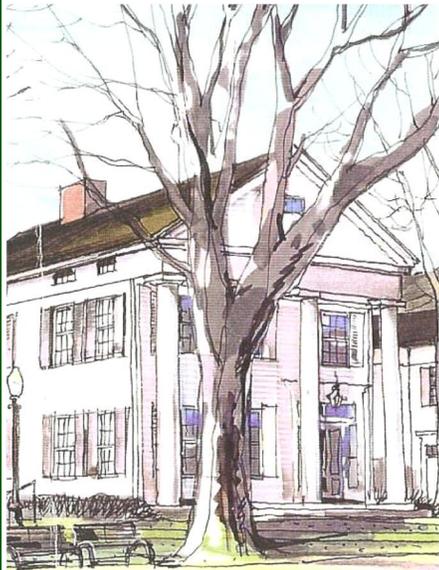


Between the Lines

The Newsletter of the Bethel Public Library

March/April 2017



The Bethel Public Library
189 Greenwood Avenue
Bethel, Connecticut 06801

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10-8

Tues., Fri., Sat. 10-5

Sun. 1-5 (September—mid-June)

Closed April 14 for Good Friday, and
April 16 for Easter Sunday.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Mark your calendars! March 9 is almost here!

For the fourth year, Fairfield County's Community Foundation is hosting our region's biggest philanthropic event to inspire communities to **GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE**. Last year, more than \$2,600 was raised for the Bethel Public Library in a single 24-hour period.

This year, the Library is thrilled to be a Giving Day Community Partner for the second year in a row. On March 9, we'll have giving stations available at the Library for anyone to stop by and make a donation. Or, you can donate online from home. **Remember!** Giving Day is **One Day Only**, and donations must be made online through the FCGives website. See inside for details.

To encourage others to donate, why not consider being a match donor? For example, you might pledge to match the first 5 gifts of \$10 (for a total gift of \$50). Thank you gifts will be given to the first 50 donors in each level: \$50-\$99 or \$100 or more. Donors who give \$500 or more, will receive a plaque on the Library's Donor Wall.

Funds raised will be used for programming such as dramatic and musical performances, supplies for 3D printing, crafts, and other Makerspace activities, completion of our Academy Award Winners DVD collection, laminating equipment and supplies, display shelving to promote staff favorites, additional signage, and a white board and easel for the Technology Center.

For more information, please contact me at the Library, and thank you in advance for your support.

~Lynn Rosato, Library Director

TRÈS CELLA: THE NEWEST GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

"I'm thrilled!" said Director Lynn Rosato at the Friends Annual Meeting in January as she accepted *Très Cella*, the latest gift from the Friends. *Très Cella* is a sculpture created by local artist Michael Vaughan from three heavily damaged, unrepairable cellos. The elegant sculpture is a stunning example of how "recycled art" can change trash into treasure.

Très Cella had been on temporary display on the Library's second floor. Now, thanks to the Friends' purchase, it is part of the Library's permanent art collection.

On another note, limited space in the Book Cellar necessitates our adoption of more stringent donation guidelines. At present we are not able to accept fiction and nonfiction books older than 15-20 years unless the books are considered vintage. We cannot accept cookbooks and paperbacks older than 5-10 years. And we do not accept textbooks, foreign language books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and music cassettes or books on cassette.

~ Jenny Tesar, Friends President



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COME OUT OF YOUR SHELL AT THE LIBRARY!

Do you have a child who has special needs or is on the autism spectrum? Would you like to bring your child to a program they will understand and enjoy that has been hailed by critics as “fantastic!” Then, *The Sensory-Friendly Music and Movement Show*, presented by Turtle Dance Music, is the program for you and your child.



Turtle Dance Music, under the direction of Matt Mazur, will bring this award-winning program to the Michele Arnhold Children’s Library on April 11 at 11:00 am. The Sensory-Friendly Music and Movement Program is a musical experience that is designed to engage children through songs, movement, projections, and interactive music technology. The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children ages 3-10 years old, but is geared especially for children on the autism spectrum. Each song in the show is accompanied by hands-on visual and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun. All of the activities and techniques in the performance are based on research from the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Health at Montclair and New York Universities.

If you want to experience this unique program with your child, you must register (beginning on March 27) at the Children’s Services Desk. Turtle Dance Music guarantees that this musical experience will bring all children and adults “out of their shells”!

~Joanne Grumman, Children’s Librarian

WE’RE MAKING HISTORY...AVAILABLE!



