



THE SOMERS LIBRARY AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2009

Exciting Children's Specials

Drop-in crafts all week during Spring break!



► **April 7 Create Fantasy Bird Masks.** 11am for ages 5-7, and at 1pm for ages 7-10.

► **April 18 at 2pm. Sybil Ludington Rides Again.** Local author Vince Dacquino will bring his contagious enthusiasm for local history to the library with a retelling of the courageous ride of Sybil Ludington, our own local Revolutionary War heroine.

► **April 25 at 2pm. Dance Demonstration and Storytime.** It's National Dance Week, April 25 - May 2, and we have teamed up with Somers High School senior and aspiring dancer Rena Bernardini to bring us a special magical storytime: Rena will give us living illustrations of the dance steps in favorite books Angelina Ballerina and Ballet School. She will bring tutus and costumes as well as pointe shoes for the delight and examination of our children.

► **April 22 at 3:30. Earth Day Art Project.** Choose a theme to create your collage: trees, water, animal life, the sky, or bring your own ideas!

► **April 30 all day. Dia!** An international day celebrating the importance of literacy for all cultures. Visit your library. Read a book. Check out a book!

► **May 16 at 1pm. StoryPlay.** Interactive storytelling. Create and perform stories under the direction of Jason Edwards.

► **May 30 at 3pm. Kite Making Day.** Expert kite maker Dave Ehnebuske will demonstrate the basics of kite making. Make and fly your own kite! For ages 8-12.

► **June 22 at 2pm. Summer Reading Kick-off.** Join us for a fun-filled time with Storytime Stage.



From the Director

Welcome to the Friends' Spring newsletter. Along with the warmer weather, we greet many returning neighbors back to the library. As you may have recently read, library business is booming with the tight economy (for example, see the *New York Times* article of March 15, "Times are Tough, Libraries are Thriving."). Our statistics on library usage and borrowing confirm this. That is why your annual membership renewal is particularly important this year. With shrinking funding and increased demand, the Friends of the Somers Library has been indispensable in supporting many of our special children's programs and workshops, Sunday concert series, plays, film screenings, and special furniture. Don't forget that we have bookplates for special occasions or tributes. If you are in a position to give an additional donation this year, the Friends and the Library will be sure to put it to much-needed use. Thank you for supporting your community library! If you have any comments or suggestions, please email us: somers@wlsmail.org; or give us your email address so we can notify you of upcoming programs.

~Pat Miller

Teen Programs

► **"Locked-in at the Library." May 8 after closing.** For one night, students will be able to sleep over at the library. Have fun all night with food, games, movies and more.

► **High School Anime Club.** Meets every other Monday from 3pm to 4pm. New members welcome.

► **Middle School Book Club.** Meets every other Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm. New members are always welcome; so come, eat food, talk about books, and have fun!

► **High School Book Club.** Meets every other Wednesday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Join us to talk about books, eat food and have fun!



Art Gallery – Summer Schedule



- ▶ **April** Artwork & photography by **Milt Fisher** including acrylic, oils, watercolors, mixed media, color and black and white photographs.
- ▶ **May** Various artwork by participants of **The Drawing Experience for Adults** art class.
- ▶ **June** Landscapes, florals, and stills in oil and watercolor by **Jane Pepino and JoJo Maxwell**.
- ▶ **July** Photography exhibit by **Westchester Photographic Society**.
- ▶ **August** Painting exhibit by **Betty Frankel** featuring beautiful watercolors.



Upcoming Adult Programs and Events for the Spring and Summer (Registration Required)



