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MON.-WED. 9 AM-8 PM  
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**Library Trivia:** ♦ The general contractor for the building of the Library in 1902 was the Beardsley Building Company of Shelton. G.P. Alling of Ansonia was the painting contractor. The first Librarian was Grace A. Child.



**Build a Better World this Summer!**



# DERBY Public Library

## LOCAL HISTORY

Chelsie Labrecque

I am sure many of you are familiar with the accomplishments of Isaac Hull, the famous Commodore of the USS Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides." However, he was not the only famous Hull that fought during the War of 1812. While Isaac Hull served the Navy, his uncle was a General for the US Army.

General William Hull was born June 24, 1753 in Derby. He was admitted to Yale at the age of 15 and graduated five years later. His first occupation was that of an English teacher, though his parents desperately desired he serve the clergy. As such he went back to Yale to begin his religious studies, but after only a year of this he changed course and was admitted to the bar in 1775.

Shortly thereafter the Revolutionary war broke out, altering William's life forever. "While at home one evening, his father returned from a meeting of the citizens of Derby, and said to his son, 'Who do you suppose has been elected captain of the company raised in this town?' He named several, but his father replied, 'It is yourself.'"<sup>1</sup> He joined the regiment led by Colonel Webb and was quickly promoted from captain to major, then lieutenant colonel. He was in the battles of White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Stillwater, Saratoga, Fort Stanwix, Monmouth, and Stony Point. He was personally recognized for his service by George Washington and Congress.

After the war, Hull worked for a short time as a lawyer in Massachusetts. Then he was appointed Governor of the newly founded Michigan Territory by President Thomas Jefferson in 1805. Since most of the territory except for two areas around Detroit and Fort Mackinac were still possessed by the Native Americans, Hull worked to gradually purchase more land from them. He negotiated the Treaty of Detroit in 1807, with the Ottawa, Chippewa, Wyandot and Potawatomi nations, which ceded most of present-day Southeast Michigan and northwestern Ohio to the United States.

In 1812, he was appointed brigadier-general to command the north-western army. By February of that same year the U.S. was beginning to consider another war with Britain. In June the U.S. signed the declaration against them and the War of 1812 was begun. Unfortunately, where Commodore Isaac Hull met with fame and success, General Hull was credited with failure and infamy. Due to poor preparation and miscommunication on the U.S. Army's part, Hull believed he was faced with insurmountable forces from the British and their Native allies. In order to preserve as many lives as possible, he thus surrendered Detroit on August 16, 1812.

For this act he was court-martialed and sentenced to death. The charge of treason was withdrawn, but he still became the scapegoat for the loss of Detroit and lived in shame for years. After the event he was given access to records from the time and created a case to refute the claims of his negligence. He published two books in an attempt to clear his name. His second book, *Memoirs of the Campaign of the Northwestern Army of the United States: A.D. 1812* somewhat swayed public opinion of him so that he was honored with a dinner in Boston in 1825. A few months later on November 29, he passed away at home.

<sup>1</sup>From *The history of the old town of Derby, Connecticut, 1642-1880* by Samuel Orcutt



Last year's summer reading celebration. Join our **Build a Better World Club** and you can be at this year's celebration!

## From the Desk of the Director:

Cathy Williams



*All in all, it was a never to be forgotten summer – one of those summers which come seldom into any life, but leave a rich heritage of beautiful memories in their going – one of those summers which, in a fortunate combination of delightful weather, delightful friends, and delightful doing, come as near to perfection as anything can come in this world.*

-- L.M. Montgomery, *Anne's House of Dreams*

This July and August, I hope everyone has one of those summers described in the quote above. While I can't do much to ensure the delightful weather, I can promise you delightful friends and delightful doing here at the Derby Public Library!

Popular Library presenter Paul Colburn, certified Master Wildlife Conservationist, returns on July 17, this time to provide an overview of **Coyotes in Connecticut**, including practical advice on how we can coexist with them. The following week, on July 24, Shawn Peterson, the world's first and only official PEZ historian, will visit to discuss his book **PEZ: From Austrian Invention to American Icon**. Shawn is the company historian at PEZ Candy in Orange, CT where he also manages the visitor center. Join him for an inside look at the world's most cherished interactive candy. And bring your favorite PEZ dispensers along, you know you have them! Another popular visitor to the Library, Jeanie Roslonowski, returns with her **Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Craft** class series on July 11 to show participants how to make decorative gift containers using mason jars, and then again on August 8 for an edible craft when she will show everyone how to make popcorn mixes using leftover spices and herbs. There will be no **Cookbook Book Club** meeting on July 3, due to the next day holiday. It will return on August 7, when the theme will be **Anything BBQ**. The dynamic herbalist daughter/historian mother duo, Ehris Urban and Velya Jancz-Urban, return to the Library on August 21 with another interactive demonstration. It will begin with an overview of the medicinal and historical uses of exfoliating treatments. Participants will then create and take home their own 8 oz. **body scrub**. August will also bring back another popular presenter. All aspiring artists are welcome to join Rich DiCarlo for his next **Water Color class** on August 28. A local history program on the **Flood of '55** has been scheduled for August 29. All of our ongoing programs will also continue throughout the summer. Check the inside calendar for dates and details.

There is still time to join our **2017 Summer Reading Club for Adults** which runs through August 11. It includes participation prizes, raffle prizes, and a **Fall into Autumn** celebration on August 14, catered by Stacey Ference of Savour Catering. **Help us Build a Better World**, one book at a time!

Speaking of reading, be sure to check out our **Summer Sizzler** display when you're looking for that next great beach read.

If you're in the mood for a little day trip, be sure to check out our numerous **recreation passes** available for circulation. They offer free or discounted prices to 22 different Connecticut and New York destinations, ranging from Beardsley Zoo, to CT State Parks, to Maritime Aquarium, to the Shore Line Museum, to many more. For more details, check our website, call the Library, or ask a staff member during your next visit!

Our **summer puzzle table** is back! It is located in the Local History Room. This is a great way to relax in a cool environment while also being a part of a community project.

With so much to offer, I hope everyone includes the Derby Public Library in their Staycation activities. *Have a delightful summer!*



# July 2017



## Reoccurring Programs in July

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

### MONDAYS:


7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 10:00 am **Family Place - 1,2,3 Grow With Me!** (ages 1-3). Siblings welcome. Each week features puzzles, books, blocks, a craft, dramatic play & more followed by a story & rhymes.

### WEDNESDAYS:

7/5 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.

7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 10:00 am **Wonderful Ones** (13-24 mo.) Interactive class featuring stories, songs, rhymes and musical instruments.

11:00 am **Crafty Kids** (ages 5-11). Different art/craft project each week. Snacks provided.

 1:00 pm **Wednesday Movie Matinees** (18+). Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.


6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **2017 Teen Summer Club: Build A Better World** (ages 12-17). Hands-on activities: 3D design tools, doodle pens, printers, Nintendo, Wii, board games, Legos and more. Light refreshments will be provided.

7/19 6:30 pm **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**

7/26 12:30 pm **Lunchtime Book Discussion, Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly. Multiple copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert & beverage provided.

### THURSDAYS:

7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 10:00 am **Sports Talk Series** with Rich Marazzi. Join the Silver Sluggers for trivia contests, videos, lively conversation and more.

 10:00 am **Time for Twos** (24-36 mo.) Stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft for toddler and parent(s). Caregivers welcome.

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **2017 Teen Summer Club: Build A Better World** (ages 12-17). Hands-on activities: 3D design tools, doodle pens, printers, Nintendo, Wii, board games, Legos and more. Light refreshments will be provided.

7/20 10:00 am **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**

### FRIDAYS:

7/14, 7/21, 7/28 10:00 am **STEAM Ahead!** (ages 3-5) Preschool program is a blend of story time and hands-on activities exploring the world of science, technology, engineering, art and math. Interactive experiments.



**Tuesday, July 4th**  
**Closed in Observance of Independence Day**



Eris and Velya return to the Library on August 21 to guide you in creating your own personal body scrub.

### Special Events



A special time with grandma at Family Place - 1,2,3, Grow With me!

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

**7-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am **Tina the Tooth Visits** (ages 3-6) Guest reader from Commerce Park Dentistry for Children.

**10-MONDAY:** 1:00:pm **Kitchen Science** (ages 7-11). STEM program presented by Science Snoopers.

**11-TUESDAY:** 1:00 pm **Habitat Selfie** (ages 4-7). Presented by Kellogg Environmental Center.

6:30 pm **Recycle, Repurpose & Reuse Craft Class** (18+): **Make Decorative Gift Containers** (using Mason jars). Presented by Jeanie Roslonowski. Materials supplied.

