

HAMDEN LIBRARY NEWS

Hamden Public Library at 3 locations: Miller Memorial Central Library · 2901 Dixwell Avenue · 287-2680
 Brundage Community Branch · 91 Circular Avenue · 287-2675
 Whitneyville Branch · 125 Carleton Street · 287-2677



Library Gears up For Back to School

Your library has been busy over the summer adding new services and materials that we hope will be useful to learners, readers and researchers of all ages during the coming months. Sure to be of interest to many is the highly respected reference source, *Consumer Reports*. Always well-used as a print source, it is now available to Hamden residents online. Students and history buffs will enjoy *American History in Video*, a compendium of over 5,000 full-length videos including complete episodes and series from The History Channel and PBS as well as other documentaries and newsreels covering all eras of American history. They are searchable by topic and timeframe and can be streamed online from within the library or at home (by logging in with a Hamden Library card barcode). As one appreciative patron has already stated, "If you are a history fan this is a gigantic and (thanks to the library) free playground." Finally, in response to numerous patron requests, we will be greatly expanding our **downloadable audiobook collection** in the coming months. All databases with the exception of Ancestry.com are accessible through any internet connection by using your valid Hamden Public Library card number.

"Victorian Lady", Kandie Carle, to Appear at Miller Library

Veteran performer Kandie Carle of East Haddam, will bring her one-woman show "The Victorian Lady" to Miller Memorial Central Library on Monday, September 27 in conjunction with the library book discussion group's reading of Edith Wharton's *House of Mirth*.

In the program which begins at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Social Hall, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Ms. Carle will take her audience on a journey of discovery of the Victorian Era by using clothing and accessories as a tool. She has assembled a vast collection of authentic Victorian and Edwardian clothing and accessories dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the turn of the twentieth century. Also an accomplished seamstress, Ms. Carle has recreated pieces from actual designs and patterns of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. She dresses in layer upon layer of the clothing of the period and as each piece is added, she explains how it was worn, as well as when and where it was appropriate. Throughout the presentation she shares insights into the clothing, lifestyle, manners, etiquette and customs of men, women and children. Included are interesting anecdotes and 'myth busting'.

This presentation is funded by the Friends of the Hamden Library and is free and open to the public. Although the program will begin with a brief discussion of *The House of Mirth*, those who have not read the book are welcome to attend. Copies of the book are available for circulation at the library throughout the month of September.

Saturday Hours Resume September 11

Hamden Libraries will be closed

Monday, September 6

Monday, October 11

Thursday, November 11

Thursday, November 25

Closed Sundays

Technology Toolbox



The Hamden Public Library provides a variety of online services to its patrons, a majority of which can be accessed from home via the Internet. In each issue the newsletter profiles one of these services. Ask library staff for a demonstration or help with any of our online services or databases.

TITLE: AMERICA'S NEWSPAPERS

SUBJECT: Full text newspapers from across the country

HOW TO FIND: At www.hamdenlibrary.org go to Research Help -> Databases -> scroll to "Newspapers". *America's Newspapers* is the first selection.

HOW TO USE: On the opening screen you will find a list of local newspapers (*The Hamden Journal & The New Haven Register*) plus "Connecticut Newspapers" which will give you access to online versions of more than 30 local papers statewide. "America's News Magazines" links to a list of 10 national magazines, including *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*. To search newspapers for the remainder of the United States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, click on "America's Newspapers" at the top of the page. You will then go to a search screen where you can add single or multiple terms and limiters, choose single or multiple states to search and sort your results. You can also go to separate pages for each state or region and select specific newspapers. Your search results will contain summaries of articles with links to full-text format.

HotFlashes!!!

Forthcoming books by your favorite authors. Reserve a copy today.

September

Sherrilyn Kenyon	No Mercy
Jeanette Walls	Half-Broke Horses
Lisa Birnbach	True Prep
Terry McMillan	Getting to Happy
Beverly Lewis	The Thorn
Nicholas Sparks	Safe Haven
Janet Evanovich	Wicked Appetite
Nicholas Perricone	Forever Young
Bill O'Reilly	Pinheads&Patriots
Sophie Kinsella	Mini Shopaholic
James Patterson	Worst Case
John Sanford	Bad Blood
Stuart Woods	Sante Fe Edge
Rita Mae Brown	A Nose for Justice

October

Ken Follett	Fall of Giants
James Patterson	Don't Blink
John Grisham	The Confession
Vince Flynn	American Assassin
Michael Connelly	The Reversal
Stephen King	Full Dark, No Stars

Keep up with new books and books in the news—click on "[Good Reads](http://www.hamdenlibrary.org)" at www.hamdenlibrary.org

Sign-up for *Library News* in your e-mail. Ask for a form at any public service desk or go to www.hamdenlibrary.org

The Mission of The Hamden Public Library

The Hamden Public Library, the community's information center, provides a variety of library resources, access to innovative technology and a knowledgeable staff to improve the quality of life and meet the informational, educational and cultural interests of the entire Hamden community.

Busy Summer for Kids

Each year the Hamden Public Library offers activities for kids to keep them in contact with books over the summer, an endeavor which numerous studies have proven is significantly helpful in maintaining and improving subsequent reading test scores. In addition, we cooperate with area schools by providing books included on recommended and required reading lists.

