

# SHELTON LIBRARY SYSTEM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2011 - MARCH, APRIL, MAY

### You've Been Carded!

Gain access to hundreds of thousands of books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, databases, and more by getting a free library card. If you already have one, help us by 'carding' your friends and family members. Send them to us if they do not have a card already. Thousands of Shelton residents are missing out on great collections, programming, and services!

To encourage new card sign-ups, we are hosting the event below:

#### Branch Open House

Huntington Branch Library  
April 30, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Visit us to enjoy free food samples from local restaurants, sit in on some fantastic Polish folktales told by Sharon Wood, enter our drawing to win door prizes, and more. This is part of our library card drive, so feel free to bring friends and neighbors who do not have library cards to sign them up.

### Poland!

Our theme for the spring season is Poland. Here are the programs specifically celebrating this great culture:

#### A Tale of Poland

Huntington Branch Library  
March 30, 6:30PM-8:00PM  
Experience the rich culture of Poland through the harrowing real-life adventures of Helen and Vincent Knapczyk, the dance of the Orleta troupe, and the food of the Baltic Deli.

#### Celebrate Poland

Huntington Branch Library  
April 19, 1:00PM-1:45PM  
Welcome to our children's introduction to the culture of Poland! Join us for traditional stories and songs, and learn some fun facts about this wonderful country! This program is suggested for ages 5 and up.

#### Olde Ripton Garden Club

First Mondays from 10:00AM-2:30PM  
Speakers, discussions, workshops – plenty for area gardeners to get involved; new members welcome.

#### Mother Goose Math

First Mondays from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Math is here every day, in every part of our lives. Fun filled activities and games that help children practice counting, adding, subtracting, patterning, classifying and more spark smiles and laughter while fostering a love of math for kids in grades K + 1. This program with Ms. Kathi helps support the educational and fun aspects of math in our lives by connecting it with literature. Register starting Feb. 14.

#### Polish Playground Games

Huntington Branch Library  
April 21, 1:00PM-2:00PM  
Games are fun – in any language! Come in and learn how children across the ocean spend some of their free time. Some of these games may sound familiar to you, too! This program is for children ages 5 and up.

#### Polish Paper Cutting

Huntington Branch Library  
April 27, 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Paper cutting is a very beautiful and traditional type of folk art. We will offer two styles for you to try, and you can take your artwork home with you. This is a very intricate and delicate process, suitable for kids in grades 3 through adults. If you have sharp, pointy scissors (small ones are terrific) please bring them with you. We will supply the paper. For people from grade

#### MS Support

Second Mondays from 2:00PM-3:30PM  
Area support group for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis; social worker led in accessible ground floor meeting room. New members welcome.

#### SW CAPA

Second Mondays from 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Regional writers and publishers meet to share information and support, speakers offered; more at aboutcapa.com

#### Fun for Little Ones

Tuesdays from 10:00AM-10:30AM  
Babies and toddlers up through 36 months, with a caregiver participate in this rousing half hour of stories, songs, motion, and fun! 2 six week session. Registration is required and begins Feb. 15 and March 29. No session on 5/31.

**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: April 22nd, May 28th, and May 30th

### New System

The Library System will be obtaining a new Integrated Library System (ILS) during Memorial Day Weekend. The ILS controls the online catalogs, and all circulation, acquisitions, and cataloging functions. We ask for your patience as all systems will be down for a couple of days around the end of May.

### Plumb Memorial Library Events:

#### Budding Bookworms! Drop in Story-Time for all ages

Mondays from 10:30AM-11:00AM  
Caregivers and children of all ages join us for a fun-filled half hour of stories and activities; no registration required! Caregivers must remain with children during program. No session on 5/30.

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## VITA

Tuesdays from 1:00PM-4:00PM through 4/12  
Saturdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM through 4/9  
IRS trained volunteers assist seniors and low income taxpayers complete tax filings online. First come basis, no advance reservations.

## Knit!

Tuesdays from 6:00PM-8:30PM  
Needlers of all skills and ages share support and smiles, new members welcome.

## Genealogy for Everyone

Fourth Wednesdays from 3:30PM-5:00PM  
Novice and experienced family tree shakers gather each month on the fourth Wednesday to share ideas, research techniques, and paths traveled to discover family roots. No genealogy experience is needed and walk-ins are welcome.

## Stories & More...

Thursdays in March from 10:00AM-10:30AM  
Books, music, and fun await preschoolers who join this exciting program. Meeting weekly throughout March this is for caregivers and children age 3 to 5 (siblings welcome, too!). Registration is required and begins Feb. 17.

## Read To Me! Drop In Story-Time

Thursdays from 1:30PM-2:00PM  
A new program designed for kids who cannot attend in the morning, this story time incorporates stories, songs, and activities that will be both fun and stimulating for your child. No registration is necessary. For caregivers and children ages 3-5 years (siblings welcome).

## