



Connections

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2012 One Book, One Region Kickoff

New Arrivals

Fiction

The Sins of the Fathers
by Jeffrey Archer

The Columbus Affair
by Steve Berry

The Storm by Cliver Cussler

Honor by Janet Dailey

The Stonecutter
by Camilla Lackberg

Beautiful Sacrifice
by Elizabeth Lowell

Stolen Prey by John Sandford

A Blaze of Glory
by Jeff Shaara

Nonfiction

Beyond the Sling
by Mayim Bialik

America's Great Debate
by Fergus Bordewich

Gilded Lives, Fatal Voyage
by Hugh Brewster

Running with the Kenyans
by Adharanand Finn

The Blood Sugar Solution
by Mark Hyman

City of Scoundrels
by Gary Krist

Service by Marcus Luttrell

Fatherhood by Etan Thomas



The eleventh annual "One Book, One Region" kickoff will take place on **Tuesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the Mystic Arts Center.** Geraldine Brooks, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and author of the 2012 "one book," *Caleb's Crossing*, will be introduced to readers at the event. The program is made possible in part by a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Caleb's Crossing tells the story of a young man from Martha's Vineyard who, in 1665, became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. This fact is a small piece of actual history that the author discovered and used to weave her brilliant tale of love, faith, magic, and adventure.

The kickoff event will also feature Living Literature's "ten minute teaser" of their 55 minute readers' theater interpretation of *Caleb's Crossing*. Living Literature is a collective of Rhode Island based artists and educators who create programs for both those who have and have not read the novel. Their dramatic presentations are intended to stimulate discussion at the performance and subsequent book group settings. Performing this piece with Artistic Director Barry Press are Tanya Anderson and David Rabinow. Their full program based on the novel will be presented at the Library in July.

Geraldine Brooks is the author of six books, including the novel *Year of Wonders* and the nonfiction work *Nine Parts of Desire*; her second novel, *March*, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2006. Earlier in her career, Brooks was a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* and was stationed in Bosnia, Somalia and the Middle East. Born in Australia, she currently divides her time between Martha's Vineyard and Sydney.

Copies of *Caleb's Crossing* will be available for purchase courtesy of Bank Square Books. Refreshments will be served.

Book discussions and other programs related to the book are planned at the Library this summer; details will be available soon. Ms. Brooks will return to southeastern Connecticut on September 18 to meet local readers.



The goals of One Book, One Region are to bring people together to discuss ideas, to broaden the appreciation of reading and to break down barriers among people.

May Movies



Independent Film Festival

Please join us on **Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m.** for *Vasermil*, a film from Israel. Critics report, "A winner! The young cast is outstanding!"

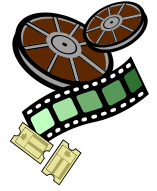
Named after the local soccer stadium in the Southern Israeli town of Beer Sheba, *Vasermil* tells the story of three teenagers from separate marginalized communities who pin their hopes on soccer as a way out. Shlomi, Adiel and Dima are recruited by the coach of the local soccer team to take part in the Beersheba Youth Championship, held on Independence Day at the Vasermil Stadium. Success at the tournament means getting noticed by the scouts of the local soccer empire. In order to win, Shlomi, Adiel and Dima, each with their own set of adversities, will have to learn to play as a team and overcome their differences.

The film is in Amharic, Hebrew and Russian with English subtitles and runs for 90 minutes.

The Independent Film Series will come to a close for this season on June 1 with *Before Your Eyes*.

Classic Cinema

The Library will show the classic comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace* on **Tuesday, May 8, at 2 p.m.** Based on a hit Broadway play, this madcap comedy is a blend of the bizarre and the mundane. Cary Grant plays a drama critic who learns that his two kindly and loveable aunts have been poisoning people with elderberry wine, and then two murderers (Peter Lorre and Raymond Massey) move into the aunts' house with the idea of adding a few corpses of their own. The movie, which is in black & white, runs for 118 minutes and is not rated.



Monday Movie Matinee

The Library will show the film, *War Horse*, on **Monday, May 14, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.** Set in England during WW I, the film is about a remarkable friendship between a horse and his young owner. They are forced apart during the war, and the film follows the journey of the horse as he moves through the war. Jeremy Irvine stars in this movie directed by Steven Spielberg. The movie is rated PG 13 and runs for 146 minutes.

All movies are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

For information, please contact the Library at 860-441-6750 or visit our website at www.grotonpl.org.



Library Book Club

The Book Club will discuss *Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende on **Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m.** In Allende's historical novel, *Zarité*, a former slave in Saint-Domingue in the late eighteenth century, contemplates the loves, indignities and fortunes of her life. Both tender and cruel relationships unfold, which highlight the colonial conflicts that gave birth to Haiti.

The book discussion is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary; just read the book and join us for an informal discussion. If you need a copy of the book, please inquire at the Information Desk. If you would like more information, please contact Barbara Clark-Greene at 860-441-6750.

