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November *Happy Thanksgiving!* **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Terrific Three's** (age 3). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (ages 4-6). Registration requested.*

- 4** MONDAY
 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Registration requested.*
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*
 6:30 p.m. **The Civil War Drummer Boy Who Became A General.** Reg. requested.*

- 5** TUESDAY
 1:00 p.m. Sandy Schumann presents **Turn It Up!** (ages 4-7) Registration requested.*
 2:00 p.m. Whitney Water Center presents **Liquid Assets** (ages 5-11). Reg. requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.

- 6** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me** (ages 6-12 mos.) Registration requested.*
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Game Night** (12-17). Registration requested.*

- 7** THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Baby Signs Program** (ages 2). Registration requested.*
 3:30 p.m. **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). Registration requested.*

- 8** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Terrific Three's** (age 3). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (ages 4-6). Registration requested.*

- 11** MONDAY
 CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

- 12** TUESDAY
 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **AARP Driver Safety Classes** (FREE for Veterans). Reg. req.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.

- 13** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me** (ages 6-12 mos.) Registration requested.*
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Teen Book Talk** (12-17). Reg. requested.*

- 14** THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mos.). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (25-35 mos.). Registration requested.*

- 15** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Terrific Three's** (age 3). Registration requested.*
 10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **CT Works Career Coach** presents *Using Social Networking in Your Job Search*. Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (ages 4-6). Registration requested.*

- 16** SATURDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Read to Sandy** (ages 5-11). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Children's Thanksgiving Program** (grs. K-4). Registration requested.*
 12:30 p.m. **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). Registration requested.*

- 18** MONDAY
 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Registration requested.*
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*
 6:30 p.m. **Grow Your Own Business or Non-Profit.** Registration requested.*

- 19** TUESDAY
 3:45 p.m. After School Program, **Crafty Kids** (grs. K-4). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 6:30 p.m. **Tween Tuesdays** (ages 10-12). Registration requested.*
 6:30 p.m. **Local Reaction to Assassination of JFK.** Registration requested.*

- 20** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me** (ages 6-12 mos.) Registration requested.*
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 10:30 a.m. Science Snoopers present **Turkey Time** (ages 3-6). Registration requested.*
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Lego Construction** (12-17). Reg. requested.*

- 21** THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mos.). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (25-35 mos.). Registration requested.*
 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Working with Clay Workshop** (ages 12-17). Reg. requested.*

- 22** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Terrific Three's** (age 3). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (ages 4-6). Registration requested.*

- 25** MONDAY
 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Registration requested.*
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*

- 26** TUESDAY
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.

- 27** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 12:30 p.m. for **Thanksgiving Holiday.**

- 28-29** THURSDAY - FRIDAY
 LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

December

- 2** MONDAY
 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Family Place Parent/Child Wkshp.** Registration requested.*
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*
 6:30 p.m. **Cooking Demo: Dip Into the Holidays** (18+). Registration requested.*

- 3** TUESDAY
 3:45 p.m. After School Program: **Let's Cook** (grs. K-4). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 6:30 p.m. **Tween Tuesday** (ages 10-12). Registration requested.*

- 4** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Baby and Me** (ages 6-12 mos.) Registration requested.*
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 12:30 p.m. **Lunchtime Book Discussion, Pearl Harbor Christmas.** Reg. requested.*
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Game Night** (12-17). Registration requested.*

- 5** THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Nursery Rhyme Time** (12-24 mos.). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Time for Two's** (25-35 mos.). Registration requested.*
 3:30 p.m. **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). Registration requested.*
 5:30 p.m. **Working with Clay Workshop** (ages 12-17). Registration requested.*

- 6** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Terrific Three's** (age 3). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** (ages 4-6). Registration requested.*

- 9** MONDAY
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*
 6:30 p.m. **Yesterday's Headlines w/Rob Novak.** Registration requested.*

- 10** TUESDAY
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 6:30 p.m. **Winter Wonderland** (ages 4-7). Registration requested.*

- 11** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 10:30 a.m. Science Snoopers / **Who Was Here?** (ages 3-6) Registration requested.*
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Teen Book Talk** (12-17). Reg. requested.*

- 12** THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. Sandi Schuchmann presents **Turn It Up!** (ages 3-5) Reg. requested.*

- 13** FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **CT Works Career Coach** presents *Job Search Assistance*. Registration requested.*

