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## Derby Neck Library

A Regional Library

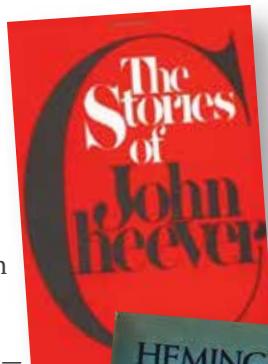
# Currents

Over a century of service  
to the Valley Community

### Tales of New England

Join us on Tuesday, July 18, 6:30pm as Storyteller Monica Peterson presents "Tales of New England". During this event, Monica will share historical stories of bravery, foolishness, love, and a touch of the supernatural. The audience will travel back in time to meet a heroine of the American Revolution, see a ghost ship, and explore the legend of the Charter Oak!

There is no registration required for this free event, so bring the family and friends!

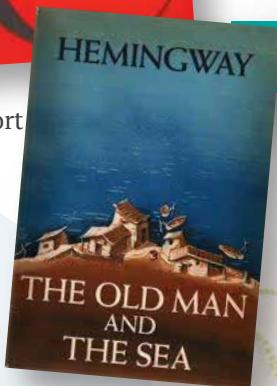


### LITERARY CLUB EVENTS

The Women's Forum, a discussion group which focuses on short stories and Valley history, will meet on Mon., July 17 at 12:30 p.m. to view a powerpoint presentation on "Derby Neck Library — 120 Years," detailing the library's founding and history. On Mon., Aug. 21 at 12:30 p.m. the topic will be two short stories—"The Hillies" by John Updike and "The Worm in the Apple" by John Cheever. Copies are available at the circulation desk. Bring a light lunch if you wish; we serve free coffee and tea at each meeting.

The Evening Book Club, which offers an informative and enthusiastic look at shorter novels and memoirs, meets on the final Monday of each month. On Mon., July 31 at 6:30 p.m., our book selected is "Tobacco Row" by Erskine Caldwell. On Mon., Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m., we will be discussion "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. Copies of each book are available at the library prior to each session.

For further information on either of these clubs, please speak with moderator Pat Sweeney.



### D&D Sundays & Skirmishes



On the first and third Sundays of the month, members of the D&D club will meet in the library from 1-5pm to play custom campaigns and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts. Refreshments are served throughout. All supplies provided. Contact club moderator, Ian Parsells at [headlibrarian@biblio.org](mailto:headlibrarian@biblio.org) if you are interested in joining the group. Also, on the third and last Thursday of every month at 6pm, we will do skirmish battles either against each other in PvP or in PvE against threats players have seen in the campaigns. If you don't have a character, we will roll one together.

### Essential Oils Class

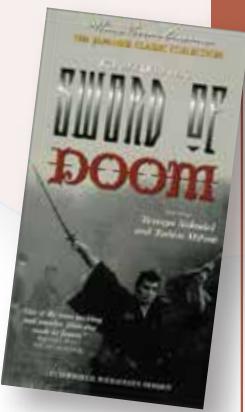
Willetta Capelle of *Young Living Essential Oils* will provide an **Essential Oils Class** on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30pm where attendees will learn how these oils can improve quality of life, uplift the spirit, provide relaxation, and more! There is no registration for this free program. All are welcome!



## ANDREW'S PICKS

*The Sword of Doom (Kihachi Okamoto, 1966).*

This movie begins with a shocking act of gratuitous, cold-blooded murder and ends with one of the most spectacular, horrifying bloodbaths ever captured on film. In between, it introduces characters and storylines (many of them familiar jidaigeki tropes, like the samurai training to learn an unbeatable sword technique so he can avenge his slain brother) only to abandon them unceremoniously—or, perhaps, to recognize them for the ephemeral illusions they are and gently brush them aside. (Okamoto's coldly beautiful style frequently juxtaposes the harsh or the grotesque with the delicate or the lovely.) And its final freeze-frame taunts the viewer who expects life to have any pattern or meaning beyond unremitting violence, or any resolution other than the sudden advent of nothingness. The film's nihilism is so pure that watching it becomes a harrowing spiritual exercise. It leaves one broken, empty of all certainties save the profound realization that all life is suffering.



