



# Meriden Public Library

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May 2011

## Hip Hop Program

Join instructor Leah Beth Maille for an hour of great hip hop moves to great music at Meriden Public Library on Thursday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Griffin Room. Class will move through basic steps, working towards a short choreography by the end of the hour.

This program is presented by Green Street Arts Center through the generosity of the Middlesex County Community Foundation and the George A. and Grace L. Long Foundation. This program is free and all are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email [comsvc@hotmail.com](mailto:comsvc@hotmail.com) or visit the library calendar at our web site [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org) to reserve a place.

## E-Reader Explosion

Trying to figure out which e-reader is best for you? Come to the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm.

Local businesses will bring their latest e-readers. There will be time for you to touch and explore the different features on the models available.

Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have questions about this program.

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### Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 am to 8:30 pm  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Closed Sunday

## Held On The Homefront: German POWs In The U.S., 1943-1946

### Traveling Exhibit Tells Unknown Story of German POWs Held in Camps All Over the U.S. During WWII

The Bus-eum will be open in front of the library

**May 2, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

And

**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

This exhibit is FREE and all are welcome.



By the end of World War II some 425,000 German, Italian and Japanese prisoners of war (POWs) found themselves imprisoned in over 660 base and branch POW camps in almost all of the then-48 United States and the territory of Alaska. Millions more Axis and Allied POWs were held in other camps in Europe, the Soviet Union, Canada, Australia and Africa. While Axis and Soviet POWs were both the perpetrators as well as victims of dictatorial governments and state-sponsored violence, POW experiences on all sides embody ageless and timely themes of war and peace, justice under arms and issues regarding human rights, international reconciliation and future conflict avoidance.

The roughly 372,000 German POWs held in U.S Army-operated camps across the United States were sent out to harvest or process crops, build roads and waterways, fell trees, roof barns, erect silos, work in light non-military industry, lay city sewers and construct tract housing, wash U.S. Army laundry and do other practical wartime tasks. With the high rate of 19th-century German immigration to America, many of who worked with POWs spoke to them in their native

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## Scrapbooking On A Shoestring

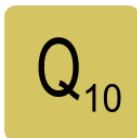


Want to scrapbook but think you can't afford to? Come to our scrapbooking session on Monday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room. Bring your pictures, pages, and adhesive and join Kitt Dunk to learn how to shape up your scrapbook using our decorative scissors, stencils, punches, 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](mailto:comsvc@hotmail.com) or log onto the library's website at [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org) to view the adult events calendar to reserve a table.

## Scrabble



Meriden Public Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble.

The sessions will be on Monday, May 9 and May 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Griffin Room. All skill levels are welcome. Scrabble boards will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own boards.

## Chess Club



The Meriden Public Library Chess Club is looking for more players. The Chess Club meets the first Wednesday of the month. The next date is Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in the Seminar Room. Bring your chess boards. All ages and playing levels are welcome.

### Contact Us

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Information Desk – (203) 238-2346  
Children's Library – (203) 630-6347  
Circulation Desk – (203) 238-2344  
Community Services/Bookmobile – (203) 630-6349  
To receive this newsletter – email Alexis at [aburgess@ci.meriden.ct.us](mailto:aburgess@ci.meriden.ct.us)

## 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, May 14 at 9:30 a.m.;

Email – Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.;

Basic Computers – Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.;

Internet Searching – Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.,  
Saturday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Computer classes in Spanish on Saturday, May 7, May 14, May 21, and May 28 at 10:00 am to 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 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, May 11 and May 25 at 7:00 pm in the Griffin Room. 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.

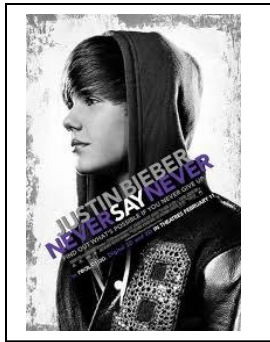
If you are interested in joining the Writer's Network, contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 or email us [comsvc@hotmail.com](mailto:comsvc@hotmail.com).

## Lunchtime Book Club

The Meriden Public Library's lunchtime book club meets on Thursdays at noon in the Seminar Room. Bring your lunch and enjoy the discussion.

May 19 – *Swamplandia* by Karen Russell  
June 16 - *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
All are welcome.

