

Ten Reasons to Visit the OLPGN Website

The OLPGN website (www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) is a valuable resource that gives you access to many library services and links you to the wider digital universe. Here are just ten of the many reasons to log on today, and often:

1. Use the library catalog to search over 650,000 unique titles held in the Old Lyme-PGN library and 20 other local libraries in the surrounding area to find and reserve the books that interest you. 
2. Review your own personal library account to see which books and materials you've checked out and when they are due for return. You can even renew your books online.
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4. Search thousands of *audio books* and download them to your MP3 player or computer including over 1,000 titles you can download and listen to on your iPod.
5. View an up-to-date calendar of local community events offered by the library such as art exhibitions, book reviews, children and young adult programs, lectures, and movies -- for starters. 
6. Access the free, *JobNow* site for job seeking assistance, including access to up-to-date nationwide and local job search engines, professional resumé critiques, guidance on interview techniques and more. 
7. Access free online research databases such as iCONN and ReQuest to view reliable, full-text information on a wide range of topics relevant to business research, consumer health, student research, genealogy drawn from periodicals, newspapers, newswires and other resources. 
8. Research your family history by visiting the Genealogy page where there are links to an extensive range of local resources including those held in the library, other local libraries, Town Halls and historical organizations.
9. See the list of local museums, state parks and local attractions that allow you free or discounted admission just by checking out the appropriate pass from the library.
10. Join the Connecticut River Film Forum. The group shows an exceptional line-up of out-of-the-ordinary movies on the third Thursday of the month (October, November, January- April) at the library. 

Passport Services, Scanning and FAX Capabilities Now at OLPGN



Need to apply for a new passport or update your current one? Come to the library! We've expanded our community resources to provide the services that were formerly available through the Probate Court Office.

If you're not familiar with the process for obtaining or renewing a passport, go online to travel.state.gov/passport. At the library, Stephanie Romano or Janet Everett will gladly assist you. Make an appointment with either of them by calling the library at 860-434-1684.

OLPGN has also expanded its copying services to include faxing and scanning capabilities. "Information now 'leaves the building,' in so many different formats," Library Director Mary Fiorelli commented. "These enhancements enrich our patrons' use and sharing of library and other materials."

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OLPGN Library: A Place for Painters

It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. In 1902, the artists staying at Florence Griswold's boardinghouse held an exhibition in the Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library's Reading Room. The new town library needed money to buy books; the artists needed a place to show their works. By 1903 the *Hartford Courant* was reporting that "the artists and the library have formed a sort of close corporation and both may be considered together."

In the first two decades of the 20th century, Old Lyme became known as one of the most famous American Impressionist art colonies. The end-of-summer shows in the library were a yearly tradition and a highlight of each season. Some of the artists, such as Henry Ward Ranger and Childe Hassam, were already well-known, and some were about to become famous after painting in Old Lyme (e.g., Willard Metcalf). So it wasn't just the local press writing about these exhibitions. Art critics from New York, Boston, and Chicago came to review the shows. Even the *New York Times* covered the Old Lyme art scene!

The artists were savvy enough to publish the train schedules to and from Hartford, New Haven, and New London on the posters that advertised the library shows. Yes, there were train stations in Old Lyme at that time. Other helpful tips on the posters were that "a livery service will be found at the station." The 1903 poster added the inducement that "a stage will carry visitors to and from the trains free of charge." The Ladies' Library Association also served tea and refreshments during the exhibitions.

Fast forward to the early years of the 21st century and the library is still a friendly place for local artists. Art shows are held throughout the year and opening night receptions are festive social occasions.

It's interesting to note that Phoebe Griffin Noyes (1797-1875) was herself an accomplished artist.

Though she is most remembered as a teacher in Old Lyme, Phoebe studied with a popular miniature portrait painter in New York as a young girl. Knowing that the building named in her honor played such an important role in the art history of her hometown and that the "happy synergy" between artists and the town library still exists surely would make Phoebe smile.



The art tradition continues... François and Mary Haymann with artist Anne Holmes enjoying the opening



Spotlight on ...



Stephanie Romano, Circulation Supervisor, has been with the library for almost five years. Her most visible job responsibilities include checking books out and back in, and assisting with patrons' inquiries and requests. Behind the scenes, Stephanie handles overdue notices, repairs damaged books, orders new fiction, DVDs and CDs, and processes new materials for circulation.

