



NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY



July • August • September 2021

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we observe the passing of Judy Lightfoot. Judy was a member of the Library Board for thirty-one years and served as president for twenty-seven. She advocated tirelessly for the Library during her tenure, and was the driving force behind the campaign for a new library building. She has left a legacy that will last generations. We will miss her friendship, grace, and dedication.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

In lieu of traditional story hour, the Library has an assortment of themed picture and board books selected and packaged for pickup during regular library hours.

Tails and Tales for Children Entering Grades K-5, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 4:30-5:30pm

The theme of this year's collaborative summer learning program is *Tails and Tales*. Programs will be led by Kristen Thornton outdoors at the library. Masks will be required. Limited to 10 children. Please email programreg@lymepl.org to register.

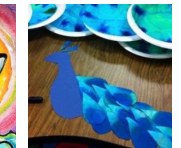
July 6: Recycled Collage Dogs



July 13: Mosaic Cat Cartoons



July 20: Whale Tale Mixed Medium



July 27: Peacock Mixed Medium

Summer Open Studio for Students Entering Grades 6-12, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6-7pm

Students will recreate Still Life exhibits from their choice of media and materials, i.e. painting (watercolors/oils) or drawing (charcoals/pastels) in the library's community room (masks and social distancing required). Materials will be supplied, but students may bring their own if they choose. **Limited to 10 participants. Email programreg@lymepl.org to register**

After School Art and Science Programs, September 2021, Date & Time TBA

Please check for updates on our website and social media as September draws closer. Programs are limited to 10 children. Register at the library or email programreg@lymepl.org

Art Project for Grades K-5: Foreshortening self-portraits



Science Project for Grades 3-5: Vision Experiments and Optical Illusions



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Returned to Normal Hours

The Library has returned to its normal hours from before the COVID-19 pandemic. Hours are Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 10-5, Thursday 10-8, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 10-4. Meeting rooms and seating areas are available with reduced capacities, and use of library computers remains by appointment. Please check our website for current COVID-19 protocols.

New Library Web Site

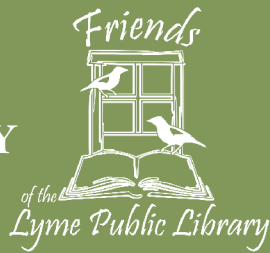
The Library is planning to unveil a newly designed website in late June or early July. We welcome your feedback on the site. Let us know what you like or don't like about it.

RB Digital Content Moved to Overdrive

Last year, RB Digital was acquired by the company that owns Overdrive. Our video streaming services that were previously

available from RB Digital, *IndieFlix*, *Quello Concerts* and *Great Courses*, are now available from Overdrive via the Libby app. Unfortunately, *Acorn TV* has chosen to end its library subscription program, so that streaming service is no longer available. However, some individual series in the Acorn TV catalog may be available through Overdrive's video service in the future.

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

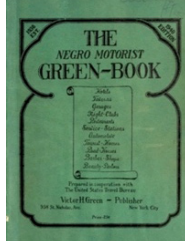
**Whale Ho!,
presented by the Mystic Seaport Museum
Thursday, July 8 at 7pm**

This virtual presentation delivers a fascinating look at the how and why of this dangerous industry and its role in the development of America as a young nation. Join one of the Museum's engaging and experienced Museum Educators to learn surprising details about whaling, its role in the industrial revolution, the fashion industry, and the factors that transformed us from a nation of whale hunters to whale watchers.



**The Green Book in New London,
presented by Tom Schuch
Tuesday, July 20 at 7pm**

In 1937, Victor H. Green, an African American mailman in New York City, published *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a travel guide to businesses in New York City where the patronage of Black customers would be welcome. Tom Schuch, a native New Londoner, will demonstrate how *The Green Book* was much more than a travel guide: it was also a survival guide for Black folks in Jim Crow America; and it is a History Book, a chronicle of mid-20th Century America, North and South.



**Birding Basics,
presented by the Roger Tory Peterson® Estuary Center
Saturday, August 14 at 10:30am**

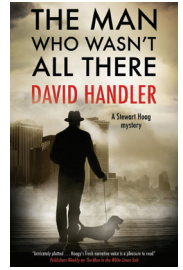
In this family-friendly, in-person program, participants will learn how to practice bird identification skills using sound, field guides and phone apps. Then we will take a walk, rain or shine, and put those skills into practice! Each participant will receive a bird guide to help identify the birds. The program is suitable for ages 6 and up and is limited to 12 children; each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (for a total of 24 participants).



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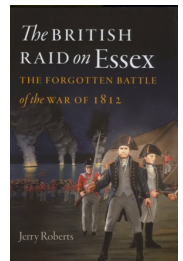
**The Man Who Wasn't All There,
presented by David Handler
Tuesday, August 17 at 7pm**

The latest installment of David Handler's Edgar Award-winning Stewart Hoag mystery series, set in 1990s' New York, sees the ghostwriter-sleuth and his faithful basset hound Lulu inadvertently make a dangerous enemy. David Handler has written twelve novels about the witty and dapper celebrity ghostwriter Stewart Hoag and his basset hound, and is also the author of the Berger & Mitry and the Benji Golden mystery series.



