



# NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Board Announces New Library Director



The Lyme Public Library Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Melissa Fournier as Library Director. Melissa has managed libraries in the public, private and corporate sectors for over two decades. She was born and raised in Connecticut and looks forward to using

her archival and library management skills to benefit our wonderful library. We encourage everyone to meet Melissa when she assumes her new position on October 5.

The Lyme Public Library Board of Directors would like to thank Theresa Conley for her dedication and years of service to the Lyme Public Library. Under her stewardship, the library has been a leader in promoting new and innovative programs and services for its patrons, winning awards for Excellence for Small Libraries, Excellence for Public Service, and the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Award. We wish her all the best as she starts her next "chapter."

### A Note from Theresa:

Although I am excited about beginning retirement, leaving the Lyme Public Library is bittersweet for me as I will miss the patrons, staff, and board members I have gotten to know over the past 35 years, many of whom have become friends. I am fortunate that I have been able to do the work I loved and to have met and worked with so many unforgettable people who have influenced my life in numerous ways. I know you will extend the same friendship and support to the new Library Director, Melissa Fournier that you have kindly extended to me. I may see some of you again one day at one of the many excellent programs sponsored by the Friends of the Lyme Public Library. Until then, au revoir, stay well, and keep reading!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: "Visit the Library" Time for Our Youngest Patrons, Wednesdays, October 13 – November 24 at 10:30am

Children ages 2 and up, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to gather in the children's room beginning Wednesday, October 13 at 10:30am through November 24. During this time the children will become accustomed to visiting the library, become familiar with their surroundings and other people at the library, enjoy having a book read to them in a group setting, and begin the process of selecting their own books.

Space is limited. Please call the library, register via our web site, or email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org).

### AFTER SCHOOL NUTMEG BOOK CLUB:

**Tuesdays from 3:15 – 4:30pm**

The Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award encourages children in grades 2-12 to read quality literature and to choose their favorites from a list of nominated titles. Each age group of titles includes books from all different genres, including graphic novels, historical fiction, science fiction, and mysteries. So there is something for everyone! Each student should send a note to Lyme Consolidated School to have a library staff member pick them up and walk them to the library. Snacks will be provided.



**The Elementary Group**, grades 2 & 3, will meet on October 12.

**The Intermediate Group**, grades 4 & 5, will meet on October 26.

Additional dates will be announced later.

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**Note:** Plans for Open Studio for Grades 6-12 and the After School K- 5 Book & Art Program were not finalized when this newsletter went to print. Check our website for updates.

## WI-FI UPGRADE

The Library has upgraded its Wi-Fi system inside and outside the library. You may now need a password to access the library's new Wi-Fi networks. Please ask at the desk. If you use the Wi-Fi outside the building when the library is closed, you will need to get the password in advance.

This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, administered by the Connecticut State Library.



## PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY



### **Broadway Tails presented by Bill Berloni** **Saturday, October 2 at 2pm**

Bill Berloni is a Tony Award-winning animal director who has trained animals for numerous Broadway and Off-Broadway shows, television and movies. In this program, he will tell heartwarming stories of some of the rescue animals he has trained to work with some of entertainment's biggest names, as well as demonstrate how he prepares his canine actors for their showbiz roles.



### **Peaceful Co-Existence with Backyard Wildlife** **presented by Bill & Pam Lefferts**

**Wednesday, October 6 at 7pm**

In this program co-sponsored with the Lyme Land Trust, Bill and Pam Lefferts, wildlife rehabilitators with Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue, will present a slide show that explains wildlife rehabilitation and the role of rehabbers, with a focus on opossums. At the end of the slide show, there will be a "meet and greet" with the stars of the show: live opossum educational ambassadors. To register for this program, which will be held at the Lyme Public Hall, 249 Hamburg Road, please visit [openspace@townlyme.org](mailto:openspace@townlyme.org).



### **Whale Ho! (Zoom program) presented by the Mystic Seaport Museum**

**Thursday, October 7 at 7pm**

This virtual presentation from Mystic Seaport Museum 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.



### **Library Cookbook Club**

**Saturdays, October 9, November 13, and December 11 at 1pm**

Hone your cooking skills, enjoy some camaraderie, and share your creations at the "Cookbook Club" at the Lyme Public

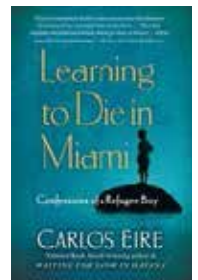
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Library. Each month, a cookbook will be chosen to correspond with the season. Copies of the book will be available at the library's circulation desk so you can make a recipe of your choice and then sample the culinary delights with your fellow participants in the Library's Community Room!

