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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 2** MONDAY
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.
- 4** WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Teen Game Night** (Young Adults ages 11-17).
- 5** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Hot Stove Roundup Session Sports Talk.**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **NVHD Radon Test Kit Distribution.**
- 9** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
6:30 p.m. **Quilting World** w/Nancy Satowski. Registration requested.*
Books - Warm Winter Friends Adult Reading Club begins. Reg. req.*
- 10** TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Social Security Information Specialist.** Walk-in basis.
3:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **NVHD Radon Test Kit Distribution.**
3:45 p.m. **Eco Art Program** (grs.K-3) Registration requested.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
- 11** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Brrr!** presented by Science Snoopers. (ages 3-6) Reg. req.*
- 12** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 13** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
- 16** MONDAY
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.
- 17** TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Free Basic PC Class** offered on walk-in basis.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. **Read to Payson.** (ages 5-11) Registration requested.*
- 18** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
6:30 p.m. **Free Basic PC Class** offered on walk-in basis.
- 19** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 20** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **CT Works Career Coach** presents *Transition to Microsoft Word 2007.* Registration requested.*
- 23** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. **NVHD Radon Test Kit Distribution.**
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
6:30 p.m. **Yesterday's Headlines** w/Rob Novak. Registration requested.*
- 24** TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Read to Sandy** (ages 5-11). Registration requested.*
- 25** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
12:30 p.m. **Lunchtime Book Discussion** *These Is My Words.* Reg. req.*
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Teen Movie Night** (ages 11-17) Reg. required.*
- 26** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
10:00 a.m. - Noon **Career Development Workshop. Advanced Resume.** Registration requested.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 27** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
- 30** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
- 31** TUESDAY
4:00 p.m. **Twist & Shout, Balloon Sculpting Class** (ages 8-15). Reg. req.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*

FEBRUARY

- 1** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
11:15 a.m. **Me & My Shadow** presented by Science Snoopers (ages 3-7) Reg. req.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Teen Game Night** (Young Adults ages 11-17).
- 2** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 3** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
- 4** SATURDAY
Take Your Child to the Library Day. Celebrate with us.
10:00 a.m. **Eco Art** (ages 6-11) Registration requested.*
11:00 a.m. **Read to Sandy** (ages 5-11) Registration requested.*
- 6** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
6:30 p.m. **"Roast" to the New Year, Cooking Demo.** (18+) Reg. req.*
- 7** TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. **Pajama Story Time** (ages 3-7). Registration requested.*
- 8** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
- 9** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 10** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
- 13** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
- 14** TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Social Security Information Specialist.** Walk-in basis.
3:45 p.m. **Valentine's Day Program** (gr. K-3). Registration requested.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
- 15** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
6:30 p.m. **Free Basic PC Class** offered on walk-in basis.
- 16** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 17** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **CT Works Career Coach** presents *Job Search Assistance.* Registration requested.*
- 20** MONDAY
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY.
- 21** TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Free Basic PC Class** offered on walk-in basis.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. **Read to Payson.** (ages 5-11) Registration requested.*
- 22** WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me!** (6-12 mo.) Registration required.*
12:30 p.m. **Lunchtime Book Discussion** *The Marriage Plot.* Reg. req.*
5:30 p.m. **YA Movie Night** (ages 11-17). Registration required.*
- 23** THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mo.) Registration required.*
10:00 a.m. - Noon **Career Development Workshop** presents *Over 40 & Looking for Work.* Registration requested.*
11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (24-36 mo.) Registration required.*
- 24** FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 yrs.) Registration required.*
- 27** MONDAY
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Reg. requested.*
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Registration req.*
- 28** TUESDAY
3:45 p.m. **Crafty Kids Program** (gr. K-3) Registration requested.*
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Club** w/Missy Lundeen. Reg. requested.*

Books - Warm Winter Friends

Winter Reading Club for Adults (ages 18 and over) January 9 - March 2
Monday, March 5 at 6:30 PM. Winter Thaw Celebration