Stephanie grew up in Old Saybrook, attended Old Saybrook High School, and graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Library Science. She lives in Westbrook with her family. In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys baking, sewing, long walks – and of course, reading. But if she won the lottery? She'd abandon us for endless travels, starting in Italy.

Thank you, Essex Savings Bank ... for funding the costs of publishing *The Buzz* with a grant from the bank's Community Investment Program. We're proud to work with the bank in this way to inform and strengthen the community.

Coming Up...

The following events were scheduled when The Buzz went to press. Check the library website (www.oldlyme.lioninc.org), Lymeline.com, Facebook, and Twitter regularly for additions and updates. All programs listed here are open to the public, and free of charge unless otherwise noted.

PHOEBE'S BOOK CHAT

Held on the second Thursday of each month. 11:00am. Facilitated by Linda Alexander and Abhar Nauqti.

March 10th *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosnay

April 14th *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

May 12th *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

June 9th *Heretics Daughter* by Kathleen Kent

LITERATURE FOR A LIFETIME

"Once Banned, Now Classic" book discussion series sponsored by the CT Humanities Council. Held on the first Monday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. Facilitated by Marsha Bansavage

March 7th *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

April 4th *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin

CONNECTICUT RIVER FILM FORUM SERIES

Held on the third Thursday of each month (October-November, January-April), 7:30pm. \$25 for the series or \$5 per showing.

March 17th *Buena Vista Social Club* (1999) - Documentary about a group of aging Cuban folk musicians on the verge of international acclaim that evokes the music of pre-revolutionary Cuba.

April 21st *Notorious* (1946) - Hitchcock classic with Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains.

LECTURES

March 22nd 7:00pm - *Emily Eisenlohr*, financial analyst, Financial Markets and Economic Reform.

April 14th 7:00 pm - *Robert Linden, MD*, author of *The Rise and Fall of the American Medical Empire*, discusses the U.S. healthcare system.

May 7th - time to be announced - Caroline Zinnser, Genealogical research and the writing of *Vine Utley: Country Doctor of Lyme*.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

March 7th 3:00pm - *Make your own Mardi Gras Masks*. Grades 3 and up. Registration required. Snacks will be served.

March 9th 1:00-2:30pm - *Cardboard Creatures*. Children of all ages and their families are invited to turn everyday cardboard boxes into amazing creations of their own. Registration required.

March 16th 11:30am - *St. Patrick's Day Storytime*. Listen to leprechaun stories, dance to Irish music and enjoy colorful snacks for this winter holiday. Ages 3-5, siblings are welcome. Please register.

March 17th 3:00pm - *Make a 3-D Shamrock!* Materials supplied. Grades 3-5. Refreshments. Registration required.

March 18th 5:00-10:00pm - *Teen Scene! Nutmeg Books Read-A-Thon and Piz̃zza Party*. Grades 6 and up. Pizza dinner will be served followed by an evening read fest. Registration required.

March 19th 1:00-2:30pm - *Lego Mania - Castle Building!* Use the library's Lego sets to build Sir Ryan a castle. All castles will be displayed for a week in the Children's Room. Kindergarten and up. No registration needed.

March 19th 3:00pm - *Author/Illustrator Jason Deeble* will talk about his book, *Sir Ryan's Quest*, and the importance of reading, writing and imagination. Ages 4-6. Please register.

March 23rd 1:00pm - *Knights & Castles Drop-In Crafts*. Children and their families are invited to create medieval inspired crafts. Toddler to pre-K. No registration required.

March 30th 2:30-4:30pm - *Teen Scene! Game Day*. Play your favorite board games including Scattogories, Taboo, HedBanz and Charades and more. Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

April 11th 6:00-7:30pm - *Teen Scene! Author Talk with Steve Burt*. Lively presentation by multiple award-winning author of young adult mystery /fantasy stories (who is also the pastor of the Lyme Congregational Church). Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

April 13th 11:30am -1:00pm - *Snapshot Day - Decorate Your Own Picture Frame!* Grades 3 and up. Snacks will be served. Registration required.

April 16th 10:00am-12:00pm - *Lego Mania*. Have fun with the library's expanded Lego collection of over 3,000 Lego pieces and ten building mats. Kindergarten and up. No registration needed.

