

Beyond the Bookends

May 2017

Gardening with Essential Oils: Your Secret Weapon

Presented by: Michele Duval and Lisa Cackowski

Thursday, May 4, 6:30 PM

Program Room

Learn how to use essential oils as a safe, natural way to improve your garden's health and growth including pest control! This program will provide tips and take home recipes, including a few to pamper the gardener, too! *Free and open to all.*

Drop-In Knitting Group

2nd Thursday of every month

Thursday, May 11, 2 - 4 PM



Do you have any unfinished objects in your workbasket? Do you want to learn (or re-learn) to knit? Do you have some questions about a yarn or pattern you are considering? Come join us for an afternoon of social knitting at the library. Bring your projects, your ideas, and your questions. We can't guarantee that we can solve all your knitting problems, but we may be able to share some ideas as we knit and chat. All portable textile crafts are welcome: knitting, crocheting, embroidery – you name it. All skill levels are welcome, from raw beginner to accomplished craftspeople. *All are welcome, no need to register.*

Medicare Bootcamp

Thursday, May 11, 6 - 8 PM

Program Room

Are you new to Medicare, turning 65 or collecting Social Security disability benefits? Laura Crews, Director for Benefits Access from the Senior Resources Agency on Aging presents Medicare Bootcamp to help you understand your Medicare benefits. What will be covered: Medicare Part A, B, C, and D, when to enroll to avoid penalties, alternative Medicare options, and Medicare premium assistance programs. *This program is free and open to all.*

Library's Annual Plant Swap

Saturday, May 27, 3 PM

Buchanan Auditorium



It's that time of year again! Come meet other gardeners, share information and swap plants! To participate, bring in one plant or many, a perennial, annual, shrub or vegetable in a container you are willing to give away. Please label your plants as best you can—name, light and soil requirements, and any unique characteristics they may have or a good story about them. Each plant you bring gives you the opportunity to exchange it for something new. You can start potting now, or bring in 'freshly dug plants from the morning garden' as well. *Free and open to all.*

The library will be closed on Monday,

May 29 for Memorial Day.

Matt's Monday Matinee

Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, May 1, 1 PM

Library Program Room

Until **Reel to Real** resumes in the Fall, Mansfield Public Library Assistant, Matt Ockmond, has agreed to expand his monthly film screening and discussion with an additional meeting on the first Mondays of the month. Please join us for intriguing films and lively discussions.

Mansfield Public Library

Book Discussion Group

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:45 - 8 PM.

Tuesday, May 9: Join us to discuss *On the Move: A Life* by Oliver Sacks

Mansfield Film Discussion

Thursday, May 11, 7 PM

Buchanan Auditorium

Join us for a showing and discussion of *Arrival*. Amy Adams plays a linguist trying to communicate with aliens who have suddenly arrived at various locations on Earth. In a stunningly shot film that uses the tropes of big budget Hollywood film making to explore relatable human emotions.

Lunch with Lincoln Center

Wednesday, May 17, 1 PM

Library Program Room

Join us for a viewing of The School of American Ballet Workshop Performances. This hour long documentary takes you behind the scenes to experience the intensive training of ballet's brightest future stars as they prepare for their vital end-of-year performances. An all-Balanchine program features *Serenade*, and excerpts from *Swan Lake*, and *Western Symphony*.



Children's Storytimes and Play Groups

All programs begin at 10:30 AM.

All activities are free and open to the public. No registration required.

Wonderful Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30

Stories and activities for Preschool children. May 3, 10, 17

Toddler Time, 10:30 - 11:30

Stories, songs, and movement for children from birth to three.

Fridays May 5, 12, 19, 26

Please note the time change!

During the spring/summer session Toddler Time ends at 11:30 AM.

Family Storytime

Our weekly all-ages story time takes place on Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30.

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Come Make a Fairy House in the Woods!

Saturday, May 13, 10 - 3



Come build a Fairy House in the Bradley-Buchanan Woods behind the Library. Bring any natural materials to build your own fairy house on the trail. We will have some supplies on hand to help you get started. Houses will remain in place until June 3 so you can come and visit, and check for resident fairies. This program is sponsored by the library and Joshua's Trust. Our rain date is May 20.

Children's Garden News

We've already started spring planting in our Children's Garden! Our snow and snap peas are in the ground, along with a bed of strawberries. We're making plans for the rest of the garden, and as the weather warms we'll be planting a variety of veggies. Much of our planting will be on Wednesday mornings following Wonderful Wednesdays storytime. Keep an eye on the online calendar for news, or ask us to add your name to our email list to get program alerts.

Prudence Crandall: Voice of Conviction

Documentary and Q & A Session

Presented by Ms. Naudin and Ms. Dufresne

Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 PM

Program Room



"Prudence Crandall: Voice of Conviction" is a 58-minute documentary produced and directed by local film-maker Bénédicte Naudin, and inspired by and highlighting the work of local educator, playwright, and performer Donna Dufresne. The film features a dramatic interpretation and historical commentary about Prudence Crandall through a discussion on race, class and gender. Using primary sources, interviews, sound effects and original music, the story of Crandall unfolds, illustrating her evolution from school teacher to avid abolitionist, and her life-long struggle to achieve equal opportunities in education. It is the legal arguments made on her behalf that were cited decades later in the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of education case, which finally struck down school segregation in the United States.

This program is open and free to all.

Board Game Night at the Library Express!

Tuesday, May 9, 6 - 9 PM

Enjoy board games in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring your own games or play one of ours. Teens (accompanied by an adult) and adults welcome. Free program.

Remember! You get 2 hours free parking in the garage.

Artists Live Exhibition at the Library Express

Friday, May 5 - Friday, May 26

During normal business hours:

M - F: 8 - 5, Sat. 10 - 4

Come enjoy an exhibition of artwork by Frank Bruckmann and Gar Waterman at the Library Express branch in Storrs Center! A discussion and reception with the artist will take place Friday, May 26 from 5 - 7 PM.

Free and open to all.

Meditation & Yoga

Wednesdays 10 - 11:30 AM

May 17 & 31

Buchanan Auditorium

A free 20-week meditation and yoga course taught by Blanche Johnson. Open to all; no previous experience necessary.

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Thursday: 10-8

Friday: 9-5 Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: Closed

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