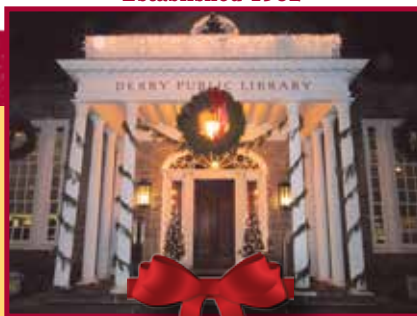




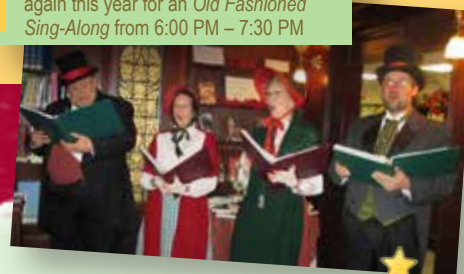
Library Trivia: ♦ December 27 marks the 114 anniversary of the official dedication of the Derby Public Library to the City of Derby by Col. and Mrs. Wood in memory of their son, Harcourt, who had died February 27, 1897 at the age of 12. That evening at the Sterling Theater, Elmer Buffman, the leading man in "The Prisoner of Zenda," appeared before the curtain previous to its rising on the last act and announced the gift of the Library to the City. The city was delighted and thunderous applause followed the announcement for minutes.



Annual Holiday Open House

December 12 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM

The CT Yuletide Carolers join us once again this year for an *Old Fashioned Sing-Along* from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



LOCAL HISTORY

Chelsie Labrecque

The settlement of Connecticut by the English took place between 1634-1636 by Boston immigrants at Wethersfield, Windsor, and Hartford. After the Pequot War in 1637, settlers moved further west and established a fur trading post in New Haven. By 1638, New Haven settlers moved even further west. As early as 1642 a trading post was established by Captain John Wakeman along the Pootatuck (Housatonic) River in Birmingham. When the New Haven settlers arrived, the area was already occupied by the Paugassetts tribe.

The Paugassetts' controlled between 15-18 miles of territory along the Housatonic, including parts of Monroe, Huntington, Trumbull, Bridgeport, Stratford, Orange, and Derby. In Milford, the Paugassetts were mistaken as a separate tribe and were called the Weepawaug/Wepawaug; however, the Wepawaug were not separate. In fact, Milford was where the chief sachem of the Paugassetts - Ansantawae - resided. His son, Ockenuck, led the Paugassetts living in present day Derby.

Before the English settlers arrived the Paugassetts had a fort located on the corner of what is now Seymour Ave and Division St. After 1654, the Paugassetts erected a "New Fort" which was located by the river along present day Route 34. Both locations are marked by monuments erected by the Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter, D.A.R. in 1916.

It was not long before the settlers began divesting the Natives of their land. One account states that one Thomas Wheeler of Derby bought an island on the Pootatuck for "two yards of cloth and two pairs of breeches." The territory known only as Horse Hill in Derby was purchased for "one blanket" by Abel Gunn. The Paugassetts' concept of land ownership, however, differed greatly from the settlers. After the 'sales' of these lands, the Paugassetts continued to utilize the sold properties, which the settlers considered trespassing. Laws were passed that "no ordinary citizen should admit a native into his house" and that "Indians who came round the settlements by night might be summoned by the watchmen to surrender."

In 1659 the Golden Hill reservation of Stratford was created, as well as the Great Planting Field and Wolf Pit Neck reservations of Fairfield. With nowhere else to go, the Paugassetts were forced to live on inhospitable lands -- early accounts of Golden Hill state 100 wigwams covered 80 acres of rocky, un-farmable land. Yet in the aftermath of the King Phillips War (1675-76), the towns demanded retribution. Over time, the reservations were slowly diminished until only the Turkey Hill reservation (est. 1680) of Derby remained. Even then, the overseers of the land sold it in 1826, scattering the remaining natives to the "four winds," where consistent records of them halted. Some joined the Pootatuck tribe further north along the Housatonic, while others removed themselves from the state completely.

