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**“Why, what’s the matter,
That you have such a February face,
So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness?”**

William Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing*

MERIDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights of the Friends Meeting January 23, 2012

Special Friends Awards:

Vice President, John Kenney, presented a plaque to **Larry Kibner** as our **Painter of the Year** for his continued work at the library, including most recently the walls and doors of the new Marion Cook Meeting Room.

He also awarded a plaque to **Gerry Dion** as **Friend of the Year** for his help in moving the store, setting up the sorting room and assistance with the internet program.

Both awards will be listed on the permanent plaque in the bookstore.

Library Director’s Report: **Karen Roesler** announced that the city has decided to open the new parking lot before the lighting is complete and the mayor wants to soon have an opening ceremony with a ribbon cutting. Karen also informed everyone that the library receives unsolicited gifts from time to time and such gifts are acknowledged on plaques that have been put up in the children’s room hallway listing donors of \$500 or more.

The VITA tax assistance program will be using the Marion Cook Room evenings starting Wednesday so our meetings will be held in the Griffin Meeting Room until after April 15.

Treasurer's Report: Past Treasurer and newly elected Friends President, **June Vandal** announced that the Meriden Foundation has awarded the Meriden Friends a \$10,000 grant to assist the library. Notification of this grant will be added to the plaques mentioned above.

Book Store: Our handsome new "Open" flag has been mounted outside the bookstore and, though a bit high for some of our volunteers to put up and take down easily, will be flown during store hours to help attract store business.

Book Sales: In addition to our book sales from the store and our on line sales, it was proposed that we have at least two other bargain sales per year in the Marion Cook Meeting Room. These sales will be \$5 per bag sales and tentatively be held for three days with the spring sale on April 19, 20, 21 and the second sale in October, dates to be announced.

Membership: Our membership forms for 2012 were distributed last month with the emailed newsletter and also with the newsletter that was sent via regular mail. Response so far has been good but not great. If you need a renewal form, please log on to our website (see below), or pick up a copy at the book store, or contact Gil Alwang. Please do not fail to renew, we need you.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries: **Frank Ridley**, past president of the Meriden Friends, is now serving on the board of the Friends of Connecticut Libraries. He announced that the state organization will again grant awards to individuals and groups throughout the state who have provided exemplary services to their local library. Applications for these awards have been sent out to all Friends groups and award recipients will be announced at the FOCL's annual meeting June 9 at the Hamden Public Library. Our own past president, **author Laura Van Wormer** will speak at this meeting on the topic Ebooks and the companies that sell them.

A **boot camp on communications**, which is a training event for anyone interested in the organization and operation of library friends groups, is also being planned by FOCL for April 21 at the West Hartford Library. There will be more on this in the next issue of this newsletter.

Special Thanks: Thanks again to Mike Barker and Meriden Self Storage, 210 Pomeroy Ave., 203-639-7335, for the use of our storage unit at their facility. We urge any of our members who need storage, to check with Mike and his crew. They are excellent people to work with.

THE NEXT FRIENDS MEETING WILL BE HELD
Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Marion Cook Meeting Room at the Meriden Library

Friends of the Library Website www.meridenlibrary.org/friends
Library Bookstore: 203-639-1505, **Store website** www.meridenlibrary.org/friends/bookstore
Library Telephone # :203-238-2344

Friends of the Library Newsletter 105 Miller St. Meriden CT 06450.

We welcome and encourage your comments, suggestions.

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**Friends of the Meriden Public Library
Renewal Form for 2012**



Friends of the Meriden Public Library

Dear Friends:

It doesn't seem possible another year has passed by and it is time to renew our Friends' memberships for 2012. We are eagerly looking forward to an energetic new year of growth and activity by the Friends as we move ahead in our mission to support the Meriden Public Library and promote reading among our city's children and adults. Below is the application form which we ask you to complete and return promptly - we can't do this mission without you. Also, we encourage you to attend the monthly meetings, held on the 4th Monday at 6:30 pm in the Library, to stay abreast of our activities.

NAME (please print): _____

Additional Names (list others in household covered by this membership):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

\$100.00 (or more) CORPORATE

\$100.00 (or more) BENEFACTOR \$15.00 INDIVIDUAL

\$40.00 PATRON \$25.00 FAMILY \$7.00 SENIOR CITIZEN

I WISH TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Indicate areas of interest - check as many areas as you desire

___ Library Advocacy

___ Book Sorting

___ Internet Sales

___ Newsletter

___ Book Sale

___ Daffodil Festival

___ Membership

___ Bookstore

___ Website

___ Mailing/Clerical

___ Book Transportation

___ Any Area Where Needed

___ Publicity

Please make check payable to: Friends of the Library (FOTL)

Return to: Friends of the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller St., Meriden, CT 06450

Questions? Call 203-639-1505

In order to maximize the effect of your membership funds, we will not be providing membership cards; your cancelled check will be your proof of membership.

