



# Meriden Public Library

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September 2011

## Library Returns to Regular Schedule In September

The Library will return to its regular schedule on Thursday, September 1. Those hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday.



## Library will be closed on Labor Day Weekend

The Library will be closed on Saturday, September 3 through Monday, September 5 to observe Labor Day.

We will open on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.

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## Concert of Bluegrass and Folk Music

Nationally renowned singer, songwriter, recording artist and record producer Phil Rosenthal will perform a concert of bluegrass and folk music at the Meriden Public Library on Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Griffin Room.



Mr. Rosenthal is highly respected for his instrumental skills on the banjo and mandolin. He began his professional career in the 1970's and has played throughout the U.S., Europe and Japan, including appearances at the Grand Old Opry and the White House. He founded American Melody, a recording company, with his wife Beth Sommers in 1986. The label's 22 releases thus far feature Phil and a variety of other noted performers, and have won many awards from the Parents' Choice Foundation, the American Library Association, and other organizations.

Phil is also a successful songwriter, whose original compositions have been recorded by many leading bluegrass and country music performers, including Johnny Cash and Bill Monroe. In 1994, the Connecticut Commission on the Arts appointed him the official Connecticut State Troubadour. To hear samples of Phil's music, go to <http://www.americanmelody.com>.

This program is free and all are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department to reserve a seat.



## Scrapbooking

Want to scrapbook but think you can't afford to? Come to our scrapbooking session on Monday, September 19 at 5:00 pm in Griffin Room B. 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 to reserve a table.

## Ghostly Photographs

Julie Griffin, a freelance paranormal photographer, will be presenting her multimedia program "Ghostly Photographs: true ghost stories you can see with your own eyes" on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Griffin Room.

This paranormal photographer will tell the tales behind her very real "ghostly" photographs she will be showing. They range from illuminated balls of energy to full body apparitions. She will also discuss how to tell the difference between dust, moisture, and other natural objects versus an anomaly.

Julie Griffin started getting involved with paranormal investigating in 2008. In early 2009 she began capturing anomalies with a regular digital camera and continues to get good evidence photos. She has investigated locations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Maine, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Gettysburg is still her favorite location. This program is free and all are welcome



This was taken in Gettysburg at 11:00 a.m.

Photo courtesy of Julie's website at [ghostlyphotographs.com](http://ghostlyphotographs.com)

## Origami Workshop

An origami workshop by Day Bouttaphom will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm in the Griffin Room. Ms. Bouttaphom has been doing origami since she was a teenager and was able to fund part of her college expenses by selling the origami balls, called kusudama in Japanese. She loves paper and can turn it into something 3-dimensional as well as very beautiful.



If you have always wanted to learn some origami, now is your chance. *Registration is required as there is limited class space.* Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349, email [comsvc@hotmail.com](mailto:comsvc@hotmail.com), or visit the library's webpage at [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org), click on "calendars and newsletters" and reserve your seat on the Adult calendar.

## Alfred Hitchcock: a Catholic moment of terror



Film critic Richard Alleva will be presenting the first of three lectures at Meriden Public Library in September. His lecture, "Alfred Hitchcock: a Catholic Moment of Terror," will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room.

Alfred Hitchcock became a sensationally successful moviemaker by frightening audiences in a delightful way. But he was able to do this because his imagination was filled with memories that frightened him, many of them created by events during his very Catholic childhood. We'll look at some of the phantoms in this great director's inner life, and then we'll view, in its entirety, one of his best thrillers, *Shadow of a Doubt*, which he often said was his favorite.

Mr. Alleva will present "What's so great about *Citizen Kane*?" on Monday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. and "Stealing from Mr. Dickens" on Thursday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Griffin Room. These programs are cosponsored by the Castle Craig Adult Learning Center.

Richard Alleva has been the film critic for *Commonweal* magazine over the last 20 years. He has lectured widely, and his articles have been anthologized, notably by Peter Bogdanovich in *The Best American Movie Writing, 1999*.

