

At 3 Hamden locations & on the web:

Miller Memorial Central Library · 2901 Dixwell Avenue · 287-2680
Brundage Community Branch · 91 Circular Avenue · 287-2675
Whitneyville Branch · 125 Carleton Street · 287-2677
www.hamdenlibrary.org

Hamden Library Joins LION Consortium

In the 1970s Hamden Public Library was a founding member of Connecticut's first library consortium. LEAP (Library Exchange Aides Patrons) was a group of 6 area libraries that pooled their resources using a shared computer database. Hamden Library played an integral part in that consortium until the early 1990's when the decision was made to return to 'standalone' status. During the intervening years several library consortia have arisen in various parts of the state and, and thanks to improvements in communication technology and library database systems, they have evolved into smoothly functioning organizations that provide materials and services to library users statewide.

Library Director, Marian Amodeo along with the Hamden Library Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in the best interest of Hamden library patrons for this library to once again avail itself of the benefits of consortium membership and has consulted with various consortia to determine which one is most suited to our needs. LION, Inc. was chosen for the wide range of services it provides both to patrons and member libraries, the close proximity of several of its members—Wallingford, North Haven, Meriden—to Hamden and the outstanding collections which are included in the shared LION database.

Hamden was recently approved for membership by the LION Board of Directors. In the months ahead we will be converting our current Horizon catalog to LION's Sierra system after which our databases can be merged and Hamden borrowers will have full access to LION's shared collections including an expanded selection of e-books through Overdrive and the addition of Zinio electronic magazine holdings. We look forward to the improved services we will be able to provide to the residents of Hamden through membership in the LION consortium.



"Dog Listener" Headlines National Library Week Events

As part of National Library Week (April 13-19) Pat Wright, known to New England dog owners as "The Dog Listener of the East", will make a special appearance in Thornton Wilder Hall, Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.. Come and spend the evening to learn how to bring your dog to peace and solve the problem of unwanted behaviors. Some of the topics discussed are pulling on the lead, jumping up, aggression, separation anxiety, and excessive barking. Pat mixes in some very entertaining experiences from her many years of Dog Listening. Questions are welcome but no dogs please.

On Wednesday, April 16 the Friends of the Library and the Hamden Historical Society will host local author Eric Lehman in the Senior Center Social Hall at 7 p.m. and the library also will be represented at Hamden's Business Expo on that date. Other NLW programs include special activities for children at all 3 libraries (see listings on page 4's Children's Corner). April will also kick off our spring Staycation Program series which includes Connecticut *Off The Beaten Path* author Cindy Pietrzyk on April 29, an evening with Eric Lehman who will talk about Connecticut's food and wines on May 13 and *Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket's* Jan Mann on June 10.

Hamden Libraries will be closed

Friday, April 18 for Good Friday
Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

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ALALA American Library Association Library Champions

celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19, 2014

JUDY BLUME HONORARY CHAIR



Spring Book Discussions

Mar 31: *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Apr 28: *Visiting Tom* by Michael Perry

Jun 2: *Wait 'Til Next Year* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Hamden Library Book Discussions are held at 7 p.m. in the Friends' Room on the middle level of Miller Memorial Central Library. Books for each discussion are available for borrowing. All are welcome.

Hot Flashes!!!

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

March

Chelsea Handler	Uganda Be Kidding Me
C.J. Box	Stone Cold
Jeffrey Archer	Be Careful What You Wish For
James Patterson	NYPD Red 2
Debbie Macomber	Blossom Street Brides
Harlan Coben	Missing You
Terry Pratchett	Raising Steam
David Baldacci	The Finisher
Danielle Steel	Power Play
Clive Cussler	The Bootlegger
Randy Wayne White	Bone Deep
Sharon Kay Penman	A King's Ransom
Laura Childs	Steeped in Evil
Jean Hanff Korelitz	You Should Have Known
Anne Perry	Death on Blackheath
Kathy Reichs	Exposure
Jeffrey Deaver	Trouble in Mind
Rhys Brown	City of Darkness and Light
Michael Lewis	Flash Boys
James Grippando	Black Horizon

April-May

Nora Roberts	The Collector
David Baldacci	The Target
Donna Leon	By Its Cover
Mary Higgins Clark	I've Got You Under My Skin
Greg Iles	Natchez Burning
Maeve Binchy	Chestnut Street
Stuart Woods	Carnal Curiosity
Francine Rivers	Bridge to Heaven
Nevada Barr	Destroyer Angel
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Illusion
Ann B. Ross	Miss Julia's Marvelous Makeover
Elizabeth Lowell	Night Diver
Amanda Quick	Otherwise Engaged
Iris Johansen	Live to See Tomorrow
Lisa Scottoline	Keep Quiet
Andrew Gross	Everything to Lose
Nancy Atherton	Aunt Dimity and the Wishing Well
John Sanford	Field of Prey
Richard Paul Evans	Walking on Water
James Patterson	Unlucky 13
Jo Nesbo	The Son
Stephen Hunter	Sniper's Honor
John Lescroart	The Keeper

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Ask for a **form** at any public service desk or go to
www.hamdenlibrary.org



Film Screening: Gasland 2

Hamden Library, in conjunction with the national organization, Citizen's Campaign for the Environment, will show Josh Fox's 2013 documentary, Gasland 2 which explores the unseen impacts of fracking on our resources, communities and the changing climate. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 in Thornton Wilder Hall at the Miller Cultural Complex. The event is free and open to the public; registration is not necessary.