April 18-20th 11:00am-12:30pm - *Teen Scene! Photography Session*. Photography class taught by local photographer, Caryn B. Davis. Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

April 20th 5:30pm - *Easter Egg Hunt & Story Time* - Enjoy Easter stories and search for a "treasure" on an egg hunt in the Children's Room. Ages 2-7. Please register.

April 21st 3:00pm - *Eco-Crafts: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Create!* Make a rainstick from donated materials. Grades 3-5. Registration required.

May 5th 3:00pm - *Cinco de Mayo Fiesta*. Create a paper maché piñata while enjoying festive snacks. Grades 3-5. Registration required.

May 6th 2:30-4:30pm - *Teen Scene! Decorate Your Own Mosaic Flower Pot*. Just in time for Mother's Day! Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

May 11th 2:30-4:30pm - *Teen Scene! Game Day*. Board games will be available including Scattogories, Taboo, HedBanz, and Charades. Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

May 20th 6:00-8:00pm - *Teen Scene! Murder Mystery and Piz̃zza Party*. Interactive murder mystery, *Death Gets a Red Card*. Use your super sleuthing skills to decipher the clues and solve the crime. Grades 6 and up. Registration required.

May 21st 10am-12pm - *Lego Mania*. Create a work of art from the library's over 3,000 Legos and building mats. Kindergarten and up. Young children must have a parent or guardian present. No registration needed.

ART EXHIBITION

April 15th Opening reception, 5:00-7:00pm - *Art in Bloom, Spring Art Exhibition*, featuring shoreline artists.

Now at OLPGN: e-books and audio books

If you're among the rapidly growing numbers of e-book readers and audio book listeners, go online today -- at home or at the library -- and browse our *digital* stacks! Through our relationship with Overdrive, Inc., a distributor of thousands of e-books and audio books for all ages, we now offer library patrons access to more titles than we could ever shelve in hard copy. And they're all downloadable free to your reading or listening device.

To borrow these digital materials you need...

- A valid OL-PGN/LION library card (come in and get one, if you don't already have one)
- Internet access
- A computer or device supported by the system (more about "supported devices" below).

At the OLPGN website (www.oldlyme.lioninc.org), click on:



From there, go to the Quick Start Guide and follow the menu prompts to download free software and e-books to your PC, MAC or other supported e-book reader, and/or download audio books to your supported audio device.

"Supported device" is the key phrase here. The distribution of digital media is in its emergent stage, with a number of rights and standards issues to be resolved. Until then, some restrictions and limitations will have to be tolerated, but with rapidly growing market demand, this development phase shouldn't be too protracted. New enabling "apps" are coming online at a steady clip, breaking through those boundary issues.

Devices currently supported by Overdrive are listed at www.overdrive.com/software/omc. If you find that your e-reader or audio device isn't on the "supported" list, try again soon.

As happy as we are to embrace media diversity, we surely aren't abandoning ink on paper. So come in often and browse the stacks for a more traditional, battery-less, read.

What ARE teens reading?

So, you have some teenagers on your gift list and don't know what to give them. Susan Parodi, our Young Adult Librarian, suggests a number of hot, recent titles for readers not quite old enough to vote:

- *The Hunger Games* series by Suzanne Collins: Fantasy, multiple award winner, ages 11 and up. Riveting series; a terrific read.
- *Graceling, Fire* series by Kristin Cashore. Fantasy, starred reviews, ages 14 and up. Gorgeous storytelling, romance, suspense.
- *The Alex Rider Collection* by Anthony Horowitz. Adventure/thriller, starred reviews, ages 11 and up. Code-breaking and spies, a sure page-turner.
- *The Last Apprentice* series by Joseph Delaney. Adventure/thriller, multiple award winner, ages 11 and up. Delaney is a master of imagery, suspenseful and terrifying; this will keep you in the edge of your seat.
- *Uglies* series by Scott Westerfield: Fantasy, starred reviews, ages 14 and up. Soon to be a major motion picture; an interesting concept with many plot twists and turns.
- *Maximum Ride* series by James Patterson: Adventure, multiple award winner, ages 11 and up. Addictive and riveting, a great thrill to read.
- *The Golden Compass* trilogy by Philip Pullman. Fantasy, multiple award winner, ages 10 and up. Terrific imagery, a universe in which science, theology, and magic are closely allied.
- *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan. Realistic fiction, multiple award winner, ages 14 and up. Two kids with the same name trying to figure out how to be themselves. Great read for teens as well as adults.
- *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly. Historical fiction, teen drama, award winner, starred reviews. Ages 14 and up. An interesting book combining modern day teen life with historical fiction.
- *Linger, Shiver (Wolves of Mercy Falls, Books 1 & 2)* by Maggie Steifvater. Contemporary fantasy.. Ages 14 and up. Werewolves, romance, suspense; first two installments in a soon-to-be trilogy.

