

SEEN THIS SUMMER AT PGN

Many summer visitors such as the Bruton family, Katie, Becky, Danny and their mother Michelle, from Union MO who visit their grandparents at Point of Woods every summer, find the Library is an essential stop. They report the Library's staff is most helpful and the children's wing wonderful. "The Library always seems to have what we're looking for,"



Duncan Russell-Anelli, age 9, from Ithaca, NY, visits his grandparents in Old Lyme at least twice a year, with frequent stops in at the Library. This summer, he participated in children's reading programs at PGN, bought books in the BookCellar (he particularly recommends the Goosebump Series and Garfield books) and checked out any number of DVDs. As with all our summer patrons, he greatly appreciates the air conditioning. "And it's sure good to have the ice cream store across the street," he noted.



Bill Spina comes to Old Colony Beach from Lowell, MA where he works in investor relations for small capitalization companies. He comes to the library to use the computers and praises the library's excellent connections to the Internet. "The staff is the best," he says, "...and so is the air conditioning."

AHOY! BOOKWORM BALL A HUGE SUCCESS



On a cold March night, hundreds of pirates boarded a 123-foot ship docked on the Connecticut River. But this boarding party wasn't preparing to storm Old Lyme. Hundreds of philanthropic buccaneers, outfitted in plumed hats, puffy sleeves and eye patches, gathered aboard the *Mystique* to raise money for the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

A crush of revelers jostled for a chance to bid on a myriad of donated goods and services while balancing plates of hors d'oeuvres and glasses of wine. Brian Cole, master of ceremonies, presided over a live auction, managing bids as high as \$1,000. A Johnny Depp/Jack Sparrow look-alike posed with guests, many of whom arrived with the requisite talking parrot on their shoulder.

"This event is our best opportunity each year to support the Library and our community," said Mary Haymann, president of The Friends of the Library and Chair of the Bookworm Ball. "This year was a banner year for us. We raised \$27,200 thanks to our generous sponsors." "The event was so successful," Haymann said "the group will return to the Lady Katharine Cruise Line in March 2012."

Bookworm Ball 2012 Theme: The Roaring 20's

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MORE THAN JUST BOOKS



FALL 2011

OLD LYME - PHOEBE GRIFFIN NOYES LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

If you are a regular visitor to the Old Lyme- PGN Library, you'll be familiar with the wide selection of books that we offer, from the best in fiction through to the most technical, non-fiction titles. You'll also know that we have access to many thousands of additional books held at other libraries in the area, which can be delivered here for you in just a few days, at no charge. But what you may not realize is that the library can offer you much more than printed books! As well as an extensive selection of audio books, DVDs and music CDs, the library now has a growing, online collection of eBook titles, which you can access from your computer anywhere and read on your compatible eReader device.



Mary Fiorelli

The Library also hosts a variety of events and programs for all ages, including art shows and artist receptions, book talks and signings, and lectures by experts on subjects ranging from the complexities of the stock market to genealogical research. (*see inside calendar*)

When it comes to keeping the younger generation involved with the library, a summer reading program, music by contemporary artists, book talks by Young Adult authors, craft workshops and a variety of competitions all keep the interest alive.

So there's really no doubt that the library is indeed, "More Than Just Books"

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My term as President of the Library Board is just beginning and I am looking forward to working with our Trustees and very capable staff. I would like to thank Jack Collins, our outgoing President, for his leadership and our thanks to the other retiring Trustees, Chris Kitchings and Celine Sullivan for their active participation on the Board. I welcome Frank Cummiskey, Adam Seidner and Roger Smith who have been elected to be Trustees for a three year term.

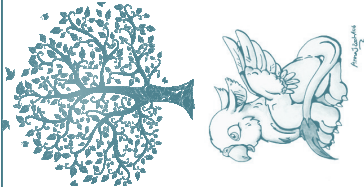


Edward G. Perkins

Having served as Treasurer during my prior six years on the Board (1997 to 2003) and as a member of the Old Lyme Board of Finance for several years, I am very familiar with the challenges we face to provide our patrons with the high level of service they seek within the constraints of the funds we have available.

Last year we began to formulate a Strategic Plan for the Library. Completion of this plan will be a major emphasis for this year. Because the Library plays an important role in the cultural and educational life of the community, we need to keep with the shifting demands brought about through rapidly changing technology, and at the same time deliver those services which benefit our patrons and the community at large.