The last remaining members of the tribe on record, Molly Hatchett and the Mack family, died in Derby between 1829 and 1833. Molly managed to remain at Turkey Hill until her death. She was well known by Derby residents since she would travel outside of the reservation to sell stained baskets, and would visit those with newborns to offer rattles to the children. In her old age, residents of the Derby Narrows would come to visit her. The Mack family did not fare as well. They contracted smallpox and all but three children died. They are all buried at the Paugassetts Burial Grounds, located on the Ansonia/Woodbridge town line.

Even though there are not clear records of what happened in the intermedium, the Paugassetts tribe survived and in the 1920's began the arduous process of becoming a recognized tribe. Although they were granted state level recognition, in 2004 their appeal for federal recognition was denied.

Through the month of November, which is Native American Heritage month, be sure to stop by the main floor display case to view our display of Native American artifacts from throughout Connecticut. The collection includes a Molly Hatchett basket, Paugassetts bowls, beaded moccasins, axe heads, arrow heads, a shaft abrader, pestle, and bone fragments.

As the Derby Public Library's new local history coordinator I am looking forward to assisting you with all your local history questions and genealogy research. Don't hesitate to call or stop by!



New Local History Coordinator, Chelsie Labrecque, looks forward to assisting you with your local history questions and research projects.

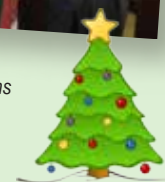
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From the Desk of the Director:

Cathy Williams

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store?
What if Christmas . . . perhaps . . . means a little bit more!"*

*** Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas*



I have good news to share with you! In the January/February newsletter, I told you about the State Library Board awarding the Derby Public Library a \$100,000 Construction Grant. This being a matching grant, the City of Derby committed \$90,000 for the project, and the Derby Public Library Board committed to use \$10,000 from the Library's Harold B. Yudkin Historic Preservation Fund. The final approval for the request came from the State Bond Commission on September 30 and we are now ready to proceed! Addressing the long history of serious water issues at the Library, the project will include the repair or replacement of flashings, scuppers, downspouts, sills, exterior walls (pointing), crown molding, balustrades, and columns. Exterior lighting will be replaced and exterior pathways repaired and improved for accessibility. Securing these funds was truly a collaborative effort. Many thanks to our State Legislators and City leaders for supporting this much needed project. And a special thank you once again to Patty Finn, City of Derby Deputy Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development for her wonderful grant writing skills!

More good news . . . The Derby Public Library became one of the first 15 libraries in the state to receive a grant from the State Library Board for a high-speed fiber optic connection to the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). The Library will use the \$16,360 to cover all costs related to the installation. It is anticipated that the connection will be completed in the first half of 2017. Many area residents rely on the Derby Public Library for their internet connections. We provide 19 computers for public usage. Last year over 16,110 computer sessions were recorded. Hundreds of other visitors used our Wi-Fi service. This grant will speed up access for all Library internet users. Thank you once again to our State Legislators for their support in securing these funds. A special thank you also to Maria Bernier, E-Rate Coordinator & LSTA Coordinator, Division of Library Development, Connecticut State Library for her patient grant writing guidance!

The holiday tradition continues! Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, December 12 and our **Annual Holiday Open House**. Refreshments and free raffles will be offered from 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM. From 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM, staff member Marc Weissman moves from the computer keyboard to the musical keyboard to play some favorite holiday melodies for your enjoyment. Then the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers return from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM to once again lead us in a holiday sing-along. Our beautiful historical building is the perfect setting for these Victorian garbed Carolers!

