



NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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LIBRARY NEWS

No Appointment Necessary

Effective March 15, appointments are no longer required to enter the Library. Patrons may come inside the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am-5pm and Saturdays between 10am-4pm. Curbside service is available Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am-5pm. All materials should continue to be returned via the book drop. Masks and gloves are still required. Complete information about our COVID-19 protocols can be found at <http://lymepl.org/latenews.htm>.

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? The library has started a collection of jigsaw puzzles for patrons to borrow. You can keep the puzzle, return it, or replace it with another. If you have any puzzles at home that you do not want any more, you can donate them to the puzzle exchange. Keep in mind that we will only accept puzzles that include all the pieces, and due to limited space, we may have to put a moratorium on accepting new puzzles until space opens up. The exchange is located in the Reference aisle near the Magazine Exchange.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Pick Up & Go Books for Pre-school Children Ages 2-5

Have you checked out our pre-bundled pick up & go books for preschoolers? In lieu of traditional story hour, the Library will have an assortment of themed picture and board books selected and packaged for pickup during regular library hours. Stop in and pick up some collections for quality story times at home.

Pick-up & Go Projects: Art (Grades K-5) and Science (Grades 3-5)

Kristen Thornton will prepare monthly art and science project kits for children to pick up at the library and complete at home on their own schedules. The kits will include step-by-step instructions and materials. Limited to 12 children. Please call to register or email programreg@lymepl.org by the following dates and specify art, science, or both.

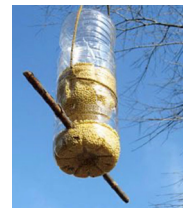
APRIL

Art project: Spring Daffodils

Science project: Recycled Bird Feeder

Register by April 14

Pick up materials between April 17-24



MAY

Art project: Patterned Prints

Science project: Pom Pom Drop

Register by May 12

Pick up materials between May 15-22



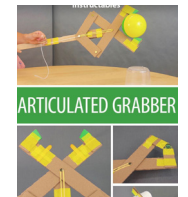
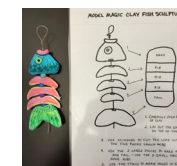
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Art project: Clay Fish Outdoor Hanger

Science project: Articulated Grabber

Register by June 9

Pick up materials between June 12-13



President's Message from the Friends of the Lyme Public Library

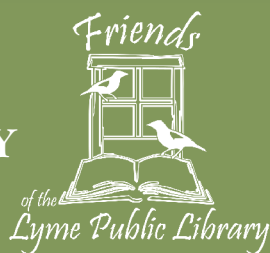
"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."

—RACHEL CARSON, *SILENT SPRING*

And spring has arrived! Every year it awakens our senses and persuades us to get outside and enjoy the sights and sounds of life emerging all around us. We hope you will join us for the many exciting events that the program committee has planned for the upcoming months. If you need information or assistance to register and experience one of the Zoom events, please contact the library staff and learn how easy it is to access and enjoy online programming. Finally, we welcome you to join us on Zoom for a brief annual meeting on Thursday, June 17 at 6:30pm followed by a concert with Plywood Cowboy!

Deborah Giaconia, *President* Jo-Ann Shettles, *Vice-President*

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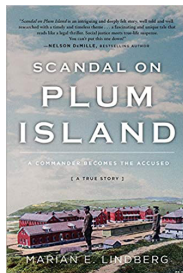


Please email programreg@lymepl.org and include your full name to receive the Zoom link for these events:

Scandal on Plum Island, **presented by Marian Lindberg**

Thursday, April 8 at 7pm

Marian Lindberg, a lawyer, land protection specialist and former investigative journalist, will discuss the story of Major Benjamin Koehler, an Army commander who was tried for allegedly groping male subordinates at Fort Terry in 1914. These claims triggered one of the first high-profile trials against a high-level military officer. Koehler struggled to prove that the accusers were lying in a trial rife with ill-informed ideas about how a “homo-sexualist” would behave. Marian will also discuss the twelve-year effort to preserve Plum Island.



