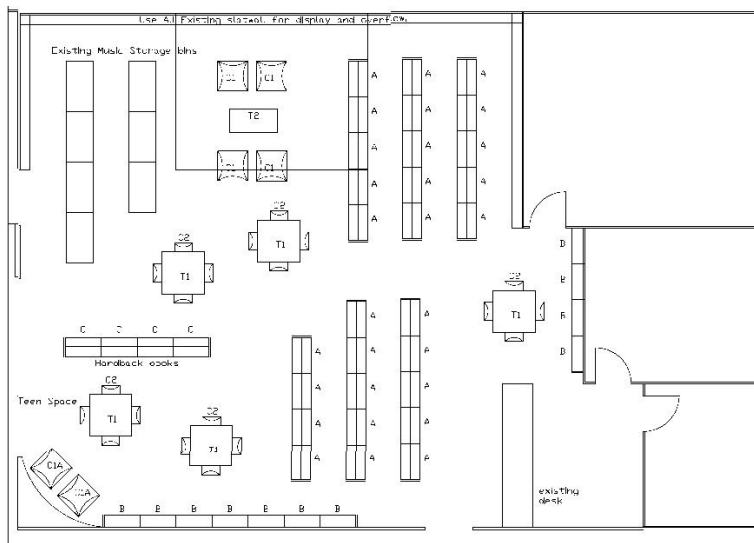


HAMDEN LIBRARY NEWS

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



Plans on Drawing Board for Media Area “Makeover”



Plans are currently in the works for refurbishing, refurnishing and re-arranging the present Media Area with an eye toward accommodating the growth of library's popular collection of audio and video materials as well as providing much-needed additional space for young adults and their materials. Pending approval of a Public Library State Grant application, the \$39,000 project will begin in April 2009. A floor plan of the proposed space is shown at left.

Director Reports Increases and Growth

Library Director, Bob Gualtieri, in the Annual Report recently submitted to the Town of Hamden has noted the following:

“Hamden Public Library continued its ongoing commitment to excellence by providing traditional library services along with services requiring technology. The library provided programs and services through the hard work and dedication of staff, a supportive Library Board and an active Friends of the Library. The library benefited from the generosity of the Friends for equipment, library materials and programs. Miller Memorial Central Library is the main provider of library services to the Town while the two branch libraries, the Whitneyville Branch and the Brundage-Community Branch, are popular with neighborhood residents.

Collection The Hamden Library web site hamdenlibrary.org has access to the card catalog, databases, the Internet, links to other web sites and program information. Our expanding collection

continues to meet the demands of the diverse Hamden community. The library's shelves now hold 200,817 books and magazines and 22,119 DVDs, videos and audio cassettes.

Service to Children: The demand for services to children continues to grow at all locations. Story times, craft programs and special event programs are popular and filled to capacity. The summer reading theme this year is “Catch the Reading Bug” and features insect related programs. The Friends of the Library generously funded almost the entire summer program including the performers and the series of summer science programs. A highlight of the program has been raising live caterpillars and watching them grow into butterflies. A total of 8,322 attended in 414 programs, 427 participated in summer reading while circulation of children's books increased as follows: Beginning Readers +29%; picture books +27%, fiction +12% and non-fiction + 12%.”

Online 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: InfoAnytime

SUBJECT: All

HOW TO FIND: Links on library homepage (www.hamdenlibrary.org) and the "Research" page of the library website.

HOW TO USE: This service provides 24 hour online chat with professional librarians, file sharing and printing. Start a session by entering your name and typing a question, then click on CONNECT. Necessary tools will load automatically. Librarians provide information through websites and online databases as well as the chat function. When the session concludes you can choose to have a transcript of the session sent to your email.

Noteworthy:

BOOK DISCUSSIONS: The monthly Library Book Discussion Group, planned and organized by Reference Librarian Pam Ross, will meet on **Monday, November 24th at 7 p.m.** to discuss **Stewart O'Nan's *The Good Wife***. Copies of the book will be available for circulation during the month of November. The group does not meet in the month of December.

MEDIA: Library Technical Assistant, Tracy Nista has been appointed to oversee the Media Department. Tracy, a familiar face at the Circulation Desk, looks

forward to meeting the challenge of developing and maintaining the library's popular media collection.

CIRCULATION: Library Clerk, Annalynn Russo has been promoted to Library Technical Assistant and Page Bonnie Greco has moved up to Library Clerk. Congratulations!

INFORMATION: The Reference Department oversees the scheduling of exhibits in our 3 display cases. Inquire at the Information Desk if you have a collection you would like to display in the library.

Did You Know?

Total **visits** to Hamden Libraries in 2007-08 = **322,028**
 Total **Items borrowed** from Hamden Libraries in 2007-08 = **425,543**
 Total number of **registered borrowers** at Hamden Libraries in 2007-08 = **39,364**
 Total Reference **questions answered** in 2007-08 = **54,704**
 Total **computer sessions** at Hamden Libraries in 2007-08 = **30,624**
 Total Hamden Library **website visits** in 2007-08 = **145,590**

Sign-up for
Library News in
 your **e-mail**.

Ask for a form at any
 public service desk.

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.

At the Branches...

More than ever this year, our branch libraries have been busy with storytimes for preschoolers, computer users, students working on school assignments and folks of all ages looking for books and videos to entertain and inform.

