



NEWSLETTER OF THE LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY



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LIBRARY NEWS

For even more community fun, mark your calendars for the library's monthly "Sweet Spot" events. The "Sweet Spot" is a community café which takes place on the first Tuesday of the month where the library offers free coffee, tea and pastries and the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends.



Griffin Dunne and the Dominick Dunne Cinema Celebration

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Sundays at the Movies is Back! Mark your calendars and join us for our Sundays at the Movies with Janet Roach series, beginning again on January 26th.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

On behalf of myself and the rest of the Lyme Public Library staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope to see you in the library during 2025.

Love Letters to the Library

With February just around the corner the Lyme Library staff want to wish you and yours a Happy Valentines Day. This year we will be offering library patrons the opportunity to send a "love letter to the library" by supplying library users with blank note cards to write on about how much the library means to you and your family. We will be displaying these love letters around the facility during the month. This is a great way to help spread love and kindness throughout your community.

Collaborative Library Programs

With all the terrific programs taking place at the Lyme Library we will now be cross-advertising with our "sister" libraries in Essex and Old Lyme. Thanks to the cooperation of our talented colleagues Elizabeth Reinhart, Nike Desis and Allie Lang the Lyme library will be listing programs of interest on their websites and sharing theirs on ours as well as working together to collaborate on programs to help defer expenses. To find out more about what's happening at the Essex and Phoebe Griffin Noyes libraries go to: oldlymelibrary.org/events or engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=1314 to learn more about all the great things that are taking place in our local town libraries.

I wish you all the best and I hope to see you at the library!

Yours,
Melissa Fournier
Library Director

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

For more information, call 860-434-2272, or visit lymepl.org. To register for any program, e-mail programreg@lymepl.org and include your name, contact information and the name of the program.

Preschool Storytime with Ms. Natalie, Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am

For children ages infant to 4. Discover what it is like to visit the library! Join Ms. Natalie for books, songs and a craft. Caregivers can check out books to take home to continue the fun of the library visit.

Shell & Bee Studio Art Class-Afternoon Art, Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4 @ 10:30 am

Join Ms. Marissa of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads a fun and creative afternoon class for elementary school students grades 1-5. To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Sugar Cookie Decorating, Saturday, February 1 @ 10:30am

Come and show your love for the library by writing a love letter and decorating your own heart-shaped sugar cookie! End your visit by checking out some wonderful books. To register email programreg@lymepl.org

ADULT PROGRAMS

To register for any program listed below, email programreg@lymepl.org or call 860-434-2272.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Yoga @ the Library with Joan Fislser of Red Barn Yoga, Fridays, January 3 & 24, February 7 & 28 and March 14 & 28 @ 11:15am

Joan Fislser of Red Barn Yoga of Lyme will be conducting yoga and meditation classes at the library twice a month. \$10.00 per class paid to the instructor at the door. Participants should bring yoga mats if they have them, but a limited number of mats will be made available. Experience with yoga and meditation is not necessary to participate. This will be a relaxing and invigorating way to start the weekend off right.

Artist Reception for Tony Donovan, Saturday, January 4 @ 2:00pm

Mr. Donovan's stunning photographs will be on display in the library's Community Room from January 1st to March 1st.

The Sweet Spot the Lyme Library's Coffee Café: Tuesdays, January 7, February 4 and March 4 @ 10:30am-11:30am

Join your friends and family at *The Sweet Spot*, the Lyme library's cafe which meets at the library every first Tuesday of the month. Refreshments (coffee, tea and pastries) have been provided by. All items are free, but feel free to add to the "donation jar". *The Sweet Spot* provides live music, games, magazines, newspapers and a warm and cozy space for folks to meet up and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Come join the fun and learn more about what the library has to offer the community.