- 14** SATURDAY
 10:00 a.m. **Read to Sandy** (ages 5-11). Registration requested.*
 11:00 a.m. **Gingerbread Fun** (ages 3-8). Registration requested.*
 12:30 p.m. **Lego Time** (ages 4-11). Registration requested.*

- 16** MONDAY
 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Annual Holiday Open House.** All welcome.
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Connecticut Yuletide Carolers.** All welcome.
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **YA Chess Club** (ages 11-17). Reg. requested.*

- 17** TUESDAY
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.
 6:00 p.m. **1st Graders Derby Elementary Schools Program.** Registration requested.*

- 18** WEDNESDAY
 10:00 a.m. - Noon **Local History Info Session**, walk-in basis.*
 1:00 p.m. **Matinee Wednesday** (18+). Registration requested.*
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YA Wednesdays **Holiday Treats** (12-17). Reg. requested.*

- 24** TUESDAY
 LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 12:30 p.m. for **Christmas Eve.**

- 25** WEDNESDAY
 LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.

- 30** MONDAY
 11:00 a.m. **Winter Bingo** (ages 5-11). Registration requested.*

- 31** TUESDAY
 LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 12:30 p.m. for **New Years Eve.**

- JAN. 1** WEDNESDAY
 LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY.

**The Civil War Drummer Boy
 Who Became a General**

A local history program, entitled, The Civil War Drummer Boy Who Became a General, is scheduled on Monday, November 4 at 6:30 PM. Area history researcher, Jack Konicki, will present this historical review of a Winsted youth who went on to become a prominent financial figure in the Lower Naugatuck Valley.

Attendees will learn about, Charles Pine, a man who later in life became a generous benefactor to local charities, institutions, and to the education of Ansonia students. Registration is requested.



*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

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

--- William Arthur Ward



It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of 2013. I hate to admit it, but it really is true - the older you get, the faster time seems to pass. And while each month has its own special nuances, nothing reminds me more of the importance of family than the months of November and December. So as the holidays approach, I hope you take the time to spend time with both your family at home and your "family" here at the Derby Public Library.

Now before we start roasting the turkey and trimming the tree, let me bring you up to date on the latest here at the Library.

Over the past few months, you may have noticed some staff changes. Former Library Assistant Marc Weissman, is now our Technology/Reference Librarian. Marc has morning, afternoon, and evening hours to better assist you. Andrew Bisaccia is our new Library Assistant. Andrew will be happy to help you at the adult circulation desk.

Beginning January 1, 2014, Connecticut will launch a consumer-friendly health insurance marketplace, Access Health CT, as required under the Affordable Care Act. Sign-ups began on October 1. Realizing that this new insurance opportunity can be somewhat confusing, the Library has available all the information you need to help you navigate the process.

The Library recently received a grant from the Selma A. and Harold B. Fund with the Valley Community Foundation for a light-filtering system to protect both local history materials and computers from the harsh effects of direct sunlight. The Yudkins have been long-time supporters of the Derby Public Library, and we thank Mrs. Yudkin for her generosity once again. Look for pictures in our next newsletter!

The Library is happy to once again be participating in TEAM, Inc. Toys 4 Kids. We will have a box available at both the adult and children's circulation area for you to drop off your unwrapped toys. Please consider bringing some joy into the lives of area children this holiday.

Many of you have been asking about our Tech Time classes. We are happy to announce that they will be resuming in January. Please stop by the reference desk and let Marc know the topics you would like to see covered.

Our once very active Friends of the Derby Public Library is looking to re-energize! If you would like to join this wonderful support group, forms are available on our website and at our circulation desks. More information, including meeting dates, will be available in January.

Also coming in January is a new program series called "Just for Women." This will be a time for women, ages eighteen and over, to come together and discuss issues that are important to them.

Again, I hope to see you all at the Library during the coming months. As always we have great programs planned (including one of my annual favorites, the CT Yuletide Carolers) and great resources available, along with simply being a great place to spend some time. You can keep up with all our activities, by liking us on Facebook.

Wishing you the blessings of peace, love, and joy during this holiday season.

Closing thought:
Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas time.

--- Laura Ingalls Wilder



Tech Corner

Marc Weissman

During the holiday season, many fret over what to get their family or friends for gifts, especially when it comes to those labeled as "high tech." With so many options out there, the task of choosing even the most basic tech gift can be quite daunting. So in an effort to ease the burden of providing a gift for those avid mobile device users in your life, a few ideas are outlined below.

