



Meriden Public Library

www.meridenlibrary.org

August 2011

Summer Hours until Sep 3

The Meriden Public Library's summer hours will continue to September 3. Stop in on Thursday evenings to pick up a good book or dvd for the weekend.

The schedule is as follows:

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

Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday.

New Research Sources

Need information to repair your car?
We now have Chilton's repair manuals online.



Want to learn a new language? Try
Mango.



Remember, all you need is your library card to access lots of great information for job hunting, school reports, travel information as well as practice tests for SAT, GED, and more.

To access these sources, have your library card ready, go to www.meridenlibrary.org and click on "Research Sources."

Free Financial Education Seminars



Meriden Public Library and the Connecticut Money School will be presenting a series of financial workshops. To register, contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349.

Tax Free Investing on Municipal Bonds on Thursday, August 4 at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room.

Learn the basics of Municipal bonds and discover possible tax advantages. We will discuss what "muni" bonds are, how they work and why you should consider them in your investment strategy.

Fundamentals of Investing on Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room. Boost your investment I.Q! We'll start with the "why" of investing and move into a discussion of different investment vehicles available to you, followed by a questions and answers session.

Investment Strategies for Today's Retirees on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room. You built your portfolio, now it's time for it to work for you. We'll discuss strategies to make sure you have enough money to last through your retirement years and maintain your standard of living.

Nine Big Mistakes When Planning for Retirement on Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room. We'll discuss understanding retirement income needs, the effects of inflation and how to make the most of your retirement savings in retirement.

Reverse Mortgages on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room. Your home is your single most important investment. It is smart to know as much as you can about reverse mortgages so that you can make an informed decision if one is right for you. This course will cover basics, important terminology, and the advantages and disadvantages for the reverse mortgage.

The Connecticut Money School (www.ctmoney.org) is a project of the Connecticut Association for Human Services and five non-profit partners. The goal is to provide free financial education for adults and seniors. We believe that everyone should have an opportunity to become financially stable and successful. The programs are free and all are welcome.

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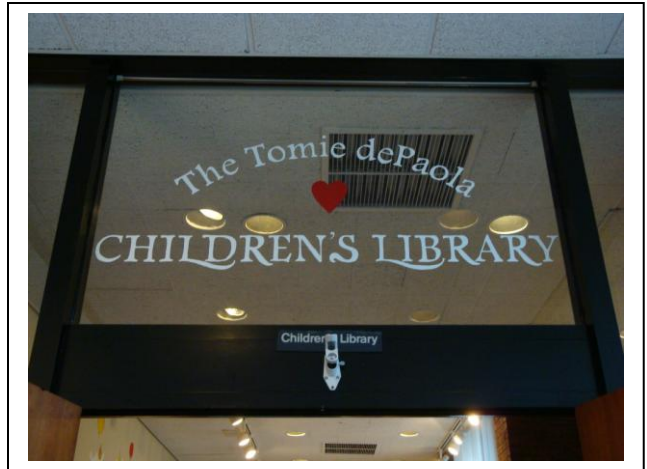
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Meriden Library Honors Author Tomie dePaola

On Saturday, July 23, Meriden Public Library held a reception to honor author Tomie dePaola, a former resident of Meriden, and dedicated the Children's Library to him. The Children's Library is now called "The Tomie dePaola Children's Library."

Many friends joined library staff Saturday evening to congratulate Tomie for receiving the prestigious 2011 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, which is given by the American Library Association and "honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children."

The library board and staff wanted to thank Tomie for all he has contributed, not only to children's literature, but to Meriden. Many of his books are based on his childhood adventures here in Meriden and there is a scholarship in his name in the high schools which is given to a student pursuing a degree in visual arts. Tomie will always be a part of Meriden. "Our man forever returns..." (from the song "Tomie dePaola" by Bruce Burchsted. Lyrics on page 6.)



Balancing Hormones Naturally



Dr. David DeRosa, a licensed chiropractor from Wallingford, will be presenting the program "Balancing Hormones Naturally: A Holistic Approach to Woman's Hormone Related Health Concerns" on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm in the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room. The program will provide the true facts about hormone related problems, and will help you make an informed decision on the various natural solutions for PMS and Menopause.

Dr. DeRosa studied pre-med and graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a BS in Public Health. Dr. DeRosa completed his degree as Doctor of Chiropractic from Life University in Georgia. Dr. DeRosa is also a clinical nutritionist and has a wellness clinic at his practice in Wallingford.