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Bethel Library staff have started the large undertaking of scanning historical documents from our **Seelye Family Local History Room** collection to make them available online to the public through the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA) website. The CTDA is a joint venture of the Archives and Special Collections at the

University of Connecticut Libraries and the Connecticut State Library. This process was made possible to your library through our consortium, Bibliomation.

The first items to be added from our collection will include the photographs, letters, and postcards from the P. T. Barnum Collection, which was donated by Laurence Gibson and Cynthia NeJame. We then will branch out with programs from historic Bethel events such as masquerade balls, graduations, concerts, church anniversaries, and even the dedication of the “new” Masonic Hall in 1890. We also will include Maria Parloa’s cookbooks—Miss Parloa was the founder of our Library!

It is not as simple as scanning an image and then uploading it. The librarians must create records to accompany the pictures and letters, including authors and recipients of correspondence, dates, locations, and keywords. In addition, correspondence needs to be transcribed, which can be difficult depending on the handwriting. These records will help searchers all over the world to locate the materials online, and to know the background of the material.

~Sara Eisenman, Library Assistant

TEENS HELPING YOUNGER KIDS!

If you have younger siblings, or know a little kid who’d like to join in a fun activity for all ages, then check out these two programs especially for you!

In March, we’re having a Build-a-thon using our new **Keva Planks**—simple, wood stacking blocks that were recently purchased to enhance the Library’s Makerspace activities. The event is open to all ages (6 years old and up). It is a great opportunity for everyone to come together and create.

In April, we’ll be having a **puppetry** program for young children and teens. Participants will make puppets and then create a show that we will put on for the community.

Both programs will be a great lead-in to our new teen volunteer program, **Book Buddies**. Book Buddies are teen volunteers (you!) and younger children who will read to one another. It’s a fun way to help the younger kids become better readers. Check out our program listing for more information.

While it’s fun to be together, sometimes you just need a little time alone. And there’s a perfect spot for you right next to the Teen Library—the Morse Conference Room. If it’s not being used for a scheduled meeting or program, and the door is open, feel free to use the room for 5 or 10 minutes. It’s a quiet spot to take a quick phone call or gather your thoughts. Please just let the staff at the Teen Desk know you need the room for a few minutes and they’ll let you in!

~Amy Schumann, Teen Librarian



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IT'S TIME TO PLAN A SPRING DAY TRIP!

Celebrate spring at the Bethel Public Library! We offer many great ways for you to enjoy the season.

Are you staying in town during Spring Break (April 10-14)? Or are you just ready to get out of the house as winter winds down? We have **museum passes** for free or reduced admission to many local cultural attractions, including the Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport and the Institute of American Indian Studies in Washington, CT. For a complete list of passes, check the Library's website. Be sure to reserve your pass early, as they are quite popular!

Or maybe you want to stay in town. Your home town Library has many programs. Crafty? Sign up for the **loom-knitting** class in March. An avid reader? We have morning and evening monthly **book discussions**. For the truly ambitious reader, please join us to discuss the American classic *Moby Dick!* Want to write your own masterpiece? **Meet with other writers** monthly, now through June. Movie fan? See the latest DVD releases on our **big screen!** For more information about these and other offerings, please check the Library website or ask a staff person.

Please feel free to contact the Circulation Desk if you have any questions: 203-794-8756 ext. 3.

~Priscilla Massmann
Circulation Manager

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Mission, by Robert Matzen

Mission is an intriguing and insightful look into not only actor Jimmy Stewart's contribution during World War II, but is also a very detailed description of the experience of a B24 Liberator Bomber crew. The author's descriptions paint not just a heroic picture, but a true and sometimes gruesome account of what our airmen dealt with on a daily basis and during each harrowing flight.

Stewart chose to answer the call to duty even though he could have used his Hollywood celebrity to avoid it and stay home encouraging others to enlist or buy war bonds. The reader learns about his personal convictions and how they were shaped by his family history.

However, the beginning of the book details his relationships with actresses, which seems out of place. Another distraction is the chapters about how other individuals are affected by the war.

Despite those shortcomings, *Mission* is a terrific read. I always appreciated Jimmy Stewart as an actor, but I have a new admiration for him as a man who cared deeply for his fellow officers and crew members and wanted no special treatment because of his star status. I didn't want to put this book down.

Reviewer: Chris B.