This program is free and all are welcome. *Seating is limited.* Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 to reserve a seat.

## 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, September 7 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, September 7 in Griffin Room A and Wednesday, September 21 in Griffin Room B.. 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).

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Meriden Public Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble. The sessions will be on Monday, September 12 at 2:00 pm in Griffin Room A and Monday, September 26 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.

## Meriden Page Turners

The Meriden Page Turners will be meeting again starting Thursday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room at the Library.



September's book selection is *The Art Of Racing In the Rain* by Garth Stein. October's selection is *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry. November 's selection is *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

Contact Laura at the Information Desk (203) 238-2346 for more information.

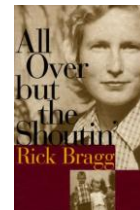
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## Tuesday Night Book Club



Meriden Public Library will begin its Tuesday Night Book Club on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Griffin Room A with the first in a series of books highlighting heroic human spirit.

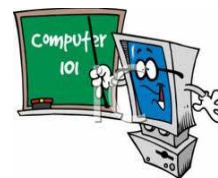
Join facilitator Marsha Bansavage in a discussion of four prominent memoirs. Marsha will discuss important elements to the story and ask thought provoking questions to deepen our reading experience. We will exchange ideas and share our thoughts and reactions to the memoirs. All readers and any level 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.

## Computer Classes



Sign up for one of the free computer classes at Meriden Public Library. The class schedule is as follows:

### *Microsoft Word*

Friday, September 2 at 9:30 a.m.

### *Basic Computers*

Saturday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m.

### *Email*

Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

### *Job Searching on the Internet*

Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

### *Resumes on Word*

Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring job history and education information to complete resume.

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.

## Anime Club

The Teen Anime Club will meet on Friday, September 2 at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. For the first half hour we will make food art commonly found in Japanese lunch boxes including apple rabbits and cocktail frank sea creatures.



Afterwards we will be watching one of Hayao Miyazaki's classic movies about a witch named Kiki who strikes out on her own and starts a delivery service. 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, September 8 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.

## Lego Club



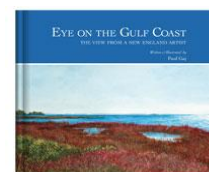
Meriden Public Library will have its next Lego Club event on Thursday, September 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Outer Space".

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.

## Movies at the Library

Saturday, Sep 10			Wed. Sep 28
10:30 a.m.			6:00 p.m.
Griffin Room			Griffin Room

## Eye on the Gulf Coast: The View From a New England Artist



Artist and graphic designer Paul Gaj will be discussing his book *Eye on the Gulf Coast: The View from a New England Artist* on Monday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room.

Mr. Gaj's presentation will include a slide show of his 19-day, 3,200-mile trip along the Gulf Coast, a discussion of the project and the ongoing efforts involved in keeping the Gulf healthy. It is a unique perspective on the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the remaining devastation from hurricane Katrina along the Gulf of Mexico—as well as the resiliency of the people and the beauty of its land and waters. This program is cosponsored by the Castle Craig Adult Learning Center.

Paul Gaj was born in Meriden, CT and has called the New England towns of Stonington and Mystic, CT and Halifax and Groton, MA home for over the past 50 years. He attended the New England School of Art & Design in Boston, MA and the University of Massachusetts, North Dartmouth, where he studied graphic and visual design. He also studied drawing at the Paier College of Art in Hamden, CT. You can visit his websites at <http://www.eyeonthegulfcoast.com> and <http://www.pgajdesign.com>. This program is free and all are welcome.

## Children's Library

September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Stop in to get a new library card or renew your old one.

Fall preschool program registration begins August 29. The programs begin September 12. Parents can register by calling (203) 630-6347 or stopping in the Children's Library.

The Children's Library will begin offering a Saturday Science program in October. It will be offered twice a month for children in grades 3 to 5. Watch for more details.

## Bookmobile

The complete schedule of bookmobile stops can be viewed through our webpage at [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org). Just select the bookmobile tab and click on the calendar.