Thank you!



Take Your Child To The Library Day February 4



Saturday, February 4th has been designated as "Take Your Child To The Library Day". Libraries throughout Connecticut and Canada will be offering a variety of FREE programming for families. The Tomie dePaola Children's Library of Meriden Public Library will offer two programs that day.

At 10:30 am. "Animal Embassy" will present their program "World Wildlife". Children will be allowed to connect through hand-on interaction with this live animal presentation. These exotic animals are found throughout the world.

At 2:00 pm, "Mr. Gym" Chris Keithan's performance will focus on creative movements, using his guitar, vocals, and unique instruments to engage participants in singing and dancing. Shake off your winter chills with this action packed event.

Both programs are sponsored by "The Friends Of The Meriden Public Library". FREE tickets for both programs will be available in the Children's Library beginning January 17th. Please call the Children's Library for more information at (203) 630-6347.

Freedom Riders, Dr. Martin L. King Jr. And Pastor Ralph Lord Roy



Rev. Ralph Lord will be speaking about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his experiences working with Dr. King on Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 pm in the Griffin Room.

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the second arrest and imprisonment of the Rev. Ralph Lord Roy, an area resident. In August 1962 he responded to the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and led a 'Prayer Pilgrimage' to Albany, GA. This resulted in the largest simultaneous incarceration of clergy in American history.

The Rev. Roy was pastor of an African-American congregation in Harlem at the time, and went to Albany in July 1962 to attend the trial of Dr. King who had been jailed for 'parading' without a permit. After the trial, he remained to work with Dr. King, became well-acquainted with him, and participated in the efforts of the Albany Movement to battle segregation and other forms of discrimination. He will share his personal memories of Dr. King as well as harassing experiences he had while in Albany.

Pastor Roy also will tell of his arrest and jailing as a Freedom Rider during the previous year, in June 1961, in Tallahassee, Fla. This past spring he was among the guests of Oprah at one of her last television shows on CBS as she paid tribute to surviving Freedom Riders on the 50th anniversary of their bold bus excursions into the South. Of the ten clergy arrested on his Interfaith Freedom Ride, only three are alive.

The Rev. Roy is a retired United Methodist minister who now resides in Southington. He is a native of northwestern Vermont who was educated at Mt. Hermon School, Swarthmore College, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. After his ministry at churches in Harlem and Brooklyn, he came

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Chi Kung


David Ritchie, co-director of Central Connecticut Tai Chi Ch'uan, will demonstrate Chi Kung on Saturday,



February 25 at 2:00 pm in the Griffin Room. Chi Kung is the Ancient Chinese exercise of moving one's energy for health and dates back over 3,000 years. Chi Kung, also spelled Qigong, utilizes energy know as Chi and is the foundation for the practice of Tai Chi. In this presentation you will learn about the theory behind traditional Chinese medicine and participate in Chi Kung exercises for relaxation and health. Chi Kung can be practiced by anyone, either sitting or standing.

David Ritchie is co-director along with his wife Barbara, of Central Connecticut Tai Chi Ch'uan in Meriden which he founded in 1989. David began training in Martial Arts in 1969 and Tai Chi in 1973 and has trained in Tai Chi and Chi Kung in Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Bangkok, Thailand. David has also studied with numerous Masters and instructors in the U.S.

David has taught in numerous corporate settings such as the Hospital for Special Care in Bristol, ESPN, and the National Arthritis Foundation where he helped develop the Arthritis Foundation's National Tai Chi for Arthritis program. As an adjunct assistant professor at Quinnipiac University, he taught Tai Chi in the Physical Education Department and Medical Chi Kung in the Respiratory Care Department, the first such program in the country. This program is free and all are welcome.

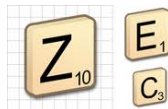


Wednesday, February 1
6:30 pm

Bring your boards and
enjoy the challenge of
playing a new opponent.

Scrabble

Meriden Public Library hosts sessions for people who enjoy playing Scrabble. The sessions will be on Monday, February 13 and February 27 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.



Meriden Page Turners

The Meriden Page Turners will be meeting this month on Thursday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room at February's selection will be *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



Meriden Public Library is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to April 14. 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 Meriden Public Library's Marion Cook Room. The schedule is as follows:

MONDAYS from 5:30 TO 8:00 PM on 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 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 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.

Writer's Network



The Writer's Network will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm in Griffin Room B and Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm 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.

Contact us

105 Miller St., Meriden, CT 06450

Information Desk - (203) 238-2346

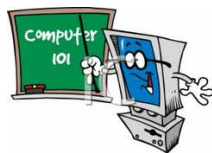
Circulation Desk - (203) 238-2344

Children's Library - (203) 630-6347

Community Services/Bookmobile - (203) 630-6349



Computer Classes



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

Basic Computers – Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m

Resumes. (Please bring job history and education information to complete a resume.) – Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Job searching on the internet – Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Email – Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Computer Classes in Spanish – Weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm; Saturdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

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, February 10 at 2:30 pm in the Griffin Room. In celebration of Valentine's Day we will be quizzing each other on popular manga and anime couples. Afterwards we will be watching the new Trigun movie.



