

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



Volunteers Feted at Library Reception



Library Director, Bob Gualtieri displays a plaque honoring Carol & Marshall Mitchell as Volunteers of the Year

More than 60 men and women generously gave of their time to Hamden Libraries during 2009. At a recent reception in the Miller Library rotunda these volunteers were honored by staff and patrons for their service. Mayor Scott D. Jackson was on hand to award certificates to volunteers and declare April 15 as Hamden Public Library Volunteer Recognition Day. Carol and Marshall Mitchell were chosen as Volunteers of the Year. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell are familiar faces in the Friends of the Library Second Hand Prose Shop. Along with a plaque and a proclamation, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell's service has been recognized by the addition of a new mystery book to the library's collection.

New Teen Area & Media Center Unveiled

Beginning in October, 2009 patrons of the Miller Memorial Central library patiently and graciously accommodated hanging sheets of plastic that prevented them from browsing, talking books in temporary storage, relocated DVDs and CDs, paint odors and the unlibrary-like sounds of hammers and drills. Finally, their forbearance has paid off. Hamden Library's new Teen and Media Center was formally dedicated on Thursday, April 15, with Mayor Scott Jackson looking on as Library Director, Bob Gualtieri did the honors. Planning for the \$40K+ project was begun in 2008 in order to secure funding of a Connecticut State Library Building Grant along with additional funds from the Hamden Library Board, the Friends of the Hamden Public Library and the



Expanded teen area has a bright, new look.

Town of Hamden. The renovated space provides easier browsing and more efficient shelving of media materials as well as giving teens a bright and convenient location to study, browse for leisure reading materials including popular graphic novels and paperbacks, and easy access to the library's media collection.

*Hamden Libraries will be closed on
Monday, May 31st &
Wednesday, June 16th
Saturday closings for summer begin June 26th*

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: Reference USA

SUBJECT: Business & Residential Directory

HOW TO FIND: Link on library homepage (www.hamdenlibrary.org) choose "Research" from the menu bar at the top of the page, then click on "Databases" and scroll to "Reference USA" in the Business section.

WHAT IT IS: Originally an online phonebook, this database offers much more. Its Business Database includes business name, phone number, complete address, key executive name, SIC codes, employee size, sales, volume, business expenditures etc. The residential database is compiled from 5,200 white page phone directories for the US and Canada. A link to mapping is included. You can list neighboring businesses or residencies. Census information is also included

HOW TO USE: Select one of the databases. **Quick search:** enter the person's name and town, state, to find: Street address, Zip code and phone number, if listed. Details also offer latitude & longitude. **Custom search:** locate a person using only the phone number, or address. Or, select Median Home Value as a query, to list of all persons in a particular home value bracket. You can also limit by State or smaller geographic designation.

Noteworthy:

Bookstore Announces Summer Hours:

The Friends Of the Hamden Library's Second Hand Prose Bookstore, located on the lower level of the Miller Library announce their that beginning the week of June 21 through Labor Day summer hours be Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. & 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The store is well stocked with great summer and vacation reading and the staff will be happy to help you make a selection.

The bookstore is the primary fund raiser for the library and is in need of your help. Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer for the Friends of the Library is encouraged to contact Lou Brundage at 203-288-5055 or Carol Mitchell at 203-288-0699

BookPage is Back!!!

Thanks to the Friends of the Hamden Library, **BookPage**, a popular monthly publication reviewing recent and future bestselling titles is again available to library patrons free of charge. Be sure to come in early in the month to get your copy!

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Keep up with Hamden Library happenings:

Follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/TotemTom) and become our friend on Facebook where you can see upcoming events and photos from recent programs and activities.

Book Discussions Scheduled

The library's adult book discussion group will meet at 7 p.m. on May 24th to discuss *The Boys of Summer* by Roger Kahn and on June 28th when their topic will be *In The Woods* by Tana French.

Book Voyagers will continue their explorations of Stephanie Myers' Twilight series with *New Moon* on May 19th and *Eclipse* on June 16th at 7 p.m. The May discussion is held in the Friends' Room on the second level while the final discussion in June is scheduled for the Social Hall.

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.

2010/11 Library Budget Shake-out

After several well-publicized meetings and hearings, Hamden's Legislative Council has adopted a budget for the FY 2010/11. The Hamden Public Library is grateful for the support it has received from town residents, council members, the mayor and the library board. For the coming year we are happy to report that our materials budget has been increased so that we may restore subscriptions and return to buying larger quantities of books and AV materials. Funding is also approved that will enable us to improve our Internet access.

However, sacrifices and cuts have been made. The library's Union local reached an agreement with the town that avoids lay-offs but still leaves two page positions unfilled. In order to achieve this, library employees have agreed to additional unpaid furlough days and hours in FY 2010/11 that will result in 4 p.m. closings on Fridays during the summer.

Additionally, the Library Board voted to suspend Sunday hours next year to reduce costs.

HotFlashes!!!

Forthcoming books by your favorite authors.

Reserve a copy today.

MAY:

Robert B. Parker	Blue-eyed Devil
Dave Barry	I'll Mature When I'm Dead
Scott Turow	Innocent
Nathaniel Philbrick	The Last Stand
Jane Smiley	Private Life
Rick Riordan	The Red Pyramid
Deepak Chopra	The Shadow Effect
Laura Bush	Spoken From the Heart
Charlaine Harris	Dead in the Family
Dale Brown	Executive Intent
Douglas Preson	Fever Dream
Emily Griffin	Heart of the Matter
Jay Mohr	No Wonder My Parents Drank
Bill Madden	Steinbrenner
Mary Balogh	A Secret Affair
John Sandford	Storm Prey
Philip Margolin	Supreme Justice
Stephen King	Blockade Billy
Sylvia Browne	Psychic

JUNE:

Jeffrey Deaver	The Burning Wire
Eric VanLustbader	The Bourne Objective
Clive Cussler	The Spy
Nelson DeMille	The Lion
Diana Gabaldon	An Echo in the Bone
Danielle Steel	Family Ties
Janet Evanovich	Sizzling Sixteen

Weekly @ the Branches...

Brundage Community Branch

91 Circular Avenue, 287-2675

Drop-in Storytimes: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
English Conversation Group: Mondays 10:15-noon

Library Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10-12; 1-5:30

Whitneyville Branch

125 Carleton Street, 287-2677

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

Library Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10-12:30-1-5:30

Did You Know... (these U.S. library facts)?

- Every day **300,000** people get **job seeking** help at their public library.
- **12,000** libraries provide **free Wi-Fi**.
- 2.8 million times per month business owners and employees use public library resources to support their small businesses.
- 2/3 of all Americans have library cards.
- **U.S. DVD Rentals per day:**
 - 1.1 million Red Box vending
 - 2.1 million U.S. Public Libraries
 - 2.2 million Netflix.

(Guess which one's free?)
- **Meeting space:**
 - 6,600 commercial conference, convention facilities, auditoriums, etc. & meeting centers
 - 10,800 free meeting rooms in U.S. public libraries
 - 25,000 people use library meeting rooms each business day (a retail value of \$3.2 billion annually.)

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Make a Splash @ Your Library

Summer Reading Program

registration begins
June 23rd



Miller Memorial Central Library

2901 Dixwell Ave

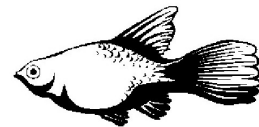
Whitneyville Branch Library

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The more you read, the more you win!