Summer 2010 was a busy one for kids at the libraries. **1,398 children** attended a total of **61 programs** at the 3 library locations. In addition, **461 children** signed up to participate in the Summer Reading Game "Make a Splash @ Your Library"



"Playtivity" at Miller Library Summer Reading Finale



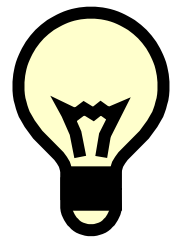
Friends Seek

Bookstore Help

The "Second-Hand Prose" bookstore on the lower level of Miller Library has a large assortment of books including, but not limited to classics, poetry, art, fiction, mystery and children's publications. We have them in paperback, hardcover and trade size.

That said, we are in need of help to cover for our regulars who, for whatever reason, are unavailable on their scheduled day. We also need help in sorting and shelving. This is an ongoing backroom project. All the regulars are willing to show newcomers the store and sorting room procedures and are willing to take constructive suggestions to make the tasks more productive.

Throughout the year we have numerous sales and since the bookstore is the primary fundraiser for the Library, the need for volunteers is critical. We look forward to all interested in becoming volunteers or those who are able to give of their time. Please call Lou Brundage @ 203/288-5055 or Carol Mitchell @ 203/288-0699.



Library Gets Energy Boost

Miller Cultural Complex is one of 10 town and school buildings in Hamden that is receiving energy upgrades this year. Working with Power Point Energy LLC as its consultant, the town is providing climate control and lighting improvements throughout the building (for the Senior Center as well as the Library).

The project is funded by a grant from United Illuminating (thanks to the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund), a capital outlay from the town and a 48-month loan, 0% interest loan from UI. According to Hamden's Chief Administrative Officer, Curt Leng, "The town will see an energy savings as soon as it's done. We will be paid back what we put out in three years."

Summer Reading Raffle Winners:

Nia Gatison
 Zachary Rose
 Dove Oberempt
 Saleha Ahmed
 Imani Gatison
 Mariam Khan
 Maya Morrison
 Kyra Nelson
 Naini Bansal
 Matteo DelMastro
 Uswa Hanif
 Elliott Paintsil
 Gianluca DelMastro

Congratulations to all our summer readers!



Watch for news of upcoming children's programs & events @ www.hamdenlibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

At the Branches...

Brundage Community Branch
 91 Circular Avenue, 287-2675

Drop-in Storytimes: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
 Including special Halloween stories on Oct. 25.
(no registration necessary)

***PACK Back to School Scavenger Hunt** (ages 6-10):
 Thurs, September 23 at 4 p.m.

***PACK Musical Program** (ages 6-10)
 Thurs, October 21 at 6 p.m.

***"Yoga Wees" Movement Program** w/ K. Trusdell (ages 4-6)
 Thurs, November 4 at 4 p.m.

***PACK Thanksgiving Harvest Craft** (ages 6-10)
 Thurs, November 18 at 4 p.m.

Whitneyville Branch
 125 Carleton Street, 287-2677

Drop-in Storytimes: Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.
(no registration necessary)

Music Together (Newborn-5)
 Tuesday, Sept 21 10:15 or 11:15

***Halloween Craft** (ages 3+)
 Thursday, Oct 28 at 10:30 a.m.

***Mad Science Halloween Spooktacular** (all ages)
 Friday, Oct 29 at 4 p.m.

***Registration required.**

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FALL STORYTIMES

Wonderful Ones:
 Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
*(Rhymes, finger games and stories.
 Parents actively participate.)*

Time for Twos:
 Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
*(Age-appropriate stories, songs, and activities.
 Parents actively participate.)*

Thrilling Three's & Fours:
 Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
*(Stories and craft activity. Parents do not partici-
 pate; they may stay in the room or visit another
 part of the library, but may not leave the build-
 ing.)*

Registration is required for all programs.

Call 230-3770

(Registration for 2nd session begins Oct 28)

Noteworthy:

Book Discussions: Edith Wharton's *House of Mirth*, Monday, September 27 with Kandie Carle as "The Victorian Lady" (*Note special times & location*) Book discussion: 7:00 p.m., presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Social Hall; *Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls, Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Friends' Room. The November discussion will be held on Monday, November 29, title to be announced.

Library Accepting DVD/CD Donations: If you have new or 'gently used' DVDs and CDs you no longer wish to keep, please consider dropping them in our "DVD DejaVu" box near the front entrance. Your contribution can help these popular collections grow beyond the number we are now able to purchase.

New Museum Passes Added: Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have added several new passes for free or reduced admissions to museums and other family destinations. These now include American Museum of Natural History, NY City (free), CT Old State House in Hartford (free), Inst. For American Indian Studies in Washington, CT (free) and Naimsmith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA (reduced admission). Museum passes may only be borrowed by Hamden residents with valid Hamden Library cards. Checkout is for one night.

Hamden Food Bank Needs Donations: The Hamden Food Bank is running low on food. They have requested additional donations to this worthy endeavor. Did you know that you can drop off non-perishable food bank donations at the library?