**17-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **Coyotes in CT** (18+) presented by Paul Colburn, certified Master Wildlife Conservationist..

**18-TUESDAY:** 1:00 pm **Tower of Power** (ages 4-9). Presented by Imagine Nation Museum. Interactive fun while learning the fundamentals of building bridges, skyscrapers and more.

**21-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am - Noon **American Job Center Career Coach** presents *Using Social Networking in Your Job*. The workshop is free & open to the public. Learn useful tools that job seekers need today.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Regional Water Authority's Whitney Water Center - Bubbles!** (ages 5-9). Make your own bubble solution and learn the science behind bubbles.

**24-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **Author Visit w/Shawn Peterson. PEZ: From Austrian Invention to American Icon.** An inside at the world's most cherished interactive candy. Copies of the book available for purchase.

**25-TUESDAY:** 1:00 pm **Music & Movement** with Al DeCant (ages 3-7). Interactive program with parents/caregivers.

**31-MONDAY:** 1:00 pm **Science Snoopers** (ages 6-11). **Good Idea!** All about inventions and how they effect us.



# August 2017

## Reoccurring Programs in August

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

### MONDAYS:

8/7 6:30 pm **Cookbook Book Club** (18+). Books are better shared, & so is food! August recipe theme: *Anything BBQ*. Select a cookbook from our Library cookbook collection, try a recipe and bring it in for all to sample.

### WEDNESDAYS:

8/2 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.

8/2, 8/9 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **2017 Teen Summer Club: Build A Better World** (ages 12-17). Hands-on activities: 3D design tools, doodle pens, printers, Nintendo, Wii, board games, Legos and more. Light refreshments will be provided.

8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30 1:00 pm **Wednesday Movie Matinees** (18+). Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.

8/2, 8/9 10:00 am **Wonderful Ones** (13-24 mo.) Interactive class featuring stories, songs, rhymes and musical instruments.

11:00 am **Crafty Kids** (ages 4-11). Explore your creativity with a different art/craft project each week. Snacks provided.

8/16 6:30 pm **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**

8/30 12:30 pm **Lunchtime Book Discussion, Lunch in Paris: A Love Story with Recipes** by Elizabeth Bard. Multiple copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert & beverage provided.

### THURSDAYS:

8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 10:00 am **Sports Talk Series** with Rich Marazzi. Join the Silver Sluggers for trivia contests, videos, lively conversation and more.

8/3 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **2017 Teen Summer Club: Build A Better World** (ages 12-17). Hands-on activities: 3D design tools, doodle pens, printers, Nintendo, Wii, board games, Legos and more. Light refreshments will be provided.

8/10 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **2017 Teen Summer Club's Pizza Party Finale** (ages 12-17). Grand prize awarded at the party!

8/3, 8/10 10:00 am **Time for Twos** (24-36 mo.) Stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft for toddler and parent(s). Caregivers welcome.

8/17 10:00 am **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**

### FRIDAYS:

8/4 10:00 am **STEAM Ahead!** (ages 3-5) Preschool program is a blend of story time and hands-on activities exploring the world of science, technology, engineering, art and math. Interactive experiments.

Live animals at the Library on August 8.

Food and Fun at the Cookbook Book Club!

## Special Events

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

**8-TUESDAY:** 1:00 pm **Live Animal Encounter!** (ages 4-11). Presented by Imagine Nation Museum. Features creative residents from their Southwestern Greenscape.

6:30 pm **Recycle, Repurpose & Reuse Craft Class** (18+): **Popcorn Mixes** (using leftover spices & herbs). Presented by Jeanie Roslonowski. Materials supplied.

**14-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **Adult Summer Reading Club Celebration!**

**18-FRIDAY:** 10:00 am - Noon **American Job Center Career Coach** presents *Job Search Assistance*. The workshop is free & open to the public. Learn where to look for jobs, how to get the job you want & how to search using the internet.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**21-MONDAY:** 6:30 pm **Homemade Body Scrub Workshop** (18+). Presented by Ehris Urban & Velya Janncz-Urban. Fun, laughs & pampering! Create your own scrub and learn about exfoliating treatments

**28-MONDAY:** 6:00 pm **Water Color Painting Workshop** (18+) with Rich DiCarlo from the Valley Arts Council. Materials provided.

