



# NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

October • November • December 2023



## LIBRARY NEWS

### LION Library Consortium

So much is happening at the Lyme Public Library! LPL will soon become one of more than 30 libraries forming the LION Library Consortium. A wide selection of materials is available via interlibrary loan at any of the libraries in the LION consortium (Old Lyme, Essex, East Lyme, Old Saybrook, etc.). Access to those materials will soon be available to Lyme



residents. Just enter your request online or have a Lyme staff member help you at the Circulation desk. Usually within a week, you will receive

notice that the item you have requested is ready for pick-up at the Lyme Library.

If you attend one of our exciting programs, clubs or children's activities, your books can be ready for you to take home after the event. New books, and other materials are being added to the collection all the time.

### How do I find out what is happening at the library?

The Lyme Library Newsletter is a great way to find out about the upcoming events at the library for the next three months. The Library staff is constantly working to add new and exciting programs to our calendar. For the most up-to-date information about programs, Library club meetings or any Library news, visit our website's Community Calendar at [www.lymepl.org](http://www.lymepl.org). Under the "What's Happening" blue banner at the top of the webpage, use the dropdown menu to "Community Calendar." Or, if you are using your phone, do a Google search to find the Lyme Public Library: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=LYME> takes you directly to our Community Calendar.

### Are you traveling, or just dreaming of traveling?

Now that pandemic restrictions are easing and folks are traveling more, we are updating our travel book section. Swing into the library and let us know where you've traveled lately or where you are thinking of traveling so that I can add the latest editions of travel books to our collection to help you make your traveling dreams a reality.

Happy Holidays!

Melissa Fournier, *Library Director*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

For more information, call 860-434-2272, or visit [lymepl.org](http://lymepl.org). To register for any program, e-mail [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) and include your name, contact information and the name of the program.

### Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30am

Children ages infant to 4, 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 Art Class Series After-School Art: Tuesdays, October 3, November 4 and December 5, 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 in grades 1 to 5.

### Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M Saturday. Spooky S.T.E.A.M. Lab: Saturday, October 21 at 11:00am

This program is appropriate for children 6 to 11 years old.

### Children's Halloween Storytime and Celebration: Saturday, October 28, 10:30am to 1:00pm

Come in-costume to enjoy spooky stories and songs, crafts, face painting, and games! This program is best for ages 2-6 but all ages are welcome to join in the Halloween fun.

### Adult & Teen Watercolor Workshop with Shell and Bee Studio: Saturday, November 4, 2:00 to 3:00pm

### Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday: December Holidays S.T.E.A.M. Lab: Saturday, December 9, 11:00am to 12:00 noon

This program is appropriate for children 6 to 11 years old.

## ART EXHIBITS

### ***Lasting Impressions with Jill Beecher Matthew***

**October 1 to November 15**

Painter Jill Beecher Matthew will display her art in the Community Room. Her paintings reflect a lifelong love of nature depicted in landscapes, flowers, and seascapes. Her complete collection may be viewed at [jillbeechermatthew.com](http://jillbeechermatthew.com)

### ***Angie Falstrom – December 1 to January 30***

The paintings of local artist Angie Falstrom will be featured in our continuing series of exhibitions in the community room. The paintings will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds supporting the library.

## LYME LIBRARY CLUBS

To register for any program listed below email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) or call 860-434-2272

### ***The Lyme Library Puzzle Club: Tuesdays, October 10, November 14, December 12, 11:00am to 12:30pm***

Come meet new and old friends every second Tuesday of the month. A range of puzzles will be provided by the library, as well as a case to preserve in puzzles-in-progress for the next meeting. Coffee and tea are provided at cost.

### ***The Lyme Library Cookbook Club: Saturdays, October 14, November 11, and December 9, at 1:00pm***

This is a “tasty” book club where you can build your culinary skills and share with others.

### ***The Lyme Library Stitchcraft Club: Saturdays, October 28 and November 25, 12:30 to 2:00pm***

Join the Stitch Craft Club to practice in the company of like-minded stitchers. If you enjoy any form of easily portable hand crafts, join us on the fourth Saturday of each month to share your projects, good company and refreshments around the fireplace. This is the perfect opportunity to learn and expand your creativity by sharing with others.

### ***Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club: meeting on the last Tuesday of the month 6:00 to 8:00pm***

Previous experience playing Mah Jongg is preferred. The library has two complete American Mah Jongg sets. If you have your own set of tiles you are encouraged to bring them along. Come join the fun and meet new friends.

### ***The Lyme Library Bridge Club – meeting each Friday (except October 20, November 17, and December 15) 1:30 to 3:30pm***

Previous experience playing Bridge is preferred, but not required. This is a great way to meet new and old friends.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ***The Sweet Spot: Tuesdays, October 3, November 7, and December 5, 10:30 to 11:30am***

Join your friends and family at the Lyme Library’s “café.” Free refreshments are provided (and donations are always welcome). Make new friends and learn more about the library in an informal setting.

### ***Meditation Workshop with Chrissy Carter: Wednesdays – October 4 and October 24 at 11:00am***

Learn the fundamentals of meditation and tools for starting meditation practice. No previous experience with meditation is required. Chrissy Carter is an internationally recognized yoga, meditation, and wellness educator with twenty years of teaching experience.

### ***Yoga at the Library with Joan Fisler, Red Barn Yoga: Fridays, October 6 & 20, November 17, December 1 & 22 11:00am to noon.***

Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga in Lyme conducts yoga and meditation classes. No previous experience is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one as the Library has only a limited supply. Each participant will pay the instructor a \$10.00 fee. This is a great way to relax and de-stress.