This program is free and all are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email comsvc@hotmail.com, or visit our adult calendar at www.meridenlibrary.org to register for this program.

Scrapbooking on a Shoestring



Want to scrapbook but think you can't afford to? Come to our scrapbooking session on Monday, August 15 at 5:00 pm in Griffin Room B at the 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.

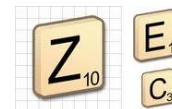
There will be free handouts and free demonstrations along with hands-on one-to-one help. Come join us at this monthly program where you can learn how to quickly and easily turn boxes of photos and your memories into a keepsake photo album. Please contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, 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.

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Information Desk - 203-238-2346
Circulation Desk - 203-238-2344
Children's Library - 203-630-6347
Community Services/Bookmobile
203-630-63649



Scrabble



The Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble. The sessions will be on Monday, August 8 at 2:00 pm in Griffin Room A and Monday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Literacy Volunteer Office. All skill levels are welcome. Scrabble boards will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own boards. New players are always welcome.

Chess Club

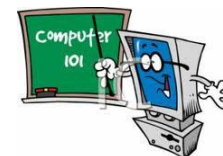
The Meriden Public Library Chess Club welcomes new players. The Chess Club meets the first Wednesday of the month. The next date is Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 pm in the Seminar Room. Bring your chess boards. All ages and playing levels are welcome.

Writer's Network



The Writer's Network will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 3 in Griffin Room A and Wednesday, August 17 in Griffin Room B at the Meriden Public Library. 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.

Free Computer Classes



Sign up for one of the free computer classes at Meriden Public Library. 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.

The class schedule is as follows:

Email – Monday, August 1 at 6:30 pm.

Basic Computers – Friday, August 5 at 9:30 am.

Cover Letters on Microsoft Word – Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm.

Applying for jobs online – Monday, August 22 at 6:30 pm.

Resumes on Microsoft Word – Monday, August 29 at 6:30 pm. Please bring information to include on resume.

Anime Club

The Teen Anime Club at the Meriden Public Library will meet on Friday, August 5th at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. For the first half hour we will make pixel art using Perler Beads. Afterwards we will be watching an anime set in Victorian England. Ciel Phantomhive is the young master of his family's estate. His butler Sebastian helps him with everything from managing the household, running the family business and solving murders that even Scotland Yard can't figure out. There is more to this duo than meets the eye.



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.

Get Your Game On

Get your game on at the Meriden Public Library on Thursday, August 11th 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.



Movies at the Library



Rio

Friday, August 12
10:30 A.M.
Griffin Room

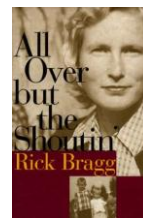


Soul Surfer

Wednesday,
August 24
6:30 P.M.
Griffin Room

Tuesday Night Book Club

Meriden Public Library will begin its Tuesday Night Book Club on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. with the first in a series of books highlighting heroic human spirit. Join facilitator Marsha Bansavage in a discussion of four prominent memoirs. Marsha will discuss important elements to the story and ask thought provoking questions to deepen our reading experience. We will exchange ideas and share our thoughts and reactions to the memoirs. All readers and any level of participation are welcome.

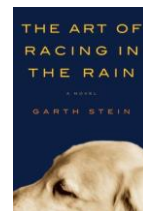


The books in this series will be:
September 13 – *All Over But The Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg
October 4 – *Just Kids* by Patti Smith
November 8 – *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
December 6 – *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris

Contact the Information Desk at (203) 238-2346 or the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you would like to register.

Meriden Page Turners

The Meriden Page Turners will be meeting again starting Thursday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room. September's book selection is *The Art Of Racing In the Rain* by Garth Stein. Contact Laura at the Information Desk (203) 238-2346 for more information.



Lego Club

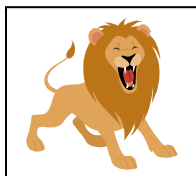
Meriden Public Library will have its next Lego Club event on Thursday, August 18th from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Pirates". Completed projects will be put on display in the library. The library 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.

Children's Library

Have a Roaring Time at Meriden Public Library



Reading programs continue through August 10. Children must be of age by January 1. Contact the Children's Library to register your child.

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

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 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 will be available the week before each performance. FREE tickets available in the Children's Library.