Before getting into the products themselves, however, it's important to understand a fundamental difference across all mobile devices. Just like laptops and desktop computers come loaded either with Apple Mac or Microsoft Windows operating systems, smart phones run on one of several different operating system platforms. The market leader in this regard is Android (i.e. Google's operating system), and is found on nearly 80% of all mobile phones sold world-wide. This is actually quite surprising since Apple's product names of "iPhones" and "iPads" are often used synonymously with the more generic term "smart phone" or "tablet." Yet, Apple's iOS mobile operating system only accounts for roughly 15% of all smart phones sold world-wide. That just goes to show how entrenched Apple has become in the tech consumers' psyche. Meanwhile, Microsoft and Blackberry also offer mobile operating systems, but they are far less prevalent than either Android or iOS. Thus, the following tech gift ideas focus solely on products that use the two market leaders in operating systems.

For those looking for an easy, more traditional way to allow Grandma to put photos up on her fridge, LG offers their PD233 Pocket Photo Printer. Compatible with either Android or iOS phones by downloading a free online app, this portable printer weighs less than 8 ounces, connects via micro USB or Bluetooth wireless technology and prints color photos that have either already been saved as JPEGS on your phone or are posted on FaceBook or Twitter. A cursory view indicates a purchase price of roughly \$160 across various online retailers.

As for satisfying the kids, Crayola has moved with the times by taking their tried and true 64-color box of crayons and gone digital with their DigiTOOLS(r) Paint Pack. Compatible with Android, iPad and iPad-mini tablets, this simple yet clever device provides a true-to-life painting experience for kids ages 3 and up. Children can experiment with different backgrounds and play with colors and textures anywhere they go. It's available for roughly \$40, again across multiple online retailers.

Lastly, Google has come out with a product called Chromecast that is a device you simply plug into your digital TV's HDMI port and can then access videos from Netflix, YouTube, Hulu Plus and the Google Play Store. It is powered by a USB cable and can be used with either a smart phone or standard computer. As well, for those who have chosen to use Google Chrome as their online web-browser instead of Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox, you can use Chromecast to stream almost any kind of content from the Chrome web-browser on your computer. Considering this is all capable with minimal add-ons, the \$35 cost for the device seems very reasonable.

Hopefully, these suggestions will make shopping easier and more productive for everyone involved. Happy Holidays!



Annual Holiday Open House with Connecticut Yuletide Carolers

The Library invites everyone to its Annual Holiday Open House on Monday, December 16 from 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM. In what has become a holiday tradition, once again highlighting the festivities will be a visit

from the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. These traditionally garbed Carolers will fill the cold winter air with the warm sounds of the season, bringing holiday cheer to young and old alike. They will stroll throughout the Library, inviting all to sing-along. Cookies and punch will be available throughout the day. There will also be free holiday-themed basket raffles open to all visitors. As usual, this beautiful historic building will be decked, inside and out, in all its holiday glory. Everyone is invited to take part in this special day.

STAFF BOOK PICKS

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| Cathy Williams | <i>The Reason I Jump</i> by Naoki Higashida |
| Sue Sherman | <i>The Best Time of Day</i> by Eileen Spinelli (Children's Room) |
| Kathy Wilson | <i>The Good House</i> by Ann Leary |
| Ann Mirisola | <i>Step of Faith</i> by Richard Paul Evans |
| Mary Householder | <i>Beautiful Day</i> by Elin Hilderbrand |
| Mary Bisaccia | <i>The Son</i> by Philipp Meyer |
| Lorraine Piazza | <i>Stranded</i> by Alex Kava |
| Cindy Billingslea | <i>Planet of the Pies Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3</i> by Judi Barrett (Children's Room) |
| Tony Delos | <i>The Lions of Little Rock</i> by Kristin Levine (Young Adult) |
| Brian Karkut | <i>Dozens of Cousins</i> by Shutta Crum (Children's Room) |
| Marc Weissman | <i>50 Norman Rockwell Favorites</i> by Norman Rockwell |
| Andrew Bisaccia | <i>In the Beauty of the Lilies</i> by John Updike |

Free AARP Driver Safety Class for All Veterans



The Library has scheduled a special Free AARP Driver Safety Class for all veterans, regardless of age, on Tuesday, November 12 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This includes individuals who serve or have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard/Reserves, or Coast Guard. In addition, veterans' spouses, domestic partners, dependents, children, and widows and widowers, regardless of age, may receive the free course also. All eligible participants must present a completed coupon to the Library at the time of registration. Coupons are available for download at www.aarp.org/veterans or at the Library. All required fields must be filled out. No additional identification is necessary.