## Movies in May



**Justin Bieber**  
**"Never Say Never"**  
 Wednesday, May 18  
 Griffin Room  
 3:30 p.m.



**"Gnomeo and Juliet"**  
 Saturday, May 28  
 Griffin Room  
 10:30 a.m.

## Anime Club

The Teen Anime Club at the Meriden Public Library will meet on Friday, May 6th at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. We will be folding origami. Afterwards we will be watching Hayao Miyazaki's classic movie about warrior/pacifist Princess Nausicaä who desperately struggles to prevent two warring nations from destroying themselves and their dying planet. 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](mailto:mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us) or call (203) 238-2347.

## Get Your Game On

Get your game on at the Meriden Public Library on Thursday, May 12 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. If you have any questions please contact Melissa at [mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us](mailto:mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us) or call (203) 630-6347.

tongue; some even had relatives or former neighbors among them. In the process, they formed significant, often decades-long friendships with "the enemy" and underwent considerable changes as individuals and as a group – thus fundamentally influencing postwar German values and institutions, as well as American-German relations. A number of POWs even chose to immigrate to the United States after the war.

Using ten narrative panels and films about this story, TRACES' mobile museum—a retrofitted school bus called the BUS-eum 3—will tour the Eastern Seaboard from August 2010 until April 2011, reaching schools, libraries, museums and historical societies. TRACES' BUS driver, Irving Kellman, will tour with the exhibit.

TRACES Center for History and Culture is a Midwest/WWII history museum located in Saint Paul, MN. Each of its more than two dozen exhibits about Midwesterners' encounters with Germans or Austrians between 1933 and 1948 forms part of a larger mosaic, a fuller image of a war that is often misunderstood or seen in clichés. At TRACES, WWII is a case study to learn from for today and future generations.



*German POWs in Kansas, circa 1944-45*

## Lego Club

Meriden Public Library will have its next Lego Club event on Thursday, May 26th from

3:00 to 4:30 in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Robots". Completed projects will be put on display in the library. The library will provide Legos for all children who attend.

Sign up is not required for this program and late arrivals are always welcome. If you have any questions or would like to be put on the Lego Club mailing list please contact Melissa at (203) 630-6347 or [mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us](mailto:mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us).



## Bookmobile

The Meriden Public Library Bookmobile will be visiting the following facilities in May:



Sunday, May 1 – Daffodil Festival Noon to 4:30 p.m.;  
Monday, May 2 – Meriden Child Care Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Midstate Christian Academy 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;  
Tuesday, May 3 – Lil Rascals 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Sunshine Day Care 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; YMCA Kid's Campus pickup 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;  
Wednesday, May 4 – Headstart (Liberty St.) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;  
Thursday, May 5 – Connecticut Baptist Home 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.;  
Friday, May 6 – Stork Club 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Miller Memorial 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.;  
Tuesday, May 10 – Catholic Charities 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;  
Wednesday, May 11 – Easter Seals 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Bradley Home 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.;  
Thursday, May 12 – Kindercare 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; The Right Place 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.;  
Friday, May 13 – St. Stan's 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; St. John's Nursery School pickup 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.;  
Monday, May 16 – Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Women and Families Center 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.;  
Tuesday, May 17 – Headstart (Liberty St.) pickup 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;  
Wednesday, May 18 – First Congregational Nursery School pickup 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 pm. to 1:30 p.m.;  
Thursday, May 19 - First Congregational Nursery School pickup 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.;  
Friday, May 20 – Carriage House Day Care Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Meriden Center 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;  
Monday, May 23 – Meriden Child Care Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Midstate Christian Academy 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;  
Thursday, May 26 – Lil Rascals 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Sunshine Day Care 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;  
Friday, May 27 – Stork Club 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Miller Memorial 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.;  
Tuesday, May 31 – Catholic Charities 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Check out the online calendar at  
[www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org)

## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 – 6:30 pm	<u>Worm Program</u> – Learn about the world of worms
July 11 – 10:30 am	<u>Mr. Gym Rocks</u> – Sing & dance with Mr. Gym
July 14 – 6:30 pm	<u>Newberry Farms Animal</u> <u>Program</u>
July 18 – 10:30 am	<u>Magic with Christina</u> – for all ages
July 21 – 6:30 pm	<u>Birds on the Run</u> – live bird show
July 25 – 10:30 am	<u>Woodland Cinderella Puppet</u> <u>Show</u>
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. Questions? Contact the Children's Library at (203) 630-6347