### **Learning to Die in Miami presented by Carlos Eire**

**Tuesday, October 12 at 7pm**

Carlos Eire fled to the United States from his homeland of Cuba in 1962, one of 14,000 unaccompanied children sent to Florida to escape Fidel Castro's regime. His book, *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy*, won the 2003 National Book Award for nonfiction. His memoir, *Learning to Die in Miami*, chronicles the years he spent away from his family acclimating to a completely new country, as well as his eventual reunion with his mother. Carlos is a T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University, where he has been a faculty member since 1996.



### **Eastern Coyote in CT presented by Paul Colburn**

**Thursday, December 2 at 7pm**

In this presentation, wildlife conservationist Paul Colburn will focus on the history of coyotes in Connecticut and give an overview of coyote habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. He will also provide practical recommendations for optimum coexistence with our coyote population and share coyote artifacts.



## **BOOK NOOK**

**The Book Nook is open, and the collection has been completely updated following our September book sale! Please stop by and look at the new items we have on display. You will find a nice variety of materials including featured "special collections," DVDs, audiobooks and fiction and nonfiction books for adults and children. We sincerely appreciate the donations that make the Book Nook an appealing book shop within our library!**

—Deb Giaconia, FLPL, Book Sales

## PATRONS' CHOICE

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 <https://lym.agverso.com>.

### *The Personal Librarian*

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

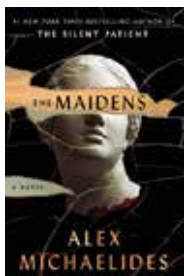
This historical novel tells the remarkable story of Belle da Costa Green, the black woman who passed for white to become J. P. Morgan's personal librarian and helped him curate the magnificent library collection that is now the Morgan Library and Museum in Manhattan.



### *The Maidens*

by Alex Michaelides

The author of *The Silent Patient* returns with a novel about a handsome and charismatic college professor who is beloved by female students but who might be a murderer.



### *No Time Like the Future:*

#### *An Optimist Considers His Mortality*

by Michael J. Fox

The beloved actor, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease and has raised millions of dollars for research, shares his struggles and recent setbacks with humor, humility, and candor.



### *All In: An Autobiography*

by Billie Jean King

The tennis legend shares her journey to the top of the tennis rankings, her struggles with her sexuality, and her decades-long fight for equality in tennis and in the wider world.



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

“Autumn . . . the year's last,  
loveliest smile.”

—WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

*Autumn has arrived!* The air is fresh, the heat is declining, and New England will begin her autumn dance of color. It's time to get outside to enjoy the cool air, take brisk walks, and simply enjoy the changing colors and falling leaves.

The Friends wish to congratulate Theresa Conley, our library director, on her retirement from the Lyme Public Library. We have worked closely with Theresa since our establishment in 2013. We are very grateful for her guidance and collaboration over the last nine years. Theresa has made such a nice difference in our community through her dedicated service and providing excellent library resources for all. We wish her the very best in her retirement years!

The Friends are very pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new library director, Melissa Fournier. We look forward to working with her in support of our library.

The library has a nice variety of programs to offer this fall in a variety of formats. You will enjoy presentations that include talks by some of our local authors about topics such as the writing process and escaping the Castro regime in Cuba, as well as several animal programs. Programs will be offered outdoors, in the Library Program room, and via Zoom. We are looking forward to seeing you!

*Deborah Giaconia, President*

*Jo-Ann Shettles, Vice-President*

## CHANGES TO DIGITAL PROGRAMS

Overdrive has announced that the Overdrive App will be removed from the Apple and Google Play Stores in February 2022. New users to Overdrive after that date will have to download and use the Libby app. If you are a current Overdrive App user, you will be encouraged to switch to Libby by the end of 2022. We have also been informed that SimplyE is transitioning to a program called The Palace Project. As of September 3, Lyme patrons can no longer access digital items via the SimplyE app. We will be notified when The Palace Project app is up and running, and we will let you know.

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## TEMPORARY LIBRARY HOURS DUE TO COVID-19

**Sunday & Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday:** 10am to 8pm

**Wednesday:** 10am to 5pm

**Thursday:** 10am to 8pm

**Friday:** 10am to 5pm

**Saturday:** 10am to 4pm

Curbside service remains available to anyone who requests it.

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## LIBRARY CLOSED

**Veterans Day:** November 11

**Thanksgiving:** November 26

**Christmas:** December 24 & 25

**New Year's Eve & Day:**  
December 31 and January 1

