



Meriden Public Library News

Library Closed:
Friday, November 11



Thursday, November 24



Coming In December

Dec. 5—Teen movie night

Dec. 10—Holiday Party
Appetizers with Chef
Kashia Cave

Dec. 12—Teen Open Mic
Night

Check the calendar for
more events

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Imperial Russian Fabergé Eggs

Marina Forbes, lecturer on Russian arts, history and culture, will present the program "Imperial Russian Fabergé Eggs" on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm.

This unique and beautifully illustrated presentation will focus on the life and remarkable work of Russian master jeweler and artist, Peter Carl Fabergé. The program will feature a spectacular photo-tour of Fabergé collections at the Constantine Palace in St. Petersburg and from major museums and private collectors around the world. Emphasis is on the important role of egg painting in Russian culture and on the unique development of this major Russian art form from a traditional craft to the level of exquisite fine art under

the patronage of the tsars. The fascinating history of these eggs and their role in the dramatic events of the last decades of Romanov rule in Russia and in the years following the Bolshevik Revolution will also be discussed.

Marina Forbes [MA Philology, University of St. Petersburg, Russia] is a lecturer, historian and award-winning artist who has written extensively on Russian traditional arts, history and the rich tapestry of Russian culture. She is licensed with the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, and is featured on the NH Council on the Arts Rosters for Arts in Education and Traditional Arts. Each year, Marina leads cultural tours to Russia where she regularly updates her



scholarship, gathering photos and documents, visiting craft factories, GULAG sites and monasteries, and interviewing journalists, political figures and scholars on the current state of affairs in Russia. Marina's talks are sometimes a little bit funny, sometimes a little bit sad.... but always unmistakably Russian.

This program is free and all are welcome. To reserve a seat, contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 or visit www.meridenlibrary.org. Funding for this program is provided by the Friends of the Meriden Public Library.

Major General Benjamin D. Foulois

Sylvester Salcedo, a local lawyer, will present a program on the life of Major General Benjamin D. Foulois of Washington, CT on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Griffin Room.

Mr. Salcedo will also discuss other Connecticut veterans like 1st Lieutenant Ward Cheney of Manchester from

the Philippine-American War of 1899-1902.

The heart of this presentation will be about the book: "From the Wright Brothers to the Astronauts: The Memoirs of Major General Benjamin D. Foulois with Colonel C. V. Glines, USAF" and the return of a copy of General Foulois' memoirs to the

Library's collection.



Mr. Salcedo is a practicing lawyer in the Orange, CT area and a retired Lieutenant Commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve. All are welcome.

Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead)



Tuesday, November 1
at 3:00 pm.

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and parts of Central and South America on November 1 and 2. It is not a sad or scary occasion, but a time of honoring and remembering friends and family members who have died. Traditionally people create special altars in their homes called *ofrendas*, which display photographs, favorite foods, and possessions of their loved

ones. The altars are decorated with cut-paper designs (*papel picado*), marigolds, and sugar skulls.

On Tuesday, November 1 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Marion Cook Room, the Library will celebrate Day of the Dead with an afternoon of activities for children and adults. We'll build an *ofrenda* with traditional *papel picado*

from Mexico. Participants are invited to bring photographs of their loved ones to display (we'll scan and return your originals to keep them safe).

Local cider and traditional *pan de muerto*, a sweet bread, will be served.

This program is free and all are welcome.

Fire Cider Cold and Flu Remedy



Get yourself ready for the winter! Ebris Urban and Velya Jancz-Urban will show you how to make a Fire Cider Cold and Flu Remedy on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm.

This tonic helps prevent cold or flu symptoms and/or shorten their duration.

It's an apple cider vinegar infusion that contains powerful immune-boosting, anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-viral, decongestant, and (optional) spicy circulatory movers. Come sample a variety of Fire Cider recipes, and then create your own warming, energizing concoction in a

16 oz. jar.

Seating is limited. Please contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 to reserve a seat. Funding for this program is provided by the Friends of Meriden Public Library.

Hungrytown



Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music. Folk duo Hungrytown will be performing on Saturday, November 19 at 2:00 pm in the Griffin Room. Lyricist Rebecca Hall and producer/multi-instrumentalist/husband Ken Anderson will play a variety of songs from their cds.

