

**Harcourt Wood Memorial
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July 18
Strapped into An American Dream
August 8
A Stroll Through Italy

Library Trivia: ♦ The gold leaf ceiling in the main lobby of the Library is one of the building's most striking features. Along the top of each wall is an inscription. To read the inscriptions, you must face the wall in which the clock stands and start at the upper right-hand corner. Reading left to right there are three individual quotations. They are the words of Richard de Bury, a bishop and ardent book collector who lived from 1286 to 1345.

LOCAL HISTORY



DERBY Public Library

This column is being reprinted from our March/April 2008 newsletter as a tribute to Mary A. Bisaccia, our deeply missed friend and colleague. It is the first column she wrote for the Library newsletter. Over the years Mary's columns were widely praised for not only enlightening readers on the history of Derby, but also for bringing back fond memories. We will always treasure our fond memories of Mary at the Derby Public Library.



Mary A. Bisaccia

I was born in Derby and have lived here for most of my life. I was educated at St. Mary's School, Derby High School, and am a graduate of the University of Connecticut. My interest in local history was first sparked during the year-long celebration of Derby's Tercentennial in 1975, when I was in the sixth grade. I fondly remember all Derby children being allowed to dress in colonial costume for school during every Friday of that year, and the many historically rich cultural activities we were encouraged to participate in. I would love to bring that same sense of wonder about the origins and earlier customs of our local ancestors to today's students and residents of Derby.

Much has been written about some of the famous men who were born in Derby. Commodore Isaac Hull, General David Humphreys and others are well represented in local history books. However, less is known about their civic sisters. Two such women are Mary (1815-1883) and Eliza (1805-1862) Freeman, both born in Derby. Born as free African American women decades before the Civil War, the Freeman sisters moved to Bridgeport, purchasing adjoining lots in a settlement known as "Little Liberia." The inhabitants of "Little Liberia" identified strongly with the country of Liberia which was established as a new nation in Africa for freed African slaves. By the time of their deaths, Eliza had over \$3,000 and Mary had property that was estimated to be valued between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Another famous woman with Derby origins was Elizabeth Ann Whitney. Born Elizabeth Ann Smith in Derby on January 26, 1800, she was an early leader in the Church of Latter Day Saints along with her husband, Newel K. Whitney . . . The Whitney's became a trusted part of the inner circle of early Mormonism with Joseph Smith, Jr. and later Brigham Young, with whom they traveled west and settled in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Derby has also been home to some great writers. Ann S. Stephens, a daughter of John Winterbotham was considered both a talented writer and skillful editor An excerpt from her poem, The Old Apple Tree, shows she had fond memories of her childhood home

Jane DeForest Shelton (1843-1914) was another gifted writer. She grew up in Derby and lived in the famous Shelton family mansion that was known as "Greystone" at the site of the current Irving School Ms. Shelton's most famous work, however, was The Salt-Box House: 18th Century Life in a New England Hill Town, published in 1900. The story is a historically accurate account of life in the Derby and Shelton area during the colonial period.

From the Desk of the Director:

Cathy Williams

Summertime and the livin' is easy.

—Ira Gershwin



Summer is here, and while it may not always be easy as it states in the quote above, I always find it easier. The warmer weather and the longer days seem to naturally slow things down a bit. That is, everything except all the great activities at the Derby Public Library! There is still time to join our summer reading club for adults, **Exercise Your Mind-Read**. It is a great way to share your love of reading and make new friends. No trips planned this summer? We invite you to join us on two armchair trips as we **RV across America** with Glenn Maynard in July and **Stroll through Italy** with Mariann Millard in August. Many will also be happy to hear that Rich DiCarlo will once again be here in both July and August to guide artists in two new **Water Color Creations**. Jeanne Roslonowski will visit us with another inventive **Recycle Craft Class** in July. The month of August will close with another popular **Cooking Demo** from Stacey Ference of Savour Catering. Our regularly scheduled programs, **Movie Matinees, Morning Movie Classics, Book Discussions, Color Club, Tech Times, Sports Talks, Resume "Right"-ing, and Career Coach** visits will also continue throughout the summer. Please check our inside calendar for exact dates and times.

You may have noticed our new Kwikboost charging station located in the computer area of the Library. Eight charging connectors now make it easy to charge your electronic devices. It is no longer necessary to look for outlets or have your charging connector with you to charge your phone or tablet when you are at the Library. We have already seen many take advantage of this fast and convenient new service.

