

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



Make a Splash @ Your Library this Summer!

Hamden Public Libraries will kickoff their annual Summer Reading Program in June with special programs at all locations. Library Summer Reading programs are designed to keep school children reading during the summer and several national studies have proven that those children who participate maintain or improve their reading skills during that time. This year's theme, "Make a Splash @ Your Library" serves as a springboard for the programs and activities that will be offered for children of all ages during June, July and early August.



These activities are intended to spark children's interest in both the theme and in reading during the summer. Designed to appeal to all ages and interests they include musical and magical performances, science activities and demonstrations as well as drama and arts and crafts. In addition, prizes, many generously donated by local businesses, and other incentives are offered by the library to motivate participants to continue reading on a regular basis. (Provisions are also made for not-yet-readers who can participate by being read to.)

To participate in the summer reading game, children need only to sign up at a Hamden Library and then keep track of time spent reading on a special reading log they will receive. Time spent reading books included on school reading lists may be counted toward completion of the reading log. After each 4 hours of reading, children can choose a prize to take home and when the log is filled (equaling 16 hours of reading) the child's name will be entered in a reading raffle to win a larger prize.

Brochures detailing programs and activities scheduled this summer have been distributed to students through the Hamden Public Schools and newsletter outlets and are described on the pages that follow. All children's programs are free, thanks to funding provided by the Friends of the Hamden Library and the Hamden Library Board. Most programs require pre-registration and tend to fill up quickly, so please call or stop in the library to sign up as soon as possible.



Summer Library Closings:

Wednesday, June 16th (Staff Development)

Saturdays beginning June 26th

Monday July 5th (for July 4th)

Monday, September 6 (for Labor Day)



Jay Mankita

Miller Library Kick-off : “Splash-Along Songs” (with entertainer Jay Mankita)

Wed. June 23rd at 4:30 p.m.– Thornton Wilder Hall

Summer reading kicks off with an interactive musical concert for kids and their families. Jay will feature songs about oceans, rivers, whales, jellyfish and all things wet and splashy! Following the concert Jay will show and share his veggie powered van (!) for those interested. Don't miss this fun family show.

**Come between 3:30 & 4:20 p.m. to sign up for our
Summer Reading Game
and get a free bookmark & pencil!**

Splashy Summer Programs at Miller Library

Multicultural Music

12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8 (ages 3 & up)

Crafty Creations: (ages 4 and up)

Faux Fish Bowl 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 15

Rainbow Fish Craft 3 p.m. Wednesday, August 4

Whitney Water Center Activities (ages 6 & up):

Water Art 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8

Bubbleology 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14

Community Connections 10:30 a.m. Wed, July 21

Chromotography Garden 10:30 a.m. Thurs July 29

Nutmeg Book Discussions (Grades 4–6)

3 p.m. Thursdays July 8 – August 12

Registration is required for all programs listed above.

Call 230-3770

*Summer Reading Finale

“The Hidden Trasure”

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 11

***No registration required for finale only.**

Fun Activities for Preschoolers

- **Storytimes for ages 3–5**
Drop in Fridays at 10:30 June 25– August 6
Presented by the Experience Corps.
- **Science Snoopers with Jean Mae for ages 3–5:**
“Creature Feature” (with a real octopus!)
3 p.m. Wednesday, July 7
“Sea Mammals” (manatees, whales, dolphins, more)
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 27
“Phew!” (Skunks! Why do they smell like that?)
10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 5
Registration required. Call 230-3770.
- **Tiny Tadpoles for ages 1 & 2**
Songs, musical activities and creative movement
with Sheila Casey. 2 sessions of 2 programs each.

**Wednesdays: July 21 & 28 or
Tuesdays: August 3 & 10**

Register for 1 two-week session. Call 230-3770.

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.

Summer at the Branches...

Make a Splash @ Whitneyville Branch

Thursday, July 8th @ 2 p.m.: **Children's Museum** presents 'RAYS Bridges' Grades 1–5. Getting by a pesky troll who lives under a bridge is only the start. After that, students find out about different kinds of bridges and build one of their own! • Monday, July 12th @ 2 p.m., **Bubbleology** with the **CT Science Center**: Grades K and up. • Thursday, July 15th @ 2 p.m.: **Two-Cat Band** performs for all ages.

Monday, July 19th @ 11 a.m. **Estimation and Experimentation** w/the **Whitney Water Center**. Grades 1 & up. (How many marbles will make a cup of water overflow? How many drops of water can fit on a penny? How many paper clips can you put in a boat before it sinks? Explore making estimates and then experimenting to see if you're accurate!)

Thursday, August 5th at 2 p.m.: **Cedar Island Marina Touch Tank** (variety of sea critters) ages 4 and up.

Registration is required for all programs.

Call 287-2677

Branches offer weekly Drop-in Storytimes for Preschoolers and up

Brundage Community Branch: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Branch: Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.

Make a Splash

@Brundage Community Branch

Thursday, July 1st @ 3pm, "Read and Roll" with **Peter Menta**. For ages 5–10. Kick off Summer Reading in this interactive music program. • Thursday, July 8th @ 3pm. "Make a Splash" **Art & Music Activity with Jan Hebel**. For ages 6–10. Take a journey in a yellow submarine and explore an octopuses garden in a Beatles sing-along with craft activity. • Thursday, July 15th @ 4pm "Where in the World?" (**Highwood Pack Program**). For ages 6–10. Where did your ancestors come from? Celebrate your heritage and culture in this multi-cultural craft activity. • Thursday, July 22 @ 3pm. "Creatures of the Sea"–**Music and Movement with Kathy Trusdell**. For ages 3–5. Go "fishing" for sharks, whales, jellyfish and other creatures that live in the ocean! • Thursday, July 29th @3pm. **Mad Science of Fairfield County** presents "Dry Ice" For ages 5–12. Learn how dry ice is formed and make your own "smoking ice" just like in the movies!.