Looking for your next great read? Visit us!
THE FRIENDS BOOK CELLAR
Mon & Wed: 10:30 am–7:30 pm
Sat: 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Sun: 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

What Have We Done: The Moral Injury of Our Longest Wars, by David Wood

Many thousands of our military men and women coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan have post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and so we have learned a lot about it. Given that awareness, and after reading this book, it seems glib and simple to say that the 8,000+ suicides per year of veterans of these two wars are the result of PTSD. This book addresses the moral side of the issue.

The author, a 2012 Pulitzer Prize winner, has covered conflicts around the world for more than 30 years, and was most recently embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He contends that there is a moral injury inflicted on the mostly young soldiers.

The main thesis of Wood's book is that the Veteran's Administration and those who conduct research about military suicides are, by and large, not asking the right question, which should be: when an individual decides to join the military, and is trained to kill and then does, what is the nature of the moral injury inflicted on that individual, who has been told from early childhood, 'Thou shalt not kill.' And how then should that injury be treated?

The book includes a poignant example of a Marine who finds himself in the sights of a young boy getting ready to kill him. The decision and resulting memory can be haunting, especially as the soldier grows older and begins assessing those experiences.

Reviewer: Dr. Jerry Brooker

"FUN FACT"

According to recent data from Nielsen BookScan...
Adult nonfiction print book sales were up 7%

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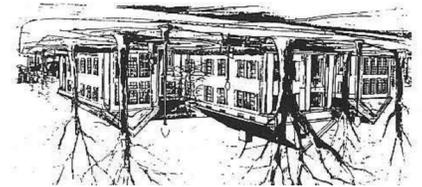
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FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday March 4, 2017

2-4 pm, Community Room

Meet Friends, old & new,
enjoy refreshments,
learn what we do,
make suggestions,
get a free book or two!

Drop by...no registration!

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Bethel, Redding, and Ridgefield Health Departments are seeking volunteers capable of translating any language to/from English to assist us in the event of a potential public health or other emergency. Also sought are volunteers capable of communicating with hearing impaired (sign language), visually impaired, or persons with limited language ability.

Contact: bhdadmin@bethel-ct.gov

Bethel Public Library Programs for Adults and Teens

Book Discussions

March 22, 6:30-7:45 pm

Moby Dick

by Herman Melville

March 27, 6:30-7:45 pm

March 29, 10:15-11:30 am

The Telling Room

by Michael Paterniti

April 24, 6:30-7:45 pm

April 26, 10:15-11:30 am

Lisette's List

by Susan Vreeland

Registration not required

Movies on the Big Screen

March 2, 6:00-7:50 pm

Moonlight (R)

March 8, 6:00-8:15 pm

Hacksaw Ridge (R)

March 15, 6:00-8:00 pm

In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13)

March 18, 2:00-4:20 pm

Fences (PG-13)

March 23, 6:00-7:50 pm

Jackie (R)

March 26, 2:00-3:45 pm

Hell or High Water (R)

March 29, 6:00-8:10 pm

Lion (PG-13)

Registration required for all movies.

R-rated films: ages 17 & under will not be admitted w/o parent or guardian

NEW! Loom-Knitting

March 1, 6:30-7:45 pm

Make a hat, then donate your finished product to a worthy cause!

Registration required and limited to 8

Your Library is a Tax Season Resource!

See the Reference Librarian for forms.

Library staff cannot offer tax advice or assistance.

Writing Group Meetings*

Sponsored by the DECD

March 15 & April 19

6:00-7:45 pm

Share all kinds of writing and receive professional feedback, in a supportive, relaxed environment. Please bring your original writing. Attendees must be 21 years or older

Registration required and limited to 10
FOR ADULTS

Social Security Seminar

March 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Expert advice from a financial advisor, with Q&A session

Registration required
FOR ADULTS

Author Talk

April 12, 7:00-8:00 pm

James Smith will read from his memoir, "A Boy's Life in the Baby Boom," and books will be available for sale/signing

Registration required
FOR ADULTS

KEVA Block Party: ALL Ages!

March 11, 10:30-12:00 pm

All ages get together to build a bridge, then make your own individual design
Registration required and limited to 12

Puppet Workshop for Teens and Kids

**April 20 & 27, 4:30-6:30 pm,
and May 5, 5:30-7:30 pm**

For kids 7-10 and teens 11-14. Have fun learning the art of puppetry, create your own puppets, and then put on a puppet show (May 5) at the Library!
In-person registration required, beginning April 3, for kids at the Children's Services Desk, and for teens at the Teen Services Desk.