*For more information call (203) 736-1482 or go to www.derbypubliclibrary.org and click on EventKeeper.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Cathy Williams

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

— Einstein

The New Year is here and so are some new programs at the Derby Public Library. I was very excited when Missy Lundeen approached me about starting a Coupon Club at the Library. Her enthusiasm and money saving success stories convinced me that there was definitely a place for such a club at the Library. In addition, I was very excited to hear from Nancy Satowski. We have received several requests for quilting classes at the Library over the past few years but it has been difficult to find an instructor. Fortunately, a patron knew Nancy and told her of our quest. If enough people are interested, this also could turn into a weekly club!

And speaking of clubs . . . For those of you who are not looking forward to the next couple of months of cold weather, we invite you to join your fellow readers in our second annual winter reading club for adults. The theme this year is *Books-Warm Winter Friends*. It will begin on January 9 and run through March 2. The format is the same as last year. As participants read books of their choice, they will be asked to anonymously complete a very brief written questionnaire to share with fellow readers. These will be displayed. Readers will receive a participation prize upon submitting their first review. Weekly raffles for winter surprise bags will be held for all participants sharing for each particular week. A Winter Thaw celebration for all club members, catered by Stacey Ference of Savour, will be held on March 5 at 6:30 PM. All attendees will have a chance to win a grand prize raffle. You can register either in person or by phone at the adult circulation desk.



We are happy once again to collaborate with the Naugatuck Valley Health District in helping to protect families against radon gas by distributing radon test kits here at the Library during the month of January. Check the calendar for dates and times.

January means the beginning of tax season. The Library will once again have all the standard forms available. We will also be happy to help you find any other forms on-line. Staff members cannot, however, provide assistance in filling out the forms.

Reminder – Beginning January 1, there will be a \$1.00 charge to replace lost library cards.

Even though it is a new year, all of your “old” favorite programs will be back, including career workshops, cooking demos, computer classes, book discussions, local history programs, and more. Again, check the calendar for specifics. We will also have more new programs scheduled as the year goes on. So stay posted!

Closing Thought:

One kind word can warm three winter months.

— Japanese Proverb

Introduction to the Quilting World

The Library has scheduled an *Introduction to the Quilting World* on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 PM. Nancy Satowski, experienced quilter, will be the presenter. She will discuss the history, tools, and fabrics of quilting. Many of her own creations will be on display. The program is for beginners and beyond beginners. If enough interest is shown, weekly classes will be scheduled. The first project, a beautiful table runner, is on display at the Library. Registration is requested.



STAFF BOOK PICKS

Cathy Williams	<i>Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope</i> by Gabrielle Giffords
Sue Sherman	<i>Winter Visitors</i> by Elizabeth Lee O'Donnell (Children's Room)
Kathy Wilson	<i>These is My Words</i> by Nancy Turner
Ann Mirisola	<i>The Next Always</i> by Nora Roberts
Carol Wiencko	<i>Killing Lincoln</i> by Bill O'Reilly
Bernadette Bahner	<i>Signing Their Rights Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the United States Constitution</i> by Denise Kiernan
Tony DeLos	<i>Going Underground</i> by Susan Vaught (Young Adult)
Mary Bisaccia	<i>The Marriage Plot</i> by Jeffrey Eugenides
Lorraine Piazza	<i>The Secret Mistress</i> by Mary Balogh
Cynthia Billingslea	<i>Snowmen at Night</i> by Caralyn Buehner (Children's Room)
Brian Karkut	<i>Waiting for the Biblio Burro</i> by Monica Brown (Children's Room)

Tech Corner

Bernadette Bahner

Virtual Money Is Real Money in an Instant

The new Pay Pal Send Money app on Facebook is the new social way to send money. In a joint effort with PayPal, the social media Facebook launched the new app called **Send Money**.