Taking a step back, November brings my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, with thoughts of turkey, stuffing, and of course pie! In recognition of this, the Library welcomes **Robert S. Cox** on Monday, November 14 to discuss his book, **New England Pie: History Under a Crust**. Pie has been a delectable centerpiece of Yankee tables since Europeans first landed on New England shores in the seventeenth century. With interviews from local bakers, classic recipes, and modern twists on beloved standards, this mouthwatering history offers something for every appetite.

As always, I remind you to check out our full calendar of events inside this newsletter. You'll find a special **Holiday Book Discussion**, another popular **Water Color Painting class**, a holiday **Yesterday's Headline's** session, **Color Club** dates, **Movie Matinees**, and more!

Looking ahead . . . our **2017 Winer Reading Club – Cabin Fever Reliever** begins on January 3!



November 2016

November 11th -
Closed in Observance
of Veterans Day.

Reoccurring Programs in November


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



MONDAYS:

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28	6:30 pm	YA Chess Club with Mr. Julio Maldonado. Will-call basis. Chess coaching sessions.
11/7	6:30 pm	Color Club for Adults (18+) . Join the color craze! Materials provided. Come relax & de-stress.

WEDNESDAYS:

11/2	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.
11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30	10:00 am	Baby Steps (birth to 24 mo.). Opportunity for a parent/caregiver to bond with their young child through interactive play. Older siblings are welcome to join us.
	1:00 pm	Wednesday Movie Matinees (18+) . Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.
	3:30 pm	After School Program: Crafty Kids (ages 5-11). Different art or craft project each week. Snacks provided.
	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	YA Wednesdays (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii, board games, and Lego.
11/16	6:30 pm	Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!



THURSDAYS:

11/3	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.
11/3, 11/10, 11/17	10:00 am	Time for Twos (24-36 mo.) Stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft for toddler and parent(s). Caregivers welcome.
	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.
11/17	10:00 am	Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!



The 11th season of **Sport Talks** ends on November 3. Look for a Hot Stove session this winter!



Water Color workshop participants proudly show their finished works! Instructor Rich DiCarlo returns to the Library on November 21 with another project.



November 23 – Closing at 12:30 PM
November 24 & 25 –
Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving.

Special Events

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

2 - WEDNESDAY:	6:15 pm	Special Screening of the Documentary Film, The Game: Ansonia vs Derby , a Comcast Production.
4-FRIDAY:	10:00 am - Noon 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	American Job Center Career Coach presents <i>Job Search Assistance</i> . The workshop is free and open to the public. Learn where to look for jobs, how to get the job you want, & how to search using the internet.
7-MONDAY:	10:30 am	GROW Nutrition Program Truck . Qualified participants learn nutrition ideas, recipes and more.
14-MONDAY:	6:30 pm	Author Visit - Robert S. Cox <i>New England Pie: History Under a Crust</i> . Learn the history of pie-making in the region. Featuring classic recipes, interviews from local bakers, & modern twists on standards.
15-TUESDAY:	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Read to Payson (ages 5-11). Share a book with Payson, our volunteer therapy dog. Scarf-Tying Workshop (18+) demonstrated by Joanne Czczot. Learn ways to tie regular, infinity & square scarfs.
17-THURSDAY:	10:00 am 4:00 pm	Story Time with Local Author . Meet Judy Beno author of <i>Giuseppe Buday's Colorful Days</i> picture book. Teen ClayMaker Space (ages 12-17). Part I. All materials supplied.
19 SATURDAY	11:00 am	Thankful Treats Workshop (ages 7-12). Make Thanksgiving themed sweet treats. Materials supplied.
21-MONDAY:	6:00 pm 10:30 am	Water Color Painting Workshop (18+) with Rich DiCarlo from the Valley Arts Council. All materials provided. GROW Nutrition Program Truck . Qualified participants learn nutrition ideas, recipes and more.
29-TUESDAY:	4:00 pm	After School S.T.E.A.M. Program, Marshmallow Builders (gr. 2-5). Create a architectural masterpiece!



