

Shelton Library System Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2012

March, April, May

One Book to rule them all,
One Book to find them,
One Book to bring them all
and in Shelton bind them.

Plumb Memorial Library
65 Wooster Street
Shelton, CT 06484
Main Desk (203) 924-1580
Children's (203) 924-9461
Mon-Thurs, 9:00am-8:30pm
Fri-Sat, 9:00am-4:30pm

Huntington Branch Library
41 Church Street
Shelton, CT 06484
(203) 926-0111
Mon, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Tues-Thurs, 10:00am-8:00pm
Fri, 10:00am-5:00pm
Sat, 10:00am-3:00pm

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www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org

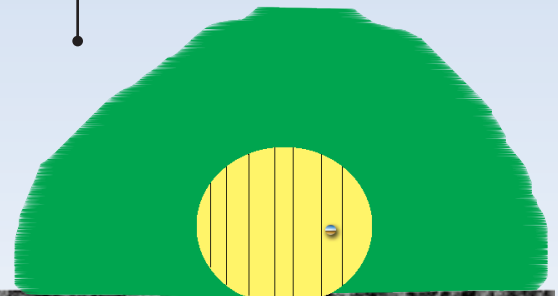
Both libraries will be closed on:
April 6th, April 11th (From 12-2PM),
and May 28th.

Introducing the first 'One Book-
One City' program. To increase
literacy and a sense of community,
the Shelton Library System and the
Valley Community Foundation are
encouraging all Shelton residents
and visitors to read J.R.R. Tolkien's
The Hobbit starting on March 28th,
and running through April and May.
A free copy of *The Hobbit* will be
available to each household, while
supplies last. The following events
and contests will be held to cel-
ebrate the book:

One Book, One City- *The Hobbit*

Huntington Branch Library
March 28, 6:00PM-8:00PM
Kick-off the season in which all of
Shelton is going to read J.R.R. Tol-
kien's *The Hobbit*. The event includes
magic, music, a costume contest,
Bilbo's Birthday Bash for kids and a
treasure hunt for teens and adults.
There will be some door prizes and
a free copy of *The Hobbit* for each
family. All ages welcome. Spon-
sored by the Valley Community
Foundation.

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open your mind, expand your world



Read and Record *The Hobbit* Contest

Shelton Library System
March 28 – May 22

Obtain a free copy of *The Hobbit* from either library (or use your own copy), take a picture or record a video of family or friends reading the book together. Post your pic or video to our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Shelton-Library-system/126435494072949?ref=ts>. A panel of distinguished people will pick the best of the pics and videos. The winners will be announced and prizes we be awarded at our closing program at the Branch on May 23rd at 6:00PM.

Dinner & A Movie

Huntington Branch Library
April 11, 6:00PM-8:30PM
Eat a delicious dinner from Ari-bella and watch a movie with your friends and neighbors. Free to the public. This program is for adults only.

The Hobbit

Plumb Memorial Library
April 19, 6:00PM-7:30PM
Join Bilbo Baggins, the timid hobbit who becomes brave with the help of the wizard Gandalf, in this

animated version of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy classic. Bring the family and your favorite snacks; no registration is required.

Dragons & Hobbits in April!

Plumb Memorial Library
April 21, 9:30AM-12:00PM
OR 1:00PM-3:30PM

In honor of J.R.R. Tolkien and his epic tale, *The Hobbit* detailing the adventures of Bilbo Baggins and his encounter with the Dragon Smaug, children 7 to 12 are invited to draw a dragon of their own using chalk. Any interested adult is also welcome; all artists are encouraged to wear old clothes or smocks because the chalk may be messy. Registration is required and begins on April 5.

Branch Open House

Huntington Branch Library
April 28, 11:00AM-2:00PM
Celebrate our local libraries by visiting this open event: free samples from local restaurants, Be a Hobbit – use our props and have your picture taken, Tales of Adventure – storytime for kids featuring dwarves, elves, wizards trolls and dragons, activity sheets to fill out or take home for kids, and more... For all ages.

Meet Smaug

Huntington Branch Library
May 5, 10:15AM-11:00AM
Families may come and see the infamous dragon, Smaug – close up and personal! Yes, Smaug does

bear an uncanny resemblance to Peaches, but don't let that fool you! Sponsored by the Valley Community Foundation.

Family Book Discussion

Huntington Branch Library
May 5, 11:00AM-12:00PM
Adults will be together for a stimulating and in depth discussion of *The Hobbit*, while younger family members will hear the short version and discuss the story and types of characters. Sponsored by the Valley Community Foundation.

The End of the Road

Huntington Branch Library
May 23, 6:00PM-7:30PM
Celebrate the end of the One Book, One City program. Music by Tom Hanford, who will be playing old English folk songs that fit in quite nicely with *The Hobbit*. We will announce the prize winners for the 'Reading *The Hobbit*' contest. For all ages. Sponsored by the Valley Community Foundation.



Plumb Memorial Library Events:

Budding Bookworms

Mondays from 10:30AM-11:00AM
Drop-in book based action program for preschool children 1-5 years old and their caregivers (younger or older siblings welcome, too!); stories, songs, games, and FUN with Miss Maura.