## Drum Away the Blues

Join us on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30pm for a rhythm-based relaxation program, "Drum Away the Blues." Using assorted percussion instruments, music educator/percussionist Craig Harris provides adults and children with the key to stress relief tools for emotional balance. "Stress is about dreading the past or fearing the future," said Harris, "When one plays a drum or percussion instrument, they're immediately transported into the present." There is no registration required for this free program, so bring the family!



## children's summer events

### Fun Clay Cartoons

Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30am. Children ages 3 and up can work with Crayola Model Magic clay to learn about the color wheel and make cartoon characters.

### Watercolors

Wednesday, July 5 at 3:00pm. Children ages 5 and up will learn to work with watercolors. All supplies provided.

### Birds of Prey

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30pm. Christine's Critters will bring live birds of prey for families to see and learn about the dangers these magnificent creatures face.

### Art Truck for ages 3+

Thursday, July 13 at 10 & 11am. Children ages 3+ will be able to board the art truck and create their own art works. Two sessions (15 children each). Please register at the front desk.

### CT Native Wildlife

Tuesday, July 18 at 3:30pm. The White Memorial Conservation Center will visit with a variety of reptiles that make their home here in Connecticut.

### Once Upon a Farm

Monday, July 24 at 10:30am. Come and meet a real baby goat from a farm in Litchfield County. Bring a camera.

### Country Quilt Farm

Wednesday, July 26 at 3:30pm and Tuesday, August 15 at 11:00am. Have your picture taken with a real live Llama!

### Animal Embassy

Wednesday, August 2 at 10:30am. All ages are welcome to come and learn about a variety of animals from reptiles to mammals.

### Blue Moon Raptors

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30pm. Live Owls and Kestrels who have been rehabbed and can no longer live in the wild will visit the library.

### Children's Museum

Monday, August 7 at 10:30am. Wildlife sanctuary animals and how they have adapted to meet their needs to live in captivity.

### Art Truck for 6+

Tuesday, August 8 from 10am-12pm. Children ages 6 and up will paint clay figures on the Art Truck. Limit 20 children, please register at front desk.

### Beach Party

Wednesday, August 16 at 3:30pm. Celebrate the end of Children's Summer Reading at our annual Beach Party with Mr. Bubbles, kiddie pools, sand boxes, and snacks. The raffle will also be held during the party.

### Commercial Dentistry

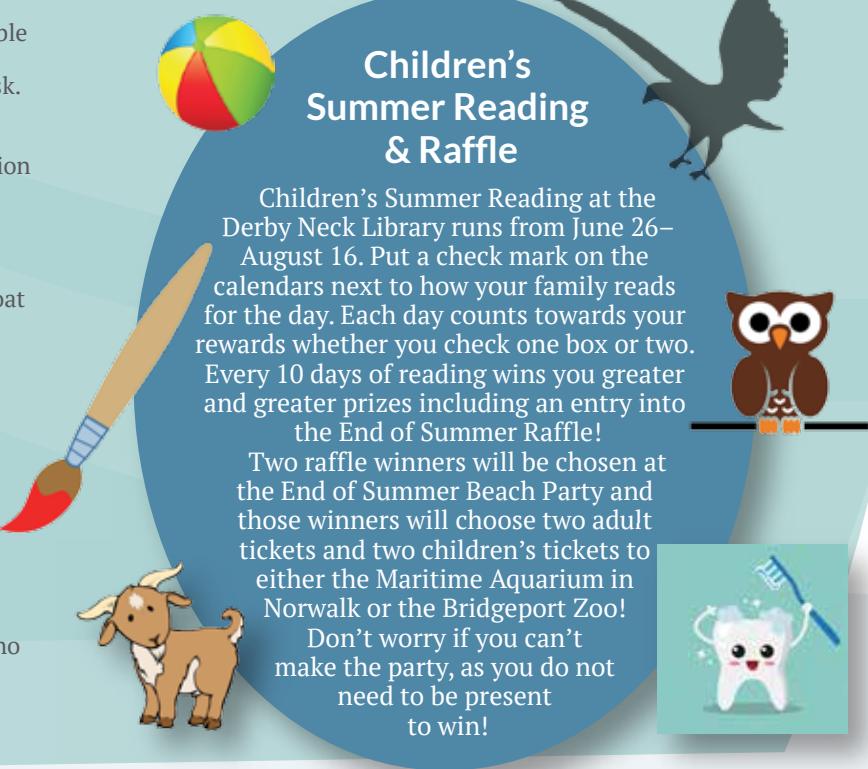
Thursday, August 17 at 10:30am. Parents and children will learn about proper tooth care.

