



Meriden Public Library

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November 2011

Meriden Library Holiday Schedules



Veteran's Day

The Library will be closed on Friday, November 11 to honor Veterans Day. The library will be open on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Week

Meriden Public Library will be open the following hours during Thanksgiving Week:



- Monday, Nov. 21 – 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 – 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 24 – Closed for Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, Nov. 25 – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 26 – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 27 – closed

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

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19
Griffin Room
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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A Night of Tai Chi



Join us for a demonstration, history lesson and guided movement routine of Tai Chi by instructor Kathy Brenner on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Griffin Room.

Originally, the movements in Tai Chi were created to fight an opponent. Over the years, warfare changed and the practice of Tai Chi became a health benefit. Its slow movements and meditative counterpart along with conscious breathing make for a prescribed therapy for ailments in the Eastern culture.

Kathy Brenner has practiced the art for 22 years, has taught hundreds of students over the past 12 years and has won numerous medals in international competition. This program is free and all are welcome.

Origami Workshop



An origami workshop by Day Bouttaphom will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the Griffin Room at Meriden Public Library. If you have always wanted to learn some origami, now is your chance. Ms. Bouttaphom will be helping participants make a 6 piece modular origami which is very festive for the holidays. If time permits, participants will be able to complete an extra project.

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.

Registration is required as there is limited class space.

Contact Us

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Circulation – (203) 238-2344
Children's Library – (203) 630-6347
Community Services/Bookmobile – (203) 630-6349

Stealing from Mr. Dickens



Film critic Richard Alleva will present his final program, *Stealing from Mr. Dickens* on Thursday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Griffin Room. The year 2012 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens. His novels have been read widely not only in England and America but in all European countries and some Asian ones.

Did you know that some of his plots and characters have shown up, in disguise, in the works of famous moviemakers? Then we'll look at scenes from *A Christmas Carol* and *Oliver Twist* and see how the Dickensian influence sneaked into the work of Ingmar Bergman (*Wild Strawberries*) and Luis Bunuel (*Los Olvidados*), and we'll also view scenes from those modern masters.

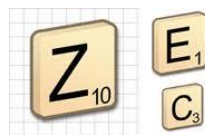
Richard Alleva has been the film critic for *Commonweal* magazine over the last 20 years. He has lectured widely, and his articles have been anthologized, notably by Peter Bogdanovich in *The Best American Movie Writing, 1999*. This program is free and all are welcome. *Seating is limited.*

Writer's Network



The Writer's Network will meet at 7:00 pm on November 2 in Griffin Room A, November 16 in Griffin Room B and November 30 in Griffin Room A. The Writer's Network invites 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.

Scrabble



Meriden Public Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble. The sessions will be on Monday, November 14 and November 28 at 2:00 pm in Griffin Room A. All skill levels are welcome. Scrabble boards will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own boards.

Visit us at www.meridenlibrary.org to access our catalog, calendars, research sources, and other library news.

A World War II Pictorial Presentation

Veteran Lt. Col. Jim Fontana will present a pictorial biography of his life as an Army pilot during World War II on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 pm. in the Griffin Room at the Meriden Public Library.



While Lt. Col. Fontana was in the Air Force as part of the 394th Bomb Group, he took pictures of all the places he was stationed, from his pilot training to pictures of the bombings and cities in Germany including the Dachau concentration camp. This program is cosponsored by the Meriden Historical Society. All are welcome.

Chess Club



The Chess Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room. New members are always welcome.

Scrapbooking on a Shoestring



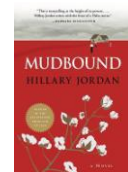
Want to scrapbook but think you can't afford to? Come to our scrapbooking session on Monday, November 21 at 5:00 pm in Griffin Room B.

Bring your pictures, pages, and adhesive and learn how to shape up your scrapbook using our decorative scissors, stencils, punches, and sticker maker machine. Come join us to 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.

Meriden Page Turners

The Meriden Page Turners will be meeting this month on Thursday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room. November's selection is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Contact Laura at the Information Desk (203) 238-2346 for more information.

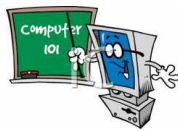


What are you thankful for this holiday season?



