



Meriden Public Library

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June 2011



Father's Day Cooking Program

Join Chef Kashia Cave on Saturday, June 11 at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room as she makes a special lunch for Dad on his Special Day. Chef Cave will be preparing Pan seared chicken with mango kiwi salsa, Calypso rice with organic salad and for dessert: red velvet cupcakes just for dad.

This program is free and all are welcome. *Seating is limited.* Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email comsvc@hotmail.com, or sign up on the adult calendar at www.meridenlibrary.org to reserve a seat.

New Summer Library Hours

Meriden Public Library summer hours will begin in July and continue through September 3. This summer the library will be open late on Thursdays and will be closed on Saturdays.

The summer hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
9:30 am to 8:30 pm

Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

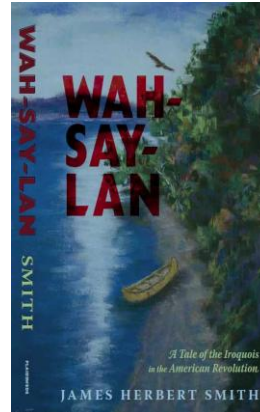
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Be our friend on



Local Author Jim Smith to Discuss His Latest Book



Former Record-Journal executive editor James H. Smith will speak about his historical novel, "Wah-say-lan, A Tale of the Iroquois in the American Revolution," at the Meriden Public Library Tuesday evening June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Griffin Room. Smith wrote most of the book in Meriden. He was at the Record-Journal from 1992 to 2005.

One of the two main characters is based on Chatham Freeman, a slave living on Yale Avenue who joined the Continental Army to gain his freedom. Smith places him in the army George Washington sent against the Iroquois Confederacy of Six Nations, most of them allies of the British. The other main character is Wah-say-lan, a young Seneca Indian woman. The two enemies meet and fall in love.

"Smith skillfully weaves ... a panoramic tale," said the Manchester Journal-Inquirer, "Though love is a key element in this tale, it is not a love story. It's much more complicated than that."

The Waterbury Republican called it "A richly detailed novel," and the Erie (Pa) Times-News said "Wah-say-lan" is "an adventurous story, yet an insightful critique."

Smith tells the story from the Native American point of view. The book was published by Plaidswede Publishing of Concord, NH in 2009. Copies will be available for sale and signed by the author. This program is free and all are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email comsvc@hotmail.com, or visit the library's website at www.meridenlibrary.org if you would like to reserve a seat.

Check out our new website!

www.meridenlibrary.org

Scrapbooking on a Shoestring



Want to scrapbook but think you can't afford to? Come to our scrapbooking session on Monday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Griffin Room of Meriden Public Library. Bring your pictures, pages, and adhesive and join Kitt Dunk to learn how to shape up your scrapbook using our decorative scissors, stencils, punches, and sticker maker machine.

There will be free handouts and free demonstrations along with hands-on one-to-one help. Come join us at this monthly program where you can learn how to quickly and easily turn boxes of photos and your memories into a keepsake photo album. Please contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email comsvc@hotmail.com or log onto the library's website at www.meridenlibrary.org to view the adult events calendar to reserve a table.

Chess Club



The Meriden Public Library Chess Club welcomes new players. The Chess Club meets the first Wednesday of the month. The next date is Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 pm in the Seminar Room. Bring your chess boards. All ages and playing levels are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have questions about the club.

Anime Club

The Teen Anime Club at the Meriden Public Library will meet on Friday, June 3rd at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. For the first half hour we will be decorating paper lanterns. Then we will watch the first few episodes of Fushigi Yugi. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

This program is for teens age 13-18. Sign up is not required but if you would like to be put on our mailing list or would like more information contact Melissa at mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us or call (203) 238-2347.



2012 – End Times or Just Another Challenge?

Meriden Public Library will host the program “2012 – End Times or Just Another Challenge” by Dian Bustillo on Saturday, June 18 at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room.