**29-TUESDAY:** 6:30 pm **A Look Back at the Flood of '55** (18+). Local history program.



## Message from Miss Sue

Sue Sherman



Building time with daddy at Family Place – 12,2,3, Grow With Me!

It's not too late to start building a summer of fun by joining our **Summer Kids Club**. Registration continues for kids ages 2-11 with an opportunity to participate in our **Library Bingo** and attend a full calendar of events during July and August. This year's theme of **Build a Better World** looks to inspire young minds to be creative and challenged and bring an awareness of the world around them. Each child can choose a Lego building brick (paper cutout), add their name and place it on our "building board" when registering. Check on the progress of our "construction" project throughout the summer. What will our final structure be as we stack the bricks?

Children who take on the challenge of our **Library Bingo Activity Card** will be eligible to receive a \$20.00 gift card from the **Sports Center of Shelton** upon completion of one card.

Additional incentives include Launch Trampoline Park passes, tickets to Sound Tigers Hockey, Bluefish Baseball, New Britain Bees and Pawtucket Red Sox Baseball and more! Further details on the Summer Kids Club are available in the Children's Room and on the Library website.

Let the museum come to you! We are pleased to have the **Imagine Nation Museum of Bristol** visit us in July and August offering two fun, hands-on programs. **Tower of Power** takes place on July 18 and residents from the **Museum's Southwest** **Scape Exhibit** will be here on August 8 for a live **animal presentation**. Both programs are geared for children ages 4-11.

The **Kellogg Environmental Center** is scheduled to stop by on July 11, offering 4-7 yr. olds a chance to construct an animal's habitat during this interactive learning presentation.

**Al DeCant** returns with his **Music for Little Superstars** program on July 25. A music and movement program you will not want to miss!

This is just a sample of what is in store for families this summer. Please remember there is no fee to attend these programs, but registration is required. Further details on all programs are

available in the newsletter calendar, at the Library website, or by picking up our **Summer Kids Club** flyer.

Summer often tends to be a more relaxed, laid back time for most families, making it the perfect opportunity to fit in an extra story or two whether at bed time or at a picnic lunch outdoors. Be creative, build an indoor tent with blankets so children will have a new space to read or be read to, making their reading experience special. We encourage parents/caregivers to join our **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program which is designed for children ages birth to 5. This library initiative is an ongoing program with a goal of reading 1,000 books to your young child prior to the start of kindergarten. Upon registering at the Library, a journal will be given to the parent/caregiver to keep track of books read. At each 100 increment of books read, stop by the Children's Room with the journal to be initialed and a star with your child's name will be placed under the corresponding caption on our display board to indicate their achievement. There will also be surprise incentives along the way! It's simple, easy and the best part is it can be completed according to your schedule. Reading aloud to your young child sets the foundation for school success!

We send our heartfelt thoughts to the Sabovik family on the sudden passing of their therapy dog **Payson**. She will be missed by all the young readers who participated in our read to a therapy dog program which helped them gain confidence and build on their literacy skills by reading to someone (Payson) who was nonjudgmental and a great listener. To coincide with our **Paws to Read** summer reading program a few years ago, Payson had her picture taken at the circulation desk while receiving her own library card and borrowing books. We truly appreciate Janet's dedication to bringing Payson 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 to include the Governor's Reading Challenge Suggested Book Lists for grades K-6, 2018 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. Copies of the Governor's Reading Challenge Journal Sheets are also available in the Children's Room.

**Looking ahead** . . . registration for our fall session of **Weekly Story Times and Family Place – 1, 2, 3 . . . Grow with Me** begins August 14.