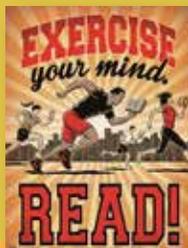
We have also added a new information database to our list of offerings. SCOLA is a non-profit educational organization that receives and re-transmits foreign TV programming from around the world. It also provides other online foreign language resources, language lessons, and learning materials. SCOLA is a wonderful resource for current events, language learning, and cultural studies. As with all of our databases, it is available on all Library computers and can be accessed remotely with a Derby Public Library card. For a complete listing of all of our electronic resources and services, pick up a copy of our brochure during your next visit to the Library. It is also available on our website.

Just in time for those summer outings, the Stamford Museum & Nature Center has been added to our recreation pass list. Located in the woods of North Stamford, this 118 acre property is home to a 10-acre working farm, a Tudor-style museum and gallery which hosts exhibitions, an interactive nature center, 80 acres of outdoor trails, a large planetarium, a 4-story observatory with a research telescope, an otter pond, and a large playground designed for children to experience animals' perspective on nature. The pass is good for free admission for a family of 2 adults and children of the same household. Look over our recreation pass brochure for more information and a complete listing of all Library pass offerings.

The recipient of the Derby Public Library 2016 Scholarship Award is Brittany Santiago. A recent graduate of Derby High School, this \$500 prize was presented to her at the June meeting of the Library Board of Director. Brittany's love of reading and libraries led her to her career choice. She will attend New York University in the fall, majoring in Cinema Studies. In her essay, Brittany described libraries as "places that hold endless possibilities." We wish Brittany a future of "endless possibilities."

I hope everyone takes time this summer to hear the sound of the waves and feel a little sand in their toes!

Summer reading
is for adults too!





July 2016



Reoccurring Programs in July

Registration is requested for all programs. **Resume "Right-ing"**, **Sports Talk & Tech Time** are on a drop-in basis.

MONDAYS:

- 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Get in the Game Mondays** (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii. board games, Legos, light snacks, and more!
- 7/11, 7/18/ 7/25 6:30 pm **Chess, Anyone?** Kids Chess Club (ages 8-13). All skill levels welcome! For beginners as well as the more experienced player. Chess sets provided.

TUESDAYS:

- 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 10:00 am **Morning Movie Classics & Donuts** (18+). Weekly series. A listing of scheduled movies will be posted at the Library. A popular movie classic will be shown & donuts will be offered.

WEDNESDAYS:

- 7/6 6:30 pm **Resume "Right-ing"** session. Participants can either start from scratch or bring copies of their existing resumes and cover letters for review and optimizing.
- 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 1:00 pm **Wednesday Movie Matinees** (18+). Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Get in the Game Wednesdays** (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii. board games, Legos, light snacks, and more!
- 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 10:00 am **Crafty Kids** (ages 4-7). A different art/craft project offered each week.
- 7/20 6:30 pm **Tech Time: Bring Your Tech-Related Questions!** The Library's 3-D printer will be highlighted!
- 7/27 12:30 pm **Lunchtime Book Discussion**, *The Vacationers* by Emma Straub. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage provided. Multiple copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

THURSDAYS:

- 7/21 10:00 am **Tech Time: Bring Your Tech-Related Questions!** The Library's 3-D printer will be highlighted!
- 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 10:00 am **Sports Talk Series** (eleventh season!) facilitated by Rich Marazzi. All ages welcome. Trivia contests, videos, lively conversation and more. Join the Silver Sluggers.
- 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 10:00 am **Toddler Time** (ages 1-2). Finger plays, songs, movement, stories and rhymes for toddler and parents(s). Caregivers welcome.
- 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 11:00 am **Preschool Story Time** (ages 3-5). This program is designed to be an early school-readiness experience, an introduction to peer interaction and improved listening skills..

FRIDAYS:
Stop by and explore the Library!



Rich DiCarlo visits the Library in both July and August to inspire artists with two new water color projects.

Young adults are invited to "Get in the Game" on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings this summer.



Special Events

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

Read to Payson (ages 5-11) Share a book with our therapy dog. Contact Children's Room for dates.