Don't forget about Museum Passes!

Meriden Public Library has passes that offer free or reduced admission to attractions in Connecticut and Rhode Island. You can pick up the passes from the Children's Library.

Check out our website under [Museum Passes](#) for a complete listing of the passes and admission discounts.

Bookmobile

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

Monday, Aug 1 –	Habershon Park 11:15 – 11:45 am; Baldwin Park 12:00 – 12:30 pm;
Tuesday, Aug 2 –	Catholic Charities 9:00 – 10:15 am; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:20 – 11:15 am; Valentin Karate 11:20 am – 12:15 pm;
Wed., Aug 3 –	Johnson Farms 11:15 – 11:45 am; Yale Acres 12:00 – 12:30 pm;
Thursday, Aug 4 –	Kindercare 9:30 – 10:30 am; The Right Place 10:45 – 11:15 am; Grove Street Tot Lot 11:30 am – 12:00 pm; Connecticut Baptist Home 2:00 – 3:00 pm;
Friday, Aug 5 –	Stork Club 9:30 – 10:30 am; Miller Memorial 10:45 – 11:15 am; Columbus Park 11:30 am – 12:00;
Monday, Aug 8 –	Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:00 am; Women & Families Center 10:15 – 11:30 am; Britannia St. Park 12:00 – 12:30 pm; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 – 2:15 pm;
Tuesday, Aug 9 –	Valentin Karate 11:15 am – 12:15 pm;
Wed., Aug 10 –	Easter Seals 9:00 – 10:00 am; Bradley Home 10:30 – 11:15 am; Bronson Park 11:30 am – 12:00;
Thursday, Aug 11 –	Hanover & So. First St. 11:00 – 11:45 am; Endee Park 12:00 – 12:30 pm;
Friday, Aug 12 –	Midstate Christian Academy 9:15 – 9:45 am; HeadStart (Liberty St) 9:45 am – 11:30 am; Mills (Cedar & Park St.) 11:45 am – 12:15 pm;
Monday, Aug 15 –	Nutmeg Dr. 11:15 am – 12:00;
Tuesday, Aug 16 –	Lil Rascals 9:30 - 10:15 am; Sunshine Day Care 10:15 – 10:30 am; Valentin Karate 11:15 am – 12:15 pm;
Wed., Aug 17 –	Tracy Gardens 11:30 am – 12:00;
Friday, Aug 19 –	Meriden Center 10:00 am – 11:00 am; Scenic View (Pleasant St) 12:00 – 12:30 pm;
Tuesday, Aug 23 –	Back to School Expo at the Hub 10:00 am – 1:00 pm;
Thursday, Aug 25 –	Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:15 – 11:15 am;
Monday, Aug 29 –	Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:00 am; Women & Families Center 10:15 – 11:30 am; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 – 2:00 pm.

Tomie dePaola

(to the tune of Charlie On The MTA)

Presented July 23,2011 by Bruce Burchsted

I'll sing you a song 'bout Tomie dePaola, children's author extraordinaire He writes a good story with pictures to 'folia', that he draws with amazing flair He grew up in Meriden, as written in the story "26 Fairmont Avenue" But he left town to seek his fortune and glory... to do what he had to do

But does he ever return? Yes, he ever returns... for Meriden his young heart yearns He may write forever on a street in New Hampshire, but to us he ever returns He's a man who forever returns

Tomie as a kid loved doing theater, and his tap dance was all the rage But since he was tapped to be an artist and an author, now his books are on the stage He enjoyed growing up at 26 Fairmont but there he could not stay So, he roamed 'til he settled in New London, New Hampshire, where he lives to this very day

But does he ever return? Yes, he ever return... in the minds of the youth as they learn Of the Fairmont stories and of Strega Nona... It's how he ever returns He's a man who forever returns

Now, life for Tomie could be a little milder... all those honors and accolades... It has been a wild trip, and now it's even Wilder...

...as in Laura Ingalls Wilder... bestowed by the Library trade And, writing and painting and pitching his stories has made Tomie number one So we gather here today in our fair city to celebrate our native son

And does he ever return? Yes he ever returns... reminiscing at every turn To speak at a function, like a Book Author Luncheon, you bet he ever returns He's a man who forever returns... Our man forever returns...

Tomie dePaola, Meriden loves you!
And we cherish your ev'ry return!