Don't Miss the Popular Annual Gardening Series

Sponsored by the Bethel Garden Club

March 20, 6:30-8:00 pm

Great Plants for New England Gardens:
Photographer/writer Karen Bussolini reveals 40+ tried-and-true plants for your best garden ever.

April 4, 6:30-8:00 pm

Butterflies of the World: *Naturalist/educator John Root introduces us to these amazing pollinators and tells us how to attract them to our gardens.*

April 26, 6:30-8:00 pm

Historic Garden Design: *Local Master Gardener Krista Fiorini describes the evolution of garden design from the 1600s to 1800s.*

Registration required and includes a chance to win Garden Club Plant Sale coupons!
FOR ADULTS



Teen EveryFandom

March 8, 4:00-5:30 pm

April 5, 4:00-5:30 pm

Share your pop culture obsessions
Registration required and limited to 12

Teen Tech Thursdays

March 9, 6:30-7:45 pm

April 6, 6:30-7:45 pm

Try 3D printing, littleBits, and more!
Registration required and limited to 9

Creative Teens

March 25, 10:15-11:30 am

Use duct tape to make a small bag

April 22, 10:15-11:30 am

Create poetry from blacked-out words
Registration required. Limited to 12

Programs marked with an asterisk (*) are supported in part by the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, and the National Endowment of the Arts.

For more information, please call 203-794-8756 x4 (Adult) or x0 (Teen), or check the online calendar.

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Bethel Public Library Programs for Children

Terrific Twos

Fridays

March 10-April 7

10:30-11:00 am

For children, 2 years old by March 10, with parent/caregiver; no siblings

No registration required

PJ Storytimes

March 20 & April 17

6:30-7:00 pm

For children 3-8 years old able to sit without parent/caregiver; may come in pajamas and bring a stuffed animal

No registration required

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

March 29-May 17 (no class April 12)

10:30-11:00 am

For Bethel children 3-5 years old able to sit without parent/caregiver; must be 3 years old by March 29

No registration required

Mother Goose Storytime

Thursdays

March 30-May 11 (no class April 13)

10:30-11:00 am

For infants 10-24 months old with parent/caregiver; no siblings

Registration required, in person at the Children's Services Desk, March 22-29, and limited to 12

Books & Bricks

March 5 & April 2

2:00-3:00 pm

For kids Grades 1-5; includes stories and Lego-building session

Registration required, 2 weeks before program, and limited to 12



Kids Creative Chemistry

March 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

For kids Grades 2-5; mix dry chemicals to create a bubbly, fragrant item

Registration required, beginning March 15, and limited to 15

Magic Tree House Storycraft Adventure Hour

March 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

For kids Grades 1-3. Kids discuss Night of the Ninth Dragon (book #55) and explore the themes through activities

Registration required, begins March 9, and limited to 15 children

Kids Chess Clubs

Knights Club

March 8, 6:30-7:30 pm

For kids Grades 4-7

Pages Club

March 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

For kids Grades 1-3

Combined Club

April 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration required for all Chess Club meetings, 2 weeks before each meeting, limited to 12

Family-Fun Storytime

Fridays

April 21-May 19

10:30-11:00 am

For children ages 2-6 years old with parent/caregiver and siblings

No registration required



Sensory-Friendly Music & Movement Show

with Matt Mazur

April 11, 11:00 am-12:00 noon

For children 4-10 years old, especially for special needs children and those on the autism spectrum.

This musical program engages children through songs, stories, movement! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

Registration required, in person at the Children's Services Desk, beginning on March 27, and limited to 30 children.

For Parents: Demos of Online Resources

March 23, 10:30-11:15 am

April 19, 6:30-7:15 am

For parents of children in Grades 2-5.

One-on-one overview of online resources with a staff member.

In-person registration required, 2 weeks before each session, each demo limited to 2 adults

For Kids and Teens: A Puppet Workshop!

April 20 & 27, 4:30-6:30 pm, and May 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

For kids 7-10 and teens 11-14. Along with help from Puppeteer Robert Rogers, kids and teens will have fun learning the art of puppetry. They will create their own puppets, and then put on a puppet show (May 5) at the Library!

In-person registration required, beginning April 3, for kids at the Children's Services Desk, and for teens at the Teen Services Desk.

IMPORTANT: Registrants must commit to attend on all three dates.

For more information and to register for Children's programs, please call 203-794-8756 x5.

Children under 12 years of age may not be left unattended in the Library at any time.

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