Starting in November, Meriden Public Library is asking everyone to write or draw what they are thankful for this year. Paper and markers will be available in the library as well as boxes throughout the library to collect all submissions. When we have enough squares, the library will create a wall hanging and put them on display. All ages are welcome to participate. If you have any questions please contact Melissa at mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us or call 203-238-2347.

Free Computer Classes



Sign up for one of the free computer classes given monthly at Meriden Library. The November schedule is:

Resumes. (Please bring job history and education information to complete a resume.) Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Job Searching on the Internet

Monday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, November 21 at 6:30 pm.

Basic Computers

Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Email

Saturday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Tuesday Night Book Club

Meriden Public Library will continue its Tuesday Night Book Club on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Griffin Room A. Join facilitator Marsha Bansavage in the discussion of 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 final books in this series are:
November 8 – *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

December 6 – *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris

Anime Club



The Teen Anime Club will meet on Friday, November 4th at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. In celebration of Culture Day in Japan we will make art using Japanese calligraphy.

Afterwards we will be watching the second movie in the Bleach series. When, a valuable artifact known as "King's Seal" is stolen, Hitsugaya Toshiro, the 10th division captain of Gotei goes after the thief but instead goes missing and is believed to be the culprit behind the robbery. Kurosaki Ichigo refuses to believe this, and along with Matsumoto Rangiku, Kuchiki Rukia and Abarai Renji swear to uncover the real mastermind of the stolen seal, find Hitsugaya and clear his name.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. This program is for teens age 13-18. Sign up is not required but if you would like more information contact Melissa at mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us or call (203) 238-2347.

Lego Club



Meriden Public Library will have its next Lego Club event on Tuesday, November 8th from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Castles and Dungeons".

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 contact Melissa at (203) 630-6347 or mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us.

Get Your Game On



Get your game on at the Meriden Public Library on Thursday, November 10 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm 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.

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Bookmobile

The bookmobile will be visiting the following facilities in November:



- Tue., Nov. 1 – Catholic Charities 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 2 – Easter Seals 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.; Bradley Home 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.;
- Thu., Nov. 3 – Kindercare 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; The Right Place 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.; Connecticut Baptist Home 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.;
- Fri., Nov. 4 – Stork Club 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; Miller Memorial 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.;
- Mon., Nov. 7 – Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.; Women & Families Center 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.;
- Tue., Nov. 8 – Lil Rascals 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.; Sunshine Day Care 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.;
- Wed., Nov. 9 – St. John's Nursery School 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Thu., Nov. 10 – St. John's Nursery School 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Tue., Nov. 15 – Meriden Child Care Center 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 16 – First Congregational Nursery School 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
- Thu., Nov. 17 – First Congregational Nursery School 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; Carriage House Day Care Center 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Fri., Nov. 18 – Meriden Center 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 21 – Midstate Christian Academy 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 30 – Headstart (Liberty St.) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Movies at the Library



Green Lantern
Sat. Nov. 12
2:00 pm
Griffin Room



Cars 2
Sat. Nov. 26
2:00 pm
Griffin Room

Children's Library



Science Programs At The Library

The Children's Library offers Saturday science programs for students in grades 3-5. Twice a month, at 9:45 am. we will offer hands on activities. Sampling of subjects that will be covered are reptiles, insects, chemistry, geology, ocean life, and atmosphere. Some classes will include live specimens. Registration is required by either calling 203 630-6347, or stopping by the Children's Library.

Reading programs

The Children's Library offers reading programs on a regular basis.



Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – Kindergarten to 2nd grade

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. – Independent 2 year olds

11:15 a.m. – 3 to 4 year olds

1:15 a.m. - 3 to 4 year olds

6:30 p.m. – 3 to 4 year olds

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.- 2 to 3 year olds with Parent or caregiver

11:15 a.m. – 3 to 4 year olds

6:30 p.m. – 2 year olds with parent Or caregiver

Thursday at 10:30 a.m. – Start on Stories early literacy

Contact the Children's Library at (203) 630-6347 for more information about the reading programs.

**Don't forget to
Turn your
Clocks back
November 6**