Cybercrime: What Is It and Why Should You Care?

presented by Andy Bonillo

Saturday, April 17 at 2pm

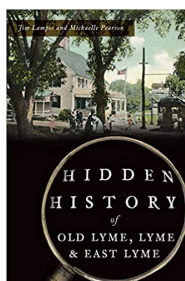
Cybersecurity expert Andy Bonillo will explain the types of cybercrime actors operating today as well as the potential ramifications of crimes such as the recent hack of U.S. government computers allegedly by Russia. Andy has served with the U.S. Capitol Police and as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service where he led the largest cybercrime investigation in US history. Andy has appeared on the *Today* show and is globally recognized as an expert in cybercrime and incident response.

Hidden History of Old Lyme, Lyme and East Lyme

presented by Jim Lampos and Michaelle Pearson

Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm

Old Lyme, Lyme and East Lyme were once one town, founded in the 1600s. Discover the local taverns where patriots met during the Revolution, the Diving Horses at the Golden Spur Amusement Park and the Spiritualist Camp that has held séances since 1882. Authors Jim Lampos and Michaelle Pearson weave a fascinating tapestry of local legends, history and lore.



Cut the Cord, presented by James Gifford

Saturday, May 1 at 2pm

James Gifford will explain the process, options and advantages of replacing cable television and bundled services with simpler,

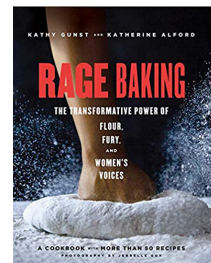
lower-cost options that are completely under the control of the consumer. He is a writer, editor and publisher with thirty years in technology and telecommunications.

Rage Baking: the Transformative Power of Flour, Fury, and Women's Voices

presented by Kathy Gunst and Katherine Alford

Thursday, May 6 at 7pm

Join authors Kathy Gunst and Katherine Alford as they talk about their book and the ways women have used baking to promote change. Their book is a compilation of stories, essays, interviews, poetry, and recipes from women such as Ani DiFranco, Marti Noxon, Tess Rafferty, Dorie Greenspan, Carla Hall, Elle Scott Simone, and more. Kathy and Katherine will also demonstrate recipes for a spring galette and meringue cookies with mango curd.

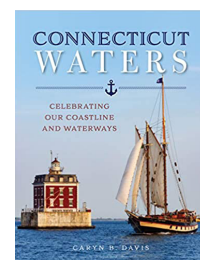


Connecticut Waters

presented by Caryn B. Davis

Thursday, May 20 at 7pm

Award-winning photographer Caryn B. Davis takes us on a nautical journey exploring the many ways Nutmeggers have used our lakes, rivers, sounds and shores. From boat builders to lobster shacks, historic ferries to lighthouses and islands, Caryn will showcase how these waterways have defined our culture and shaped our heritage as a state. Caryn's images and articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Town & Country*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

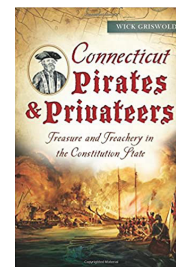


Connecticut Pirates & Privateers

presented by Wick Griswold

Thursday, June 3 at 7pm

The waters, inlets and islands of Connecticut once swarmed with fabled corsairs such as Captain Kidd and Blackbeard. In colonial times and through the nineteenth century, more than one hundred privateers used the Connecticut River and waterways as a home port, influencing the geopolitics of the time. Wick Griswold uncovers the swashbuckling stories of these colorful Connecticut characters, brimming with historical facts and local myths. Wick teaches the sociology of the Connecticut River at the University of Hartford's Hillyer College.



Friends Annual Meeting and

Concert with Plywood Cowboy

Thursday, June 17 at 6:30pm

(concert begins at 7pm)

Please join us for the annual meeting of the Friends and enjoy the music of *Plywood Cowboy*, which won the Connecticut Folk Festival band competition in 2018. Their 2018 release of “Blue Skies” presents the band’s signature blend of country-western, rock ‘n’ roll, and a modern harmonic sensibility.

