



# Meriden Public Library

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January 2012

## Holiday Closings

The library will be closed on the following days in January:



Monday, January 2 - New Year's Day

Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King Day

Remember you can always access our ebooks and audiobook collection through our online catalog. Just visit [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org) and click on the Overdrive link on the right of the page.

## Three Kings Day



The Library will host a Three Kings Day Program on Saturday, January 7 at 2:00 pm in the Griffin Room. The St. Rose Hispanic Choir will present a holiday concert for people of all ages.

The Choir will present traditional Puerto Rican "aguinaldos" or Christmas carols, followed by a visit from the Three Wise Men. Children ages 10 and under will receive a gift during the program.

Please come early to register your children and get a seat. This event is free but seating is limited.

Toy donations for this program can be placed in the box near the main entrance.

## ***Berlin Turnpike: A True Story Of Human Trafficking In America***



Author Raymond Bechard will be speaking about his book *Berlin Turnpike: a true story of human trafficking in America* on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Griffin Room.

*The Berlin Turnpike* is a close, historical examination of commercial sexual exploitation and its place within all American communities. It follows the 2007 trial of Dennis Paris who was convicted of sex trafficking as well as giving some historical information about the Berlin Turnpike.

Raymond Bechard is an author, speaker and human rights advocate. He has worked to end injustice against all people for over twenty years. Bechard often advises social justice organizations in their mission to bring hope and encouragement to the world.

Among other writings he is also the author of the book *Unspeakable: The Truth Behind the World's Fastest Growing Crime*, an expose of child trafficking in all its forms around the globe. Bechard also began and is the Committee Chair of Men Against Prostitution And Trafficking, the first anti-human trafficking Political Action Committee in America.

More information about the book *The Berlin Turnpike* can be found at [www.TheBerlinTurnpike.com](http://www.TheBerlinTurnpike.com). This program is free and all are welcome.

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present this year?**



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In January, we will be holding 30 minute individual sessions if you have any questions or difficulties with using Overdrive. Contact the Information Desk at (203) 238-2346 to book an appointment.

## Kickboxing Demonstration



Have you ever wondered what kickboxing was like? Come to the Griffin Room on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. to see Pam Fuschino from the City of Meriden Fire Marshal's office demonstrate a kickboxing class.

Pam started taking kickboxing classes at Valentin Karate when she quit smoking and wanted to lose weight. She found that the classes burned a lot of calories and she enjoyed the workout. Pam has been kickboxing ever since and started teaching classes at Valentin and then moved to Maximum Fitness in Wallingford.

Pam currently teaches at Best Martial Arts, 491 West Main St in Meriden. Her classes are a blend of athletic drills with martial arts to create an intense cardiovascular workout. You can burn as many as 500 calories in a one-hour class and achieve a total body workout. Beginners are encouraged to take it at their own pace and are usually surprised at how quickly they pick up the kickboxing moves.

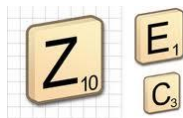
Come and check it out! This program is free and all are welcome.

## Chess Club



The Meriden Public Library Chess Club will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room. Bring your boards and enjoy the challenge of playing a new opponent. All ages are welcome. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have questions about the library programs.

## Scrabble



Meriden Public Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble. The sessions will be on Monday, January 9, January 23 and January 30 at 2:00 pm in the Marion Cook Room. All skill levels are welcome. Scrabble boards will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own boards. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have any questions about the library programs.

## Piano Creations



Matthew Fishteyn, an award-winning composer, will be performing his program "Piano Creations" on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Meriden Public Library Griffin Room. Matthew, an accomplished young musician, will play jazz, rock 'n' roll, ragtime, pop and his own compositions on his keyboard.

Matthew is a graduate of The Special Music School of America in New York and received first place in the Young Musicians' Competition at Wagner College in 2010. This program is free and all are welcome.

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



Meriden Public Library will host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program beginning Wednesday, January 25. V.I.T.A., which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, provides free help to taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance or who have tax questions. Assistance in preparing Connecticut state tax forms will also be available.

The sessions will all take place in the Marion Cook Room. The schedule is as follows:

**MONDAYS** from 5:30 TO 8:00 PM on January 30; February 6, 13, and 27 (The Library is closed on Monday, February 20 to observe President's Day.) Call 203-630-6331 for an appointment between 5:30 and 7:30 pm.

**WEDNESDAYS** from 5:30 TO 8:00 PM on January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11. Call 203-630-6331 for an appointment between 5:30 and 7:30 pm.

**SATURDAYS** from 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM on January 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7 and 14. (Call 203-630-6331 for an appointment between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

V.I.T.A. volunteers alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible. People interested in attending the V.I.T.A. program can stop in the library and pick up a list of the necessary documents you will need to bring.