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IN HONOR OF CONSTANCE A. & WILLIAM M. PIKE

By David Winer

The Board of Trustees is delighted and honored to announce that the children's room will be named the Constance and William Pike Room. There will be a ceremony commemorating the Pikes on October 2 to which the entire community is invited. For details, please call the Library, look at your local newspaper or check www.LymeLine.com.

Connie and Bill Pike were the consummate examples of neighbors giving back to their community. They gave their time to many local organizations over the years. Connie and Bill began spending their summers in Old Lyme in 1960, and moved here permanently in 1964. It wasn't long before they both became involved in civic activities, as an automatic and essential part of their lives. One of their first activities was to establish the Hammonasset School in Madison. Bill created a welcoming presence; any person with whom he spoke knew that Bill was giving them his full attention. Bill spent many hours on the redevelopment of the Sound View area. The Pikes opened a movie theatre on Swan Avenue. He was the chairman of the historic commission. He devoted himself to supporting Connie in all the ways that she contributed to the southeastern Connecticut area. Unfortunately, Bill passed away in 1984, but Connie continued her devotion to young people in a variety of ways. She set the gold standard with her service to the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center, to the Old Lyme school system, to the Drop-in Learning Center in New London, to the Southeastern Community Foundation and, of course, the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

Connie was a role model to many and left an indelible mark on all those she touched. She always saw the big picture and what was needed to make our environment a more humane place. She worked against poverty, for peace and, most importantly, social justice for all. She was a major influence on the expansion of the Library in 1994-95 and was co-chair of Phoebe's Book Cellar for many years.

Connie and Bill received by giving. Their ethical precept was to be served by others as little as possible, and to serve others as much as possible. Their wisdom and service to the Library will be remembered forever, as the name of the Children's Room will now be the Constance and William Pike Room.

SPOTLIGHT ON....



Katie Balocca

Katie Balocca is the Library's Administrative Assistant. She reports to the Library Director and the Board of Trustees. Her job also brings her in contact with the public for community room reservations, donations, memorial funds and Library events such as art exhibits and programs where her graphic talents are employed for marketing activities. Katie's job is varied and as multifaceted as are her skills. She joins the staff after working with the Library's volunteer group "The Friends" for many years. When the kids were younger her family signed on for a week of watering the library gardens during the summer. The kids loved the task because it concluded with walking across the street to the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe. The next fun project was working on the Bookworm Ball - the Friends' annual fundraiser for the Library. Each year the ball is a new theme and volunteers make it happen.

Katie graduated from Roger Williams University, with a BA in Fine Arts. She and her husband Kevin have lived in Old Lyme for 12 years. They have two children and are both active in the community.

Ordinary Heroes by Scott Turow

After his father's death, Stewart Dubinsky discovers a cache of letters from his father's former fiancée, a woman his family had known nothing about. Much more disturbing, however, is the revelation that his father, a lawyer and pillar of the community, had been court-martialed and imprisoned for treason during WWII. Compelled to investigate, Stewart finds that there was a lot more to his father - and his mother - than he ever knew.

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

Seventeen-year-old Cassandra Mortmain lives with her family in a drafty, ramshackle castle in England. Her father is an eccentric writer whose reputation rests on one book, but since he hasn't published in years, the family makes do by selling off the contents of the castle piece by piece. Cassandra, too, wants to write, and so over a period of six months she chronicles her beautiful sister Rose's plot to get the family out of poverty. Conveniently, two wealthy brothers from America have just bought the estate nearby. Now Rose embarks on a plan reminiscent of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, but with quite unexpected and often hilarious results.

Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor

In the winter of 1847, when Ireland is ravaged by potato famine and thousands are dying every week, the *Star of the Sea* sets sail from Dublin for New York. On board are hundreds of refugees who seek a better life in America, as well as the Earl of Kingscourt and his family, their Irish maid, an American journalist and a murderer who is linked to all of them by secrets that have been buried for years.

