

June 2010



Friends of the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library

Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 16
- Wednesday, Sept. 15 (Rotary Room)
- Wednesday, Nov. 17

7:30 PM in the Ehlers Community Room except as noted

No meetings: March, July, August, October, December

ALL WELCOME!

Subject to cancellation one week prior. Check at the Circulation Desk for information.

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President's Message by Lorraine Riedel

Here it is summer again and the beginning of another fiscal year and my third year as your president. Much has happened during the past year. We have made several purchases, sponsored numerous programs, and held fund raisers.

We held two Premier Designs jewelry sale parties. Both were quite profitable. Each customer I spoke to has been extremely pleased with their purchases and there were many repeat buyers. If you were unable to attend either one of these sales, have no fear, we are planning another on Saturday, November 6 at 1 p.m. in the Ehlers Community Room – just in time for holiday gift giving. This is high fashion, affordably priced jewelry that will compliment every type of outfit – formal or casual. I would like to thank Anita Papp for the splendid job she has done organizing these sales and Lynn Gregory for being so helpful and generous.

Our concert series continues to grow in popularity. While it is currently on hiatus for the summer, watch for our exciting fall and spring programs which will include a return by the ever popular Chris Coogan in the fall. If you have not yet attended one of his concerts, do yourself a favor and plan to attend his next one. I know you will not be disappointed. Be sure to get there early as his performances are usually standing room only. I would like to thank Adria Pearlman for the marvelous job she does procuring such a wide variety of talented performers as well as organizing all of the tasty refreshments we all enjoy afterwards.

The Friends have agreed to purchase a Barnes and Noble Nook for the library

for use with OverDrive for patrons to check out the same way they check out a book. This service which provides downloadable audio books now provides downloadable eBooks that can be transferred to devices similar to the Nook such as the Sony Reader, but not the Kindle.

On Saturday, June 19, the library will kick off their summer reading programs with their second annual Chalk It Up, an event which will run from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with many exciting activities throughout the day. This year, in addition to the children's' and teen's reading programs, the library will be sponsoring its first ever adult reading program. While the particulars of all three programs are different, they all offer a variety of fabulous incentives. Registration for all three commences at the Summer Kick-off Party on June 19th. As usual, we can look forward to innumerable entertaining and educational programs for every member of the family at the library throughout the summer. None of them would be possible without our hard working, dedicated, enthusiastic staff (especially Lorna Rhyins and Adrienne Wilson) and all of the devoted volunteers of the library. We are truly grateful to them for their priceless gift to us of their time and energy.

We would like to host a refreshment table at the kick-off party again this year. If you are interested in coordinating this project, please get in touch with me. It does not require much work and is lots of fun. Thank you for your help.

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Speaking of help, we are looking for someone to help us compile this newsletter which we currently publish three times a year – the next one will be coming out in October. If you are interested, please contact Anita Papp for more details.

Our Wednesday book sales are as popular as ever. If you know of any avid readers who might be interested in picking up some inexpensive books, please, pass the word! We are generally in the Friends' room sorting and selling books from 10 a.m. until at least 2 p.m. – look for our signs by the front and rear entrances. Despite the hard work of my dedicated group of sorters, we are finding it difficult to keep up with the steady stream of donations and could use some additional help. You do not necessarily have to be there Wednesdays. Once you become familiar with our sorting scheme, you may do so whenever your schedule permits and not necessarily every week or the same day every week. In addition to sorting, we periodically find it necessary to move some of our boxed books to our storage area on Pepper Street. If you are interested in sorting or moving books, please get in touch with Karen Cardi (203-445-1082).

The goal for all this strenuous effort is our Annual Book Sale, which will take place (for the third time) at Masuk High School from July 10 through July 14 with set-up days on July 7, 8, and 9. We are still looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the sale. Please contact Karen Cardi if you would like to help in any way. Remember, no commitment

is too small and no task is too insignificant! There are lots of things that need to be done and if we all unite, together we can make this year's sale another success. Even if you are unable to volunteer, you can help by spreading the word around to your friends, family, and co-workers about the time and location of the sale and encourage them to come.