Olde Ripton Garden Club

First Mondays from 10:00AM-1:00PM
Area garden and plant enthusiasts gather for workshops and speakers, new members welcome.

Jr. Reading Detectives

First, Third, and Fifth Mondays from 6:00PM-7:00PM
This story time program helps build confidence in skills children 4 to 8 years old will need to start writing and presenting a beginning level "book report"- add creative small motor skill building projects for a fun and educational time with Ms. Kathi. Registration is required.

MS Support

Second Mondays from 2:00PM-3:30PM
Regional MS support group meets for sharing and support in handicapped accessible ground floor meeting room; new members welcome.

SW CAPA

Second Mondays from 6:00PM-8:00PM
Area writers and publishers meet for sharing and support, guest speakers. For more info: www.aboutcapa.com.

There's Math in My Story!!

Second and Fourth Mondays from 6:00PM-7:00PM
Fun filled activities and games connect with literature to help children practice counting, adding, subtracting, patterning, classifying, and more. Kids age 5 to 7 explore math found everyday with Ms. Kathi; registration is required.

Fun for Little Ones

Tuesdays from 10:30AM-11:00AM
Babies and toddlers up to age 2 with caregivers enjoy story time with books, songs, and movement; registration is required and begins two weeks in advance. No session on 5/29.

Knit!

Tuesdays from 6:00PM-8:00PM
Fiber crafters of all skill levels meet to knit/crochet and chat; new members welcome.

Teen Book Club

Fourth Tuesdays from 6:30PM-7:30PM
Teens 12 and up join Miss Margaret to discuss great books over refreshments; copies available at registration which is required and begins 2 weeks in advance.

Check Mates

Second and Fourth Wednesdays from 4:15PM-5:30PM
A chess club for all ages; the only requirement is children know the names of the pieces and how they move. Drop in, no sign up needed.

Alphabits

Thursdays from 10:30AM-11:00AM
Introducing and reinforcing concepts needed to succeed in school, this half-hour focuses on taste, touch, sounds, letters, movement and more; for children ages 1 to 5 with caregivers – drop in.

Library / Homeschool Network

Second Fridays from 2:00PM-4:00PM
Homeschooling or thinking of homeschooling your child(ren)? Meet other families at this open session – children are welcome and light refreshments are provided.

Once Upon a Saturday

Second Saturdays from 10:00AM-10:30AM
A new inclusive story time for area children of all ages with special needs plus their caregivers; siblings and family members

are always welcome. Ms. Maura shares stories, hands-on props, music, bubbles and more! Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before each session.

Stay and Play

3/2, 3/9 from 10:30AM-11:30AM
Adults chat while babies and young children play in a safe, secure, environment; light refreshments provided – drop in.

VITA

Saturdays, 3/3-4/7 from 10:00AM-1:00PM
Tuesdays, 3/6-4/10 from 1:00PM-4:00PM
IRS trained volunteers provide free tax prep for low income individuals; no reservations, first come basis, register at Children's desk.

Plumb's Page-Turners

3/3, 4/7 from 10:30AM-11:30AM
5/12 from 1:00PM-2:00PM
Kids' book club based on the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne. Children 6-9 years discuss the selected book, make a craft and share a snack. Registration is required.

Teen DIY

Plumb Memorial Library
3/3 from 2:00PM-3:00PM
Decoupage - an easy way to dress up plain wood or paper surfaces (boxes, wood signs, gift bags –test your imagination) using paper cutouts and glue; teens 12 and up join Sarah; sign up starts February 18.

3/17 from 2:00PM-4:00AM
Basket Weave - ever try to weave a basket? Geared toward beginners but





tweens/teens ages 12 – 18 of all skill levels are invited to attend; materials included but sign up is necessary, starting March 3.

3/24 from 2:00PM–3:00PM

Jersey knit bracelets - create awesome knit bracelets from old t-shirts with NO knitting required; teens 12 – 18 drop in with your own unwanted t-shirts., no registration required!

4/14 from 2:00PM-4:00PM

Creative Rolled Bowl - recycle old magazines into edgy, useable art; teens ages 12 and up share some DIY fun - drop-in.

Kids in the Kitchen

3/6, 4/3, 5/8 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Kids 5 and up explore the culinary world. Children dress for mess or bring an apron or smock and MUST be accompanied by an adult; unattended children will not be allowed to participate. Please inform library staff of any allergies child(ren) might have. Registration is limited and required and begins 2 weeks in advance.

Raising Readers Parents' Club

3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Family workshop series for parents and children. Families share a light snack then

Jane Bailey helps parents develop reading and literacy skills to share with their children 3-7 years old while their kids enjoy a special story time and craft. Each session focuses on a particular topic and includes a free book to add to the family's home library; parents should plan to attend all four sessions. Co-sponsored by the Shelton School Readiness Council and the library; funded by the Derby/Shelton Rotary Club and the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund. Registration required.