PATRONS' CHOICE

Patrons have recommended these titles from the Lyme Public Library Collection

The Last Flight by Julie Clark

Two women, both trying to escape from their lives, meet in an airport and make a decision that will change the trajectory of their lives forever. *The NY Times Book Review* cites its “satisfying, if bittersweet resolution.”



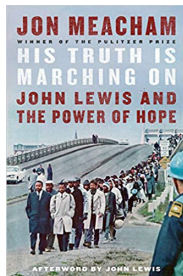
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

African American twin sisters run away from their small, southern town at age sixteen. At some point, their lives diverge, and one sister lives her life passing as white. This family story explores the history of passing in America and the lasting influence of the past on people's lives.



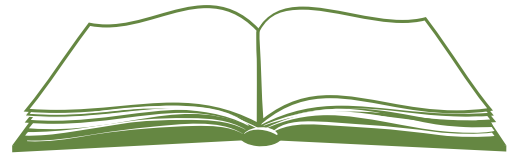
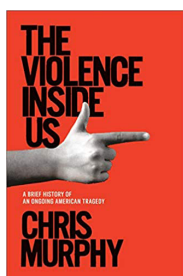
His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham

From the age of twenty-five when he was beaten at the Edmund Pettis Bridge during the march on Selma, John Lewis devoted his life to the quest for justice. Amazon.com says, “...Lewis was arguably a saint in our time, risking limb and life to bear witness for the powerless in the face of the powerful. In many ways he brought a still-evolving nation closer to realizing its ideals, and his story offers inspiration and illumination for Americans today who are working for social and political change.”



The Violence Inside Us: A Brief History of an Ongoing American Tragedy by Chris Murphy

Connecticut's U.S. Senator Chris Murphy analyzes the roots of violence in our country, outlines what we must do to change it, and how we can get to a point where we can have meaningful dialogues to reduce violence in our society.



To Celebrate the Arrival of Spring, here are the Top Ten Books in the Lyme Public Library about Nature, Wildlife, and Gardening, and Outdoor Life

10. *Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace* by Carl Safina
9. *Birds, Bees, & Butterflies: Bringing Nature into Your Yard and Garden* by Nancy J. Hajeski
8. *The Bird Way: A New Look at How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think* by Jennifer Ackerman
7. *The Complete Outdoor Builder: From Arbors to Walkways: 150 DIY Projects* by Black & Decker
6. *Fresh from the Garden: An Organic Guide to Growing Vegetables, Berries, and Herbs in Cold Climates* by John Whitman
5. *Grow the Good Life: Why a Vegetable Garden will make You Happy, Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise* by Michele Owens
4. *The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease & Joy at any Age* by Toni Gattone
3. *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas W. Tallamy
2. *Tales from the Ant World* by Edward O. Wilson
1. *Your House, Your Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Garden Design* by Gordon Hayward

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TEMPORARY LIBRARY HOURS

DUE TO COVID-19

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am to 5pm

Wednesday: 10am to 5pm (*Curbside Service Only*)

Thursday: 10am to 8pm

Friday: 10am to 5pm (*Curbside Service Only*)

Saturday: 10am to 4pm

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Board of Directors Meetings: April 28, May 26, June 30 at 4:30pm

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Annual Book Sale: June 11 & 12

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LIBRARY CLOSED

Good Friday: April 2

BOOK NOOK

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Spring is here and we have a large collection of books to share. Check out what's new at the FLPL Book Nook every month. We have also been sorting and preparing for the annual book sale on June 11 & 12 this year. We have a large inventory, as you can imagine. The basement is overflowing with a great collection of donated materials. We are hoping Covid restrictions will be lifted, allowing us to have a "safe" sale. We will notify you if it is necessary to change the date.

—Deb Giaconia, FLPL Book Sales