Are humans the new dinosaurs? Will life continue as we know it in 2013, or do the 2012 stars predict a cataclysm?

Dian Bustillo, an astrologer and extremely optimistic pessimist, presents Uranus, Neptune and Pluto in all their gory glory. Yes, regretfully, Pluto is still a planet. This program is free and all are welcome.

Home Conservation Program

New England Conservation Services will be presenting a program on home conservation at the Meriden Public Library on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm in the Griffin Room.



New England Conservation Services is a company located in Woodbridge, C T with the goal of informing the residents of Connecticut on how to save money and energy in their homes and businesses. They are partnered with the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and can speak about all their programs, rebates, and incentives that are available. You can visit their website at <http://neconserves.com>. This program is free and all are welcome.

Get Your Game On

Get your game on at the Meriden Public Library on Thursday, June 9th from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Griffin Room. The Wii will be set up with Wii Sports and Mario Kart for friends and family to challenge each other. Board games such as Scrabble, Candyland, Apples to Apples and many others will also be available for use. All ages are welcome to attend including parents and guardians. Registration is not required.

Scrabble

Join us for scrabble on Monday, June 13 and June 27 at 2:00 pm in Griffin Room A. All skill levels welcome. Scrabble boards are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Drop in a play a game or two.

New A to Z Database



The Meriden Library now has a new database for business information. The A to Z database is a premier reference and marketing database which includes 20 million business profiles and 220 million residents. This is ideal for sales leads, mailing lists, market research, employment opportunities, finding friends and relatives, and much more! You can find a link to this and all the other databases we have at www.meridenlibrary.org.

Free Computer Classes

Sign up for one of the free computer classes at Meriden Public Library and learn how to use a computer, Word, email, and search the internet. The class schedule is as follows:

Introduction to Word – Saturday, June 11 at 9:30 am;
Monday, June 27 at 6:30 pm;

Email – Monday, June 13 at 6:30 pm; Saturday, June 25 at 9:30 am;

Basic Computers – Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 am;

Internet Searching – Monday, June 6 at 6:30 pm;
Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 am.

Computer classes in Spanish on Tuesday, June 7 and June 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and 6:30 to 7:30 pm and on Saturday, June 4, June 11, and June 18 at 10:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Class size is limited. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 or the Information Desk at (203) 238-2346 to reserve a seat.

Writer's Network



The Writer's Network will meet on Wednesday, June 8 and June 22 at 7:00 pm in Griffin Room A. Anyone who is serious about writing fiction or nonfiction, wants to learn the process of getting published, or needs support for writing a book proposal or query letter is welcome to attend.

Lego Club

Thursday, June 23 at 3:00 pm
In the Griffin Room.

This month's theme is "underwater life."

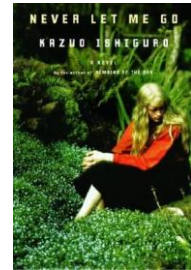


Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to come and use their imaginations.

Lunchtime Book Club

The Meriden Public Library's lunchtime book club will meet on Thursday, June 16 at noon in the Seminar Room. Bring your lunch and enjoy the discussion.

This month's selection is *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro.



July's selection is *Every Last One* by Anna Quindlen. All are welcome. The books are available in a display across from the Information Desk. Contact Laura at (203) 238-2346 to sign up.

June Movies

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules

Friday, June 24
1:00 pm
Griffin Room



The King's Speech

Wednesday,
June 29
6:30 pm
Griffin Room



Contact Us

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To receive this newsletter – email Alexis at aburgess@ci.meriden.ct.us

Children's Library

Have a Roaring Time at
Meriden Public Library



Reading programs starting

July 11. Registration begins on June 13. Children must be of age by January 1.