**The British Raid on Essex,
presented by Jerry Roberts, Thursday
September 9 at 7pm**

Historian Jerry Roberts recreates one of the most destructive maritime actions to take place in Connecticut history: the 1814 British attack on the privateers of Pettipaug, known today as the British Raid on Essex. Jerry Roberts's information draws from recent research and archaeological finds. His presentation will include lavish illustrations and detailed maps that bring the battle to life.

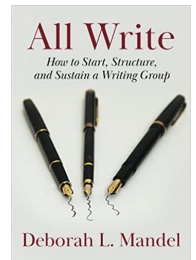


**Friends of the Lyme Public Library Book Sale
Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11**

Please join the Friends of the Lyme Public Library for their annual book sale, which starts on Friday from 3-7pm. On Saturday from 10am-12pm, books will be half price, and from 12:30-4pm, you can purchase a "bag of books" for \$5.00.

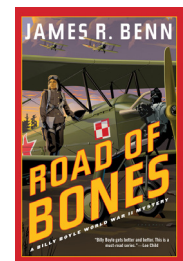
**All Write: How to Start, Structure,
and Sustain a Writing Group,
presented by Debbie Mandel
Saturday, September 18 at 2pm**

Debbie spent many years as a member of the Shoreline Writers Group and was inspired by her experiences to help other writers begin and sustain writing groups and fulfill the dream of writing their own books. She will speak about her experiences in the group and writing the book.



**Road of Bones,
presented by Jim Benn
Thursday, September 23 at 7pm**

Critically-acclaimed author Jim Benn will talk about the sixteenth novel in his WWII mystery series in which main character Billy Boyle is sent to the heart of the USSR to solve a double-murder at a critical turning point in the war.



PATRONS' CHOICE

Hamnet

by **Maggie O'Farrell**

Little is known about William Shakespeare's personal life, but it is known that he had a son who died at eleven years old. O'Farrell's novel brings this child to life as well as the impact his death had on Shakespeare and his family. The *Boston Globe* says, "Of all the stories that argue and speculate about Shakespeare's life... here is a novel ... so gorgeously written that it transports you."



The Four Winds

by **Kristin Hannah**

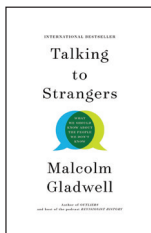
The author of *The Nightingale* returns with a sweeping saga about the Great Depression and the people who fought to save their land and families. *The New York Times* says, "Its message is galvanizing and hopeful: We are a nation of scrappy survivors. We've been in dire straits before; we will be again. Hold your people close."



Talking to Strangers

by **Malcolm Gladwell**

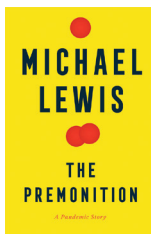
"Something is very wrong, Gladwell argues, with the tools and strategies we use to make sense of people we don't know. And because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and misunderstanding in ways that have a profound effect on our lives and our world." —Amazon.com



The Premonition: A Pandemic Story

by **Michael Lewis**

Michael Lewis hails the individuals who refused to bow to the powers that denied the science and reality behind the COVID-19 pandemic and forced the world to pay attention.



For more reading choices, check out the Staff Pick shelf in the Library's new book area and see what new books have been added to the Library's collection in the scrolling carousels on our catalog homepage at lym.agverso.com.



Top Ten Reasons to Be a Friend of the Lyme Public Library

10. New to the community? You can meet neighbors and make lasting friendships.
9. Are you retired? Use your skills that you learned over a lifetime and teach them to others.
8. Make an impact by working together with other community organizations to benefit the community.
7. Promote the library and raise community awareness of what the library has to offer.
6. Share your love of books, be they print or digital!
5. Have input into the types of programs the library offers.
4. Learn new skills, i.e. financial, public relations, community outreach, and more.
3. Help foster imagination and learning with programs and activities for children and adults.
3. Help the Friends fund programs and special projects not possible from the library's budget.
2. Help with book sales. You get first look at the treasures that come in!
1. Make a difference. By being a member of the Friends of the Lyme Public Library, you strengthen and support the Lyme Public Library, which in turn helps make the community stronger.

If you wish to join the Friends of the Lyme Public Library, you can pick up an application at the Library or email lymelibraryfriends@gmail.com.

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

Summertime is
always the best of
what might be ...

—CHARLES BOWDEN

Summertime is here, and we are so grateful to put this year behind us as things begin to return to a new normal. During the long months of isolation, we all stepped up and did what was asked of us and what was necessary but not all of it was easy. However, sometimes out of necessity valuable things do occur. The Friends have worked collaboratively with the Library Board, our Library Director, Theresa Conley, and other community organizations in town to bring a welcome variety of programming to the library via Zoom every month. Finally, we can enjoy the sweet smells of fresh mowed grass, summer flowers, and the company of our friends and family as we look forward to a new line up of programs in both formats, live and via Zoom. Please join us!

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

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RETURN TO NORMAL HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10-8

Wednesday: 10-5

Thursday: 10-8

Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 10-4

Curbside service remains available to anyone who requests it.

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LIBRARY CLOSED

Independence Day Weekend: July 3

BOOK NOOK

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2021

The time has finally come for the Friends' book sale and we have a large collection of books to offer! We have been sorting and preparing the generous donations all year and it was a great distraction! Please stop by in September and look at the diverse collection we have for sale in the library program room and please bring a friend! Volunteers are needed from September 7 to 9 to help prepare for the annual Friends' book sale. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the library bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you for being a Friend!

—Deb Giaconia, FLPL Book Sales