Dominick Dunne Cinema Celebration Event. Appearance by Griffin Dunne and Luanne Rice, Tuesday, January 7 @ 6:00pm

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Crafting Workshop: Making a Purse from a Recycled Book with Drusilla Carter, Wednesday, January 8 @ 2:00pm

Reduce, reuse, and recycle! What better way to make your wardrobe more stylish and do something for the environment? Drusilla Carter will be coming to the Lyme Library to teach a workshop in which participants will be using old books to create unique and stylish purses. Supplies will be provided by the library. Limited to 20 participants. Attendees must be 16 years old or older to attend. To attend register by emailing programreg@lymepl.org

History of the Goodspeed Opera House with Janet Lemond, Saturday, January 11 @ 12:00pm

Local historian Janet Lemond will be appearing at the Lyme library to speak about her book *A Tour of the Goodspeed Opera House*. A local historical treasure, the Goodspeed theater has a fascinating history which Ms. Lemond will share with participants attending today's presentation. To register email programreg@lymepl.org

One-on-One Tech Support with Sue Latourette, Saturdays, January 11, February 8 and March 8 @ 2:00pm

Sue Latourette will be at the Lyme Library to help patrons with technology issues. Please come to the library and sign-up for one (or more) of the ½ time slots on our tech support sign-up sheet. All we will need is your name, contact information and a brief description of your technology issue. Make sure to bring along all the charging plugs, etc. for your devices and have your usernames and passwords available to log into the accounts you are having trouble with. Sue will be at the library from 2:00-4:00 to sit down one-on-one with you to help get you past your technological hurdle.

Lyme Library Talent Night: Open Mike, Fridays, January 31, February 28, March 28 & April 25 @ 5:30pm

Performers welcome!! Share your poetry, music, story-telling or comedy. You get up to 15 minutes in front of a friendly audience. Cheer on friends, neighbors and new faces. Performers must be 18 years old and up. New or experienced performers are welcome to get the crowd smiling, laughing and feeling inspired. Hosted by the Rambunctious Mrs. Raines. Come enjoy the fun. To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Sundays @ the Movies with Janet Roach @ 1:00pm

Academy award winning screenwriter Janet Roach will be hosting her popular *Sundays @ the Movies* series again at the Lyme Library. This series will be focused on stunning international and American films. Not to be missed, this series is a visual gift to the community. Refreshments will be served free of charge (donations are always welcome ;-))

January 26: *Shower* (Taiwan, 1999), directed by Yang Zhang

February 9: *Rabbit Proof Fence* (Australia, 2002), directed by Phillip Noyce

February 23: *Fitzcaraldo* (Germany, 1982), directed by Werner Herzog

March 9: *The Playboys* (Ireland, 1992), directed by Gillies Mackinnon

March 23: *House of Sand and Fog* (United States, 2002), directed by Vadim Perelman

April 6: *Mrs. Henderson Presents* (UK, 2005), directed by Stephen Frears

Meadow Making: How & Why to Make Your Backyard Landscape More Pollinator Friendly, Wednesday, March 12 @ 6:00pm

Jane Seymour, CT DEEP wildlife biologist, will explain the value of transitioning a part of your lawn into a meadow. Learn what wildlife benefits from meadows in our preserves and in your own backyard. Jane is the steward of the Belding Wildlife Management Area in Vernon, CT and manages several productive meadows. Co-sponsored with the Lyme Pollinator Pathway. Register at programreg@lymepl.org.

MONTHLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Lyme Public Library Racial Equity Book Club, 2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 (Zoom)

To investigate how race, racism and white supremacy impacts our lives and our culture the Club meets once a month via Zoom to discuss books, films, and poetry on race in America. This group's meeting offers an open door to a respectful dialogue about systemic racism and its impact on society and the future. Register to receive the Zoom meeting invitation at programreg@lymepl.org

Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club, every last Tuesday @ 6:00-8:00pm

Previous experience playing Mah Jongg is preferred. If you have your own American Mah Jongg set, please bring it along. The library has two complete sets of tiles that you can borrow but they must be returned to the circulation desk when the club meeting adjourns.