Participants will tune up their driving skills and update their knowledge of the rules of the road. They will also learn defensive driving techniques. No written tests, no road tests, and no information will be given to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Participants may save up to 10% on their present auto liability insurance. Space is limited and registration is required. Participants may bring a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

The AARP Driver Safety Program and the Derby Public Library are proud to offer this free course to recognize and thank Veterans for their dedication and commitment to service.

Grow Your Business or Non-Profit with Email and Social Media

Everyone is invited to the interactive workshop, Grow Your Own Business or Non-Profit Organization with Email and Social Media, on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 PM. Participants will learn how to combine simple marketing strategies, practical marketing tips, and email and social media best practices to effectively generate growth. Attendees will work through guided exercises that allow them to apply presentation ideas and create actionable tactics they can put into use right away. This event is free and you will get some pro tips on how to work with tools. The workshop will be presented by Robert Clark, Managing Principal of LucidPoint, LLC, based in Stamford and a Constant Contact Authorized Local Expert and Solution Provider Partner. He has over thirty years of experience advising small and medium-sized businesses, Fortune 50 companies, nonprofits, associations, and industry groups on marketing and information technology. He has presented to numerous organizations of all sizes including Chambers of Commerce.



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Wednesday Movie Matinees

(ages eighteen and over)

Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM

Light snacks will be provided.

Registration is requested.



CT Works Career Coach

Friday, November 15

Using Social Networking in Your Job Search
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Friday, December 13

Job Search Assistance
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

A Message from Miss Sue

Sue Sherman



Where have the days gone? It seems like we were just celebrating the end of our summer reading program and here I am writing about our upcoming late fall and winter events! We have been busy over the past two months with class visits from St. Mary/St. Michael School, Irving School and our preschool friends from The Learning Studio and Derby Daycare. We also hosted a well attended 1st Grade Night in October with first grade teachers sharing books about fire safety, followed by an art project. All first graders in the Derby elementary schools are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM for another fun evening.

Our 8th annual Harvest Fair was also held on October 19 with an array of activities including pumpkin decorating, fall arts and crafts projects and a visit from Sparkles the Clown, who kept everyone engaged with her magic and balloon sculpting creations. A fun time was had by all who attended.

The walls of the Children's Room are once again the backdrop for artwork masterpieces created by students in Ms. Charlice Culvert's art class at Irving School. We appreciate the opportunity to display the works of these talented young people for the community to enjoy.

The month of November kicks off with several special programs planned for Election Day (no school in Derby) Tuesday, November 5. At 1:00 PM, Sandi Schumann presents Turn it Up! a music and movement program for children ages 4-7. The Whitney Water Center returns for a fun and interactive water science program, Liquid Assets at 2:00 PM for 5-11 yr. olds.



A Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 AM. Linda Milardo, a historical re-enactor and educator, will be dressed in colonial attire to share a story about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving, bringing along some colonial objects and toys for viewing followed by a turkey craft. This program is geared for children in kindergarten through grade 4.

In celebration of the winter holiday season, enjoy hot cocoa while listening to stories followed by a craft project during Winter Wonderland, scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM for families with children ages 4-9. On Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 AM stop by the Library to catch a gingerbread man story along with other activities during Gingerbread Fun! Our after school Let's Cook program on Tuesday, December 3 at 3:45 PM will feature some holiday recipes including Mrs. Claus cookies. This class is offered for kids 7-11 yrs. old.

Try your luck at Winter Bingo on Monday, December 30 at 11:00 AM. Children ages 5-11 will be making their own bingo card prior to the game using a collection of winter themed words. Books will be among the prizes for all the lucky bingo winners.

Our ongoing programs which include Read to Sandy, Read to Payson, Lego Time, Tween Tuesdays, Family Place Parent/Child Workshops, weekly story times and after school activities all continue into December. Please check the newsletter calendar for dates and times. Just a reminder – all programs are free to attend, but registration is requested.

Looking ahead . . . registration for our winter session of weekly story times begins on December 16 with classes starting on January 15. A new series of Family Place Parent/Child Workshops will be offered during the winter with the first one scheduled for Monday, January 13.

