

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



Big Dreams in Store for Library's Summer Readers

Hamden's Miller Library will officially kick-off our annual Summer Reading Program at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20th with magician Jim Vagias' salute to the "**Dream Big—Read**" theme in Thornton Wilder Hall. Families with children of all ages are invited to attend. No registration is needed to attend the program. Children who come between 6 and 7 p.m. and register to participate in the Summer Reading game on the evening of the program will receive a free pencil and bookmark.

To participate, children need to register at any of the 3 Hamden public libraries. At registration they will be given a special reading log on which to record the time spent reading. After 4 hours of reading are completed, the child can bring the log to the library to be rewarded for the progress he or she has made. Children are encouraged to read whatever they like because there are no special books to read and no restrictions on what is read. Children who are not yet readers can also participate by logging the time they spend being read to.

Nationally, library summer reading programs are recognized as an effective way to maintain children's reading skills during the long summer hiatus from their classrooms. Hamden's Summer Reading Game is endorsed by the Hamden Public Schools and can be played in conjunction with reading required by local public and private schools and with Governor Malloy's 2012 Summer Reading Challenge.

The game will conclude at Miller Library on Friday, August 8.

Among the performers scheduled for Hamden libraries' Summer Reading Program are (top to bottom): Robert Rivest, magician, Jim Vagias, Sparky's Puppets and the Singing Principal, Al de Cant. (See page 4 for complete listing of programs.)

The Library is Closed
Saturdays June 23th - Sep 1st
Wednesday, July 4th



Genealogy Gems: Tools & Tips for Family Tree Climbers

Genealogy is one of the most popular research topics on the Internet. Among the library's online databases, Ancestry.com and America's Genealogy Bank are some of the most heavily used. In each issue of The Library News, Genealogy Gems brings helpful hints to both the beginners and seasoned family history researchers.

1940 Census

These days the hot topic in genealogy research is the 1940 census. Unlike current online information derived from the 1930 census as well as those from earlier decades, the 1940 census has appeared unindexed. For those of us who are accustomed to typing names into a search box and waiting for results to be magically gleaned from the database, this has been an enlightening experience. For many, it may be a first encounter with manually searching original records. So the questions for this new task have now become "How do I do it?" and "What will I find?"

A simple answer to the 'how' question is "The old fashioned way". For best results, you need to know as much as possible about where your family members lived in 1940. A town or city and street address is ideal. With this information, you can use an online tool to pinpoint the *enumeration district* in which they lived. Next, access the records for the enumeration district by number at various sites (Ancestry.com, the National Archives or nara.gov and Family Search all provide access.) You will then need to read through page after page of the actual handwritten census records, looking for the names of the people you are researching. Patience and diligence will be rewarded with information on education levels, occupations, work records, languages spoken, literacy levels and more as well as a new level of respect for those who have, in the past, sat for hours pouring over microfilmed records, in hopes of finding a familiar name written in the census taker's hand. Or, of course, you can wait for the indexing project to be completed...

Hot Flashes!!!

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June

The Storm	Clive Cussler
Kiss the Dead	Laurell K. Hamilton
Wicked Business	Janet Evanovich
Porch Lights	Dorothea Benton Frank
XO	Jeffrey Deaver
Third Gate	Lincoln Child
Train Dreams	Denis Johnson
The Casual Vacancy	J.K.Rowling
Spring Fever	Mary Kay Andrews
The Bourne Imperative	Eric Van Lustbader
Home From the Sea	Mercedes Lackey
Gone Girl	Gillian Flynn
Mr. Monk is a Mess	Lee Goldberg
Summer Breeze	Nancy Thayer
Bad Faith	Robert K. Tanenbaum
Little Night	Luanne Rice
The Dream of the Celt	Mario Vargas Llosa
Sky Dragons	Anne McCaffrey
The Risk Agent	Ridley Pearson
Between the Lines	Jodi Picoult
Let Love Find You	Johanna Lindsey
A Conspiracy of Friends	Alexander McCall Smith

July / August

The Fallen Angel	Daniel Silva
Backfire	Catherine Coulter
Friends Forever	Danielle Steel
I, Michael Bennett	James Patterson
Odd Apocalypse	Dean Koontz
Close Your Eyes	Iris Johansen
Creole Belle	James Lee Burke
Criminal	Karin Slaughter
Night Watch	Linda Fairstein
The Next Best Thing	Jennifer Weiner
Haven	Kay Hooper
Judgment Call	J.A. Jance
Trace	Patricia Cornwell
Fireproof	Alex Kava
Nevermore	James Patterson
Time Untime	Sherrilynn Kenyon
The Spymasters	W.E.B. Griffin
Sweet Talk	Julie Garwood
The Inn at Rose Harbor	Debbie Macomber
A Sunless Sea	Anne Perry
Line of Fire	Stephen White
Last to Die	Tess Gerritsen

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.