"After more than a decade of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson--otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown--have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting." (Hungrytown.net)

All are welcome to this free program. Funding for this program is provided by the Friends of the Meriden Public Library.

Monuments



In observance of the 100 year anniversary of the National Park Service, Joan and Rich Hamel will narrate a presentation that will feature stone structures found in many of the parks on Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm in the Griffin Room at Meriden Public Library. This program is cosponsored by Castle Craig Adult Learning Center and all are welcome.

Legends, Lore and True Hauntings in Meriden

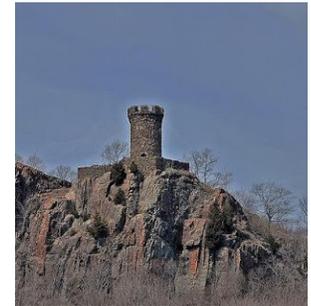
Tales of ghosts and apparitions have been told about Meriden for well over one hundred years. Julie Griffin, a paranormal investigator and photographer will be telling the stories that history has provided about the Black Dog of the Hanging Hills and Mt. Lamentation on

Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm.

Evidence from her personal experiences of investigating the Moses Andrews Homestead, built in 1760 and the Solomon Goffe House from circa 1711 will be presented. Join us at the library for an

intriguing and “spired” evening.

All are welcome to this free program cosponsored by the Meriden Historical Society and the Library.



Italian Cuisine Made Simple

Chef Kashia Cave will be teaching us about Italian cuisine on Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 pm in the Griffin Room.

Come join her to learn about cooking with extra virgin olive oil and taste some delicious food.

Chef Cave is Atena 2016 Flavor of Community chef - African Americans inspiring lives through food. A native of the twin islands of Trinidad & Tobago; is the Founder and Executive Director of My City Kitchen, Inc (MCK), a 501 (C) (3) Public Charity Organization. The focus is teaching children ages 6-17 years basic life skills through cooking, building self-esteem, understanding where the food comes from, and how to prepare it independently. Through education and health awareness MCK seek to pave the way for youth to become responsible and healthy adults, changing their negative mindset and showing them a bigger and brighter future through

cooking. A Graduate of Lincoln Culinary Institute, and the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners (ICIF) in Costigliole-D'Asti, Italy.

She's the winner of many awards and was named Meriden Children First Champion in 2010, was among Connecticut Magazine Generation Next “40 Under 40” honorees in 2011. In 2012 she was recognized by NASDAQ for her service in helping military veterans, 2013. She was the recipient of the City of Meriden Board of Education, Community Support Award recipient for Outstanding Support to the Meriden Public Schools, and in 2015 she received the Meriden/Wallingford NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Community Service. This year she was selected 1 of 12 chefs featured in Aetna's African American Black History Calendar as someone who's breaking down barriers and transforming lives through

culinary arts.

Kashia has been featured in the Hartford Courant, the People's Press and the Meriden Record Journal Newspapers, Natural Awakenings Health Magazine, NASDAQ Market Site in New York, the New Haven Advocate, and Jay Blessed Entertainment in New York. In television - WFSB channel 3 Better Connecticut, NBC30 News, Fox61 News, WTNH/ABC News. She does countless charity work throughout the state of Connecticut and a frequent guest chef for CBS Connecticut News.

She has a love for great food and people, enjoys music, dancing and traveling the world. Her favorite place is Italy. She's the mother of 2 boys Brandon 21 and Tyler 18. Funding for this program is provided by the Friends of the Meriden Public Library. To reserve a seat, contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349.



Maximizing Social Security



Vincent Winans, from Financial Vision of East Hartford, will present the program “Maximizing Social Security” on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm in the Griffin Room.

He will discuss what options are available to you when taking Social

Security? What type of options help maximize your payments? Should you take it early, right on time, or delay your Social Security? Are you missing opportunities by not taking the Spousal option? What are the 2016 year changes to Social Security? How are your Social Security options taxed? Can I still

work another job while taking Social Security? How do I get the most out of it?

All are welcome to this free program. To reserve a seat, contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349.