New CDs @ the Library

The Whole Love
Wilco

Kisses on the Bottom
Paul McCartney

Stronger
Kelly Clarkson

Now That's What I Call Music 41! Various artists

Wicked Game
Il Divo

2012 Grammy Nominations
Various artists

Music from the Motion Picture Footloose

A Different Kind of Truth
Van Halen

Lioness: Hidden Treasures
Amy Winehouse

French Impressions
Joshua Bell

Believe
Celtic Woman

Emotional Traffic
Tim McGraw

Wrecking Ball
Bruce Springsteen

Live in Marciac
Brad Mehldau 2 CDs + 1 DVD

CELEBRATE NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK - May 6-12

with the Groton Utilities Department

As part of the *Water, Water, Everywhere?* program series sponsored by the Library and Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. Groton Utilities Water Division will offer several programs for the public.



Groton Utilities Water Treatment Plant Tour

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tour the Groton Utilities Water Treatment Plant on Poquonnock

Road (across from South Road.) Learn how drinking water is obtained and processed before it reaches your home.

Special Children's Storytime

with Splash, the mascot from Groton Utilities on **Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m.** More details are on the Children's Services page.



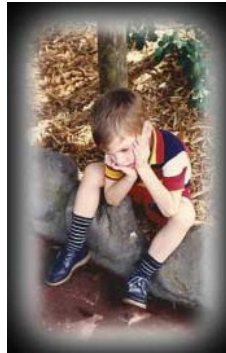
Reservoir Hiking Tour

Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

Learn about the environment and habitat of the local water source on a guided tour of a local reservoir. Meet

at Groton Utilities Water Operations Complex on Poquonnock Rd. We will then be driving (car pool) to Ledyard off Sandy Hollow Rd. There will be a 3 mile or a 5 mile hike over gravel trails through the watershed along the reservoirs (family-friendly). Join us as we tour the property!

To register for tours and hikes call 860-446-4135 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday or email stevensr@yurservice.com.



Author Talk: *Problem Child: Confessions of an Aspie*

Daryl Blonder will discuss his recent memoir, *Problem Child: Confessions of an Aspie*, at the Library on **Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m.**

Blonder's memoir is a first-person account of what life is like with Asperger Syndrome. The book focuses on Blonder's childhood in Salem, his teen years at East Lyme High School and his career in the film industry.

In an interview with *The Hartford Courant*, Blonder said, "It's been a difficult lesson to learn over the years, that other people aren't like me, that they don't think the way I do and I don't think the way they do. Day to day, I've tried to live with it and deal with it, but ... to this day, I still don't 'get' people."

After a short presentation, Blonder will answer questions and sign his book.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Library at 860-441-6750.

Dream Big Read!

Call for Teen Summer Volunteers!

Open to students entering grades 7 –12. Volunteers needed to assist with the Library's children's summer reading program, *Dream Big, Read!*

- Be a reader
- Help with crafts
- Assist with programs
- Run Library "store"

MANDATORY TRAINING SESSION
ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, AT 6:30 P.M.

To register contact Anne Campbell at
acampbell@groton-ct.gov

BookNews - New on Our Website!



Are you looking for suggestions of books to read? Do you want to know what new materials the Library has received? Take advantage of a new service the Library offers called BookNews; you can sign up for 20 different email newsletters. Visit our web site at www.grotonpl.org and simply click on the link where it says, "New featured books – sign up for book newsletters."

There is a newsletter for everyone, no matter what your reading interests. There are even newsletters featuring new DVDs and audio books for people who prefer library materials they can view and listen to rather than read.

If you like to keep up with the newest fiction or non-fiction, there are newsletters for you. Do you love best-selling fiction? BookNews has that covered. Do you only read mysteries or romances or science fiction? Check, check and check. Christian fiction fans have their own newsletter as well. If you prefer to read in large print, you can subscribe to the large print newsletter.

There are several non-fiction newsletters you can choose, depending on your interests: Business, Sports and Leisure, Home and Garden, Science and Nature, Then and Now and Food and Cooking (this one even includes a recipe in each issue).

We haven't forgotten the younger library users. There are newsletters for children's picture books, children's books for older children and teen books.

Each BookNews newsletter features items from the Library's collection selected by a staff member to fit the theme of the newsletter. For example, the books chosen for Hot Picks are selected because chances are good they will be popular or will become bestsellers. For Book Club Picks, books are chosen that would generate lively discussions at book club meetings, based on the years of experience of the Library's book club moderator.

Sign up for BookNews today – try one newsletter or try them all. We promise, your list of new books, audio books and DVDs to enjoy will grow with the help of Book News.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The **4th Annual Summer Solstice Art Exhibit** will be held during the month of June at the Groton Public Library. Community members are invited to submit one piece of framed artwork that will be displayed in the Library's Community Room. Our display case will be also be available for three-dimensional artwork.