Be on the lookout for further details as the Derby Public Library partners with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers this winter to encourage young readers to read with the incentive of a ticket to attend a hockey game during March. A great opportunity to experience the excitement of a live sports event only a short distance away! Happy Holidays!

Cooking Demo: Dip Into the Holidays

Join us on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 PM for another popular cooking demo. The theme of the night will be Dip Into the Holidays. Stacey Ference of Savour Catering will show participants how to make festive and tasty dips and dippers to include in their holiday entertaining. There will be samples of all demonstrated foods. The class is for ages eighteen years and older. Registration is required.



LUNCHTIME BOOK DISCUSSION:

Pearl Harbor Christmas: A World at War, December 1941 by Stanley Weintraub

A special Holiday Lunchtime Book Discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 at 12:30 PM. The selected title is *Pearl Harbor Christmas: A World at War, December 1941* by Stanley Weintraub. This is a vivid 11-day account of perhaps the most remarkable holiday season of the 20th century. Christmas came a little more than two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. While Americans attempted to go about celebrating as usual, the shock and reality of the just-declared war was on everyone's mind. Weintraub gives great insight into the remarkable meeting of President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, together lighting the White House Christmas tree, while also mapping out a winning wartime strategy. This is a moving account of what it was like to live through a holiday season few would ever forget.

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



Mary A. Bisaccia

John F. Kennedy Visits the Valley

Valley residents were thrilled to hear that Presidential candidate Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts would be visiting late Saturday night, November 5, 1960. The Senator was scheduled to arrive at Stratford Airport at 11:30 p.m. and travel River Road (Route 110), to Shelton where he would stop at the Community Center. From there, he would travel on to Derby City Hall. Kennedy would then travel via the West Side to Ansonia, crossing the Bridge Street Bridge and stop at Ansonia City Hall. He would then drive through Seymour, Beacon Falls and Naugatuck without stopping, enroute to Waterbury where he would spend the night.

In Shelton, a cheering, shouting crowd of 1,200 to 1,400 people greeted Kennedy when he arrived in Shelton at 1:25 a.m. Kennedy stopped at the corner of Howe Avenue and Center Street for about five minutes before leaving for Derby. The Senator spoke to the crowd, "We are traveling around to ask your support on Tuesday. I appreciate your staying up late to wait for us." After making his brief remarks, Senator Kennedy sat down as the motorcade prepared to leave and the large crowd surged against both sides of the car to shake his hands. State and local police had difficulty getting the people back so that the cars could get started again without injuring anyone. When the presidential candidate's car finally got through the crowd, it quickly picked up speed and headed over the Bridge Street (Shelton) Bridge toward Derby.

With Senator Kennedy's visit to Derby, he was greeted by Derby Democrats at City Hall (in the Sterling Opera House on Elizabeth Street at the time) where he was expected to say a few words. Kennedy received a roaring welcome from some 2,500 Derby people when his motorcade swept into Derby at 1:35 a.m. The crowd, many of whom had waited since 10:00 p.m. in the raw, damp weather cheered the presidential candidate as his car moved up Elizabeth Street to come to a stop in front of the City Hall where Senator Kennedy was greeted by Mayor Anthony Dirienzo and John Bartimole, Democratic candidate for mayor, and other Democratic candidates. When Kennedy arrived, the crowd surged forward to surround his car despite all attempts of the big contingent of state police to hold them back.

The Senator addressed the crowd, saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, I come without a team, without President Eisenhower or Governor Rockefeller, as the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. I ask your support on Tuesday. I ask your support for your mayor-to-be John Bartimole and your State Senator James J. McCarthy. I have with me Governor Ribicoff, Congressman John S. Monagan, Congressman-at-large Frank Kowalski and Senator Thomas Dodd - and my name is Kennedy. In just 57 hours, the campaign will be over. I came into Connecticut to ask your help." Cheers followed the mentioning of the names of the various candidates and at the conclusion of the Senator's speech. The motorcade remained in Derby for about ten minutes and then left for Ansonia.



Kennedy arrived in Ansonia Sunday morning at about 1:45 a.m. and spoke for about three minutes to the huge crowd packed in front of City Hall. He said, "It's possible we're all crazy but I must say I do appreciate your being here at this hour of the night." The youthful-looking candidate told the gathering, "I came here in the last two days of the campaign to ask your support on Tuesday, November 8, for President of the United States. I would appreciate it if you would vote."