This new app allows instant money transfers between Facebook friends, family and businesses.

The entire transaction from start to finish is very straight forward. It's great for last minute gifts and emergency money. If you want to reimburse a friend for dinner you no longer have to search for an ATM, simply Facebook your friend on your phone and **Send Money** while ordering dinner.

How it works:

You must have a Facebook account and a PayPal account. All you need to open a PayPal account is an email address. Sign up at PayPal.com. It's easy and free. If the recipient doesn't have a PayPal account, they can sign up for a new account in minutes by following the instructions included with their notification that they have received **Send Money**. PayPal's **Send Money** app page will then appear on their Facebook. You can send a card with money or just send money. Either way, you must type in your friend's name then email address for fraud protection and account confirmation. You must also give PayPal permission to see your friend's list and make posts in your name.

When you pay with PayPal using the **Send Money** app you have the option of several debit sources for your payment. You can use your PayPal balance, bank account, debit card or credit card. You can send money to people in sixty-five countries. PayPal has a list of currencies they support.

Your transaction is free within the US if you obtain the funds to be transferred directly from your bank account or with money that is kept in a PayPal account. If you use a credit or debit card fees are 2.9% plus 30 cents but you can choose who pays these fees-either yourself or the person you are sending the money to. If you send US dollars outside of the US there are fees. A 0.5-2% fee if you pay with a bank account or PayPal balance. If you pay with a credit card or debit card the fee is 3.4%-3.9% plus 30 cents. The fee depends on where you send the money.

The turn over time is less than two minutes. After you make the payment the recipient receives a link for the money. They log into PayPal where they will be directed to withdraw the money from PayPal and transfer it into their bank account or PayPal account. The recipient may also request a paper check. PayPal ensures the safety of your transaction. One very important caution - never remain logged into Facebook and walk away. From Neat New Things on the Web:

Winter Weather Emergencies - MedlinePlus
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/winterweatheremergencies.html>

A very informative website to take a look at now that winter is upon us and we begin to settle in!

For fun and interesting information log on to **HowCast**.
<http://www.howcast.com/>

How-To Videos on just about every project you can imagine!

FREE BASIC PC CLASSES

Tuesday, January 17 - 10:00 AM
Wednesday, January 18 - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 15 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 21 - 10:00 AM

Cooking Demo:

A Roast to the New Year

Another cooking demo is scheduled at the Library on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 PM. To celebrate the new year, the theme of the night will be a “Roast” to the New Year. Stacey Ference of Savour Catering will discuss and illustrate the simplicity of the roasting technique – perfect for a winter meal. There will be samples of all demonstrated foods. This class is for ages eighteen years and older. Registration is required and space is limited.





Hot Stove Roundup Session of Sports Talk Series

The Library has scheduled a Hot Stove Roundup session of its popular Sports Talk series on Thursday, January 5 at 10:00 AM. Rich Marazzi, radio sports talk host, author and MLB rules consultant and his Silver Sluggers will discuss the trades, signings and rumors of Major League Baseball's off season. As always, new members of all ages are welcome! The seventh season of the weekly Sports Talk sessions will begin in April.

Social Security Information Session



Social Security Specialist, Maria Grice, will be at the Library on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 AM and Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 AM for informal information sessions. Find out how to apply for benefits, which benefits are available, on-line services, Medicare, COLA increases, the future of Social Security, and more. This is an opportunity to have all your questions answered. Pamphlets and brochures will also be available. No registration is necessary.

Coupon Club

A new Coupon Club is starting at the Derby Public Library on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The first class will be held on Tuesday, January 10 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Missy Lundeen will be the facilitator. Participants are asked to bring a notebook, pen, scissors, plastic shopping bag, and coupons if they have any. With the economy the way it is, we are all trying to save money where we can. Couponing is a fun and productive way of doing it. Registration is requested.