Without Reservations by Alice Steinbach

A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist at *The Baltimore Sun*, the author of this delightful memoir decides one winter morning that she's fallen into a rut. Since her sons are grown, she's single and still relatively young and vigorous, Alice decides to put her career on hold and travel by herself to Europe. The one rule she sets for herself is that she will not flit from place to place, but instead stay a while in each and try to forge a real connection with the culture. From Paris to London, through cities and towns in Italy, a course at Oxford, and a stay on a Scottish sheep farm, Alice discovers her hidden strengths and uses the time to revitalize herself.

Time and Again by Jack Finney

Something of a cult classic since it came out in 1971, the novel combines elements of time travel, mystery, and romance. When Simon Morley is recruited for a secret government project to travel back in time to the New York of the 1880s, he has no idea how much he will be affected by his experiences. He will fall in love with a woman who has been dead for many years, track a killer across time, and find a world that no longer exists - or does it?



Deirdre Christman has lived in Old Lyme for nearly 40 years. An avid reader, she taught English, and later served as department chair, at The Williams School in New London, where she presented a much anticipated book assembly each year. Out of that assembly came Deirdre's annual book list, which she continues to this day.



FOR SALE IN THE BOOKCELLAR

The response to the feature article in our last issue showcasing collectible books for sale in the BookCellar was exciting and attracted much interest. The BookCellar has "jewels," some of which are described here. If you would like to see or buy any of these contact the person on duty in the BookCellar. These treasures include five books signed by famous authors and one by a US President.

Believe it or Not!, by Robert Ripley *France At War, by W. Somerset Simon & Schuster*, 1934. Hardcover. **Maugham** Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc., 1940. Hardcover. Condition: Very Good. Spine chipped away, No good, dust jacket near fine. 1st US edition. Offsetting to front and rear jacket. 1st edition, 25th printing. endpapers. Octavo format. Internet of- Inscription: "To Ernest Horsham with Best Wishes of Ripley 'Believe It or Not' 1934." Internet offerings from \$300. **Our price: \$100**

The Road to Serfdom, by Friedrich A. Hayek University of Chicago Press, 1945. Hardcover. Condition: Very good.

Welcome to the City, by Irwin Shaw Random House, 1942. Hardcover. Condition: Good. Red cloth, no jacket. Text is clean and free of marks, binding tight and solid, boards clean with no wear present. No dust jacket. 1st Some minor soiling on the boards, wear at the head and tail of the spine, corners bumped. 1st edition. Inscribed by Shaw on the front endpage: "To Nellie Keogh, who has done well to forswear the moving picture business, thus giving her more time to read, judge, criticize the works of Irwin Shaw." Internet offerings from \$200. **Our price: \$100**

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Wednesday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

EASY E-READER

Feeling curious, or technically challenged about how to use an eReader? Want to enjoy the latest book on your list of what to read next with electronic ease? The Library has a growing online collection of eBook titles in its catalog and we want you to indulge and enjoy them.

The Library wants to reach out to those who are eager to use the new electronic reading devices, as well as those who may have doubts about learning to use these new technologies.

To satisfy that need, the Library is embarking on an *eReader Program* this fall. With the generous support of the Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program, we will offer training sessions on several common types of eReader devices. We will demonstrate and teach how to download, turn pages and bookmark just as you have always done with print books. We welcome your participation and feedback as we enjoy these new reading formats.

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BABY TIME Thursdays, September 15 - November 17 at 10:15 a.m. Introduce your baby to the Library and meet new people!
AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CRAFTS Thursday, September 15 at 3 p.m. Design Your Own Library Card Fun after school activities for 3 rd -5 th graders
AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CRAFTS Thursday, September 29 at 3 p.m. Banned Book Week Craft Fun after school activities for 3 rd -5 th graders
AFTER SCHOOL GAME DAY Thursday, October 13 at 3 p.m. Fun after school activities for 3 rd -5 th graders
 HALLOWEEN DECORATION CRAFT Thursday, October 27 at 3 p.m. Fun after school activities for 3 rd -5 th graders
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. One World performed by Chris Merwin, New York musician. An interactive multi-cultural trip around the world through music imagination.
AFTER SCHOOL GAME DAY Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Fun after school activities for 3 rd -5 th graders
AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFTS & FUN Thursdays, December 1 - December 15 at 3 p.m. Fun after school craft series for 3 rd -5 th graders
READY TO READ STATIONS ARE COMING! Thanks to a generous grant received from the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women’s Club, the Library has acquired two Early Literacy Stations (ELS) for our <i>Ready to Read</i> program. The two computer stations are loaded with more than forty-five educational software titles that are age-appropriate, engaging, and academically relevant for preschoolers and up (ages 2-10). Designed with colorful keyboards and child size mouse, stations will be located in the Children’s Room where family members can relax and enjoy their children’s learning experience!