Lyme Library Trivia Club, every 1st Wednesday @ 7:00pm

Chess Club, 1st Thursday @ 7:00pm

If you want to learn how to play or if you are looking for advanced players to play chess with, the Lyme Library Chess Club welcomes all levels. Chess boards are supplied by the library.

"As the Page Turns" Book Club every 3rd Friday @ 1:00pm

A collaborative program between the Lyme Public Library and the Lymes' Senior Center. The book of the month can be picked up at the Lyme Library's circulation desk.

Library Cookbook Club, every 2nd Saturday @ 12:00pm

The Lyme Public Library will be hosting a cookbook club where the participants will be using recipes from a particular cookbook (chosen by the participants at the previous month's meeting) and making items to share with the group. This is a "tasty" book club where you can build your culinary skills and share with others.

Stitch Craft Club, every 4th Saturday @ 12:30pm

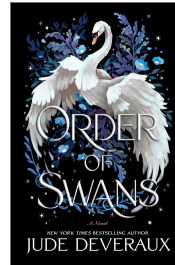
Come practice your "stitchcraft" in the company of link-minded stitchers. If you enjoy any form of easily portable hand crafts join us 12:30-2:00pm in the Lyme Library in the Periodicals Room to share your projects, good company, and refreshments around the fireplace. This is the perfect opportunity to gain experience and expand your creativity by sharing with others.

Fun Facts about Libraries

1. Librarians used to have to be trained to write in a particular handwriting style known as "Librarian Hand."
2. The lion statues outside the New York Public Library are called Patience and Fortitude.
3. Yale University used to allow stressed-out students to borrow a therapy dog from the library.
4. One of the oldest overdue books was finally returned after 122 years.
5. There is a library of scents in France—Osmothèque.

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.

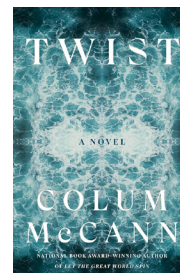
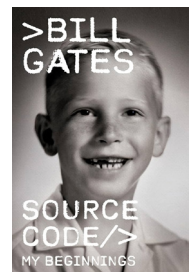


Order of Swans by Jude Deveraux (January release)

The latest from the *New York Times* bestselling author, Jude Deveraux. *Order of Swans* is a spell-binding fantasy romance, sure to please readers who want a little fairy tale mixed into their reality

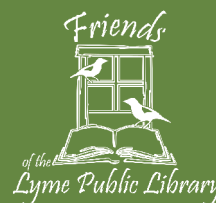
Source Code: My Beginnings by Bill Gates (February release)

The origin story of one of the most influential and transformative business leaders of our time. The human, personal story of how Bill Gates became the man he is today.



Twist by Colum McCann (March release)

A propulsive novel about life in the digital age and how thin the connective tissue really is to love, life and belonging.



Happy New Year on behalf of the Friends of the Lyme Public Library!

We are looking forward to an exciting year at the library with a variety of new programming, exciting new books, media and online resources! The Friends Executive board members are very pleased to participate in

supporting the library during 2025 and as we are always looking for new Board members. Feel free to swing into the library and pick up a Friends membership form and consider joining our group of dedicated volunteers. You can also check out our on-going book sale in the "Book Nook" for items to purchase and mark your calendar for our blow-out September book sale, which is one of the best used book sales in the area if we humbly say so ourselves!

The Friends bi-annual appeal letter has been mailed and we sincerely appreciate your support and hope we can count on you again to help raise funds for adult programming, special projects, and to secure materials that are beyond the command of the ordinary library budget.

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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

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BOOK NOOK

We are currently updating the Book Nook collection with recently donated materials, and we are very happy to accept more donations. We need both adult and children's books. Winter is a great time to weed the shelves and support our library with your donations! The Book Nook is always open during normal library hours. Please stop by and take a look! There is a great book just waiting there to be read!