The Friends continue to receive generous donations from the Werth Family Foundation, the United Way of Maryland, and other magnanimous patrons, for which we are truly grateful. I would like to express my appreciation to Carole Chichester, who has pledged her United Way contributions to the Friends. I would also like to thank our members who are willing and able to donate extra money when they renew their memberships. All of this money has been put to good use sponsoring various events and purchasing greatly needed items for the library. If you would like your donation to be used to purchase specific items such as books, please let us know and we will be pleased to fulfill your request.

Phase one of the mural repairs has been completed thanks to David Merrill, the Historical Society, and many generous donors. So far the repairs seem to be holding. Let us hope that they continue to do so.

We are still looking to reduce the number of copies of this newsletter sent out via snail mail. If you have internet access, and have not done so already, please let us add your name to the list of members who receive it via an e-mail. This would reduce the cost of producing as

well as time involved in sending out this periodical.

I am always on the lookout for ideas for new projects, be it a fund raiser and/or social event. Please contact me with any ideas you may have, or better yet, plan to attend one of our meetings and present your idea in person! I know that many of you are there to help out during our annual book sale, but it troubles me when so few of our members attend our membership meetings. How else can you stay informed about our plans? We would welcome any suggestions you might have as well as your input on those projects we are already considering. It is always fun to spend money, especially if it is not your own! If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can stop by at one of our Wednesday book sales – I am usually there between noon and 2 p.m. While there, you can get a sneak peak at some of the books that will be available at the July sale and purchase anything that might strike your fancy. I promise we will not try too hard to put you to work.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Lorraine

You can reach Lorraine at littleonelar@earthlink.net or 203-261-8753 or 203-913-3877

“I myself spent hours in the Columbia library as intimidated and embarrassed as a famished gourmet invited to a dream restaurant where every dish from all of the world's cuisines, past and present, was available on request.” ~ Luigi Barzini

COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

(By appointment)

Whether you are looking to set up a free e-mail account or would like to learn how to use the library catalog, these sessions will help you improve your computer literacy.

NEW! DOWNLOADABLE EBOOKS AT THE LIBRARY!

OverDrive, the service that provides downloadable audio books, now provides downloadable eBooks that can be transferred to such devices as the Barnes and Noble Nook or the Sony Reader, but not the Kindle. Check out the library web site for more specifics.

JOB NOW

Check out the library's new 24/7 interactive online job service for help with your resume, interview skills, and more!

MUSEUM PASSES

These passes, available on a first come, first served basis, provide free or discounted admissions to numerous cultural attractions. We have passes for outdoor museums that may be enjoyed on a beautiful summer day. A list of the passes available can be found at the library's website.

Parents Book Blog!

Check it out! A blog devoted just to the parents of Monroe. All about new parenting books, great books for kids, useful websites and web tools, and a ton of other valuable information!
<http://ewmlkids.blogspot.com/>

SORTERS NEEDED!

Please help us sort books! Once you learn how we do it, you can stop by whenever you have the opportunity.

EWML Teen Space Blog

Check out this place for teens in grades 7-12 to talk about books, movies, music, and learn about events at the library.

Drop-in Sand Art Thursdays (Grades 7 - 12) June 22 - August 12, 12:00-4:00 PM

You provide the creativity and the library will supply the supplies - one jar per person while supplies last.

Wednesday Book Sales Friends' Room (10 AM - 2 PM)

Are you looking for a good book? Stop by and visit us while we sort books for our summer book sale at Masuk. While you are there, you can also pick up a book bag, a magnet, note cards, or some Book Bucks

Adult Movie Night (1st Tuesday at 7 PM)
Free popcorn!

EWML BOOK TALK

A great place to review and discuss the latest books you have read, check out what other people have been reading, and see what's new in the library. Send any reviews that you would like to have posted to reference@ewml.org.

HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to help us put this newsletter together? If so, please contact Lorraine at littleonelar@earthlink.net or 203-261-8753.

Teen Advisory Board (Check at the library for dates and times.)

Come help us decide on programs, books, and movies for teens, do community service projects, and more. Bring a book to swap each time. Registration is required.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

The library hosts a wide range of free activities for all members of the family – below is a small sampling. Call the Circulation Desk at 452-2850 to register for programs. Ask for the Children's Room to learn more about Children's programs. [For a complete listing of the library's exciting upcoming activities and events for children, teens, and adults, visit the library's website at www.ewml.org.](http://www.ewml.org) You can also sign up to receive e-mail notifications about upcoming events.