After visiting Ansonia, Seymour Democratic Town Chairman Joseph Tuzick said that after conferring with representatives of Kennedy, the Democratic Presidential candidate would travel through Seymour along South Main Street (Route 115) and then would take a detour on Route 8, Pearl Street at Whittemore's Tavern on his way to Waterbury. Seymourites would have a chance to see the Senator along the Pearl Street detour.

A crowd of nearly 400 local Democrats and others braved the early morning chill in the air to greet Senator Kennedy and accompanying state and national party dignitaries. The Kennedy caravan entered Seymour around 2:00 a.m. Senator Kennedy, smiling and waving to the enthusiastic crowd, halted his official car at the easterly side of Maple Street near the Maple Street School where he shook hands with those waiting to welcome him. No stop in Seymour had been pre-arranged in Kennedy's itinerary. People began milling along the motorcade route around 11:30 p.m. and the subsequent visit and halting of the motorcade proved to be more of a spontaneous decision. Needless to say, the Seymour crowd was very pleased.

Looking Back 50 Years . . .

Local Reaction to the Assassination of John F. Kennedy

The Library will present a program on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Mary Bisaccia, Library Local History Coordinator, will focus on local reactions to the tragedy. Also discussed will be the activities of both JFK and Lee Harvey Oswald on the days leading up to the assassination, along with the aftermath. Registration is requested.

Yesterday's Headlines - Local History Program

A Yesterday's Headlines Program will be held on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM. Rob Novak, Jr., local historian, will once again take you back to 1913, 1938, and 1963 to see what was happening locally 100, 75, and 50 years ago in the Valley. Some pivotal events discussed will be the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Hurricane of 1938. Holiday seasons of "yesterday" will also be highlighted. Registration is requested.



TEEN ZONE

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Greetings Teen Zone Fans! There's no denying I truly enjoy New England this time of year. The vibrantly colored foliage of our distinctive and exceptional region, the "All-American Valley", can give the feeling of living in a postcard.

More evidence of just how special our Valley is . . . Local artist, gallery operator and Valley Arts Council member, Rich DiCarlo, recently stopped by the Teen Zone to offer his time and talents to our young adult patrons once again, this time to guide participants in forming clay sculptures and ornaments that commemorate the upcoming holidays. In spite of his busy schedule, Rich's zeal for all things creative simply cannot be stifled and we're always delighted to accommodate his passion. This workshop will require two Thursdays - November 21 and December 5, at 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to create personally-designed keepsakes that are sure to bring fond memories of your marvelous library experiences for many holidays to come.



The Teen Zone's YA Wednesdays will begin to assume a festive flavor. The fun begins as we unwrap a new game for the Nintendo Wii Game system on Game Night, November 6, at 6:00 PM. Then we'll select a holiday-themed film to screen on Movie Night, December 4, at 5:30 PM. Our Teen Book Talk meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, presenting readers the chance to voice their opinions on our wide selection of the latest releases prominently located on the fireplace mantel in the Teen Zone. Of course, readers might also be prompted to catch up on some of the holiday

literary "classics" in our YA collection. Wrapping up the trilogy of our monthly Wednesday get-togethers is the Lego Construction Project on the third Wednesday of November. December's third Wednesday brings another seasonal program- brownie pop and holiday cookie decorating. In the spirit of holiday fellowship we're encouraging everyone to bring a friend. We'll provide the delectable edibles and associated decorating materials for this event which will happen on December 18 at 6:00 PM. Whatever you don't eat may be taken home to impress and treat your family.

By now you likely realize that this column is never complete without an update on our Teen Chess Club. The aptitude club members have gained from our wisdom-rich coach is astounding! And the requests for Mr. Julio's chess expertise are approaching epic proportions as he continues to expand his reach, this time into the Greenwich school system. In spite of his ever-increasing sphere of demand, "Mr. J" still makes time for our stalwart competitors who recognize that many of the strategies they learn at our meetings often translate to tactics for success not only on the chessboard, but also in the classroom and beyond. The club is extremely fortunate to have this important association with such a dedicated mentor! Meetings happen Mondays in November and the first three in December at 6:30 PM and are open to all interested 12 to 17-year-old participants regardless of skill level.

That ought to do it for this column's final edition of 2013! Keep us posted on how we can improve our services to you as we transition into the New Year. Have a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing everyone 'round the Zone!