Pages from the Past



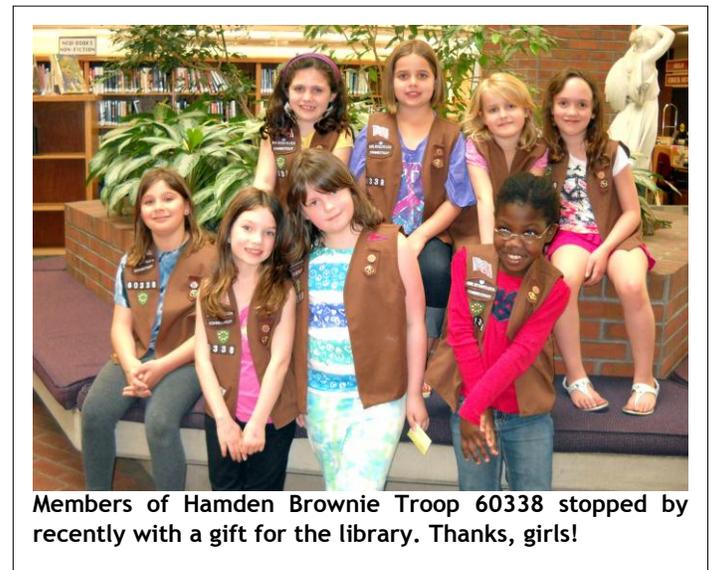
During Hamden’s recent preparations to demolish the old police department building on Dixwell Avenue, the original Miller Library’s cornerstone was opened revealing a treasure trove of library memorabilia (shown above). Inside, in a custom-made copper box that had been soldered shut since 1951, was a copy of the June 21, 1951 Hamden Chronicle showing a rendering of the planned new building for Centerville, which was bequeathed to the town of Hamden by Mary B. Miller in memory of her husband, Willis E. Miller; the typewritten text of the dedication speech made at the laying of the cornerstone, newspaper clippings about the library—some dating back to the 1920’s—a history of the early years of the Wednesday afternoon Thimble Club and several library brochures showing the rise in library usage as well as the expansion of hours, locations and collections over the years. At the bottom of the box were 2 copper pennies, one from 1944 and one from 1950. Plans are in the works to have these fascinating items on display for the public in the coming months.

Noteworthy:

Bookstore Summer Hours Announced: The Jean Aiken Second-Hand Prose Bookstore, operated by the Friends of the Hamden Library on the lower level of the Miller Memorial Library, will be open on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11-5** during **July & August**.

Book discussions: Plans are underway for upcoming Book Discussion Group meetings. Liz Murray’s **Breaking Night** will be the topic for the 8th Anniversary Meeting at 7 p.m. on **Monday, June 25**. Titles for future months will be announced soon.

Graduation announced: Children’s Department Library Technical Assistant **Elise Brand** recently received her Master’s in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University. Congratulations, Elise!

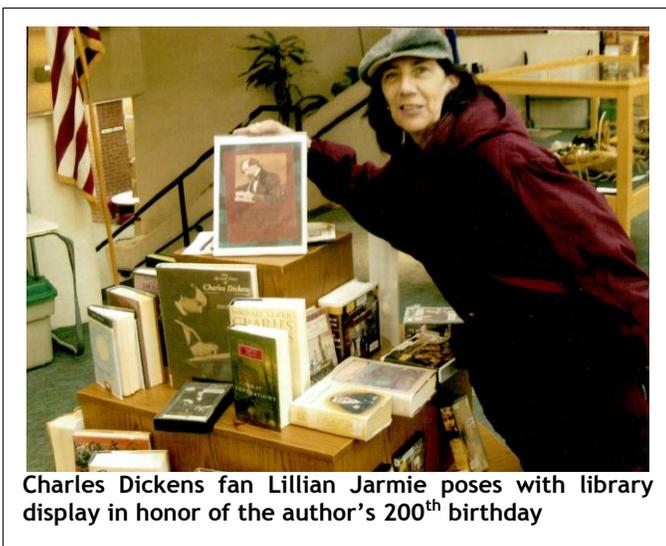


Members of Hamden Brownie Troop 60338 stopped by recently with a gift for the library. Thanks, girls!