- 1-FRIDAY:** 10:30 am-Noon **It's Game Day!** (ages 4-11). Board games, puzzles, bingo and more.
- 7-THURSDAY:** 1:30 pm **Giggling Pig Art Studio Visit** (ages 4-11). Acrylic painting class. All materials supplied.
- 8-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am **Turn it Up! Music & Movement** (ages 3-7). Join in with an active way to enjoy music.
- 12-TUESDAY:** 6:30 pm **Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Craft Class** (18+) presented by Jeanie Roslonowski. Make coasters & trivets.
- 1:00 pm **On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Breathe - Yoga for Kids** (ages 9-13). Experience the benefits of yoga.
- 14-THURSDAY:** 1:00 pm **Regional Water Authority's Whitney Water Center** (gr. 1-4). Hands-on science experiments.
- 15-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am - Noon **American Job Search Career Coach** presents *Using Social Networking in Your Job Search*. The workshop is free and open to the public. Learn about creating useful connections online.
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **It's Game Day!** (ages 4-11). Come join in the fun and games.
- 18-MONDAY:** 11:00 am **Teddy & Me** (ages 3-7). Bring your teddy bear or favorite stuffed toy for stories, crafts, songs & a snack.
- 6:30 pm **CT Author Visit**, Glenn Maynard discusses his book, *Strapped into An American Dream*.
- 21-THURSDAY:** 1:00 pm **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). All level of building skills invited. Materials supplied.
- 22-FRIDAY:** 11:00 am **American Girl Program** (ages 8-11). Celebrate Lea Clark the 2016 Girl of the Year with special activities.
- 25-MONDAY:** 6:00 pm **Water Color Painting Workshop** (18+) with Rich DiCarlo from the Valley Arts Council.



August 2016



Reoccurring Programs in August

Registration is requested for all programs. **Resume "Right-ing", Sports Talk & Tech Time** are on a drop-in basis.

MONDAYS:

- 8/1, 8/8 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Get in the Game Mondays** (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii. board games, Legos, light snacks, and more!
- 8/1 6:30 pm **Color Club for Adults** (18+). Join the color craze! Materials provided. Come relax and de-stress.
- 8/1, 8/8/ 8/15 6:30 pm **Chess, Anyone?** Kids Chess Club (ages 8-13). All skill levels welcome! For beginners as well as the more experienced player. Chess sets provided.

TUESDAYS:

- 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30 10:00 am **Morning Movie Classics & Donuts** (18+). Weekly series. A listing of scheduled movies will be posted at the Library. A popular movie classic will be shown & donuts will be offered.

WEDNESDAYS:

- 8/3 6:30 pm **Resume "Right-ing"** session. Participants can either start from scratch or bring copies of their existing resumes and cover letters for review and optimizing
- 8/3 10:00 am **Crafty Kids** (ages 4-7). A different art/craft project offered each week.
- 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 1:00 pm **Wednesday Movie Matinees** (18+). Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.
- 8/3, 8/10 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Get in the Game Wednesdays** (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii. board games, Legos, light snacks, and more!
- 8/31 12:30 pm **Lunchtime Book Discussion**, *The Girls of August* by Anne Rivers Siddon. Multiple copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.
- 8/17 6:30 pm **Tech Time: Bring Your Tech-Related Questions!** The Library's 3-D printer will be highlighted!

THURSDAYS:

- 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25 10:00 am **Sports Talk Series** (eleventh season!) facilitated by Rich Marazzi. All ages welcome. Trivia contests, videos, lively conversation and more. Join the Silver Sluggers.
- 8/18 10:00 am **Tech Time: Bring Your Tech-Related Questions!** The Library's 3-D printer will be highlighted!
- 8/4 10:00 am **Toddler Time** (ages 1-2). Finger plays, songs, movement, stories and rhymes for toddler and parents(s). Caregivers welcome.
- 8/4 11:00 am **Preschool Story Time** (ages 3-5). This program is designed to be an early school-readiness experience, an introduction to peer interaction and improved listening skills.

FRIDAYS:

Stop by and explore the Library!

Our very popular Baby Steps classes return in the fall. You're never too young to have fun at the Library!



In August, Stacey Ference will demonstrate how to save all the great flavors of summer to enjoy throughout the year.



Special Events

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

Read to Payson (ages 5-11) Share a book with our therapy dog. Contact Children's Room for dates.

