Annual Book Sale from September 6 – 8, and we hope to see you there (see times below). Until then, we have an interesting and ever-changing selection of books for sale in our Book Nook, always open during Library hours.

Enjoy your summer!
Jeanne Rutigliano, *President*

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Friday September 6
3:00 – 7:00pm

Saturday, September 7
10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, September 8
12:30-4:00pm
Fill-a-Bag for \$10

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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am to 8pm

Wednesday: 10am to 5pm

Thursday: 10am to 8pm

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Saturday: 10am to 4pm

Library Closed: Thursday, July 4 and Tuesday, September 3

Curbside service remains available,
call the library at 860-434-2272



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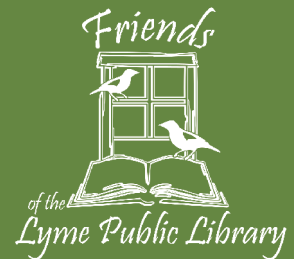
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