## Staff Picks

Cathy Williams  
Sue Sherman

*Into the Water* by Paula Hawkins  
*Building Our House* by Jonathan Bean  
(Children's Room)

Kathy Wilson  
Ann Mirisola  
Mary Householder  
Lorraine Piazza  
Gabriella Novak

*Flight Patterns* by Karen White  
*The Life She Wants* by Robyn Carr  
*The Perfect Stranger* by Megan Miranda  
*A Tap on the Window* by Linwood Barclay  
*Castle of Books* by Bernard Clavel  
(Children's Room)

Tony Delos  
Brian Karkut  
Marc Weissman  
Andrew Bisaccia  
Chelsie Labrecque

*Thirteen Chairs* by Dave Shelton (Young Adult)  
*Roadwork* by Sally Sutton (Children's Room)  
*Beyond the Ice Limit* by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child  
*Gravity's Rainbow* by Thomas Pynchon  
*The Novice* by Taran Matharu



## TEEN ZONE

Tony DeLos



Our teens are ready to Build a Better World this summer!

*Greetings Teen Zone fans!* Well, on June 19 we "broke ground" on this season's **Teen Summer Club**, innovatively themed **Build a Better World!** Early registrants have already gotten busy with a variety of creative outlets and there's still time to join our crew. Registration is on-going through mid-July and is easily attained by calling the Library or by simply coming in and signing up in person.

The eight weeks of walk-in sessions designated as **Build a Better World Thursdays** happen from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Builders exercise constructive options with hands-on activities that include 3D design tools, 3D doodle pens, a 3D printer, and Legos! Included as part of the **Teen Summer Club**, **YA Wednesdays** are on-going featuring Nintendo Wii game system, board games and more! And talk about ground-breaking perks, new this year, the **Sports Center of Connecticut** is providing \$20 gift cards for members that attend at least two club gatherings and read one book!

So in a nutshell, club members earn a credit for each event attended through the duration of summer programming. Plus you will earn additional credits for each book read over the season as well! There will be some light snacks, too! Topping it all off, every one of your credits is a chance to win the Grand Prize which will be awarded at the **Club's Pizza Party Finale** on August 10.

The **Teen Summer Club** is the perfect way to spend a few hours a week developing your creative and competitive capacities with friends in a cool environment. So let's get together and **Build a Better World!**

*We'll see you 'round the Zone!*

## TECH CORNER

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Marc Weissman

### A Sampling of Summer App-etizers

With summer in full swing, many people take advantage of the warm weather and time off to travel either locally, nationally or even globally. Whether you are planning a nearby daycation in picturesque CT or flying overseas, there are a plethora of useful apps that you can download to make your travel experience much more efficient, thus giving you more time for fun.

Before you even leave the house, several apps can be used to help plan your trip. **Google Maps** and/or **Waze** are both excellent GPS apps for actual traveling, but also can quickly and easily determine the optimal route to your destination(s) prior to leaving. In addition, they will also let you know how long it will take to get there under a variety of conditions, as well as include different modes of transportation. Waze tends to have more up-to-the-minute traffic information, whereas **Google Maps** is considered more user-friendly overall. Meanwhile, even though many mobile devices come pre-installed with their own weather apps, the free **Weather Channel** app is worth installing before venturing out into the elements.

Just as you would pack sufficient print materials for your journey, be sure to install the Library's **OverDrive** and brand-new **Libby** apps for convenient, on-the-go-reading. And don't forget about Hoopla Digital, an additional media download source, free with your Derby Public Library card, that supplements the other two very nicely. With all three, not only will you enjoy a wide variety of e-books, music and movies on your mobile devices, but you will also free up that ever-precious luggage space to allow for additional clothes, shoes and sundries to be brought along.

Music is always a nice-to-have when it comes to making travel more pleasant, and portable tune formats can essentially be broken down into two basic categories: live streaming and saved playlists. **Pandora** provides free access to live streaming of recorded music based on one's particular tastes combined with the app's ability to suggest artists or songs similar to those you already like. **Spotify**, while also a streaming music app, provides customizable options such as creating your own playlists rather than having the software determine the song choices and sequence. And if you already have an iTunes account or the like, you can set up playlists of songs that are saved directly to your mobile device. While this may require additional memory cards, the advantage here is you do not need to have a Wi-Fi signal since the actual music files are saved to your device and not being continuously accessed via the internet.

If you are traveling to a foreign country, please be sure to check out our **Mango** database accessible through the Library website. With over 70 languages available, you can brush up on commonly-used phrases prior to departure or even en route to make it easier to navigate once outside the U.S. Your Library card will also give you free access to the **Lynda.com** database. These simple, how-to instructional videos are a great way to pass the time at the airport or in the backseat of a car while also learning a new skill. Happy Trails! ☺