Lunchtime Book Discussion

These Is My Words by Nancy Turner

The January Lunchtime Book Discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 at 12:30 PM. The selected title is the compelling fiction debut *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner. Inspired by the author's original family memoirs, this absorbing story introduces us to the spirited Sarah Prine, one of the most memorable women ever to survive and prevail in the Arizona Territory of the late 1800's. Sarah's struggles with work and home, love and responsibility resonate with those every woman still faces today.



The Marriage Plot by Jeffrey Eugenides

The February Lunchtime Book Discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 at 12:30 PM. The selected title is Jeffrey Eugenides' newest novel, *The Marriage Plot*. It is set in the early 1980's and opens at Brown University.

The story follows three characters in parallel and interesting narratives as they navigate college, graduation, sexual freedom, feminism, mental illness, love, divorce, and finally maturity. Ultimately, the book is about romantic love reflected against our social mores and history.

Multiple copies of both books are available at the circulation desk. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich and a friend as they "chat and chew." Dessert and beverages will be provided. Registration is requested.

A Message from Miss Sue

Sue Sherman



We were fortunate once again this holiday season to have such thoughtful and energetic volunteers spend time with us spreading holiday cheer. Some of their creative talents are still evident in the winter displays adorning the Children's Room. Among our helpers was the Irving School Student Council along with their advisors Jo-Ann Dobek, Barbara Sobolisky and Maria Melillo. We appreciate all the efforts everyone has shared to make the Children's Room a warm and inviting place for the families of our community this winter season.

Although everyday is the perfect day to visit the library, Saturday, February 4 has been designated as "Take Your Child to the Library Day". This statewide initiative is a collaborative effort by the Children's Librarians to encourage families to stop by and discover all the resources and opportunities their local library has to offer. Activities planned here at the Derby Public Library include **Read to Sandy**, an **Eco Art Class** and a **raffle**. Browse the Children's Room book displays featuring CT authors/illustrators along with information on upcoming Library events. This endeavor is aimed at bringing awareness to the public that the library is more than just books! We look forward to seeing everyone on February 4.

Are you the parent or caregiver of an infant 6-12 months old and looking to introduce your baby to the world of books while interacting with others? You may think your infant is too young to attend a structured story time, but research has found that when a baby experiences new things, new brain cell connections grow; so with every reading of a nursery rhyme or singing of a song connections in the brain are formed or strengthened. As a parent, you can help your child's brain grow and develop by fostering a love of reading. We invite you to join other parents/caregivers and their infants here at the Library on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM for **Baby & Me**. This 20 minute lap sit program includes nursery rhymes, songs, interactive board books, finger plays and instruments followed by an informal play time offering some social time for both child and parent. Take the first step to instilling a lifetime love of reading for your young child by attending a weekly story time.



Our **Winter Story Times** begin Wednesday, January 11 and run through March 16. **Family Place Parent/Child Workshops** are offered starting Monday, January 9 at 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendars for a variety of upcoming children's events beginning with an after school program featuring an **Eco Art class** on Tuesday, January 10 at 3:45 PM. On Tuesday, January 31 at 4:00 PM kids 8-11 and young adults 12-15 can tap into their creative talents during **Twist and Shout**, a fun hands-on introduction to balloon sculpting workshop presented by Susan Curran. Snuggle up with your favorite blanket or bed time buddy during an evening **Pajama Story Time** on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 PM.

A series of **Science Snoopers** programs are also scheduled as part of our winter lineup on Wednesday, January 11 at 11:00 and February 1 at 11:15. Learn about hibernation, migration and how animal and plant life adapt to the winter during **Brrr!** and explore how shadows are made and what Groundhog Day is all about during **Me and My Shadow**.



We welcome Janet Sabovik and her therapy dog Payson on Tuesday, January 17 and February 21 at 6:30 PM. **Read to Payson** is an expansion of our popular children's reading to a therapy dog program which has been an ongoing activity here for over 5 years with Sandy. This reading enrichment program is open to children ages 5-11.

