

# SHELTON LIBRARY SYSTEM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2012 - DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

**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

Sign up for our weekly newsletter or  
read our events page online at:  
[www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org](http://www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org)

Both libraries will be closed on:  
December 24, 26, 31; January 2, 6;  
February 13, 20

### The Branch Turns 20

20 years ago the Huntington Branch opened for business. The first day of business was on December 16, 1991, and the grand opening took place on January 6, 1992. Upon opening the library had 6,462 items available and was open for 42 hours per week. We now have a collection of 81,447 physical items and are open for 50 hours per week. During the last 20 years we have circulated 1,946,920 items, have had 3,862 programs, and have had 64,523 people visit our events.

### Plumb Memorial Library Events:

#### Budding Bookworms

Mondays from 10:30AM-11:00AM

Drop-in program for kids 1-5 years old and

### Meet Santa

Huntington Branch Library

December 3 from 9:30AM-12:30PM

A TEAM Valley Toys for Kids program. Bring an unwrapped toy, book, or donation for Santa to share with a less fortunate child. In return, Santa will let each child have a free picture with him. Hot chocolate, cookies, carols, stories, and more. With special help from Echo Hose Ambulance and Shelton Volunteer Fire Co. 4.

their caregivers (younger or older siblings welcome, too); stories, songs, crafts, and FUN with Miss Maura. No sessions on 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 2/13, 2/20.

#### Jr. Reading Detectives

Mondays from 6:00PM-7:00PM

Children 4-7 explore picture books: investigate characters, events and sequencing to build skills reinforcing reading comprehension and literacy knowledge. Come dressed in PJ's and bring a blanket if you'd like! Registration beginning 2 weeks before each session. No sessions on 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27.

#### Fun for Little Ones

Tuesdays from 10:30AM-11:00AM

Babies and toddlers up to age 2 enjoy stories, songs, and movement to engage and entertain children and caregivers alike; registration is required and begins Nov. 22. No sessions on 12/27, 1/3.

#### Knit!

Tuesdays from 6:00PM-8:30PM

Needlers of all skills and ages share support and smiles, new members welcome.

#### Check Mates

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

from 4:30PM-5:15PM

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.

### Friends Oscar Event

Second Annual Oscar Forecast

Plumb Memorial Library

February 8 from 6:30PM-8:30PM

Join the Friends of the Shelton Libraries and Joe Meyers of the Connecticut Post for an informative and fact-filled Oscar discussion. Joe possesses extensive knowledge of movies past and present.

#### Alphabits

Thursdays from 10:30AM-11:00AM

Drop in interactive half-hour for children 1 to 5 years old with caregivers introduces and reinforces concepts needed to succeed in school featuring music, movement and games.

#### Stay and Play

Fridays from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Drop in for a chat with other adults while your children play in a safe, secure, environment; light refreshments provided; suitable for babies and young children with caregivers. No sessions on 12/16, 1/20, 2/17.

#### Library / Home School Network

2nd Fridays from 2:00PM-4:00PM

Homeschooling or thinking of homeschooling your child(ren)? Meet other families at this open session-children are welcome to attend; light refreshments provided.

#### Writers Group

12/1, 12/15, 12/29, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16  
from 6:00PM-7:30PM

Area writers published and un-published share support and feedback; new members welcome, drop in.

#### Children's Yoga

12/3 from 11:30AM-12:30PM

Nicole Haniph joins children 4-9 years (and their caregivers) to practice some Yoga moves; wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel and water. Registration is required and begins Nov. 19.

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## Trash to Treasure

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

2/25 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Create unique crafts using recycled materials; for kids of all ages plus caregivers. Registration is required, begins Nov. 19.

## Olde Ripton Garden Club

12/5, 2/6 from 10:00AM-1:00PM

Local garden club meets to share information, speakers and workshops; new members welcome.

## Kids & Money

12/6 from 7:00PM-8:00PM

"Raising Financially Responsible Children" with Robert Sample of New York Life; free session for parents and caregivers includes workbook "It's Common Cent\$." Register beginning Nov. 21.

## Shelton School Readiness Council

12/8, 2/9 from 2:00PM-3:30PM

Local parents and educators meet to discuss support for families with children birth to 8 years; interested individuals welcome.

## NVHD Flu Clinic

12/8 from 4:30PM-6:00PM

No appointment needed; handicapped accessible lower level meeting room. All are welcome, including children over 5 – no proof of residency required. Cost per person: \$25 – NVHD accepts Medicare B, Anthem BC/BS; cash or check made out to Naugatuck Valley Health District.