On the other hand, you *could* go ahead and give them all that iPad they've been hinting at...

Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club Grant Will Fund "Ready to Read" at OLPGN

OLPGN has been designated the beneficiary of a generous grant from the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club which will fund "Ready to Read," a technology-based program to for developing literacy skills in pre-school children. Two workstations will be installed in the Children's Room, each appointed with child-sized furniture and equipped with a Dell computer preloaded with more than 46 early childhood learning programs. We are most grateful to the Junior Women's Club for this extraordinary gift. *Mark your calendar...*and please plan to attend their Art Show and Benefit on Friday, April 29 at Christ the King Church. Proceeds from this annual event, combined with other fundraising efforts, enables the LOLJWC's energetic support of community non-profit organizations.

Jewels for Sale in the BookCellar

Yes, the BookCellar has some jewels to sell. “Jewels,” that is, of valuable books kept under lock and key. Several are described below. If you’d like to see or buy any of them, leave your name and phone number with the staff in the BookCellar, Wednesday (10-6) or Saturday (10-2), and we’ll be in touch to arrange a date.

Paris a travers les ages. Our most impressive holdings is this two-volume French work published between 1875 and 1882. Its large 15” x 19” format showcases hundreds of drawings, maps and sketches in some 400 pages, as it explores and explains Paris and its history in great detail. Internet offerings from \$1,275. Our price: \$800.

Sotheby’s Sale 7000, The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, September 11-19, 1997. Auction Catalogue. If you’ve seen “The King’s Speech,” you know that King George VI assumed the throne England when his brother, the Duke of Windsor, abdicated it to marry an American divorcée, Wallis Simpson. The contents of the Duke and Duchess’ Paris apartment were sold at this auction and are photographed in the catalogue. Book condition: Very good. Three paperback volumes in pictorial slipcase. Some wear to edges of slipcase, otherwise very good. Internet offerings from \$100. Our price: \$50.



BookCellar “curators” Dave Henderson, Joyce Soucie and Frani Ross with some of the treasures in the BookCellar collection

Small Paintings of the Master: Masterpieces Reproduced in the Actual Size. Another oversized (18” x 25”) three-volume work. 1980 first edition. Full leather. 310 plates. Covers the 14th to the early 20th centuries. Internet offerings from \$450. Our price: \$200.

American Ornithology: The Illustrative Notes and Life of Wilson, by W. Jardine. 1876 London edition. 103 hand-colored plates in three volumes. Contains the text of the 1832 Jardine edition; the final section of the work is the fourth volume of Lucian Bonaparte's *American Ornithology*. Internet offerings from \$175. Our price: \$250.

George Washington by Worthington Chauncey Ford. Two volumes of some 300 pages each. Goupil & Co. and Charles Scribner's Sons, 1900. Number 81 of 200 copies of the "Edition Deluxe." Original full morocco elaborately stamped with gilt stars and eagles on front and back covers and spines. Internet offerings from \$1,200. Our price: \$800.

The Grizzly Bears of Yellowstone: Their Ecology in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Island Press. Washington. DC, 1995. Hard cover. Book condition: Fine. Dust jacket condition: Very good. First Edition. Internet offerings from \$99. Our price: \$40.

The Changing Landscape. A History of Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough. 1990. Book Condition: Fine. Dust jacket condition: Near fine. First Edition. Quarto. Xii. 257 pp. Inscription by author: “For Mary and John Dirks with love and many cherished memories. Mary Cheever Ossining/Old Lyme.” Internet offerings with inscription from \$125. Our price: \$50.

Phoebe’s BookCellar

Visit Phoebe's BookCellar in the basement of the library, where you'll find thousands of gently used books for readers of all ages to browse and own – at unbeatable prices.



Hours:
 Wednesdays
 10am - 6pm
 Saturdays - Fall/Winter/Spring
 10am - 2pm
 Saturdays - Summer
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 10:30am - 12:30pm

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