Just a reminder... There is still time to read the **2012 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees** before casting your vote for your favorite one. Fill out a ballot in the Children's Room during January to take part in this statewide vote. Also, be on the lookout for our display of the **2013 Nutmeg Nominees** which will be available in February.

Take a moment to browse the newsletter calendar for additional programs. **Registration is requested for all programs.**

CT Works Career Coach

Friday, January 20, **Transition to Microsoft Word 2007**

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Friday, February 17, **Job Search Assistance**

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

CT DOL Career Development Workshop:

Advance Resume, Thursday, January 26, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Over 40 and Looking for Work, Thursday, February 23, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Naugatuck Valley Health District to Distribute Radon Test Kits

The Naugatuck Valley Health District will make three visits to the Library during the month of January to distribute Radon Test Kits and provide information on the harmful gas. The specific dates and times are Thursday, January 5 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 10 from 3:45 PM to 8:00 PM, and Monday, January 23 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Come and learn how to protect your family from this colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon kits will be available until supplies last. To make sure test kits are still available, call the NVHD at 203 881-3255.

Local History

Mary A. Bisaccia

This column first ran in our February, 2009 newsletter. Since we have recently received so many inquiries about our beautiful lobby, we are printing it once again.

February is Library Lover's Month. As I write this column, I'm sitting right in the main lobby of the Library. As I look around, there is so much to love about this building. The teak paneled walls are warm and inviting, the shelves full of thick volumes of books both old and new are ripe with knowledge. The bust of Homer looks down toward the entry way, beckoning all to come in and bask in the treasures that lie between these walls. Following my eyes to the gilt stencil work toward the foyer's ceiling, I notice many "seals" representing images from Greek and Roman mythology. The beams on the ceiling itself are embossed with all the signs of the Zodiac, as well as the sun and the moon. Most striking of all is the grand quotation which follows the circumference of the lobby with the following words:



Library Lobby

"The glory of the world would perish in oblivion if God had not provided mortals with the remedy of books. Towers crumble to the earth but he whose book lives cannot die. O books, ye only are liberal and free who pay tribute to all who ask it, enfranchise all who serve you faithfully."

The quote is from Richard de Bury, a fourteenth century English bishop and book lover, and is taken from his famous tribute to books, *Philobiblon*, which is a Greek word for "love of books." *Philobiblon* is an essay that is one of the first books about books, and it discusses their value as well as some of the earliest references to library practices.

The *Philobiblon* was first published in Cologne in 1473. Ten years later a second edition appeared at Speyer and in 1500, a third edition came from the press of Jodocus Badius at Paris. Thomas James, Librarian of the Bodleian, added a preface to the treatise and in 1598 and 1599 issued the first English editions. After 1832, a dozen or more editions of the *Philobiblon* followed in quick succession.

Richard de Bury was born near the town of Bury St. Edmunds in Surrey in 1287. He was orphaned early and was educated by his uncle, John de Willoughby, and sent to Oxford. There he became the tutor of Edward of Windsor, the future

Edward III. He was soon appointed to high ecclesiastical and administrative positions. As principal receiver of the king's revenue in Gascony, he made a fortunate decision in siding with Queen Isabella in a dispute with her husband. When Edward III, his former pupil and Isabella's son, came to the throne in 1327, De Bury was advanced rapidly. In 1330, he was entrusted with a delicate mission to Avignon, which he carried out successfully. As a mark of appreciation, Pope John XXII made him a chaplain of the papal court. A few years later, Edward III arranged for De Bury's appointment to the bishopric of Durham, and even from there, his diplomatic skills were often in demand. He completed *Philobiblon* only a few months before he died.