December 2016



December 23 – closing at 12:30 PM
December 24 & 26 –
Closed in Observance of Christmas.

Reoccurring Programs in December

December 30 – closing at 12:30 PM
December 31 & January 2 –
Closed in Observance of New Years.

Registration is requested for all programs. **Resume “Right-ing”** & **Tech Time** are on a drop-in basis.

MONDAYS:

12/5, 12/12, 12/19 10:00 am **Family Place - 1,2,3 Grow With Me!** (ages 1-3). Each week features puzzles, books, blocks, a craft, dramatic play & more followed by a story & rhymes. Parents/caregivers introduced to library resources.

6:30 pm **YA Chess Club** with Mr. Julio Maldonado. Will-call basis. Chess coaching sessions.

12/5 6:30 pm **Color Club for Adults** (18+). Join the color craze! Materials provided. Come relax & de-stress.

WEDNESDAYS:

12/7 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.

12/7 12:30 pm **Special Holiday Lunchtime Book Discussion**, *Christmas Jars* by Jason Wright. Multiple copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.

12/7, 12/14 10:00 am **Baby Steps** (birth to 24 mo.). Opportunity for a parent/caregiver to bond with their young child through interactive play. Older siblings are welcome to join us.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28 1:00 pm **Wednesday Movie Matinees** (18+). Newly released DVDs will be shown and light snacks offered.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21 3:30 pm **After School Program: Crafty Kids** (ages 5-11). Different art or craft project each week. Snacks provided.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **YA Wednesdays** (ages 12-17). Nintendo Wii, board games, and Lego.

12/21 6:30 pm **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**

THURSDAYS:

12/1, 12/8, 12/15 10:00 am **Time for Twos** (24-36 mo.) Stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft for toddler and parent(s). Caregivers welcome.

12/15 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.

12/15 10:00 am **Tech Time: Bring All Your Tech-Related Questions!**



Our Holiday Open House is
always fun for all ages! Join us
on December 12.



The GROW Nutrition Truck will visit the Library twice a month through the end of February. Call the Children's Room for more information.

Special Events

(Registration is requested for all Special Events.)

1-THURSDAY: 4:00 pm **Teen ClayMaker Space** (ages 12-17). Part II. All materials supplied.

5-MONDAY: 10:30 am **GROW Nutrition Program Truck**. Qualified participants learn nutrition ideas, recipes and more.

6-TUESDAY: 6:30 pm **Yesterday's Headlines** (*Local History Program*) presented by Rob Novak, Jr., local historian.

10-SATURDAY: 10:30 am **Holiday Workshop for Kids**, *It's a Wrap!* (ages 5-12) Decorate gift bags & make an ornament..

12:30 pm **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). All level of building skills invited. Materials supplied.

12-MONDAY: 11:00 am - 7:30 pm **Annual Holiday Open House**. Free holiday-themed basket raffles and refreshments throughout the day.

1:30 am - 4:00 pm **Marc Weissman** moves from the computer keyboard to the musical keyboard & plays holiday melodies.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Connecticut Yuletide Carolers** greet visitors with the sounds of the season inviting all to sing-along.

13-TUESDAY: 6:30 pm **Gingerbread Story Time & Craft Program** (ages 4-9). Join in the holiday fun! Materials provided.

15-THURSDAY: 4:00 pm **Teen Holiday Baker Space** (ages 12-17). Great holiday ideas! All materials supplied.

16-FRIDAY: 10:00 am - Noon **American Job Center Career Coach** presents *Create a Great Resume*. The workshop is free & open to the public. Bring your current resume to update or start building a new resume.
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

19-MONDAY: 10:30 am **GROW Nutrition Program Truck**. Qualified participants learn nutrition ideas, recipes and more.

27-TUESDAY: 1:00 pm **Read to Payson** (ages 5-11). Share a book with Payson, our volunteer therapy dog.