Thursday, August 5th @ 10:30am. "Sea Sponges" **Art & Music Activity with Jan Hebel**. Sing along to Raffi and do a sponge painting craft! For ages 3–5. • **Thursday, August 12th @ 3pm, Magic program with Danny Magic**. For ages 5–12. A comedy magic show with mind-boggling tricks! Summer reading prize raffle to follow. • Thursday, August 19th @ 4pm. **Fun with Pasta! (Highwood Pack Program)**. For ages 6–10. Make your own jewelry using dried pasta.

Registration is required for all programs.

Call 287-2675

Summer HotFlashes!!!

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

JULY

Nora Roberts	The Search
Robert K. Tanenbaum	Betrayed
Jennifer Weiner	Fly Away Home
Lisa Gardner	Live to Tell
James Lee Burke	The Glass Rainbow
Tana French	Faithful Place
Michael Connelly	Nine Dragons
Daniel Silva	The Rembrandt Affair
Sarah Palin	America By Heart
Janet & Alex Evanovich	Trouble Maker
Carl Hiaasen	Star Island
James Patterson	Private
Tess Gerritsen	Ice Cold

AUGUST

Sherrilyn Kenyon	No Mercy
James Patterson	Postcard Killers
Kathy Reichs	Spider Bones
Charlaine Harris (ed.)	Death's Excellent Vacation
Linda Howard	Veil of Night
Suzanne Collins	Mockingjay
Lauren Weisberger	Last Night at Chateau Marmont
Clive Cussler	Lost Empire
W.E.B. Griffin	The Vigilantes
Terry Brooks	Bearers of the Black Staff
Philippa Gregory	The Red Queen
Dick Francis	Crossfire
Robin Cook	Cure

Noteworthy:

Summer Loan Periods : As we have done in past summers, the loan period for all print and audiobooks classified in our computer system as 'juvenile' will be changed from 28 days (4 weeks) to 14 days (2 weeks) beginning June 21 and running until after Labor Day. In addition, these materials may neither be reserved nor renewed. There are no changes made to loan periods for magazines, DVDs, VHS tapes, Young Adult or adult materials.

Children's Librarian Retires: Long-time Children's Librarian, Delice Feinn retires in June. Delice joined the Hamden Library staff in 1988 and brought with her a love of children's literature and an artistic flair that found its way to bulletin boards, displays and craft projects. An enthusiastic gourmand, she was also in charge of the cookbook section in the adult department and library users have her to thank for the wide range of cookbooks in the library's collection. Delice plans to travel, spend time with her children, grandchildren and beloved cocker spaniel as well as continue her lifelong pursuit of learning. We wish her well in all these endeavors. She will be missed by patrons and staff alike.

Summer Book Discussions: The library's monthly book discussion group will continue to meet during the summer months. Titles scheduled for July and August are *People of the Book* by Gwendolyn Brooks and the popular *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by the late Steig Larsson, respectively. Summer meetings will be held in the Friends Room on the library's second level at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 26 and Monday, August 30. No pre-registration is necessary. New members are always welcome. Copies of the books to be discussed, which are purchased with funds donated by the Friends of the Hamden Library, are available for borrowing during the month preceding each meeting. Be sure to watch for further updates on our website at www.hamdenlibrary.org.

New Color Printer On Its Way!: Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Hamden Library, a new color printer will soon be installed for use by the Media Department in producing library fliers, calendars and other promotional materials. It's great to have Friends!

Museum Passes Make a Splash @ Your Library

As the summer stretches out ahead, many Hamden families search for activities in which the entire family can participate. If you are among them, be sure to consider borrowing one of our museum passes which will enable you to receive free or discounted admission to area museums and other attractions.

New this summer is a pass for reduced admission to the **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame** in Springfield, MA. Also among our passes: **Beardsley Zoo, Discovery Museum, Eli Whitney Museum, Shoreline Trolley Museum, Earth Place, Mystic Aquarium, The Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe Houses, and the Maritime Aquarium** in Norwalk as well as **The New Britain Museum of American Art, New England Air Museum, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Wadsworth Atheneum, Imagine Nation, Connecticut's Old State House, and Connecticut State Parks and Forests Day Pass.**

The library's Museum Pass Program is funded by the Friends of the Hamden Library. Passes may be borrowed only by Hamden residents. They are loaned for one day with no renewals and no reserves. Fines are \$10 per day

For further information about Museum Passes, call or inquire at the Information Desk (203/287-2680).

The Library Needs Friends!

(Did you the Friends sponsor our summer reading activities so that they are free of charge?)

Join Friends of the Hamden Library

Membership materials are available
at all library locations.

Summer Library Hours 2010

Beginning Week of June 21st through Labor Day

Community Branch

M, T, Th: 10-12, 1-5:30
Fridays: 10-12, 1-4
CLOSED: Wednesdays,
Saturdays & Sundays

Miller

M, T, W : 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursdays: 10 - 5:30
Fridays: 10 - 4
CLOSED: Saturday & Sundays

Whitneyville Branch

M, T, Th: 10-12:30, 1-5:30
Fridays: 10-12:30, 1-4
CLOSED: Wednesdays,
Saturdays & Sundays