- 1-MONDAY:** 11:00 am **Kids in the Kitchen** (ages 9-13) cooking demo presented by Stacey Ference/Savour Catering.
- 5-FRIDAY:** 1:00 pm **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). All level of building skills invited. Materials supplied.
- 8-MONDAY:** 10:00 am **Turn it Up! Music & Movement** (ages 3-7). Join in with an active way to enjoy music.
- 6:30 pm **A Stroll Through Italy, Past, Present & Future** (18+) presented by Mariann Millard, dual US/Italy citizen.
- 9-TUESDAY:** 1:00 pm **On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Breathe - Yoga for Kids** (ages 9-13). Experience the benefits of yoga.
- 11-THURSDAY:** 3:00 pm **Closing Games and Celebration!** (ages 12-17) Join in the YA end of summer party!
- 12-FRIDAY:** 11:00 am **It's Magical!** (ages 4-11). Celebrate the end of our Summer Kids Club with Sparkles the Clown.
- 15-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **End of Summer Picnic Lunch** immediately following the magic show for children ages 4-11.
- 19-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am - Noon **Adult Summer Reading Club Party!** Come & share your reading experiences. Refreshments provided.
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **American Job Search Career Coach** presents *Job Search Assistance*. The workshop is free and open to the public. Learn where to look for jobs and how to search on the internet.
- 22-MONDAY:** 6:00 pm **Water Color Painting Workshop** (18+) with Rich DiCarlo, from the Valley Arts Council.
- 29-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **Cooking Demo: Saving Summer** (18+) presented by Stacey Ference/Savour Catering.

Message from Miss Sue

Sue Sherman

On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Read! Young readers from 3-11 years old are already taking on the challenge of having fun at the Library this summer by registering for our Summer Kids Club. If you have not had an opportunity to sign up your child, it's not too late. Stop in to register, pick up a Library Bingo Card, and join in the excitement of playing bingo by completing the activities listed on your card. There is a weekly raffle along with incentives throughout the summer. The Summer Kids Club comes to an end on Friday, August 12 at 11:00 AM with **It's Magical!** This magic show with balloon sculpting, presented by **Sparkles the Clown**, will be immediately followed by a picnic lunch.

We have an extensive lineup of programs tying in with our summer theme of wellness for both body and mind. Kids can tap into their creative side during a painting class presented by the **Giggling Pig Studio** on July 7 or come by every Wednesday morning for **Crafty Kids** featuring a different art and craft project each week. **The Regional Water Authority's Whitney Water Center** also returns on July 14, offering a hands-on science program. If your child finds being active more appealing, they may want to drop by for **It's Game Day** taking place on July 1 and 15 with a variety of games to test their physical, as well as brain skills, with bean bag toss, activity mat challenges, Lego building, and the list goes on. We even have a tic-tac-toe floor size game board! **Turn It Up** will be here on July 8 and August 8 for a highly interactive music and movement program. For a more calming, slower paced program, we are offering **On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Breathe - Yoga for Kids** on July 12.

By popular demand, we welcome back Stacey Ference who will be conducting a **Kids Cooking Demo** on August 1. There is also an American Girl Program on July 22, celebrating the **2016 Girl of the Year Lea Clark**, with activities that reflect her love of nature and adventure.

We are pleased to introduce a kid's chess club which will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning July 11 through August 15. **Chess, Anyone?** is open to kids 8-13 years old, with all skill levels invited to participate. Whether you wish to learn the basics or are looking to play a challenging game, we hope to see you. Chess sets will be provided.

The summer wouldn't be complete without our ongoing programs which include **Lego Time, Weekly Story Times** and **Read to Payson**. Please check the calendar for specific information on these programs. And don't forget to stop by our DIY Station during your visits to the Children's Room to complete a number of engaging activities, such as a scavenger hunt, *I Spy* game, puzzle sheets and more.



SANDY

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Margie Miles on the passing of her therapy dog Sandy. **The Read to Sandy** program which we introduced here 11 years ago was one of our most popular programs for young readers who gained confidence and built on their literacy skills by reading to Sandy, who was nonjudgmental and a great listener. We will always remember her sweet disposition and eagerness to curl up in her bean bag chair signifying she was ready to listen to a good story. Some of my fondest memories are of the birthday parties we held in Sandy's honor, complete with a candle in a vanilla cupcake just for her. We truly appreciate Margie's dedication to bringing Sandy into the lives of so many young patrons and their families through the years.

Just a reminder, we have set up several displays throughout the Children's Room, including the Governor's Reading Challenge Suggested Book List for grades K-6, the 2017 Nutmeg Award Nominees, our **Let's Learn About . . .** theme, **Summer Staff Picks**, and **Look What's New**. Each display features fiction and non-fiction titles offering some really great reads this summer.

