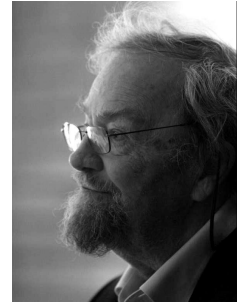
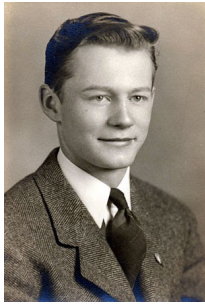


Hamden Public Library at 3 locations:

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 Plans Celebration for Hamden Native, Donald Hall

Former U.S. Poet Laureate and 2011 recipient of the National Medal of Arts, Donald Hall, born September 20, 1928, grew up in Hamden where his family owned and operated the Brock-Hall Dairy on Whitney Avenue. He attended Spring Glen Grammar School and Hamden High School before going on to Phillips Exeter Academy then Harvard and Oxford Universities where he devoted much of his time and sensibilities to poetry. Since his years in Hamden, his publications have been many. *The Back Chamber*, due out September 14th will be his 15th book of poetry and he is the author of numerous books of essays, texts on literature and writing, biographies and children's books. Accolades for his decades of work continue into his eighth decade of writing.

Hamden Public Library is proud to announce that it will host an evening honoring Mr. Hall on **Friday, September 16 in Thornton Wilder Hall** in the Miller Memorial Library complex. Mr. Hall plans to travel from his New Hampshire home to attend the event. The program, which begins at 7 p.m., has been developed in collaboration with the Hamden Historical Society, the Connecticut Poetry Society, The Hamden Arts Commission, the Town of Hamden, Hamden High School and The Friends of the Library. Introduced by **Connecticut Poet Laureate, Dick Allen**, the program will include a presentation by **historian Eric Lehman**, author of *Hamden: Tales from the Sleeping Giant*, readings by members of the Connecticut Poetry Society and a special presentation by **Mayor Scott Jackson**. It is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

In addition, in preparation for the celebration, the library will offer a program on **Wednesday, September 14** led by **Yale Assistant Dean Mark Schenker**, who will present an **overview of Mr. Hall's poetry** and his place in American Letters. The program will begin at 7 pm. in the Friends Room on the 2nd level. *Pre-registration is required*. Poems to be discussed will be made available at registration at the Information Desk. Phone registrations will also be accepted at 203 287-2680.

Whitneyville Branch Tests the Waters for Saturday Hours

A pilot study of Saturday hours at the Hamden branch libraries will begin Saturday, September 10th. Whitneyville Branch, 125 Carleton Street, will be open Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for up to twelve Saturdays to enable library administration and Town officials to determine whether or not there is sufficient demand for the service to warrant further consideration. A similar study is scheduled for Brundage Community Branch in Spring, 2012.

Saturday Hours Resume:
September 10

Hamden Libraries will be closed:
Monday, September 5
Monday, October 10
Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 24

Noteworthy:



Friends Host Radio Veteran Bud Finch

WQUN personality and long-time WELI mainstay, Bud Finch, will be on hand at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, in Thornton Wilder Hall to reminisce about his experiences in a radio career that spans more than seventy years. Finch, who started at WELI in 1939 while he was a student at Yale, is now the host of the popular "Once Upon a Bandstand" heard weekends on WQUN highlighting the heyday of big band music. Mr. Finch's appearance, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Hamden Library, is free and open to the public.

Carpet Installation, Reference Changes and Branch Improvement Plans Announced

Miller Memorial Library is preparing for the installation of new carpeting building-wide beginning September 15. Hamden's Sullivan & Sons Carpet, Inc. will replace the existing carpet which is now more than 30 years old with new broadloom and carpet tiles throughout the public portions of the building. A large part of the installation process is scheduled after hours to avoid disrupting library service during the day.

The Reference Department has undertaken a project to downsize its print collection which, with the advent of online databases, has seen less use. Items remaining in the collection after the 'weeding' project will be exchanged with the magazine section to give patrons a more spacious area in which to read and browse. As with our Media/Teen renovation, library users will find these collections gradually migrating to their new locations in the coming weeks.

Also scheduled for September are ADA modifications and other improvements at both Whitneyville and Brundage Community Branch libraries. These include an

Pulitzer Prize Winner to Lead September Book Discussion

Joan Hedrick, Charles A. Dana Professor of History at Trinity College, Hartford and 1995 Pulitzer Prize winner for her biography of Harriet Beecher Stowe will be the featured guest speaker at the library's monthly book discussion meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. Professor Hedrick will lead the group in a discussion of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, chosen by the group to honor the bicentennial of Stowe's birth and National Banned Books Week (Sept. 24- Oct 1) New readers are always welcome to the discussion group which meets at 7 p.m. in the Friends Room on the library's second level. Copies of the book will be available to borrow after September 1st.

Additional book discussions scheduled this Fall include a special Halloween treat: *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire on October 31st (costumes encouraged!) and Wally Lamb's *Wishin' and Hopin' : A Christmas Story* on November 28th. For further information, call 203-287-2680 or e-mail info@hamdenlibrary.org.

ADA accessible and remodeled restroom on the main level at each building; new, easier to open exterior doors and push-button automatic doors at the ramp entrances; a new, built-in bookdrop at Brundage Community Branch; painting of the restrooms and the addition of a baby changing table on the lower level at each location.

Improvements at Brundage Community Branch are funded by a Community Development Block Grant, while Whitneyville's renovation is part of the Town's Capital Projects Budget for 2010-2011, requested by Mayor Scott Jackson and approved by the Hamden Legislative Council.

Expanded Downloadable Audiobook Selection

By mid-September the library expects to offer patrons a much wider selection of audiobook titles for download. Check www.hamdenlibrary.org in the coming weeks for more details about the One-Click service that will augment our current collection with over 6,000 titles for adults, children and teens.

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 October 31st
(No storytime Sep 5, Oct 10, Nov 28)
(No registration necessary)

***PACK Back to School Scavenger Hunt** (ages 6-10):
Thurs, September 22 at 4 p.m.

***PACK Drumming About You with Bob Bloom** (ages 6-10)
Thurs, October 20 at 6 p.m.

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

***Registration required.**

Whitneyville Branch

125 Carleton Street, 287-2677

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

Music Together: Sep 8 at 10:15 (newborn-5 yrs)

Watch for announcements of additional fall programs at Whitneyville Branch in the coming weeks.



2011 Summer Reading Finale



**Congratulations to our
Summer Reading Raffle Winners:**

Hannah Reifler, Nandini Erodula,
Miriam Kahn, Gurleen Kaur, Roytaro Nakatsu,
Gabriel Ciarleglio, Harshil Shah,
Ahmed Kahn, Angelina Song, Faiz Ahmed,
Christopher Li and Sophia Pandya.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Fall Children's Programs at Miller

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 participate;
they may stay in the room or visit another part of the
library, but may not leave the building.)

Craft Programs for ages 4-10:

- 4:15 p.m. September 22 Fall Craft
- 4:15 p.m. October 20 Leaf Craft
- 4:15 p.m. November 17 Thanksgiving Craft
- 4:15 p.m. December 15 Holiday Craft

Registration is required for all programs.

Call 230-3770

Storytime Registration begins Sep. 15 at 10 a.m. for Hamden residents only. Others may register Sep 16.)