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



## Computer Classes



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

*Resumes.* (Please bring job history and education information to complete a resume.) – Saturday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m and Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.

*Job Searching on the Internet* – Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 28 at 9:30 a.m.

*Email* – Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

*Basic Computers* – Saturday, January 21 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.

## Writer's Network

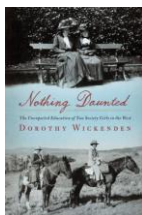


The Writer's Network will meet on Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in Griffin Room B at the Library. The Writer's Network invites anyone who is serious about writing fiction or nonfiction, wants to learn the process of getting published, or needs support for writing a book proposal 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](mailto:comsvc@hotmail.com).

## Meriden Page Turners

The Meriden Page Turners will be meeting this month on Thursday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room at the Library. January's selection is *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden.



February's selection will be *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. Contact Laura at the Information Desk (203) 238-2346 for more information.



## Anime Club

The Teen Anime Club will meet on Friday, January 6th at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. We will be celebrating the Japanese New Year and watching a movie about Makoto Konno, a teenage girl who discovers she has the ability to leap through time. At first she uses it for frivolous things but soon realizes her time leaps have negative consequences for the people around her.



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](mailto:mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us) or call (203) 238-2347.

## Get Your Game On

Get your game on at the Library on Thursday, January 12th 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.



## Lego Club

The next Lego Club event will be held on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Undersea Adventures". 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.



## Comic Club

Do you enjoy reading manga, comics or graphic novels? Then come to the first meeting of Meriden Public Library's Comic Club on Thursday, January 26th at 3:30 in Griffin Room A. We will be talking about our favorite comics and manga, giving away samples of current and future comics and brainstorming ideas for future Comic Club meetings. This program is for teens 13-18. Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions contact Melissa at (203) 238-2347 or [mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us](mailto:mmurphy@ci.meriden.ct.us).



## In Memory

In 2011, the Meriden Public Library received gifts in memory of or by the following individuals:

Nancy Boynton  
Helen Kotowski  
Robert McCauley  
Katharyn R. Conklin  
Stenio Porsch  
Ester Fowler  
Westley Schilling  
Mary Peckham  
Helen Salerno  
Harry White  
Ruth Luby  
Joan Lewis  
Dana D. Fitzgerald

Gifts were also received in honor of:

Jim and Ellen Williams  
Eleanor and Donald Smith

Gifts may be made to the Library in honor or in memory of a person, to celebrate a family event or to mark any special occasion. Visit the Information Desk to pick up a form or you can download a donation form from our website at [www.meridenlibrary.org](http://www.meridenlibrary.org).

### CONTACT US

Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller St., Meriden, CT

Circulation Desk (203) 238-2344  
Information Desk (203) 238-2346  
Children's Library (203) 630-6347  
Community Services/Bookmobile  
(203) 630-6349

#### Hours:

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday – Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday

## Tomie dePaola Children's Library

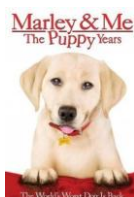
Story hours begin the week of January 5. Contact the Children's Library at (203) 630-6347 for times and registration.

We now have the **Eric Carle Museum** pass! This pass admits 2 adults and 4 children FREE into the museum.

Pick up a new Museum Pass brochure next time you are in the library.



## Movies at the Library



Marley & Me:  
the Puppy Years

Saturday, Jan. 28  
2:00 pm  
Griffin Room



Dolphin Tale

Tuesday, Jan. 31  
6:00 pm  
Griffin Room



## Bookmobile

The bookmobile will be visiting the following facilities in January:

- Tue., Jan. 3 – Catholic Charities 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.;  
Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30  
-11:30 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 4 – Easter Seals 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.;  
Bradley Home 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
- Thu., Jan. 5 – 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., Jan. 6 – Stork Club 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; Miller  
Memorial 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
- Mon., Jan. 9 – 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., Jan. 10 – Lil Rascals 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.;  
Sunshine Day Care 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 11 - St. John's Nursery School 10:00 –  
11:00 a.m.
- Thu., Jan. 12 - St. John's Nursery School 10:00 –  
11:00 a.m and 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Fri., Jan. 13 – Meriden Center 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Tue., Jan. 17 – YMCA Child Care Center 9:15 a.m. –  
12:30 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 18 - First Congregational Nursery School  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Thu., Jan. 19 – First Congregational Nursery School  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; Carriage House  
Day Care Center 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Mon., Jan. 23 – Midstate Christian Academy 10:30 –  
11:45 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 25 - Headstart (Liberty St.) 9:00 a.m. –  
2:00 p.m.