2nd Annual Chalk It Up! Summer Reading Kick-off for All Saturday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Sign up for summer reading. Enjoy a fabulous day of activities for the entire family to get the season kicked off in the right direction. Bring a lawn chair, a picnic blanket or a picnic lunch – whatever you need to be comfortable. Please note: some activities require pre-registration!

[Booklets are available at the library with information about how summer reading works as well as all the summer programs that will be presented for adults, teens, and children.](#)

Family Movie on the Lawn – *Alice in Wonderland*

Sunset (about 8:30) Friday, July 9 on the library's back lawn! Rain date: July 16

Bring a picnic and a beach blanket or a chair to watch Tim Burton's new adaptation of this family favorite starring Johnny Depp. No registration is required. Rated: PG

Children's Programs

Far too many children's programs have been scheduled for me to list them all. For a small sampling, please see Adrienne Wilson's article.

Teen Programs

Tie Dye Your Beach Wear! Wednesday, July 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

You provide the beachwear and the library will provide all the tie dye supplies. Limited to 15 teens. Registration is required.

Squid Dissection (Teens entering 7th & 8th grade) – Monday, July 12, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Discover the amazing adaptations of the fastest, largest, and most intelligent invertebrate in the sea by participating in a detailed dissection of our local species. Presented by the Mystic Aquarium. Registration is required.

Aqua Vet (Teens entering 9th – 12th grade) – Monday, July 12, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Learn what it takes to be an aquatic veterinarian by examining animal anatomy through the use of X-rays, the immune system by looking at individual blood cells, and how the environment can affect an animal's health. Presented by the Mystic Aquarium. Registration is required.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl – Friday, July 30, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Bring your friends for an afternoon of competition and prizes playing your favorite Nintendo Wii game. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

Adult Programs

Conservation in Connecticut – Thursday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of the conservation movement in Connecticut and discover how we can be more diligent in our attempts to preserve open space today. Registration is required.

Water Your Spirit Spa Night – Wednesday, July 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

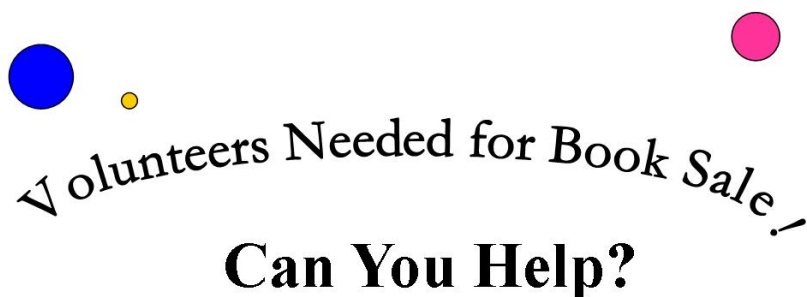
Relax with yoga, massage, reflexology, and more! Bring a towel and water bottle, and wear comfortable clothes for a night of spiritual reconditioning. Limited to 12 people. Registration is required.

End of Summer Reading Programs!

Friday, August 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Teens: Make Waves “After Hours” Party

Family: Picnic and Magic Show with Danny Magic

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Volunteers Needed for Book Sale!

Can You Help?


**Volunteers are needed July 7—14
to help with the Friends of the Library
Annual Book Sale!**

**The sale runs July 10—14
Hours are 10am—6pm
Masuk Cafeteria**

**We have many shifts and positions available.
Great way to get Community Service time.**

To Volunteer please contact:

**Karen Cardi @ 445-1082 or
kbcardi@charter.net**

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Adrienne Wilson, Children Services Librarian

What's big, exciting, promising to be chock-a-block and filled with amazing artistic creations? Chalk It Up 2 of course! That's right, last year's successful summer reading kick off program is back again this year to get everyone geared up for a wonderful summer of reading. **Saturday, June 19** is the date and the good times start promptly at 10 AM. Participants are asked to **sign in the day of the program to be assigned a piece of library cement**. It is then, up to them to decorate that slab of cement using sidewalk chalk, in this year's summer reading theme of "Make A Splash". Chalking is open to any and everyone from 10AM-3PM. We just ask that people supply their own chalk. Also during those hours we'll have wandering puppets from Purple Rock Productions, (*sponsored by The Friends and a grant from the Connecticut Counsel on Culture and Tourism*), Balloon Tying, Storm-the official mascot of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, EWML's first ever Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament, a Hula Hoop Contest, and Face Painting. It doesn't get more exciting than that!!!! So tell your friends, family, neighbors, countrymen and anyone else who enjoys a good time, to come down to the **Edith Wheeler Memorial Library on Saturday, June 19** for the beginning of a wonderful summer. Hope to see you there!