## Dance Dance Revolution

12/10, 2/18 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Join the revolution and dance; ages 8 – 14; sign up starts Nov. 26.

## Guitar Hero

12/10, 2/18 from 11:30AM-12:30PM

Rest your feet and exercise your fingers—just how good ARE you? Play against your friends - old and new; ages 8 – 14; sign up starts Nov. 26.

## MS Support

12/12, 1/9, 2/6 from 2:00PM-3:30PM

Regional support group, meets in handicapped accessible lower level room; new members welcome.

## SW CAPA

12/12, 1/9, 2/6 from 6:00PM-8:00PM

Area writers and publishers meet for information and support; new members welcome; more info at [www.aboutcapa.com](http://www.aboutcapa.com).

## Eat 'n' Talk Book Club

12/14, 1/18, 2/22 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Children entering grades 4-6 join Miss Margaret to discuss great books they select over snacks; registration is required and begins Nov. 17.

## Family Wreath Workshop

12/17 from 9:30AM-11:00AM

All age fun - decorate a wreath for the holidays, all materials provided. Co-sponsored by the Shelton School Readiness Council with support from the Olde Ripton Garden Club. Registration a MUST to guarantee enough wreaths, begins Dec. 1.

## Kids in the Kitchen

Gingerbread Fun In Three Parts

12/17 from 12:00PM-3:00PM

12/27 from 2:30PM-4:30PM

12/29 from 2:30PM-4:30PM

Baking gingerbread pieces to create a winter village -the pieces will be assembled in sessions over vacation. Children, ages 5 and up, MUST be accompanied by an adult; unattended children will not be allowed to participate. Please inform library staff of any allergies your child(ren) might have. Dress for messes or bring an apron or smock; registration is limited and required and begins Dec. 3.

## Holiday JOY

12/20 from 6:00PM-7:00PM.

Slow down and enjoy this special season with stories, activities and crafts for families with children ages 3 and older. Light refreshments will be served; registration is required and begins Dec. 6.

## Margaret's Craft Bonanza

12/28 from 2:30PM-3:30PM

1/25 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

2/29 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Relax with a craft during vacation! Children age 3-12 come dressed for mess-old clothes or smocks; parents are requested to remain in the room with participants ages 3-7. Registration is required and begins Dec. 14.

## Teen Craft Bonanza

12/28 from 5:00PM-7:00PM

Think you're too old to play with crayons? Find out what (besides coloring) crayons can be used for. This program is for teens 13 and up; come dressed for mess-old clothes or smocks. Registration is required and begins Dec. 14.

## Kids in the Kitchen

1/24 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

2/14 from 6:30PM-7:30PM

Children 5 and up explore the culinary world. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult; unattended children will not be allowed to participate. Please inform library staff of any allergies your child(ren) might have. Dress for messes or bring an apron or smock; registration is limited and required and begins Jan. 10.

## Plumb's Page-Turners

1/7, 2/4 from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Kids' book club for 6-9 year olds - read the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne, discuss the book, make a craft and share a snack. Books provided at registration which is required and begins Dec. 27.

## D.I.Y. Cupcake Rose

1/7 from 1:30PM-2:30PM

Learn to make "the rose" seen on cupcakes and cakes. If you have, or know someone who has, a rose nail, please bring it with you! Everything else will be provided, including makeshift rose nails. For tweens/teens ages 12 – 18; sign up starts Dec. 23.

## Family Bingo

1/14, 2/11 from 10:30-11:30AM

Please join us for this popular family game! We play till every child wins a prize. Open to all ages. This is a Drop-in program and no registration is required.

## D.I.Y. T-Shirt Necklace

1/14 from 2:00PM-3:00PM

Turn stretched and ugly t-shirts into a necklace! You MUST bring a t-shirt to do this activity! For tweens/teens ages 12 – 18; sign up starts Dec. 30.

## Snow Day!

1/28 from 1:00PM-3:30PM

ALL AGES welcome: bring your shovels, trowels, buckets, brooms, scarves and create your very own personality - awards for every snowman including most creative, best dressed, etc. Enjoy

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hot cocoa throughout the day plus soup and sandwiches will be offered for refueling. Dress warmly. If there is no snow on the ground, we will unfortunately have to cancel. NO rough housing allowed and you must register to attend; beginning Jan. 14-space is limited.