- ▶ **April 15 at 3pm. Estate Planning for Young Families.** Amy C. O'Hara, Esq. of Littman Krooks LLP will conduct a question and answer session for young families on advance directives and wills as well as discussing all aspects of planning that every young family should know.
- ▶ **April 23 at 3:30pm. Finance 101.** Presented by Jim Santangelo, Certified Financial Planner. Learn about money and financial health by gaining a better understanding of financial words, terms, and concepts.
- ▶ **April 27 at 5pm. Elder Law: Long Term Planning for Caregivers.** Presented by Vincent P. Mancino, Esq. of Littman Krooks LLP. This is a complete guide for caregivers, including asset protection and planning for people going into nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- ▶ **May 2 at 9:30am. Collage Drawing for Those Who Have or Had Cancer.** Learn the basics of design, and experiment with combining cut photo images to create a unique drawing experience. This class is only for those who have or had cancer. Must call the Support Connection to Register (962-6402).
- ▶ **May 2 at 2pm. Artist's Reception for the Drawing Experience for Adults Class.** Join us for refreshments, and view the art work completed by class participants.
- ▶ **May 4 at 9am. AARP Defensive Driving Course.** Reduce points on your license and/or auto insurance costs with this day of defensive driving tips. Fee involved; your check insures your registration.
- ▶ **May 4 at 6:30pm. Finance 101 Revisited.** Presented by Jim Santangelo, Certified Financial Planner. Learn about money and financial health by gaining a better understanding of financial words, terms, and concepts.
- ▶ **May 13 at 3pm. Elder Law: Medicaid/Medicare.** Presented by Elizabeth Valentin Esq. of Littman Krooks LLP. Gain important knowledge on how to apply for Medicaid as well as learning about the laws relating to receiving those benefits.
- ▶ **May 20 at 6:30pm. Introduction to Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture.** Lecture and Q&A by a licensed acupuncturist and doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Must call the Support Connection to register (962-6402).
- ▶ **May 27 at 3pm. Special Needs Planning and Guardianship.** Presented by Adrienne J. Arkontaky Esq. of Littman Krooks LLP. This is a guide to planning life care for children with disabilities, including a highly informative discussion of guardianship and special needs trusts.
- ▶ **June 1 at 6:30pm. Genealogy Workshop.** Join Martha Mesiti for an informative lecture on various online genealogy resources to help you improve your genealogical research. Martha will also give an overview of our Ancestry.com database, which is available to you as a library patron.
- ▶ **June 2 at 2pm. What You Need to Know About Lyme Disease.** Presented by the Westchester County Health Department.
- ▶ **June 13 at 11am. Oodles of Noodles.** Presented by Norma Chang. Learn how to make tasty meals using Chinese noodles. A tasting will follow the demonstration. Space is limited, so register early for this popular program!
- ▶ **June 15 at 10am. Planning for the Business Owner.** Presented by Jesse Maltzman. A comprehensive seminar on the planning needs specific to business owners, including buy/sell agreements, insurance needs, retirement, and more.
- ▶ **June 22 at 6pm. Estate Planning for All.** Presented by Carminucci Wealth Management. Many people mistakenly think that estate planning only involves the writing of a will. Estate planning can also involve financial, tax, medical, and business planning. Learn what other strategies you need to fully address your estate planning needs.
- ▶ **June 29 at 2pm. What You Need to Know About West Nile Virus & Rabies.** Presented by the Westchester County Health Department.
- ▶ **July 13 at 1pm. Raising Financially Responsible Children.** Presented by Jesse Maltzman. Learn how to teach your children the value of money and how to become financially responsible adults.



Sunday Concert Series Sponsored by The Friends of Somers Library



- ▶ **May 10 at 2pm. Louis Landon;** singer, pianist, and composer who performs new age/jazz music.
- ▶ **June 7 at 2pm. Too Human.** These amazing musicians cover jazz standards from the American songbook, but with a fresh interpretation that brings a new life to those classic songs.

Available Free Math Tutor

Experienced math teacher and Somers Resident, **Manjula Khanna**, is offering ongoing free math tutoring for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students on Mondays between 6pm and 8pm or on Thursdays between 5pm and 6pm at the library. The tutoring can cover Regents, SAT/PSAT prep or homework, and will begin the week of March 30th. Interested students may contact Mrs. Khanna at (914)767-0958, or leave a message with a call back number. By appointment only.



Book Donations



The **Friends of the Somers Library's** ongoing book sale is in need of donated items. Acceptable donations include clean and undamaged soft and hard cover fiction and nonfiction books. Non-fiction books should have been published within the last five years. Also accepted are music CDs and DVDs. The Library reserves the right to evaluate, select and dispose of any donation that does not meet the needs and/or policy guidelines of the Library's collections.

Not accepted are textbooks; Reader's Digest Condensed Books; National Geographic Magazines; books with yellowed pages, torn covers, without covers; waterlogged or musty material; and books or magazines that have been highlighted or marked with pen or pencil.

Items may be dropped off at the Reference Desk in the Library seven days a week during our regularly scheduled hours.



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Story Hour for Children

To register, please call 232-5717.
Participants **MUST** reside in Somers.

► **Babytime:** For ages 1 to 2 years. Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:30 am; April 14 - May 26.

Registration not required.

► **Toddler Story Hour & Craft (With Caregiver)**

For ages 2 to 3 years. Thursdays or Fridays @ 10:30 am. Begins April 16th & ends May 29th.

Drop-In. **Registration not required.**

► **Preschool Story Hour & Craft (Without Caregiver)** For ages 4 to 5 years. Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm, Wednesdays @ 10:30 am, or Thursdays at 1pm, begins April 21st and ends May 28th.

Registration is required.

Book Clubs for Children

(Please sign up so we know you are coming)

► **1st grade book club** meets Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm
April 20th - June 1st

► **2nd grade book club** meets Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm
April 21st - May 26th

► **3rd grade book club** meets once a month on
Thursdays 4 - 5pm April 2nd, April 30th, May 28th

► **4th and 5th grade book club** meets once a month on
Thursdays 4 - 5pm April 16th, May 14th, June 11th



*Please remember to renew your \$15 **Annual Membership.** Your generosity to the Friends of the Somers Library makes these programs possible. For more info, call Muriel Lyon at 277-2297.*