



# NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Lyme Public Library Patron Survey

As part of our efforts to provide the best service for library users, the Lyme Public Library is inviting all Lyme residents to fill out a brief customer survey which you will find as a special insert in this edition of our Newsletter. Your input is very important to us and will help us to enhance services to the community.

- Residents who have access to the internet can take the survey online by going to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZL5BMXX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZL5BMXX). This link can be found on the library's website ([lymepl.org](http://lymepl.org)). You can also find it on the Town's Facebook page and on the Library's social media pages.

- Residents who would prefer to fill out a paper version may complete the enclosed survey. Please either mail it to **Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371**, or drop it off at the Library's Circulation desk.
- If you are visiting the Library, we have paper copies available at the Circulation desk. Just complete the survey and hand it back to a staff member.

The Library hopes to receive a completed survey from each Lyme resident. If you are a caregiver for a young person, please feel free to fill one out on behalf of each member of your family. If you complete the survey once, there is no need to fill it out again.

Questions? Call the library at 860-434-2272.

Thanks,

Melissa Fournier, *Library Director*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

To register for any program, email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) or call 860-434-2272. Include your name, contact information and the name of the program.

### Pre-school Storytime – Wednesdays at 10:30am

Children ages 2 to 5, along with their parents or caregivers are invited to a story time, sing-along and craft project. Each week Ms. Natalie will be focusing on a new theme for the stories along with songs and creative activities.

### Shell & Bee Studio After-School Art Class Series

**Tuesdays, April 4, May 9 and June 6, 4:00 to 5:00pm**

Join Ms. Chelbi of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads a fun and creative after-school art class for elementary school students grades 1-5.

### Shell & Bee Studio Evening Art Class Series

**Tuesdays, April 4, May 9 and June 6, 5:15 to 6:15pm**

Enjoy creating with Ms. Chelbi Wade of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads an evening art class for students in grade 6-12.

### Children's Creative Movement Class hosted by Eastern Connecticut Ballet: Saturday, April 15, 11:00am

Enjoy a story and participate in this creative movement class in celebration of Earth Day! This class is hosted by Eastern Connecticut Ballet. The theme for today's class is "Flowers and Insects." This class is 45 minutes long and is designed for children ages 3-6 years old.

### Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Earth Day Program

**Saturday, April 29, 11:00am**

Participants will investigate seeds, engineer their own seed movers, and create Earth Art using chemistry! (Allergy alert: lima beans and various seeds will be used in this program). This program is appropriate for age 6-11 years old.

### Preschool Storytime: Special Event for Children's Book Week Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 to 11:30am

Internationally known musicians and Lyme residents Janet and William Boughton will appear at the Lyme Library's to narrate and perform accompanying musical accompaniment to the children's book classic, *The Story of Ferdinand*, by Monroe Leaf. Children will also get the opportunity to handle and play an actual violin.

### Spring Musical Storytime with Eliscia Picard Saturday, May 6, 11:00am to 12:00pm.

In celebration of Children's Book Week, please join Eliscia Picard in musical story time through singing, acting, and playing instruments. Children of all ages and abilities are welcome.

### Summer Reading Event: "Find Your Voice" Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday Bubble Lab Saturday, June 17, 11:00am

What could be more fun than learning about bubbles? In this program, children measure, experiment and explore the science behind making and blowing the best soap bubbles. Learn about phenomena explained by bubbles including: light and color, chemical composition, surface tension, measurement, geometry and much more! This program is appropriate for kids ages 6-11.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

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### **Art Exhibit by Kathleen DeMeo – April 1 to June 1**

#### **Meet the Artist reception – Saturday, April 1, 2:30pm**

The artwork of Old Lyme resident Kathleen DeMeo is featured in our continuing series of exhibitions in the Community Room. A “Meet the Artist” reception will be held at the Library on Saturday, April 1, starting at 2:30 pm. Kathleen will share insights about her work and what drew her to the monotype process, as well as answer questions from the audience. Refreshments will be served.

### **“The Sweet Spot” – Tuesdays, April 4, May 2, and June 6, 10:30am – noon**

The Sweet Spot Café, opened this winter at the Library, fills a niche in Lyme as a place to meet people, share ideas, welcome newcomers and showcase what our Library offers. More than 30 people have gathered each time since the library board and the Friends initiated this, enjoying free refreshments, live music by local musicians, puzzles and great conversation. Please join us!