To participate in this event, an entry application must be completed and artwork submitted to the Circulation Desk before May 29.

A Summer Solstice opening reception will be held on **Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m.** The main Summer Solstice Celebration takes place on Wednesday, June 20. Watch for more details of this event!

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wallace at 860-441-6750.

Annual Trillium Garden Club Plant Sale

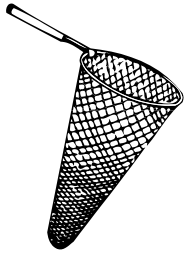
Come to the Children's Room Patio on
Saturday, May 12,
from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
for the
**Annual Trillium Garden Club
Plant Sale.**

**Plant sale items include hardy
perennial plants from club members'
gardens, small trees, shrubs and herbs.**

**Sale will also include
a boutique section.**



May in the Children's Room



Pond Dipping
Saturday, May 5,
from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us OUTSIDE for Pond Dipping at
Avalonia's Pine Swamp Wildlife
Corridor (PSWC) property in Ledyard,

CT with Kim Hargrave of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature
Center . Maps are available at the Library.

What actually lives below the surface of the pond?
Grab a net and find out! We'll hike to a group of ponds
and use nets to scoop out frogs, fish, bugs and more—
returning them to the pond, of course! Dress to get a
little muddy; we will provide the nets and buckets.
This OUTSIDE program will be held rain or shine.
No registration required.

Special Water Storytime
with SPLASH, the mascot from
Groton Utilities

Friday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

Rick Stevens from Groton Utilities Water
Treatment plant will present a special storytime to
celebrate National Drinking Water Week. Splash the
Water Drop will pay a visit, and children will receive free
books courtesy of Groton Utilities. Storytime is
appropriate for students in preschool and above.
Registration is not required.



Thursdays at 10 a.m. May 17 – June 14

Join Miss Tracy for a special Spring storytime session.
Short stories, songs and a simple craft will be featured
each week. All ages. No registration is necessary - just
drop in!

Teenscape in May



Spring Teen Open Mic Night
Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

Dust off that microphone and get ready to
share your talents!
Open to students in grades 6 and up.

Gaming @ Your library

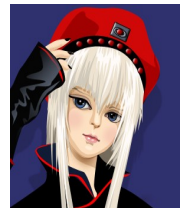
Fridays in May from 3 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Library's Wii and board games will be available to share
with friends. Bring your "E" rated Wii game to share.
Our gaming system will be available upon request when
the teen librarian is present.

Anime Club

Thursday, May 31 ,
from 6:30 p.m.– 8 p.m.

For fans of all things Japanese - movies,
cards, cosplay and more. Open to
students in grades 6 and up. Costumes
and characters welcome.



Now Available! (ebooks for children) on our
website at www.grotonpl.org!

Parents—give this new online product a try! It takes only
a few minutes to get started using TumbleBooks!

What is a TumbleBook? A TumbleBook is an
animated, talking picture book that kids
can read or listen to online on our website at
www.grotonpl.org. TumbleBooks teach children
the joy of reading in a format they'll love. Puzzles and
games accompany each book and reinforce concepts
from the book, allowing for a fun and educational
learning experience.

The Language Learning Section includes a growing
selection of books in Spanish and French.

Library Receives Technology Grant



Community Foundation
of Eastern Connecticut

The Library recently received a grant of \$7,132.00 from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut (CFECT). Grant funds will be used to develop the Library's existing Public Computer Learning Center into a technology center by investing in technology devices that will be used for education and training purposes. The technology center will offer opportunities for people to learn new technology skills, try out new devices and gain expertise with more advanced tools. The grant will allow us to offer photo and film editing software, access to digital and video cameras, Kindles, Nooks, iPads and drawing tablets.

The grant will also fund a 6 week film club program to teach basics of photography, scriptwriting and performing on camera to 12 students in grades 5 through 8. A facilitator will be hired to run the program. Details will be announced when the program is organized.

We wish to offer our appreciation to CFECT for providing us with the opportunity to explore the uses of the upgraded technology with area residents of all ages. Please watch future program listings for classes incorporating the new equipment.

Fitch Senior High Photography Exhibit

Students from Fitch Senior High will have their photography on display in the Library's meeting rooms during May. In addition, "altered books" by the students will be showcased in the Library's display case.



Last Sunday Opening
is May 20.
The Library will be
closed
on May 26, 27 & 28.



Open Computer Time Practice & Projects

Monday - Thursday
1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Open Computer Time is your opportunity to use the technology in the Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Technical support is available.

May Class Calendar

Beginning Computers (3 sessions)

Session 1

Wednesday, May 2 10:30 a.m.

Session 2

Wednesday, May 9 10:30 a.m.

Session 3

Wednesday, May 16 10:30 a.m.

E-mail Basics (1 session)

Wednesday, May 23 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Library Hours

Monday—Thursday 9—9
Friday 9—5:30
Saturday 9—5
Sunday (Sept.—May) 1—5

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