Looking ahead . . . registration for our fall session of **Weekly Story Times** begins August 15 with classes starting on September 7.

Staff Picks

Cathy Williams	<i>The Island House</i> by Nancy Thayer
Sue Sherman	<i>Punctuation Takes a Vacation</i> by Robin Pulver (Children's Room)
Kathy Wilson	<i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman
Ann Mirisola	<i>Wildest Dreams</i> by Robyn Carr
Mary Householder	<i>Silent City</i> by Carrie Smith
Lorraine Piazza	<i>American Pharoah</i> by Joe Drape
Gabriella Novak	<i>Carl's Summer Vacation</i> by Alexandra Day (Children's Room)
Tony Delos	<i>Challenger Deep</i> by Neal Shusterman (Young Adult)
Brian Karkut	<i>Walter the Farting Dog</i> by William Kotzwinkle (Children's Room)
Marc Weissman	<i>Cesar's Way: Correcting Common Dog Problems</i> by Cesar Millan
Andrew Bisaccia	<i>Naruto</i> by Masashi Kishimoto



Jenna Hourani, a Community Outreach Dietician from Shop Rite, recently stopped by to share some nutritious snacks with her new story time friends.

TEEN ZONE

Tony DeLos

Greetings Teen Zone fans! The Teen Summer Club is full speed ahead and this year's theme, **GET IN the GAME!** is calling all participants to rally in the winners' circle! While keeping with the competitive spirit universally adopted during summer Olympics, the Teen Zone continues offering club members recreational outlets in an

The Teen Zone is a great spot to relax and stay cool this summer!

assortment of categories uniting players in a summer season of friendly competition. Registration is on-going through the middle of July and can be done easily by calling the library or simply coming in and signing up in person.

The main events referred to as **Get In the Game Mondays!** and **Get In the Game Wednesdays!** started on June 20 and will run through August 10. Club members unite on Mondays from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, and Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Players exercise their competitive options that include board games as well as the Nintendo Wii game system, Legos and some newly added options! Contenders earn credit for each event attended through the 8-week program and weekly winners are drawn. Additional credits may be earned for books read over the summer as well.

The Teen Summer Club is the perfect way to spend a few hours a week enjoying fun and games with friends in a cool environment while enjoying some light snacks. And it all culminates in the grand prize drawing at **Club's Finale Pizza Party** on August 11. So **"Get In the Game!"** and we'll see you 'round the Zone!

Library Board President, Dorothy Gleason presented Britany Santiago with the Derby Public Library's 2016 Scholarship Prize at the June Board of Directors meeting.



TECH CORNER

Send in the "Cloud"

Marc Weissman

The term "the cloud" has become very common these days in technology vernacular. But what exactly is "the cloud" and how is it useful? The "cloud" acts as a virtual hard drive where you can save files to an internet-based storage site similar to how you would on your own computer or on a flash drive. However, the advantage of cloud storage is that it can be accessed from anywhere you have an internet connection.

Some of the more popular cloud sites are Dropbox, Google Drive and OneDrive. All of these and others come with some initial amount of free storage plus upgradeable amounts for a fee. **Dropbox**, for example, only offers 2 GB of free storage before you have to pay for more capacity. So if you save videos frequently, these large files can fill up your free cloud storage space quickly and require you to pay for an upgrade. However, since Dropbox is compatible with most operating systems, its flexibility makes it appealing. **OneDrive**, on the other hand, is a Microsoft product, so it works extremely well with Windows operating systems and MS applications like Word and Excel. A OneDrive account gives you 5 GB of free storage plus an MS Outlook account. And while OneDrive does work with Apple and Android systems, the cross-over is not as seamless as with Windows apps. **GDrive** is a Google-based product so it is inherently linked to Gmail, YouTube, Google+ and other Google accounts. One key advantage is that GDrive comes with 15 GB of free storage, much greater than most other cloud-based storage systems. And like the previous two described, is compatible with both Windows and Mac operating systems.

All of these cloud sites come with an **automatic photo upload** app option that can automatically have every photo taken be saved to your cloud account. While handy for those once-in-a-lifetime moments, this option can fill up your cloud storage quite rapidly. Prudence with your cloud file management is thus key to keep your online free space available. Note: all cloud-based file systems allow you to download the virtually-saved files to an actual hard drive or portable flash drive. So, in effect, these virtual, cloud-based drives can be used as temporary storage for files most commonly accessed or shared, thus making any limited storage capacity less of an issue.