20 years after meddling into the bank heist of a notorious robber named Gasback, Vash the Stampede is heading towards Macca City. Rumors say that the legendary thief might appear there causing an enormous influx of bounty hunters in the area who want to collect the \$300,000,000 prize for his head (description provided by Anime News Network).

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.

Pastor Roy

to Connecticut in 1970 where he was the pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Meriden from 1979-1994. He also served in other communities among them Clinton, Milford, Hartford, and New Haven.

He is the author of three books; his 'minute messages' are heard on WJMJ and WTIC, his column appears in the *Record-Journal*, and he continues to write for various other newspapers and magazines.

This program is free and all are welcome.



Family Wound Patterns And Emotional Healing




Dr. Peter G. Sandwell will present the program "Family Wound Patterns and Emotional Healing" on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Griffin Room. Learn how emotionally traumatic events that occurred to ancestors (2-5 generations back) can be passed down emotionally to children non-verbally.

Dr. Sandwell will illustrate how, why, and when the emotional impact from past traumatic events are revisited by the family in the present. Learn how these emotional revisitations are responsible for the onset of many emotional problems. He will share ways families can work together to dissipate the effects of these previous events.

Peter G. Sandwell MD is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with over 30 years of experience. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Georgetown University with a B. S. in Chemistry and a graduate of the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In addition to being a child psychiatrist, he is an expert family therapist.

Dr. Sandwell has been working with three generational family units over the past 24 years. He recently released a book written for the general public on three generational family dynamics titled "Solving People Problems for the Creation and Preservation of Family Wealth". He has a new book ready to be released titled "Tracing and Healing Family Wound Patterns". You can find Dr. Sandwell on Facebook at: Peter Sandwell MD. This program is free and all are welcome.



The Library will be
CLOSED
Monday, February 20
To observe
President's Day

Lego Club



Meriden Public Library will have its next Lego Club on Tuesday February 21st from 2:00 to 3:30 in the Griffin Room. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme – "Dragons and Dinosaurs". 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 Meriden Public Library's Comic Club on Thursday, February 23 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.

Tomie dePaola Children's Library

Story times continue through February. Contact the Children's Library at (203) 630-6347 if you would like more information.

Mondays

6:30pm - Kindergarten to 2nd Grade Story Hour

Tuesdays

10:15am -Independent 2 Years Old Preschool Program

11:15am -3-4 Years Old Preschool Program

1:15pm - 3-4 Years Old Preschool Program

6:30pm - 3-4 Years Old Preschool Program

Wednesdays

10:30am -2-3 Years Old w/ Parent Preschool Program

11:15am - 3-4 Years Old Preschool Program

6:30pm - 2 Years Old w/ parent Preschool Program

Thursdays

10:30am -Start on Stories Early Literacy Program

Don't forget "Bring Your Child To The Library Day" February 4th!

Bookmobile



The Bookmobile will be visiting the following facilities in February:

- Wed., Feb. 1 – Easter Seals 9:00 am – 10:00 am; Bradley Home 10:30 am – 11:15 am.
- Thu., Feb. 2 – Kindercare 9:30 am – 10:30 am; The Right Place 10:45 am – 11:15 am; Connecticut Baptist Home 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Fri., Feb. 3 – Stork Club 9:30 am – 10:30 am; Miller Memorial 10:45 am – 11:15 am.
- Mon., Feb. 6 – Center Congregational Nursery School 9:30 am – 10:00 am; Women & Families Center 10:15 am – 11:30 am; Village at Kensington Place 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm.
- Tue., Feb. 7 – Catholic Charities 9:00 am – 10:15 am; Kinder Garden Learning Center 10:30 am – 11:30 am.
- Wed., Feb. 8 – St. John's Nursery School 10:00 am – 11:00 am.
- Thu., Feb. 9 – St. John's Nursery School 10:00 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.
- Fri., Feb. 10 – Meriden Center 10:00 am – 11:00 am.
- Tue., Feb. 14 – Lil' Rascals 9:30 am – 10:15 am; Sunshine Day Care 10:15 am – 10:30 am.
- Wed., Feb. 15 – First Congregational Nursery School 9:30 am – 10:30 am and 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.
- Thu., Feb. 16 – First Congregational Nursery School 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Carriage House Day Care Center 10:30 am – 11:30 am.
- Tue., Feb. 21 – Meriden Child Care Center 9:15 am to 12:00 pm.
- Wed., Feb. 22 – Headstart (Liberty St.) 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Mon., Feb. 27 – Midstate Christian Academy 10:30 am – 11:45 am.

Movies at the Library



Puss In Boots

Friday, February 24,
2012

2:00 pm

Griffin Room