

Scoville Memorial Library Events October 2016

Weekly Programs

Wednesdays at 10:45 am (October 5, 12, 19, 26)

Story Time with Miss Molly

Our Story Time for toddlers and preschool aged children focuses on a different theme through stories, singing and crafting fun! The five early literacy practices are playing, talking, singing, reading and writing (scribble/draw) — and we will be rocking them all!

Free and open to the public. Snacks are not provided by the library, but feel free to bring your own.

Monthly Programs

Saturday October 15
3:00

Saturday Book Club. “Did You Ever Have a Family” by Bill Clegg. On the eve of her daughter’s wedding, June Reid’s life is upended when a shocking disaster takes the lives of her daughter, her daughter’s fiancé, her ex-husband, and her boyfriend, Luke—her entire family, all gone in a moment. June is the only survivor. Alone and directionless, June drives across the country, away from her small Connecticut town. In her wake, a community emerges, weaving a beautiful and surprising web of connections through shared heartbreak.

Meets in the Tower Room

Unique Programs

Monday October 3

6:00

Emma Donoghue discusses her latest book, “The Wonder” in conversation with WAMC’s Joe Donahue. The White Hart Speaker Series presented in collaboration between The White Hart Inn, Oblong Books & Music and the Scoville Memorial Library. It is the compelling story of Lib Wright, an English nurse who is brought to a small Irish village to scrutinize what appears to be a miracle: Anna O’Donnell, a girl said to have survived without food for several months. Lib soon finds herself not just responsible for the surveillance of the child, but fighting to save Anna’s life.

Born in Dublin in 1969, Emma Donoghue is an Irish emigrant who lives London, Ontario, with her partner and their two children. She is best known for her novels, which range from the historical (Frog Music, Slammerkin, Life Mask, Landing, The Sealed Letter) to the contemporary (Stir-Fry, Hood, Landing). Her international bestseller Room was a New York Times Best Book of 2010 and was a finalist for the Man Booker, Commonwealth, and Orange Prize.

Reservations required: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-white-hart-speaker-series-emma-donoghue-tickets-2672961198>

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Meets at the White Hart

Saturday October 15

The Effects of Music and Singing on Body and Mind with Highlights of Choral Repertoire of the Baroque, Romantic and Modern Times from Palestrina to Today

Crescendo's Founding Artistic Director Christine Gevert presents an overview of the latest scientific findings about Music and Choral Singing, and illustrates them with the story of Crescendo. Music releases a chemical in the brain that has a key role in setting good moods. Singing has been scientifically proven to be good for your health: from getting more oxygen into the blood, to increasing the flow of "feelgood" hormones and improving mental health. The hour long multimedia talk will also include a preview and explanation of some choral works that will be presented in Crescendo's upcoming Benefit Concert "Praise & Gratitude: Renaissance to Modern Choral Music" by Palestrina, Pachelbel, Telemann, Mendelssohn, Gjeilo and local composer Myers.

Tuesday October 18

6:00

Author Craig Nelson discusses his new book "Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness" on the 75th anniversary of this epic event. The White Hart Speaker Series presented in collaboration between The White Hart Inn, Oblong Books & Music and the Scoville Memorial Library. This is a gripping and definitive account of the event that changed twentieth-century America—based on years of research and new information uncovered by *New York Times* bestselling author Craig Nelson. The book follows, moment by moment, the sailors, soldiers, pilots, diplomats, admirals, generals, emperor, and president as they engineer, fight, and react to this stunningly dramatic moment in world history.

Nelson is the author of the "New York Times" bestseller, "Rocket Men: The Epic Story of the First Men on the Moon", "The Age of Radiance", "The First Heroes", and "Thomas Paine". His writing has appeared in "Vanity Fair", "The Wall Street Journal", "Salon", "National Geographic", "The New England Review", "Popular Science", and "Reader's Digest".

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Saturday October 22

11:00

Children's Halloween Crafts and Ghost Stories

Make spider and bat puppets and listen to ghost stories. There will be a variety of other Halloween inspired crafts on available to make and take home. Come in to load up on Halloween books and celebrate the spooky end-of-October season.

Meets in the Children's Room, Lower Level

4:00

Witches of Litchfield County from Peter Vermilyea's new book "Weird Litchfield"

Presented by the Salisbury Association Historical Society in collaboration with the Scoville Memorial Library. While many people cast aspersions at the history of the supernatural, it is undisputed fact that our Litchfield County ancestors believed they had neighbors who were witches. In most cases, the women who were accused of witchcraft fell outside what society

expected from their gender. In this talk, teacher and historian Peter Vermilyea will discuss the lives four 18th century residents of the county who were accused of witchcraft, their alleged activities, and the possible motivations behind the accusations.

Peter Vermilyea teaches history at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and Western Connecticut State University. He is the author and editor of five books, most recently Hidden History of Litchfield County and Wicked Litchfield County, both published by the History Press.

Meets in the Wardell Room, Lower Level

Saturday, October 29

10:00

A Facelift for Your Dining Room Chairs

With the holiday season just around the corner, are your dining room chairs looking a little shabby? Would you like to spruce them up before entertaining begins? This is the workshop for you. Scoville staff member, Jocelyn McIntee will demonstrate how to make your chairs look like new. You need to bring one dining room chair, fabric (cotton duck or light weight upholstery is best), scissors, heavy duty stapler, pencil, and screw driver. Please DO NOT remove the current cover of your chair. Pre-registration required along with a material fee of \$3.00 by October 23.. Limited to 10 attendees.

Meets in the Wardell Room, Lower Level

4:00

The World Around Us Series. Roaring Back: The Fragile Recovery of Large Carnivores and What It Tells Us About the Future, by Dr, Joshua Ginsberg, President Cary Institute.

Lions, tigers, wolves, wild dogs and other charismatic carnivores are often depicted as being on the brink of extinction. Dr. Joshua Ginsberg discusses how, over the last few decades, global populations of many large carnivores have either stabilized or have started to recover. Discover which animals are on the rebound and what their improvement tells us about the future of wildlife conservation.

Dr. Ginsberg received his Ph.D. from Princeton University. His career in conservation science spans 35 years and several continents. In 1996, he began his tenure with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), taking on a series of senior management roles including fundraising and managing an \$87 million budget. Dr. Ginsberg has been an adjunct professor at Columbia University since 1998 and has helped manage Columbia's Consortium for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC) He is on the boards of the Ocean Foundation, the Open Space Institute, and the Catskill Mountainkeeper, and is a member of the advisory council of the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity and Conservation. He became Cary's third president in 2014.

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