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY Monday, September 19 at 5 p.m. Knit a Scarf for Charity in honor of William and Constance Pike	
TEEN MOVIE NIGHT Friday, October 21 at 7 p.m. <i>Beastly</i> starring Vanessa Hudgens and Alex Pettyfer	Rated PG-13
TEEN MURDER MYSTERY Friday, October 28 at 6 p.m. Pizza Party Mystery “Death Gets a Red Card”	
TEEN MOVIE NIGHT Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m. <i>I am Number Four</i> Starring Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant, & Dianna Agron	Rated PG-13
YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR TALK Coming in November, Local author Leslie Connor; hear this amazing author speak to you about putting your story to words.	Date TBA
TEEN HOLIDAY CRAFT Tuesday, December 27 at 2 p.m. Make Your Own Candy Wreath out of candy that you can eat! Holiday fun during vacation week	
TEEN MOVIE MATINEE Wednesday, December 28 at 2 p.m. <i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i>	Rated PG
TEEN SCENE GAME DAY! Thursday, December 29 at 2 –4 p.m. Come hang out with your friends & get your game on! Grades 6 & up welcome.	
SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH The Library wants to make sure that Old Lyme residents have the smartest card of all - <i>a library card.</i>	
WANT TO ATTEND A PROGRAM? IT'S EASY, REGISTER ONLINE! Having difficulty with registering? Call the Library at 860-434-1684 and the staff will be happy to assist. Online registration can be found at under Events at www.OLDLYME.LIONINC.ORG .	



ADULT PROGRAMS

SALT MARSH OPERA GUILD LECTURE Saturday. October 8 th at 11:00 a.m. James Kuslan will discuss Bellini’s <i>La Sonnambula</i> (The Sleepwalker), and share rare sound clips that help illustrate Amina’s awakening.
FALL EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES Mondays, October 3 & November 7 at 7 p.m. Explore the <i>Range of Realism</i> , with 19 th & 20 th century classics: <i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i> , and <i>Frankenstein</i> with facilitator Marsha Bansavage.
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES Wednesdays, September 7 - October 19 at 5 p.m. with Steve Nadler, Fine Arts Photographer. The classes will start in the field at a different location, and finish with classroom instruction at the Library. Class size limited to 10. Registration Required. Fee is \$90. <i>Please note class will not meet on Sept. 28.</i>
MAH JONGG CLASSES Wednesdays, September 7 - October 26 at 1 p.m. BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST, with Joanie Fitton – Eight weeks. Class size limited to 12. Registration Required. Fee is \$80.
WATERCOLOR CLASSES Tuesdays, September 13 - October 11 at 10 a.m. for beginners with Local Artist, Joan Bernard – Five weeks. Registration Required. Fee is \$120.
MORNING BOOK CHATS Second Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. October 13 - The House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus November 10- The Cold Blue Blood: a Berger & Mitry Mystery by David Handler December 8 - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
UNDERSTANDING YOUR CREDIT REPORT October 18 at 10am and October 26 at 7 p.m. by Guest Speaker Heather Brissette, Old Lyme Branch Manager, Citizens Bank
CONNECTICUT RIVER FILM FORUM ●October 20 - <i>The French Connection</i> , a 1971 Oscar winning solid crime drama. ●November 19 - <i>Resstrepo</i> , a 2010 documentary. Winner Best Documentary Oscars 2010.
ART, YULE, LOVE Friday, November 11 at 5 p.m. The Odyssey Painters Art Exhibition & Opening Reception
LITERARY LIFE IN THE LYMES Friday, November 18, at 5 p.m. A special evening of holiday readings with local authors James Benn, Steve Burt and former Connecticut poet laureate, Marilyn Nelson.
THE FRIENDS HOLIDAY BOOK SALE Saturday, December 3 at 10 a.m. Interested in being a vendor? Call Frani Ross (860) 434-3647