### **Racial Equity Book Club – Wednesdays, April 5, May 3, and June 7, 6:30 -7:30pm via Zoom**

Each month, the Lyme Public Library’s Racial Equity Book Club will discuss a book about race relations in the United States. This special event is made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. The book club is a cooperative effort between the Lyme Public Library and the Bigelow and Springfield Libraries of Massachusetts.

### **Yoga at the Library – Joan Fisler, Red Barn Yoga – Fridays, April 21, May 5 & 19, June 2, 16 & 30, 10:30am**

Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga of Lyme conducts yoga and meditation classes at the Library. No previous yoga experience is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat if have one, as we have only a limited supply. Each person pays a \$10.00 fee to the instructor. A great way to relax and de-stress.

### **A Rebellious Woman with author Claire Griffin – Thursday, April 6, 6:30 to 8:00pm**

The Lyme Public welcomes Claire Griffin to speak about her biography of Belle Boyd, who resisted antebellum rules and roles for women during the American Civil War.

### **National Stress Awareness Month: Make Your Own Organic Stress Relief Products – Saturday April 8, 2:00 to 3:30pm**

Library Director Melissa Fournier will lead a workshop where you will make a Headache Relief Balm, Lavender Bath Bombs and a Stress Relief Tea blend. All ingredients will be supplied. Limited to 20 participants. If you have allergies, call 860-434-7722 to inquire what products we will be using.

### **“What Does an Orchestra Conductor Actually Do?”**

#### **with William Boughton – Thursday April 13, 6:00pm**

The Lyme Library is honored to host internationally known conductor, Director of the Yale Symphony Orchestra and Yale Professor of Music William Boughton to lecture on the role of an orchestra conductor in fulfilling the “vision” of a musical performance.

### **Celebrating National Poetry Month with former CT Poet**

#### **Laureate Marilyn Nelson – Saturday, April 15, 2:00pm**

The Lyme Library is honored to welcome poet Marilyn Nelson for this poetry reading.

### **“As the Page Turns” Book Club – Fridays, April 21, May 19 and June 16, 1:00pm**

The selected book for the month can be picked up at the Lyme Public Library’s circulation desk. Meetings alternate between the library and the senior center. Call 860-434-2272 for more information about the location of the meeting each month. A collaboration between the Lyme Library and the Lyme’s Senior Center.

### **Library Cookbook Club – Saturdays April 22, May 13, and June 10, 1:00 to 3:00pm**

Share your culinary creations at the Cookbook Club at the Lyme Public Library. Each month, a different cookbook will be chosen. Copies of the book will be available at the Library’s circulation desk.

### **One-on-One Tech Support Help with Sue Latourette – Saturday April 22, 2:00 – 4:00pm**

Are you having basic technology issues? Pastor Sue Latourette will be at the Lyme Library to help. Please come to the library and sign-up for one or more of the ½-hour time slots on our Tech Support sign-up sheet, with your name, contact information and a brief description of your technology issue. Be sure to bring the charging plugs and adapters for your device. Have your usernames and passwords available to log into accounts where you’re having trouble with. Together we can overcome your technological hurdle.

### **Art Museums in Connecticut with Martha Chiarchiaro – Saturday April 29, 2:00pm**

Art historian Martha Chiarchiaro will lead a virtual tour of highlights from art museums throughout Connecticut. Learn more about the wealth of spectacular art in our state as you plan your next visit. To see the museum passes available at the Lyme Library, go to [lymepl.org/museum-passes](http://lymepl.org/museum-passes)

### **Visiting the Alaskan National Parks with National Parks Expert Steve Farrar – Tuesday, May 2, 6:00pm**

Join us for an informative and visually breathtaking evening as National Parks expert Steve Farrar leads us through a virtual tour of the Alaskan National Parks. Steve’s pictures and stories are sure to stoke your personal wanderlust, so come prepared to be inspired!

### **George Kennan: A Life Between Worlds**

**with author Frank Costigliola – Saturday May 6, 2:00pm**

A timely presentation and discussion on George Keenan, the American diplomat and historian best known for his advocacy of a U.S. policy of containment of Soviet expansionism. Learn how Keenan's foreign policy ideas continue to influence world politics in relation to Russia.