## Children's Summer Reading & Raffle

Children's Summer Reading at the Derby Neck Library runs from June 26–August 16. Put a check mark on the calendars next to how your family reads for the day. Each day counts towards your rewards whether you check one box or two. Every 10 days of reading wins you greater and greater prizes including an entry into the End of Summer Raffle!

Two raffle winners will be chosen at the End of Summer Beach Party and those winners will choose two adult tickets and two children's tickets to either the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk or the Bridgeport Zoo!

Don't worry if you can't make the party, as you do not need to be present to win!



# teen events

## ✓ Teen Film Club

Every Tuesday throughout the year at 4pm, join us for the award-winning Teen Film Club. Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, acting, and editing. All work is done in-house and all films produced by the club are put into the library's DVD collection and onto the library's YouTube channel.

## ✓ Derby Neck Video Game Club

Using the library's Nintendo Wii U, PS4, and Dreamcast, teens will play various games on the systems on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Derby Neck Video Game Club (VGC for short) is all about fun, so come join us. No registration is required and we play throughout the school year on Tuesdays after school when the director is in the building. This club was formerly called Smash! Club.

## ✓ Teen 3D Puzzles

The evil ones return!!! On Wednesday, July 12 working as a pair or solo, teens will be tasked with putting together one of an assortment of small 3D puzzles. Everyone who works on a puzzle will be able to take theirs home. Be the first person or pair to complete the puzzle and you will win the grand prize. Registration is recommended.

## ✓ Teen Adventurers Book Group

Join the Teen Adventurers Book Group and read *The Ruins of Gorlan*, the first book in John Flanagan's phenomenal Ranger's Apprentice series. At the July 19 meeting at 2:00pm, we will share our experiences with the book while going on a food adventure with strange snacks from around the country and beyond. Registration required. Copies of the book will be kept at the front desk for checkout for book club members only.

## Computer Classes

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel, email, and how to search the Internet for whatever interests you. Start any day, but you can only attend once a week. Classes last an hour and are held on Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays/Wednesdays at 10:30am.

## Dinner and a Movie

Taking place on the 1st Thursday of the month, adults are invited to the library's Dinner and a Movie. Featuring movies new and old on Bluray, this popular program has something for everyone 18 and over! Dinner will be served at the half-way point with refreshments being served throughout. July's movie will be the 1971 academy-award winning classic *The French Connection*. August's movie will be announced on flyers in the building and on our website.

## Tech Talks

"Tech Talks", the program series that focuses on topics related to modern technology that you may be interested in learning more about, is a recurring program that takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 10:30am. Check flyers in the library and on the Web site for topics.

## STAFF:

Ian Parsells, Head Librarian

Kathleen Gordon, Children's Librarian

Patricia Sweeney, Reference Librarian

Roberto Carmona, Head of Circulation

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Christopher Ochoa, Carol Senfield, Norman Strumello

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## ✓ I-Spy Teen Movie

This summer, we will be showing a Horror movie on July 26 at 3:00pm for teens on Blu-ray. Teens will need to keep their eyes peeled for special moments and details as a list of clues will be given at the start of the film. The teen who spots the most will win the prize! The movie will be revealed on the flyer so everyone will have a fair shot. Dinner will be offered after the movie to attendees. Registration is required.



## ✓ VGC Tournament

Looking for some competitive gaming this summer with a chance to win some great prizes? You will get your chance on August 1 at 3:00pm when you compete on the Wii U. The game of the day will be revealed on the flyer and on the Website. Registration is strongly recommended, but not required.