Cabin Fever Readers Carry On!



Photos courtesy of Cabin Fever Reader, Michelle Gall



Since January 6 a growing number of Hamden library users have been participating in the newly formed Cabin Fever Readers Adult Winter Reading Program. More than 100 patrons are using some of the time they're stuck indoors thanks to the winter weather reading—not just to pass the time, but to win prizes for their efforts. In addition, some of the members get together once or twice a week for movies, book discussions, crafts and more. In addition, all participants are eligible to attend the grand finale program on at 2 p.m. on Wednesday March 19 – the final day of winter—in Thornton Wilder Hall featuring UConn Master Gardener, Judith Hsiang, who will give us tips and ideas for embarking on our spring and summer gardens. The program continues through March 18, so there's still time to sign up—online or in person—and start reading!

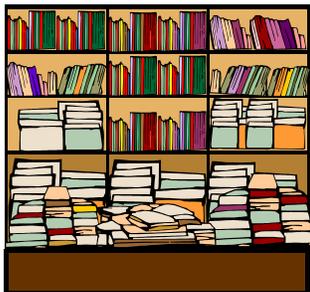
Jean Akin's

Secondhand Prose Bookstore

Operated by the Friends of the Hamden Library

Located on the Lower Level at Miller Library

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 11-5, Sat 11-3



- Large selection of recent fiction-- all at regular, low prices
- Children's books & cookbooks always on sale.

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...

Brundage Community Branch

91 Circular Avenue, 287-2675

Drop-in Storytimes: Mondays Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Apr 7, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19 at 10:30 a.m.
(no registration necessary)

*Thurs, Mar 13@ 4:00 pm: **St. Patrick's Craft "Make a Potato Head"** Ages 4-10.

*Thurs, Mar 27th @ 6:00pm: **PACK- "Read and Roll!"**
with Peter Menta Ages 6-10. (Pizza served after the show.)

*Thurs, Apr 10th @ 4:00 pm: **"Create your own pinwheel"**.
Ages 4-10.

*Mon, Apr 14th @ 10:30 am: **Preschool music and movement**
activity with Kathy Trusdell. Ages 2-4.

Tues, April 15th @ 2:00 pm: **Family-Friendly Film Series:**
Duma (rated PG) No registration necessary. Bring your own
snack.

*May- **PACK: "Build a Birdhouse"** Ages 6-10 Date: TBD

Whitneyville Branch

125 Carleton Street, 287-2677

Drop-in Storytimes: Tuesdays at 10:45 am
(no registration necessary)

Fridays Mar 7, 14, 21, 28: **Fun & Film for Preschoolers,**
10:30-12. Use the playroom and enjoy a preschool-friendly
film on the 'big screen'. No registration required.

*Mon, Mar 24: **Spring Craft for Preschoolers,** 10:30 am

Mon, Apr 7: **Musical Folk,** 10:30 am, for ages 0-5.

April 14, 15, 17, 18: **School Vacation Week Activities:** Board
games, puzzles, movies, and craft activities all week.

*Fri May 9: **Mother's Day Craft for Preschoolers,** 10:30 am
(paint a vase!)

PLUS: May will feature **"Who Are the People in Your Neigh-
borhood?" Storytimes:** Meet a doctor, a policeman and more,
at our regular 10:45 drop-in storytime.

**Registration required.*

Children's Area Expansion Update:

As reported in the Winter edition of *The News*, Miller Library has received Alliance grant funding to expand and improve our services for early learners and their family. The library has hired professional library design consultant, Karen Ribnicky, to aid in the planning and execution of this project.

Children's

Spring Programs at Miller

Corner

Wed, Mar 12, 4:15 pm: **St. Patrick's Craft** Ages 4-10

Fri Mar 14 10:30 am: **Lynn Lewis Music & Movement**
Ages 0 to 5

Fri Mar 14, 3:30-5 pm: **Builders of the Future (Legos)**
Ages 6 and up.

Wed, Mar 26, 7 pm **Liz McNichol Irish Family Concert**
All ages

Thurs, Apr 10, 3:30 pm: **Subatomic Science Club**
Ages 7 to 10

Thurs, Apr 17, 11 am **"Living Dragons" Riverside Reptiles**
Ages 5 and up

Thurs, Apr 17, 4:15 pm: **Spring Craft** Ages 4 to 10

Thurs, April 24, 10:30 am: **Llama Storytime** Ages 3 to 5

Fri, Apr 25, 10:30 am: **Lynn Lewis Movement and Music**
Ages 0 to 5

Tues, Apr 29 10:30 **Family Place Parent-child Workshop**
Ages 0 to 5
(Register beginning Apr 17; program runs to end of May)

Thurs, May 8, 4:15 **Mother's Day Craft** Ages 4 -10

Thurs, May 22, 3:30 pm **Subatomic Science Club**
Ages 7 to 10

Fri, May 16, 10:30 am **Lynn Lewis Concert with Elmo**
Ages 0 to 5

Friday, May 23, 3:30 to 5 **Builders of the Future (Legos)**
Ages 6 and up

Registration is required for all Miller programs
Call (203) 230-3770

MILLER STORYTIMES

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

Under her guidance library staff is currently preparing to redistribute major portions of our collection to accommodate the additional space needed for new children's services, materials, equipment and furnishings with the hopes of beginning work within the building by September.