28-WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am - Noon **Drop-In Craft Time** (ages 4-11). Create a winter-themed arts & crafts project. Materials supplied.

Message from Miss Sue

Sue Sherman

It was wonderful to see so many families visit the library for our annual **Fall Family Day**. Many of our young patrons created their own rendition of the pumpkin patch during a painting class presented by **The Giggling Pig Art Studio**. They then kept their artistic talents flowing while completing a number of fall themed art and craft projects. We wish to thank the Jones Family Farm of Shelton for their generous donation which enabled us to offer a pumpkin decorating activity for families. The afternoon ended with a visit from **Critter Caravan** offering an up close experience with some of nature's most interesting animals and reptiles.

With the holidays fast approaching, we invite our young patrons to join us for several special events such as our Kids in the Kitchen series featuring **Thankful Treats** on Saturday, November 19 when we will put culinary skills to the test, making some sweet treats perfect to complete a Thanksgiving feast. On Saturday, December 10 there will be a **Holiday Gift Workshop**, providing participants with the materials to create their own ornament, in addition to gift bags, tags and wrapping paper.

Janet Sabovik and therapy dog **Payson** return for November and December giving children ages 5-11 a 10-15 minute time slot to share a book with Payson. Our reading to a therapy dog program continues to be a popular activity for young readers building their confidence along with literacy skills. Stop by and shake paws with Payson . . . she enjoys listening to a good story and making new friends.

Local children's author **Judy Beno** visits us on Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 AM. During this special story time, Ms. Beno will read her picture book *Giuseppe Buday's Colorful Days* and engage young children with rhymes and activities related to her books. Copies of her book will be available for purchase the day of the program.

Is your child's star up on our **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** bulletin board yet? This is an ongoing early literacy program for children ages birth to preschool which can be accomplished at your own pace. At each 100 books read increment, bring in the tally sheet given out upon registration to receive a participation incentive and have your child's star moved along the reading path to the 1,000 books goal. Stop by the Children's Room desk for further info and to register.



Creative young artists at Fall Family Fun Day.



And more creative young artists at Fall Family Fun Day!

creative fun! We also continue our **STEAM** program with **Marshmallow Builders** scheduled for November 29. We will be building some awesome architectural structures using marshmallows, gumdrops and spaghetti!

We continue our fall session of **Weekly Story Times** through December 15 and a three week series of **Family Place** . . . **1,2,3 Grow with Me** will take place on December 5, 12 and 19.

Looking ahead . . . registration for the Winter Session of our weekly story times begins on December 19, with classes beginning January 11.

Staff Picks

Cathy Williams	<i>Home</i> by Harlan Coben
Sue Sherman	<i>Ten Christmas Wishes</i> by Claire Freedman (Children's Room)
Kathy Wilson	<i>The Last Days of Night</i> by Graham Moore
Ann Mirisola	<i>Trading Christmas</i> by Debbie Macomber
Mary Householder	<i>Downfall</i> by J.A. Jance
Lorraine Piazza	<i>The Woman in Cabin 10</i> by Ruth Ware
Gabriella Novak	<i>The Angel Tree</i> by Daphne Benedis-Grab (Children's Room)
Tony Delos	<i>How it Went Down</i> by Kekla Magoon (Young Adult)
Brian Karkut	<i>Elizabete: Adventures of a Carnivorous Plant</i> by H.A. Rey (Children's Room)
Marc Weissman	<i>Running with Scissors</i> by Augusten Burroughs
Andrew Bisaccia	<i>The Hero with a Thousand Faces</i> by Joseph Campbell
Chelsie Labrecque	<i>I'll Give You the Sun</i> by Jandy Nelson (Young Adult)



TEEN ZONE

Tony DeLos

Greetings Teen Zone fans! By now many of you have likely engaged in those annual autumnal traditions of apple picking, leaf raking, and pumpkin carving. It is time now to move on to some more annual traditions. The holidays are a time for not only festively decorating your homes, but also those special desserts that are prepared for family and friends.