Nature’s Beauty: Volcanoes, Redwoods, and The Oregon Coast



Join us in a trip that will include seven National Parks/Monuments in the Northwest on Thursday, November 3 at 1:00 pm in the Griffin Room.

Jack and Barbara Brooks will take you up the

beautiful Oregon coast to see six lighthouses and the world’s largest ocean shore cave that houses a colony of seals. Along the way we will see the Columbia Gorge, Lava Bed Caves, a large hydro-electric dam, and some active volcanic

hot springs. This program is cosponsored by the Castle Craig Adult Learning Center. All are welcome to this free program.

Cataclysms on the Columbia



Castle Craig Adult Learning Center and Meriden Public Library will host Frank Donovan on Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00 pm in the Griffin Room for the program “Cataclysms on the Columbia: Glacial Lake Missoula and Its

Humongous Floods.”

Take a journey back when a huge Ice Age lake drained suddenly - not just once, but repeatedly - and sent 600 foot walls of water roaring from Montana to the Pacific, greatly reshaping the

landscape of our Northwest. The origins of the enormous resulting landforms was a mystery to earth scientists for decades and the geologist who figured it out was roundly ridiculed. All are welcome to this free program.

Writer’s Network Guest Speaker: Roger Kemp



The Writer’s Network at the Meriden Public Library will meet on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm in the Cook Room.

This month’s guest speaker is Roger Kemp,

former Meriden city manager. Mr. Kemp will discuss what to write about, and why, and how to get it published.

Anyone who is interested in writing and getting

their work published is welcome to attend. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have questions about the library programs.

Meriden Poetry Society

The Meriden Poetry Society will meet Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Marion Cook Room.

Program Chair Carol Ann Keough will present a program on "Disabled Poets". Her presentation will feature Mattie Stepanek, a young man

who died in his early teens from Muscular Dystrophy. Mattie wrote several books of poetry before his death. Carol is a resident of Meriden who has been married to her husband Mathew for 31 years. They are the proud parents of two grown children. Carol is the secretary of St. Mary's Church. Her love

for poetry began a very early age but she did not share her poetry with others until her friend, Elaine MacMullen invited her to a meeting of the Meriden Poetry Society and then encouraged her to submit a poem to the Meriden Record-Journal (which was published.) All poets and those interested



Mattie Stepanek

in poetry are invited to attend this meeting.

Friends of the Library News



President's Report: Frank Ridley noted that, after reviewing the bylaws, the board is not required to have elections this year because officer terms are for two years. However, since we have had resignations, we will proceed with the election in December. He also noted that there are other areas of the bylaws that need revising. He will put together a draft of suggested revisions to be presented to the Board at its November meeting. Final revisions will be before the Board at their December meeting when a vote to adopt will be held.

Frank reported on a library advocacy idea being discussed by the Connecticut Library Association. The idea would be to have state legislators read to children on the State Library steps this coming April for National Library Week. We could help by securing a bus to take Meriden children and their families up to this event. More information will be shared in coming months.

The FOCL (Friends of Connecticut Libraries) Fall Conference is scheduled for November 19 at Central Connecticut State College. Frank Ridley, David Skinnon and Karen Roesler will attend. The December Board will be a joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees.

Bookstore: Susan Chappo reported that the first day of the \$5 / bag book sale was brisk and the subsequent days went well.

Volunteers: Susan Chappo has taken over the volunteer coordination and is updating everyone's contact information. New volunteers are welcome.

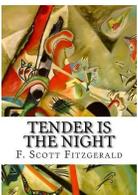
Membership: Norma Paggioli reported that no new memberships were received this past month but she will work with others to prepare a membership mailing for January.

Library Director: Karen Roesler reported that the LED lighting has been finished and she has been busy with making presentations this past month, including addressing Roger Kemp's graduate class at University of New Haven.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in the Cook Room.

Classic Book Club

Thursday, November 10 at 1:30 pm in the Cook Room.



Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Chess Club

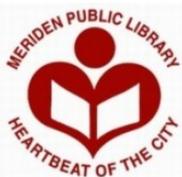


Wednesday, November 30 6:30 pm Seminar Room

Scrabble

Monday, November 14 and November 28 2:00 pm Cook Room





TOMIE DEPAOLA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

November Activities



Fall Session (Sept. 12–Nov. 23)

MONDAYS	6:30pm	Grades K-2 Yoga Storytime
TUESDAYS	10:30am	Terrific 2's & 3's (with caregiver)
	11:15am	3's & 4's Preschool Storytime
	6:30 pm	2's & 3's Bedtime Storytime (with caregiver)
WEDNESDAYS	10:30 am	2's & 3's Wiggles, Rhymes & Storytime (with caregiver)
	1:30 pm	3's & 4's Explorers!
	6:30 pm	3's & 4's Reading Stars!

All first time participants may be asked to show proof of age.
Storytimes will end November 23rd.



Day of the Dead Drop-in Craft Activity

Tuesday, November 1
3-6 p.m. Children's Library
PreK - 2nd Grades

Decorate a paper sugar skull face mask.
All materials provided.
Limit one mask per child, please.
No registration necessary.

MINECRAFT MEETUP

Thursday, November 17
4-5 p.m. Griffin Room



Come play with others in person or virtually on our LION Libraries server. We will have a few computers available with Minecraft or bring your own. Sign up not required unless you want to reserve computer. Reserve computer online through our event calendar. **Open to ages 5-17.**

La Biblioteca Pública
de Meriden presenta

Cuentacuentos/Bilingual Story Hour



Sábados a 10:30am **Saturdays at 10:30am**
05 y 10 de noviembre November 5 & 19

La hora del cuento es un programa divertido para familias y niños. Leyendo juntos los niños se preparan para ir a la escuela y tener éxito. Todos están invitados a celebrar cuentos y juegos divertidos en español y en inglés. Habrá refrescos y bocadillos.

Story hour is a fun program for families and children. Reading together helps prepare children for success in school. Everyone is invited to listen to stories in English and Spanish and participate in games and crafts. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

HOMESCHOOL SOCIAL First Americans Experience

Who lived here before the colonists?

Through object exploration and sensory experiences, students actively learn about the native peoples of Connecticut, including their housing, clothing, tools, food and games. Presentation by the Noah Webster House and the West Hartford Historical Society.



Friday, November 4
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Griffin Room

Grades K-3. Space is limited. Registration required.
Please call 203-630-6347 to sign up.

LEGO CLUB

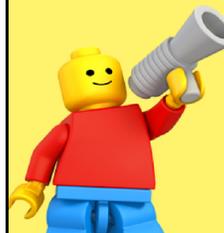
Wednesday, November 16
4-5pm

Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

Rocket exploration! Imagine you're stuck on Mars and you have to build a rocket ship to get home! We provide the LEGO bricks, you just need to bring your imagination. All finished creations will be put on display.

SIGN UP NOT REQUIRED - late arrivals are welcome.

Contact us if you have any questions:
childrenslibrary@meriden.lioninc.org or
(203) 630-6347.



Start on Stories

Thursdays at 10:30am

This program is designed for babies and children through 2 years old accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Stories, music, and play are incorporated into an hour-long program beginning at 10:30 am.

Registration is ongoing.

Register by calling
(203) 630-6347
or e-mail us at

childrenslibrary@meriden.lioninc.org



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Monday November 28
6:30 p.m. in Childrens Room
For children
Preschool to 3rd grade



Have you ever wondered what happens at the library when it is closed? We will share some of those secrets at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Children are invited to bring a stuffed animal to the library for a pajama storytime. Their toys will then spend the night at the library. Attendees can pick up their stuffed animals on Tuesday along with a picture book showing what happened overnight! Registration is requested as space is limited.

Read Down Your Fines at the Tomie dePaola Children's Library!

How it works:

Visit the Tomie dePaola Children's library and check in with the library staff.



Children 12 and under earn **ONE BOOK BUCK** for every **15 minutes** of supervised and sustained reading time.



ONE BOOK BUCK will reduce your overdue fine by **\$1.00!**

DINO DAY



Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 PM

in the Griffin Room
All ages welcome

We're bringing dinosaurs back to the modern era! Join us for a dino-mite dinosaur party filled with games, crafts, dinosaur trivia, and more! Dress up as your favorite dinosaur for added fun!