## ✓ Teen End of Summer Wrap-Up Party

The end of summer Wrap-Up Party takes place on Thu. August 10 at 2:00pm and will feature even more great prizes that you can use your sweepstakes entries to win. You will get your tickets at the party. There will be a host of prize options you can enter your tickets to win. Attendees will draw a winner blind from a hat for each prize. No one will leave empty handed, as those who do not win a prize from the lots can take a prize from the mysterious orange sack!



## ✓ Teen Readathon

Beginning on June 19, read as many books as you can this summer and come in every 2 weeks to log your submissions. With each submission, you gain points that unlock fantastic prizes as well as entries for the summer grand prize sweepstakes (2 for each Tier completed)! This summer, all the tiers have the same reading requirements and point rewards. The prize chest is also simpler, but just as awesome! Check it out in early July!

adult programs



## recurring children's programs



All programs will be drop-in with no registration required. We welcome patrons from all towns to come and enjoy the programs.

**Prethrees classes** are for ages Birth-3yrs and offer age appropriate stories, finger plays, Nursery rhymes, puppets, coloring pages and music. Name tags and a different theme are provided each week. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 10am.

**Mommy and Me: Art Partners** are for all ages. Working together you will explore different mediums such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolor pencils, paint and finger paint. Both you and your child can open up a new expressive world to explore as you share time together creating your own art. All supplies will be provided. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 11am.

**Been There Done That Movin' On Twos and Threes** is for children who have been coming to the classes for a while and are capable of following more specific directions to musical games and are ready to learn new songs. Each week a different type of instrument is introduced and shared. Classes regularly occur on Tuesdays at 10am.

**Summer Music and Movement** is for children ages 3 and up. Songs and dancing combine to help children learn about rhythm and practice motor skills needed to improve their communication abilities. Scarves and musical instruments add to the fun. Classes occur regularly on Tuesdays during the summer only at 11am.

**Music and Movement** programs are for ages Birth to 5 and use instruments, scarves and singing to enhance children's language proficiency. Songs and dancing combine to help children learn about rhythm and practice motor skills needed to improve their communication abilities. Scarves and musical instruments add to the fun. Classes regularly occur on Thursdays at 10am and 11am.

# Calendar of Events

## July 2017

July 6, 20, 27  
 July 10, 17, 24, 31  
 July 10, 17, 24, 31  
 July 11, 18, 25  
 July 12, 16, 30  
 July 13, 27  
 July 5, 12, 26  
 July 10, 17  
 July 11, 18  
 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Music and Movement classes for children  
 Pre-Threes classes for children  
 Mommy & Me: Art Partners for children  
 Been There Done That classes for children  
 Summer Music and Movement for children  
 Video Game Club (VGC) for Teens/Tweens  
 Teen Film Club  
 D&D Sundays for teens and adults  
 D&D Skirmishes  
 Computer classes for adults  
 Computer classes for adults  
 Computer classes for adults  
 Needlers Club for adults

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LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day Obs.)  
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 Watercolors for children  
 Dinner and a Movie for adults: French Conn.  
 Teen 3D Puzzles  
 Birds of Prey program for children  
 Art Truck for children  
 Women's Forum  
 CT Native Wildlife for children  
 Tales of New England with Monica Peterson  
 Tech Talks  
 Teen Adventurers Book Club: Ruins of Gorlan  
 Bedtime Music and Movement  
 Once Upon a Farm for children  
 I-Spy Teen Movie: HORROR  
 Country Quilt Llama Farm for children  
 Evening Book Club

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## August 2017

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VGC Tournament for teens/tweens  
 Animal Embassy program for children  
 Blue Moon Raptors program for children  
 Dinner and a Movie for Adults  
 Children's Museum program  
 Art Truck for children  
 Teen Summer Readathon Deadline  
 Teen Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt Deadline  
 Teen Summer Wrap-Up Party  
 Country Quilt Llama Farm for children  
 Tech Talks  
 Children's Summer Beach Party  
 Commercial Dentistry program for children  
 Women's Forum  
 Evening Book Club  
 Drumming for Relaxation with Craig Harris  
 Essential Oils with Willetta Capelle

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New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.