So how did such an arcane quotation from such a distance source come to be chosen for prominence in the Derby Public Library? I'm not absolutely sure of the answer to that question. Perhaps it was chosen by the benefactors of the Library, Col. and Mrs. Holton Wood, who donated the land on which the library was built, along with \$5,000 toward the purchase of books should the city of Derby match that sum and agree to undertake the responsibility for maintaining and operating the Library. Perhaps it was the architect from Boston engaged by Col. Wood, Mr. Hartley Dennett. Perhaps it was proposed by one of the original members of the Library's Board of Directors. In any case, the quote has long outlived both its creator and its chooser.

Yesterday's Headlines:

Local History Program

The Derby Public Library welcomes Rob Novak, Jr., Local Historian, on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM to discuss *Yesterday's Headlines*. Rob has specialized in presenting local history in fun, interactive formats for both general and specialized audiences for more than twenty years. He is past director of the Derby Historical Society and City of Shelton's Municipal Historian. In addition, he has authored four books through Arcadia Publications, and has been a popular historical columnist. Participants will be taken back to 1912, 1937, and 1962 to see what was happening locally 100, 75, and 50 years ago in the Valley. Registration is requested.



TEEN ZONE

Tony DeLos

Happy New Year Teen Zone fans! I'm looking forward to a year full of exciting events not just here in your DPL, but in our country, as well as the world at large! You're likely aware that 2012 is a leap year providing us an extra twenty-four hours in the month February. In case you've ever wondered how the second month of the year received the distinction of being the briefest of the 12, it's because until some 500 years ago February was actually the last month of the year and thereby absorbed the leftover days to total 365. Every fourth year one day is added to it to compensate for the ever-so-slight rotational shifts of the earth, moon and sun versus calculating time. I assure you the math was figured out and understood by minds faaaar greater than my own.

By the way, two special events you can count on during this leap year are the Summer Olympics in London starting July 27 and the U.S. presidential election on November 6. But library folk in Connecticut have their own, more immediate competition and voting issues to be concerned about. January is the month that your votes for our state's Nutmeg Award are tallied for determining their annual winner. That means there are just a few short weeks to submit your choice of favorite book for 2012 in the Teen category. The voting closes out January 31 and the winner will be announced February 14. The Nutmeg excitement doesn't stop there. The nominated titles for 2013's prize will be released on February 1. Our order for those books has been submitted so look for our special display!

With February's designation as Black History Month "the Zone" will also display new additions to your young adult non-fiction collection featuring titles on various subjects such as African-American literary tradition, the Black Press, and other topics highlighting important contributions to our diverse culture. And speaking of culture, we're putting out the call early this year for student artwork to be submitted for display on the hallowed walls of the Teen Zone during the month of March,



which is designated as Youth Art Month. It's a national annual observance and a wonderful opportunity to share with the community, your artistic talents as well as the benefits and necessity of arts education in schools and beyond. So consider yourselves "commissioned" for this event.

Updating you on happenings associated with the DPL Teen Chess Club - interest and attendance continue to grow and there's even a "spin-off" club being formulated at a Seymour school by one of our club members! Needless to say, the depths of Mr. Julio's expertise and mentorship are having a reverberating affect on the local youth chess scene and there's even some scuttlebutt about a challenge from a Newtown chess club. As always, all skill levels are welcome to attend meetings here at the DPL, 6:30 PM every Monday (excluding holidays). Also remember, we

have chess boards available for the asking in the Teen Zone for quiet-yet-intense competition.

Teen Movie Night will continue to entertain our exclusive young adult audience as we screen the latest features newly released on DVD. Just a reminder however, due to popularity and limited space, registration is required and sign-up must be accomplished the day prior to show date.

Teen Game Night challenges have increased, as anticipated, by the addition of Go Vacation to our Wii game collection. So don't forget to visit our YA suggestion box to fill out your recommendations for updates of all the latest in popular media including: books, music, magazines, graphic novels, and yes, games as well. It really does net results!

Well, that's about it for this edition. With so much going on in the Teen Zone lately, we might want to consider adding an extra day to every month of the year! Best wishes for starting your New Year... see you in the Teen Zone!