Trash to Treasure

3/17, 5/26 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Kids of all ages and caregivers make creative projects using recycled material; drop in, no registration.

Margaret's Craft Bonanza

3/21, 5/9 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

4/12 from 2:00PM-3:00PM

Children age 3-12 come dressed for mess and creativity- old clothes or smocks; parents are requested to remain in the room with participants ages 3-7. Registration is required.

Stay and Play/Family Place

3/23, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Adults chat and share while babies and young children play in a safe, secure,

environment; light refreshments provided – drop in and join a community guest for a one on one discussion of issues facing families of young children.

Eat 'n' Talk Book Club

3/28, 5/2 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Children in grades 4-6 choose the books and then discuss them over snacks; registration is required and begins 2 weeks in advance.

Family Bingo

3/31 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Join in this popular family game -we play till every child wins a prize; open to all ages - a drop-in program.

Poetry & Pizza

3/31, 4/21, 5/26 from 2:00PM-4:00PM

Tween/Teen Poets - looking for a supportive environment to develop poetry and share your work? This workshop focuses 11-to-18 year-old writers of all levels on creating and revising poems with the aim of publication or merely satisfaction in improving their work. The emphasis is on sharing and critiquing participants' poems but will offer instruction on poetic elements such as imagery, line and voice. Food for thought includes complimentary pizza and drinks; registration is required and begins 2 weeks prior to each session.

Early Childhood Fair

4/28 from 9:00AM-1:00PM

Area childcare centers and care givers visit the library with agencies focused on early childhood. Free fair for families of preschool children features information, giveaways and prizes - look for Shelton School Readiness Council, TEAM, and other





groups supporting young families.

Special Ladies

5/10 from 6:00PM-7:30PM

Celebrate the special women in our lives with stories plus crafts, and activities to show how much we love and appreciate these truly special ladies; ages 3 and up, with caregivers. Registration required and begins April 26.

Huntington Branch Library Events:

Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays from 11:00AM-11:45AM

Infants and non-walkers will enjoy this fun one-on-one time with their caregiver. We will do traditional and new nursery rhymes and songs, many with hand play or action. Then stay awhile for some free play and socialization for the kids, and chit-chat for the adults. No session on 5/29.

Shelton Reading Circle

Second Tuesdays from 7:00PM-8:30PM

This book discussion group is sponsored by the Shelton Historical Society. The group was founded in 1894 and met in members' homes to actually read novels aloud while doing charity work for community causes. Ellen Kolesk is the facilitator, and can be reached at: 203-925-1803.

Toddler Movement Program

Wednesdays from 11:00AM-11:30AM

Watch your child's eyes light up as they get to march, dance, and play musical instruments. Songs and action poems included. For kids ages 2 - 4 years and

a caregiver. This is a weekly program that fills up very quickly, so please register by month, before the start of each month. A waitlist will be made available. No session on 5/30.

As I See It

Second and Fourth Wednesdays
from 1:00PM-3:00PM

Join the Friends of the Shelton Libraries as we watch a fascinating movie followed by a lively discussion and dessert. Adults only. No session on 4/11.

VITA

Wednesdays, 3/7-4/11 from
5:00PM-8:00PM

IRS trained volunteers provide free tax prep for low income individuals. Reservations are required. For appointments call: Primary point of contact - Marilyn Profit 203-526-4152.

Storytime for 3s & 4s

Thursdays from 11:00AM-11:30AM

Join our special reader as she enchants 3 and 4 year olds with this brief session. No session on 5/31.

First Friday Book Discussion

3/2, 4/13, 5/4 from 1:00PM-3:00PM
Books available at the HBL.

Dinner & A Movie

3/14, 4/11, 5/16 from 6:00PM-8:30PM
Eat a delicious dinner from Aribella and watch a movie with your friends and neighbors. Free to the public. This program is for adults only.

Experience the Enchantment of Korea

3/24 from 1:00PM-2:30PM

This multimedia presentation brings to life Korea's rich and unique cultural heritage, from colorful art to modern Korea. After viewing a presentation including a documentary film, participants will enjoy a traditional Korean meal prepared by members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Works of art, including paintings, objects, and costumes, will be on display. We want to express our gratitude to America for helping Korea in the Korean War and invite Korean War Veterans and their families to attend.



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Book Sale

Help the Friends of the Shelton Libraries support collections, programs, and services by making a purchase! Join the Friends and get a discount on purchases.

Plumb:

5/1, Set-Up, 12PM-8PM

5/2, Set-Up, 10AM-8PM

5/3, First Night, 6PM-8PM

\$5 admission for everyone over 12; be among the first to see the complete offer-

ings this spring.

5/4, Sale, 10AM-8PM

5/5, Half-Price, 10AM-4PM

5/6, Bag Day, 12PM-4PM

Fill a bag \$5, bags provided.

Irish Music and Folklore

Huntington Branch Library

March 7, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Irish musician, storyteller, and folklorist Tom O'Carroll shares a bit of Irish history in this seasonally appropriate program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shelton Libraries.

Thank you to the SLS partners:

- The Friends of the Shelton Libraries
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