A small sample of our summer offerings:

Glue it and Go: Costumes for Kids

Thursday, July 8 at 10:30 AM

Family Program for grades K-adult

Learn from the master of costume making, Holly Cleeland author of the book: *Glue it and Go, Costumes for Kids*. Holly will be here to show you how to use old household junk to make AMAZING costumes for your next dress up event. We are VERY lucky to be hosting Holly; she has been featured on Rachel Ray and The View! Don't miss this exciting program in which she teaches you the basics and creates 3 costumes right in front of you. Three lucky participants will get to take home those very creations. **Registration Required.**

Make a Hawaiian Splash

Friday, July 9 at 3:00 PM

Family Show-All Ages

Did you know that Hawaiian Dance actually tells a story? It's true. Hawaiians used dance to keep their oral tradition alive over many years. Join Tiare Kahana as she leads you on a tropical island journey. Learn about Hawaiian culture, history & Polynesian dance as you "make a splash" throughout the islands with stories, songs, and dances about fishing, surfing, picking seashells, canoeing and even taking a bath! An interactive program for the whole family. **FREE Tickets will be available at the children's desk 30 minutes before the show.**

Bach 2 Rock: Sound Waves

Monday, July 19 at 6:30 PM

Family show – geared for ages 5 and up

Water waves aren't the only type of waves. What about sound waves? You've never seen anything like this before-so don't miss it! Caryn Lin is a classically trained violinist who's made it her mission to inspire and turn kids on to music. Watch Caryn develop a brand new song right in front of your eyes, using her amped up violin, a variety of sound effects, pedals and percussion instruments! The audience will even participate in making a song. Entertaining, exhilarating, amazing and breathtaking-the audience will be mesmerized. **(This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library) FREE Tickets will be available at the Children's Desk 30 minutes before the start of the show.**

Catch the Wave!

Monday, July 26 at 2:00 PM

Family Show - geared for ages 4 and up

(This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library)

Join professional mime, Robert Rivest, as he makes his return to Monroe! This hilarious show is full of audience participation and laugh out-loud interactive pieces. Catch the wave is a series of mime and comic stories about swimming, surfing, sailing and all around summer fun. **FREE Tickets will be available at the Children's Desk 30 minutes before the start of the show.**

Robert Rogers Puppets Present: Rainbow Fish

Friday, August 6 at 3:00 PM

Family Show for approx. ages 5 and up

(This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library)

Inspired by the award winning books by Marcus Pfister, this original adventure gives a new dimension to Rainbow Fish and all other sea creatures, especially when they are brought to life as a cast of colorful marionettes. An innocent game of “hide and seek” accidentally draws Rainbow Fish into a stiff current that leads to a new and mysterious territory. The strange-looking inhabitants, who at first seem threatening, turn out to make very good friends and teach Rainbow Fish some valuable lessons. **FREE Tickets will be available at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the start of the show.**

End of Summer Reading Picnic and Magic Show with Danny Magic

Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM

Family Event outside the Library, in the backyard.

(If it rains, this program moves inside the library to our community room, which has limited space.) Come to the library at 6:00 PM with your picnic dinner. We’ll provide Italian Ice from Rita’s for dessert! Enjoy the performance of Danny Magic to follow at 6:30 PM! His fast paced, hilarious and mind-boggling magic is guaranteed to please everyone in the family. We are excited to have him, and to celebrate a great summer of reading!

Annual Book Sale

The Annual Book Sale of the Friends of the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, CT will take place July 10th through July 14th in the Masuk High School cafeteria, 10am to 6pm daily. Early birds with a \$10.00 entrance fee may shop the sale from 9am to 10am on Saturday, July 10th.