### **The Nutmeg Nose: The Wines of Connecticut with Michelle Griffis – Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 to 7:00pm**

Take a virtual tour through Connecticut's wine country and learn about our state's 40-plus wineries. Michelle Griffis ("The Nutmeg Nose") will discuss fantastic, award-winning wineries and will share dining options in vineyard cafés, food trucks and picnic areas.

### **Connecticut Farms and Farmers Markets with Eric Lehman and Amy Nawrocki Saturday – May 20, 2:00pm**

Eric Lehman and Amy Nawrocki will show you how to find agritourism opportunities throughout Connecticut, including local farmer's markets, farm-to-table outlets, festivals, pick-your-owns, museums, tree farms and much more.

### **Connecticut Gardens with Caryn Davis Saturday, June 3, 2:00pm**

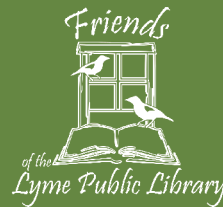
Local author and photographer Caryn Davis presents her new book *Connecticut Gardens: Historic, Public and Private*. Learn the stories of how these gardens were created and how to find them.

### **The Kidnapping Club: Wall Steet, Slavery and Resistance on the Eve of the Civil War with author Jonathan Wells (ZOOM) Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

Learn how a powerful network of judges, lawyers and police officers circumvented anti-slavery laws in NYC during the years leading to the American Civil War to the keep lucrative cotton and slave industries alive and productive and how local Lyme hero David Ruggles risked his life to expose this corruption.

### **David Ruggles and the Birth of Nonviolent Civil Disobedience with local historian Jim Lampos Saturday, June 24, 11:00am**

Historian and author Jim Lampos will be appearing at the Lyme library to speak about Lyme's native son David Ruggles who was instrumental in establishing Black activism before the Civil War and how his philosophy of non-violent civil disobedience would directly inspire the work of Fredrick Douglas, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Lyme community for your generous response to the Friends' annual appeal letter. Since 2013, we have provided funding for special projects and materials beyond the normal Library budget, plus a wide variety of innovative and educational programs. Your support makes this possible!

#### **Annual Meeting & Concert**

**Thursday, June 15, 6:30 to 8:30pm.** Please join us for a brief business meeting, followed by the annual concert with guests Plywood Cowboy. On this occasion, we will elect new board members and then enjoy music in the meadow. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Annual Book Sale**

**September 8 & 9.** We would appreciate your help and support to make this sale successful again this year!

Deborah Giaconia, *President*

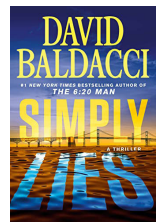
## **NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION**

For more new reading choices, use the scrolling carousels on our catalog homepage: [lym.agverso.com](http://lym.agverso.com).

### ***Simply Lies***

**by David Baldacci (April release)**

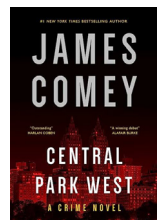
A twisting psychological thriller by the New York Times best-selling author David Baldacci. Single mother and former detective Mickey Gibson thinks she is doing a former colleague a simple favor but turns out to be the prime suspect in a murder investigation.



### ***Central Park West***

**by James Comey (May release)**

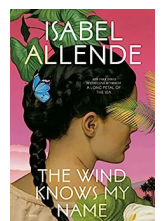
A gripping first-time novel by former F.B.I. director James Comey, involving the treacherous currents of modern politics and mob investigations.



### ***The Wind Knows My Name***

**by Isabel Allende (June release)**

With the insight and grace for which Allende is so well-known, this novel weaves together the stories of two memorable characters trying to survive unfathomable dangers while keeping hope and dreams alive.



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## LIBRARY HOURS

**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,  
call the library at 860-434-2272

## NEWSLETTER

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**KEEP UP WITH LIBRARY EVENTS:** [lymepl.org](http://lymepl.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER (SEE INSIDE FOR MORE PROGRAMS.)

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Thanks! Your input is  
invaluable to us!

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**Library Closed:**  
**Friday, April 7th**