Branch Pilot Project

In response to Hamden residents’ requests, the library offered Saturday morning hours during two 12-week pilot projects at Whitneyville and Brundage Community Branch libraries during Fall, 2011 and Spring, 2012 with the purpose of determining usage and monitoring community response to these expanded services. In addition, Hamden’s Partnership for Young Children conducted their Saturday Cereal Club, a 7-week program for preschoolers and their families, at each branch.

As a result of citizen’s positive response to this effort, both Mayor Jackson and the Legislative Council approved funding for 20 additional Saturdays at each branch during fiscal year 2012-13. New Saturday branch schedules will be announced later this summer.



Charles Dickens fan Lillian Jarmie poses with library display in honor of the author’s 200th birthday

Dream Big



Hamden Library Children's

Summer Program Schedule

Children's Corner

Day/Date/Time	Program	Ages / Grades	Location	Need to Register?
JUNE				
Wed 6/20 7 p.m.	Kickoff: Dream Big-Read Magic w/ Jim Vagias	All	Miller	No
Thur 6/28 3 p.m.	Kickoff: Two Cat Band	All	Comm	Yes
JULY				
Fri 7/6 2 p.m.	Dream Big-Read: Music in Motion w/ Al deCant	All	Whit	Yes
Mon 7/9 2 p.m.	Critter Caravan	K-3	Whit	Yes
Mon 7/9 7 p.m.	Camp Stories and Crft	5 & up	Miller	Yes
Tues 7/10 10:30 a.m.	Flashes of Light	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Wed 7/11 2 p.m.	Star Lab	K-2	Miller	Yes
Wed 7/11 3 p.m.	Star Lab	Gr 3 & up	Miller	Yes
Wed 7/11 7 p.m.	Learn Sign Language w/Carla Roussel	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Thurs 7/12 3 p.m	Here Be Dragons	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Fri 7/13 3 p.m.	Oozing Oobleck w/ Regional Water Authority	6-10	Comm	Yes
Tues 7/17 3 p.m.	Two Cat Band	3-10	Miller	Yes
Wed 7/18 7 p.m.	Learn Sign Language w/Carla Roussel	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Thur 7/19 10:30 a.m	Mad Science: Wonders of the Ocean	3-5	Miller	Yes
Thur 7/19 2 p.m.	Science Snoopers: Tall Tails (Animal Tales)	K-3	Whit	Yes
Thurs 7/19 3 p.m.	Arts & Crafts: Dreamcatcher	5 & up	Miller	Yes
Thur 7/19 3 p.m.	Music & Movement w/ K. Trusdell	3-6	Comm	Yes
Mon 7/23 7 p.m.	Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime	4 & up	Miller	Yes
Tues 7/24 10:30 a.m.	Science Snoopers: Goodnight!	4-6	Miller	Yes
Wed 7/25 7 p.m.	Learn Sign Language w/Carla Roussel	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Thur 7/26 10:30 a.m.	Hoots and Owls	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Thur 7/26 3 p.m.	Sparky's Puppets: Adventures in Dreamland	4-10	Comm	Yes
Fri 7/27 10:30 a.m.	Mad Science: Dinosaurs!	3-5	Miller	Yes
Mon 7/30 4:15 p.m.	Dream Jar Craft	5 & up	Miller	Yes
AUGUST				
Thur 8/2 3 p.m.	Giants of the Land	6 & up	Miller	Yes
Thur 8/2 3 p.m.	Mad Science: Matter of Fact	5-10	Comm	Yes
Tues 8/7 7 p.m.	Dream Big with Robert Rivest	All	Miller	No
Thur 8/9 2 p.m.	Science Snoopers: Spelunking—Creepy Caves	K-3	Whit	Yes
Thur 8/9 3 p.m.	Magical Moments w/ Bryan Lizotte	4-10	Comm	Yes
WEEKLY STORYTIMES				
Mondays 10:30 a.m.	Drop-in Storytime	All	Comm	No
Wed 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 10:30 a.m.	Lil' Dreamers : Stories & Activities	1-3	Miller	No
Wed, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15 10:30 am.	Morning Stars : Stories & Activities	1-3	Miller	No
Fridays 10:30 6/29 – 8/12 (No 7/27)	Drop in Storytime	5 & under	Miller	No

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Whit = Whitneyville Branch 125 Carleton Street 203 287-2677