The sale features over 25,000 quality books of fiction and non fiction for both adult and children, which have been sorted into over 90+ categories. The sale will also feature audio/video items, puzzles and games.

Those who wish to donate books, audio/video items, complete puzzles and games may do so during regular library hours. Donations may also be placed in the after hours shed located in the farthest rear parking lot behind Town Hall and the Police station.

Proceeds from the book sale will be used to purchase items and support programs for the library not included in the annual budget. Prior sales have funded the library’s extensive children’s programs, museum pass program and the purchase of books and audio-visual items.

For additional information or to volunteer, contact the Karen at 445-1082 or kbcardi@charter.net

Notes from Nancy Zorena, Monroe Historical Society President



The Monroe Historical Society will be participating in **Connecticut Open House** on June 12. The Old Schoolhouse at 311 Wheeler Road will be open from 10 - 2. Stop by and say hello. See the Schoolhouse as it might have looked in 1790. Get a hands-on introduction to writing with a chalk pencil on a slate and writing with ink and a quill pen, learning reading from a hornbook and imagining what it was like to attend a one-room school. There will be ongoing demonstrations of educational activities common in old schoolhouse. For information about other open houses in the area visit www.ctvisit.com <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103444339182&s=2&e=001ziwwqMThc4OrAo6QZWWeBZyAOUP9P5NEP88ESHBL6GhLXG2Pd8SjHuCvuXIKqPk_jVCdOepduL1UB3g0m8t_M1xudCJDlcseO9MR_b4X49k=>> and look for the logo on signs and banners.

Through a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities, Tri-State Chapter, **Fanfare Consort**, Connecticut's own critically acclaimed Early Music Ensemble, presented five educational concerts in the 1811 East Village Meetinghouse. All the fourth grade children from Monroe Elementary, Fawn Hollow and Stepney Schools were bussed to



Fanfare Consort at East Village Meetinghouse
Lisa Rautenberg & Amanda Burr, baroque violins; Jeffrey Wood, positiv organ; Douglas Freundlich, chitarrone; Thom Freas, clarino

the Meetinghouse to learn about Baroque music, how it was brought to the "New World" and performed in places like the East Village Meetinghouse during colonization, and how the historically accurate instruments evolved into the modern instruments that are played today. The culmination of the project will be the public concert at the Meetinghouse on June 20 (see next page).



Thom Freas demonstrates a natural trumpet made from tubing and a funnel.

From Margaret Borchers & Lorna Rhyns

Make the library your place to be this summer!

Summer Reading for Adults is here! Summer is a time to relax and enjoy, so spend some time with books and join the library adult summer reading club: **Water Your Mind**.

Register starting Saturday June 19, or anytime after up to August 13. When you register you receive a **Water Your Mind** bookmark. For every book you read, come in and fill out a raffle ticket to enter one of our grand prize gift basket drawings. The gift baskets include a wonderful selection of gift certificates and prizes from many local businesses in our community. Those who enter twice in the first two weeks will also be eligible to win a Costco gift basket filled with assorted summer garden goodies.

If you would like to submit a book review to be posted on our blog, you can choose a book- as a gift- from our "nearly new" collection of books. Participate at least once a week for the entire program and you will automatically be eligible to win a book light so you can read round the clock! Can't make it to the library? You can still participate! Just send an e-mail to reference@ewml.org with the subject "Adult Summer Reading" that includes the information for your raffle entry: title of book, author, and a couple of sentences describing the book. Make sure you tell us your name, phone, and library card barcode and we'll fill out the raffle ticket for you and add it to the gift basket drawing. You can also submit book reviews this way. Don't forget to check out our special adult summer programs on our website program page www.ewml.org, or by stopping in to get a flyer.

Teens have their own special summer reading program: *Make Waves at Your Library!* They have some great prizes for participating, plus a grand prize of a 12 person Laser Tag Party at Sport Center of CT! Teen programs include water games on the library back lawn, Wii competitions on our big screen, crafts, T-shirt decorating, and duct tape projects. Teens can also use the online option to submit their entries. All the details on the children, teen and adult summer reading programs will be available in flyers; pick one up!

P.S. The Friends help us make all this happen by supplying money for programs, refreshments, the Wii, and much more. We couldn't do it without our Friends!

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