This program is drop in.
Light refreshments will be provided.

FAMILY MOVIES AT THE MERIDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, November 8 – 11 a.m.
in the Griffin Room



Manny, Diego, and Sid embark upon another adventure after their continent is set adrift. Using an iceberg as a ship, they encounter sea creatures and battle pirates as they explore a new world.

Rated PG; 1 hr. 34 min.

Saturday, November 26 – 2:30 p.m.
in the Griffin Room



Join the Power Rangers on a quest for a new hero! Get set for a dino-charged adventure and non-stop thrills as the Rangers try to find a new hero fit for the Purple Egem!

Rated TV-Y7; 1 hr. 29 min.

**The Meriden Public Library will be closed on
Friday, November 11, for Veteran's Day;
and Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving.**

TEEN SCENE

November/December 2016

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMMING AT THE MERIDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Intro to Break Dancing

Friday, November 4
3-4pm Griffin Room

Learn something fresh! Join two b-boys for an up-beat intro to break dancing. In this free workshop, you'll learn a bit about the history of hip hop and "breaking", practice some basic moves, learn a choreographed piece and hear general tips on how to groove out and dance. NO dance experience required! Be sure to wear loose fitting clothes.

Open to grades 6-12. Sign up online through the Event Calendar or call (203) 630-6347.

Teen Open Mic Night

Monday, December 12
6-8pm

Let your talent shine at our Teen Open Mic Night! Share your musical skills or just come along to support your friends and other teens as they perform songs, poetry, and karaoke. No registration necessary for this free teen program. Pizza and snacks will be served. \$50 Visa Gift Card for the winner!

Teen Chef

Thursdays, November 17 and December 29
6-7:30pm Griffin Room

Tweens and teens will prepare a different meal at each session for sampling under the direction of Chef Kashia Cave of My City Kitchen. In addition to a fun hands-on food preparation experience, participants will receive recipes and nutritional tips to bring home.

Open to grades 6-12. Space is limited. Sign up online through the Event Calendar or call (203) 630-6347.

Teen Anime Club

Friday, November 18 and
December 16
6-8pm

Are you a fan of anime, manga or just like Japanese culture? All are welcome whether you're an otaku or just discovering anime and manga. Open to 13-18 year olds. Snacks and drinks are provided.

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Teen Advisory Group

Thursdays, November 10 and December 8
4-5pm Cook Room

MOTIVATED AND DEDICATED TEENS WANTED! Join the Teen Advisory Group of the Meriden Public Library for your chance to make new friends, offer suggestions about programs and materials for teens, and make the library a better place! Open to anyone in grades 6-12. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Sign up online through the Library's Event Calendar or call (203) 630-6347.

Mini Mosaic Craft

Tuesday, December 13
6:30-8:00pm Cook Room

It's craft time! Tweens and teens are invited to create a beautiful miniature mosaic mural (12"x12"). Use mosaic tile, glass, stones, shells, and more to create your original design. Hang the art on your wall at home or give it as a gift. Craft led by local artist Karen Rossi. Open to grades 6-12. Space is limited. Registration required. Sign up online through the Event Calendar or call (203) 630-6347.

Teen Movie Nights

Monday, November 14
6-8:15pm Griffin Room
"Finding Nemo"

After his son is captured in the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to bring him home. (G)

Monday, December 5
6-8:15pm Griffin Room
"The Princess Bride"

The story of a man and a woman who lived happily ever after. Even though the courtship almost killed them. (PG)

Minecraft Meetups

Thursdays, November 17 and
December 15
4-5pm Griffin Room

We will have a few laptops available or you can bring your own laptop or device. Be sure to bring your account login information to sign into Minecraft. Open to K-12 graders. Sign up online through the Library's Event Calendar or call (203) 630-6347 to reserve a laptop for the use during the program.

Monday Night Card Duels

Monday, November 28 and
December 19
6-7:30pm Cook Room

Do you play Yu-Gi-Oh!, Pokemon or Magic: The Gathering? Come and play with your friends at our monthly Trading Card Game Night. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring your own deck or learn how to play from one of our members. Drop-in! Open to grades 4-12.