Brundage Community Branch continues its affiliation with the Greater New Haven Parents and Communities for Kids (P.A.C.K.) initiative which provides interactive programs for neighborhood families. Whitneyville Branch, with the help of the Friends of the Library and the Library Board, has expanded its usable space to include a newly renovated meeting area on the lower level.

Both branches are offering a full line-up of programs for children of all ages in the coming months. Although special programs require registration, weekly storytimes at both locations and Brundage Community's English Conversation Group are presented on a drop-in basis.

Brundage Community Branch
91 Circular Avenue, 287-2675

Drop-in Storytimes: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

English Conversation Group: Mondays 10:15-11:45 a.m.

***Pre-School Movement Program:** Thursday Nov 6, 4-5 p.m.

***P.A.C.K. Welcome Craft:** Thursday Nov 20 4-5 p.m.

Holiday Drumming: Thursday Dec 11 6-8 p.m.

***P.A.C.K. "Big Snow" Craft:** Thursday Dec 18 4-5 p.m.

Whitneyville Branch
125 Carleton Street, 287-2677

Drop-in Storytimes: Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.

***"Creation Station" Art for Preschoolers:** Thursdays
10:15-10:45 2-3 year olds; 11:15-12:15 4-6 year olds.

Special Hanukkah Program: TBA
(Contact Branch for further updated information.)

HotFlashes!!!

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

FICTION

Baldacci, David	<i>Divine Justice</i>	November
Patterson, James	<i>Cross Country</i>	November
King, Stephen	<i>Just After Sunset:</i>	
	<i>Stories</i>	November
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>Scarpetta</i>	December
Brown, Rita Mae	<i>Santa Clawed</i>	December
Krentz, Jayne Ann	<i>Running Hot</i>	December
Deaver, Jeffrey	<i>Bodies Left Behind</i>	November
Griffin, W.E.B.	<i>Black Ops</i>	December
Hoag, Tami	<i>Deeper than the Dead</i>	December
Greeley, Andrew	<i>The Archbishop of Adalusia</i>	November
Miller, Linda Lael	<i>A McKettrick Christmas</i>	November
Koontz, Dean	<i>Your Heart Belongs to Me</i>	November
Cussler, Clive	<i>Arctic Drift</i>	November
Morrison, Toni	<i>A Mercy</i>	November

NON-FICTION

Meacham, Jon	<i>American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House</i>	Nov
Brands, H.W.	<i>Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of F.D.R.</i>	Nov
D'este, Carlo	<i>Warlord: A Life of Winston Churchill at War, 1874-1945</i>	Nov
Waldron, Lamar	<i>Legacy of Secrecy: The Long Shadow of the JFK Assassination</i>	Nov
Beale, Eva M.	<i>Edith Bouvier Beale of Grey Gardens: A Life in Pictures</i>	Nov
Kunhardt, Philip	<i>Looking for Lincoln: The Making of an American Icon</i>	Nov
French, Patrick	<i>The World is What it Is:</i>	Nov

November is Career Development Month
Check for special links @ www.hamdenlibrary.org

Miller Library Weekly Storytimes

Mondays: **Time for Twos:** 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesdays: **Wonderful Ones:** 10:15 a.m.
 Thursdays **Three's & Fours:** 11:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Call 230-3770

The shelves in the Children's Room will be loaded for bear

In hopes that good children soon will be there

To borrow our movies, our tapes and our books

And see how fancy and festive the whole Library looks!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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Special Children's Programs

(November-December 2008)

Wednesday Nov 5 **Thanksgiving Craft** 4:15-5 p.m.

Thursdays Nov 13, Dec 4 & 18 **Tiny Tots** 10:15-11:15

Wed Nov 19 **Science Snoopers: Turkey Time** 4:15-5

Thursday Nov 20 **KinderPrep** 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Wed Dec 10 **Holiday Sing-along** 7-8 p.m.

Tuesday Dec 16 **Winter Craft** 4:15-5 p.m.

Wed Dec 17 **Make an Ornament** 4:15-5

Tuesday Dec 23 **Hanukkah Stories** 10:15-11

*Registration is required, Some age restrictions apply.
 Call 230-3770 for more information.*

Friends' Program Highlights Festive Chocolate

Maria Poirier Brandriff, long time chef, chocolatier and assistant director of the Cheshire Public Library, will demonstrate making "Festive Chocolates for the Holidays" on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Social Room at the Miller Memorial Senior Center. Attendees will learn about chocolate with samples included and tips will be provided on making desserts and chocolates.

Mrs. Brandriff started out as a self-taught chef or as she puts it "Julia Childs taught me to cook". She has always had a strong interest in dessert and pastry making, which eventually evolved into

a passion for chocolate making. In 2001, she completed a certificate of Gastronomy from the University of New Haven and in the winter of 2004, she took a private course in chocolate making with a professional chocolatier in the city of Arles in Provence, France. Her presentations include a discussion of the varieties of chocolate available, how to work with chocolate.

Tickets for the program are \$5 which includes take-home samples. Seating is limited to 50 participants. For more information contact Friends' members Betsy Whiting at 288-0192 or Doris Zudekoff at 287-7516.

Visit the Library on the Web at www.hamdenlibrary.org