Tuesday	10:15 a.m.	2 year olds (independent)
	11:15 a.m.	3 – 4 year olds
	2:00 p.m.	Kindergarten – grade 2: Weekly crafts to make and take home.
	6:30 p.m.	3 – 4 year olds
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	2 – 3 year olds with parent/guardians
	11:15 a.m.	3 – 4 year olds with parents
	2:00 p.m.	3 – 4 th grades: Learn to cook easy recipes for the whole family.
	6:30 p.m.	2 year olds with parents/guardians.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

June 27 – 6:30 pm	<u>Dragon Dreams and Magic</u> puppet show
June 30 – 10:30 am	<u>Take Two Performance</u> Storytelling
July 7 – 10:30 am	<u>Worm Program</u> – Learn about the world of worms
July 11 – 6:30 pm	<u>Mr. Gym Rocks</u> – Sing & dance with Mr. Gym
July 14 – 10:30 am	<u>Newberry Farms Animal</u> <u>Program</u>
July 18 – 6:30 pm	<u>Magic with Christina</u> – for all ages
July 21 – 10:30 am	<u>Birds on the Run</u> – live bird show
July 25 – 6:30 pm	<u>Woodland Cinderella Puppet</u> <u>Show</u>
July 28 – 10:30 am	<u>Geepers Creepers</u> – Live insect demonstration
August 1 – 6:30 pm	<u>Juggling Workshop</u> -learn how to juggle. Child MUST be accompanied by an adult. Limited seating.
August 4 – 10:30 am	<u>Sharon Family Traveling Petting</u> <u>Farm</u> . Sign up for a time slot to see and pet the farm animals.
August 8 – 6:30 pm	<u>Nappy Puppets</u>
August 11 – 10:30 am	<u>Papillion Pirate Show</u> – Have a rollicking pirate time!

Programs may be subject to change. FREE tickets for the first week of programs will be available beginning June 13. Subsequently, tickets will be available the week before each performance.
FREE tickets available in the Children's Library.

Bookmobile

The Meriden Public Library Bookmobile will be visiting the following sites in June:

<u>Wednesday, June 1</u> – Easter Seals 9:00 – 10:00 am; Bradley Home 10:30 – 11:15 am;
<u>Thursday, June 2</u> – Kindercare 9:30 – 10:30 am; The Right Place 10:45 – 11:15 am; Connecticut Baptist Home 2:00 – 3:30 pm;
<u>Friday, June 3</u> – St. Stan's 9:30 – 10:15 am;
<u>Monday, June 6</u> – Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:00 am; Women & Families Center 10:15 – 11:30 am; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 – 2:15 pm;
<u>Friday, June 10</u> – Meriden Center 10:00 – 11:00 am;
<u>Tuesday, June 14</u> – Lil Rascals 9:30 -10:15 am; Sunshine Day Care 10:30 – 11:00 am;
<u>Tuesday, June 21</u> – Catholic Charities 9:00 – 10:00 am; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30 – 11:30 am;
<u>Wednesday, June 22</u> - Easter Seals 9:00 – 10:00 am; Bradley Home 10:30 – 11:15 am;
<u>Thursday, June 23</u> – Kindercare 9:30 – 10:30 am; The Right Place 10:45 – 11:15 am;
<u>Friday, June 24</u> – Stork Club 9:30 – 10:30 am; Miller Memorial 10:45 – 11:45 am;
<u>Monday, June 27</u> – Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:00 am; Women & Families Center 10:15 – 11:30 am; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 – 2:15 pm;
<u>Tuesday, June 28</u> – Stork Club 10:00 – 11:00 am; Valentin Karate 11:15 am – 12:15 pm.

Watch for the bookmobile in the parks this summer. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 for more information about the bookmobile.

Did you know...

- You can borrow passes for discounts or free admission into museums and zoos such as Beardsley Zoo, Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Zoo, and even a pass to visit the state parks for a day. Visit our website at www.meridenlibrary.org to see a complete listing of the museum pass. The passes are available in the Children's Library.
- You can download e-books from our online catalog to use on your e-reader, MP3 player or Ipad.
- The library has many computers you can use free of charge for up to 2 hours per day.
- The library has WiFi and wireless printing. Come in and keep cool while using your laptop.