The Teen Zone is poised to help you make a significant contribution to those efforts as we offer **MakerSpace** programs with seasonal themes in mind. On Thursdays, November 17 and December 1 at 4:00 PM, Valley Arts council member Rich DiCarlo will lead young adults age 12 – 17 through a holiday **Maker-In-Clay** two-part workshop series where budding artists will fashion individualized figures to enhance your family collections of holiday adornments. There will also be an opportunity to provide a sneak-peak at the new 3-D pens purchased for the Teen Zone's future young adult programming.

Then on Thursday, December 15, at 4:00 PM, **Teen MakerSpace** morphs into **BakerSpace** as we gather to apply our personal decorative skills to a variety of baked goods. The reward for your efforts will be the well-earned consumption of those tasty masterpieces. Of course, in the holiday spirit, you might consider the option of taking those goodies home to share with your families . . . we'll leave that choice up to you.

Finally, **YA Wednesdays** will continue to be offered starting at 6:00 PM. Give us a call just to make sure the library holiday schedules haven't pre-empted regular programming. *Happy Holidays & see you 'round the Zone!*

TECH CORNER

Marc Weissman

The Reality of Virtual Reality

Never before has the concept of **Virtual Reality (VR)** been so refined and prevalent than with today's computer technology. For those not familiar with **VR**, essentially it's software that allows user(s) to interact with a real or artificial 3-D environment simulated around them using specialized screens, headsets or projectors. A good analogy of this is if you've ever been inside an IMAX® theater, only **VR** is typically created on a much smaller, more personal scale with respect to the size of devices used.

Virtual Reality has already been used in medical applications, flight simulation training, real estate showings and sports viewing. In medicine, **VR** can simulate surgery so accurately that surgeons-in-training become adept at what's expected during a procedure and perform much more efficiently and expeditiously in the operating room. Meanwhile, **VR** can also be used to treat patients who suffer from certain phobias like a fear of heights or vertigo. With flight simulation, the US Air Force has combined **VR** with a more traditional flight simulator so the jolts and jostling felt during maneuvers are added to the visual, 3-D experience. In real estate, instead of using 2-D pictures or trying to describe a large home over the phone, a realtor can immerse the prospective buyer right inside the house and provide a "virtual walk-through." And in the case of sports viewing, **VR** takes HDTV technology to the next level by not only giving the viewer a wide array of camera angles, but it can literally put them right on the line of scrimmage, behind the plate or in goal while the action is happening.

Without question, though, the most prevalent use of **Virtual Reality** is in video gaming. And several top brands of VR headsets are available now. The **Oculus Rift** (sold by Facebook) creates a 3D space that allows users to view while sitting, standing or walking around the room. Popular games such as *Minecraft* and *Flight Simulator* support the Rift. One notable feature of the Rift allows for users who wear glasses or have widely varying facial shapes to enjoy the experience. **Samsung Gear VR**, on the other hand, is somewhat unique in that it works with Samsung's smartphone phone technology, allowing for a truly portable, virtual experience. In addition, the **Samsung Gear VR** uses what's called superior "latency", meaning the time – or delay – between the user's physical motion and what is seen on the screen is minimized. This not only makes the **VR** experience more realistic, but it reduces the potential for any motion sickness while playing certain games. HTC Vive's headset uses what's called "room scale" technology to create a large, 3D space that users can virtually walk around and even manipulate objects using handheld controllers. **Google Cardboard** is a **VR** platform that includes a head mount for a smartphone. Since users can either build their own viewer from simple, low-cost components or purchase a pre-made one, **GC** is intended to encourage widespread interest and development in **VR** applications as a whole.

Regardless of which **VR** headset you decide to use or what application you venture into by way of Virtual Reality, rest assured you will have a truly memorable experience . . . and will have fun doing it.