## VITA

Saturdays, 2/4-4/7 from 10:00AM-1:00PM  
Tuesdays, 2/7-4/10 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.

## D.I.Y. Basket Weave

2/4 from 2:30PM-3:30PM  
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; sign up starts Jan. 21.

## Love is in the Air

2/11 from 1:00PM-2:00PM  
Special activities to tell those special people in your life how much they mean to you with stories, crafts and activities for families with children age 3 and older. Light refreshments will be served; registration is required and begins Jan. 28.

## "Duck For President" Celebration

2/18 from 2:00PM-3:00PM  
It is our pleasure, our honor; our duty as citizens to present to you Duck for President. This duck began his life in a humble pond - worked his way to farmer, to governor, and now, perhaps, to the highest office in the land. Some say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he is a duck. We say if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck his is surely a fun story to share!!! We celebrate President's day; all ages sign up for a voting ballot to attend and vote beginning Feb 4.

## Breathe Deep...

2/25 from 9:30AM-11:30AM  
Take a break in a hectic life – local author and business woman Marta Torres Cuminotto shares insights into starting over when you're not sure you can. Other local women offer support in short takes. Refreshments; register beginning Feb.1.

## Super Hero Academy

2/25 from 1:00PM-2:30PM  
Kazowie! Kids 5 to 9 come in costume and tune

into your super powers - listen to a super hero story, learn a super hero song and design a super disguise! Registration is required and begins Feb. 11.

## Huntington Branch Library Events:

### Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays from 11:00AM-11:30AM  
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.

### Shelton Reading Circle

2nd 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.

### VITA

Wednesdays, 2/8-4/11 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 - Delphine Watson – 203-545-2836, Secondary point of contact – Marilyn Profit 203-526-4152.

### As I See It

2nd and 4th 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.

### Teen Book Club

Last Wednesdays from 6:00PM-7:00PM

We know you're out there - avid readers with nowhere to go to express yourselves. So be part of our club for kids in grades 7 – 12, and let your voice be heard! This month's selection will be Rick Riordan's "The Red Pyramid". Copies will be available the first week in December. Future titles will be chosen by the group.

### 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.

### First Friday Book Discussion

1st Fridays from 1:00PM-3:00PM  
Books available at the HBL.

### Flu Shot Clinic

12/8 from 10:30AM-12:30AM  
The Naugatuck Valley Health District is offering flu vaccination for anyone age 18 years and older, regardless of town of residence. The Health District will bill all Medicare Part B plans and all Anthem plans. Participants must bring an insurance card from one of the above plans to the clinic to receive their flu vaccination at no charge. The cost for all others is \$25, and a receipt will be provided upon request. Please Note: We are unable to accept Medicare HMO's as well as United Health Care (formerly HealthNet).

### Every Child Ready To Read @ Your library

(Pre-talkers - Newborns To 24 months)  
12/16, 12/17 from 1:00PM-2:30PM  
(Talkers- Two To Three Years)  
1/20, 1/21 from 1:00PM-2:30PM  
(Pre-Readers - Four To Five Years)  
2/17, 2/18 from 1:00PM-2:30PM  
Please join us for this common sense approach to Early Literacy - what children know about reading and writing BEFORE they can actually read and write. This is a program for parents and caregivers - you are your child's first teacher and you are in the best position to give your baby a great start to becoming a good reader and student. This program was developed by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. Registration is required.

### The College Navigator

1/18 from 10:30AM-12:00PM  
This is a special session on the FAFSA application. Please contact Tony Luther at: 203-929-3593 if you would like to attend.

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## Friends of the Shelton Libraries

### Book Sales

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.

### Huntington:

Coffee and treats available free of charge for browsers.  
11/30, 10AM-8PM

12/1, 10AM-8PM  
12/2 10AM-5PM  
12/3, 10AM-3PM

### Plumb:

Holiday mini-book sale. Found in displays on both floors.  
11/29-12/23, all open hours

### Book Sale Committee

Plumb Memorial Library

12/13, 1/10, 2/14

from 5:30PM-6:30PM

Friends of the Shelton Libraries Book Sale group meets for updates and planning, new members welcome anytime.

## Thank you to the SLS partners:

- The Friends of the Shelton Libraries
- Aribella Restaurant
- Written Words Bookstore
- Happy Day Preschool
- Panda House Restaurant
- Chili's Restaurant
- Derby/Shelton Rotary Club
- Caliente
- Baltyk Deli
- Staples
- Beechwood Supermarket
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