### ***Going to Extremes with Peter Mandel (Zoom): Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 to 7:00pm***

Adventure travel journalist Peter Mandel will share stories and photos from the far corners of the world, including Antarctica, India, Egypt, Patagonia, the fjords of Norway, the mountain pathways of Japan, and the deserts of Africa. To register for this program and receive the Zoom meeting invitation email: [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org)

### ***Colonial Witch Hunting in Connecticut with Beth Caruso: Thursday, October 12, 6:00 to 7:00pm***

Connecticut author Beth M. Caruso will discuss the factors leading to the American Witch Trials in colonial New England. Copies of Beth’s book, *One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America’s First Witch Hanging*, will be available for purchase and signing.

### ***One-on-One Tech Support Help***

**Emily Lewis: Wednesdays, October 11, November 8, December 13, 2:00 to 4:00pm**

**Sue Latourette: Saturdays October 14, November 11, December 9, 2:00 to 4:00pm**

Are you having basic technology issues? Sue Latourette and Emily Lewis are here to help. Please come to the library to sign up for a half-hour time slot: we’ll need your name, contact information, and a brief description of your technology issue. Be sure to bring along the charging plugs for your devices and have your account usernames and passwords available. Let’s work together to get past your technological hurdle.

### **The 2023 Eclipse with Alan Sheiness:**

**Saturday, October 14, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm**

Come witness first-hand the beauty and wonder of the galaxy as Lyme astronomer Alan Sheiness explains the partial eclipse we will experience today. He will have telescopes on site (with eye protection), and the Library will provide all participants with eclipse glasses. Co-sponsored with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust.

### **As the Page Turns Book Club: Fridays, October 20, November 17, and December 15, 1:00 to 2:00pm**

A collaboration with the Lyme Library and the Lymes' Senior Center. The selected book for the month can be picked up at the Lyme Public Library's circulation desk. Meetings will take place at the Lyme Library.

### **The History of Classic Transatlantic Ocean Travel with Rick Abramson: Thursday, November 2 at 6:00pm**

Tonight's program will present the origins of transatlantic ocean travel, which began in the 1840's and continues in service via today's passenger ships. Classic liners such as the Lusitania, Mauritania, Titanic, and the Cunard "Queens" will be discussed, including the history of their wartime service in WWI and WWII and the tragic stories of certain liners which remain part of their history.

### **Beer and Cheese Pairings with Em Sauter:**

**Thursday, November 16, 6:00 to 8:00pm**

Just in time for the holidays, Em Sauter, Advanced Cicerone, will appear at the Lyme Library to present the best beers and cheeses to pair for your holiday table. We will be sampling beers from **Fox Farm Brewery** of Salem and cheeses from **Cato Corners** of Colchester. Participants at this event must be 21 years old or older: IDs will be checked at the door.

### **Make Your Own Holiday Gift Event:**

**Saturday, November 18, 2:00 to 4:00pm**

Fun for the whole family. The Lyme Library will be hosting a gift making workshop where we will be designing silk and cotton scarves using an easy tie-dye technique with tissue paper. Adults and kids are welcome. Limited to 30 participants (12 adults, 18 kids)

### **The Myth and Reality of Slavery in Lyme and the Surrounding Areas with Dr. Bruce Stark: Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 to 8:00pm**

Dr. Bruce Stark will present the history of slavery in Lyme and the surrounding areas, revealing the facts he discovered while writing his book *The Myth and Reality of Slavery in Eastern Connecticut*.

### **Birding in Southeastern CT: Using Technology to Enhance Your Birding Experience: Thursday, December 7, 6:00 to 8:00pm**

Instructors from the Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center will teach attendees about the new, readily available, technologies that can be used to help you track, record and better understand the lives of the avian wildlife around us.

### **Basic Emergency First Aid with the Lyme Ambulance crew:**

**Saturday, December 16, 10:30am to 12:00 noon**

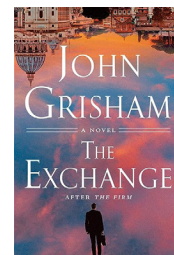
Learn the basics of CPR and emergency first-aid with members of the terrific Lyme Ambulance Operations crew! To register, email [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org)

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

**For more new reading choices, check out the Staff Pick shelf in the Library's New Book area, or use the scrolling carousels on our catalog homepage: [lym.agverso.com](http://lym.agverso.com)**

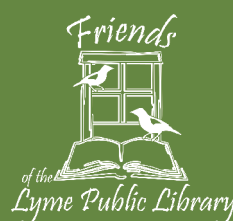
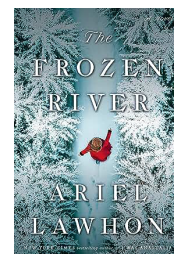
### ***The Exchange: After the Firm* by John Grisham (October release)**

An international suspense thriller and the riveting sequel to Grisham's blockbuster thriller *The Firm*. Lawyer Mitch McDeere is caught in a sinister plot. He has nowhere to hide while he tries to stay one step ahead of his mysterious adversaries.



### ***Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon (December release)**

This thrilling and suspenseful historical mystery tracks the life of real-life heroine, Martha Ballard. In 1789, Ballard risked her own life to see justice served in the remote town of Hallowell, Maine.



The Friends are a group of dedicated volunteers who assist our Library in many ways. Since we became a non-profit in 2013, we have supported the Library by volunteering for special projects, fostering a closer relationship with town

residents, and raising funds for special projects, programs, and events to support the Library's goals. The Annual Book Sale is now the Friends' main fundraiser, in addition to the Book Nook, donations and annual membership dues. We use our proceeds to sponsor the innovative and thought-provoking programs you see in this newsletter.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends, please fill out the form available at the Library's Circulation desk. Thank you for your continued support!

Jeanne Rutigliano, *President of the Friends*

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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

**Library Closed: November 23 & 24, December 23, 26 and 30.**

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)

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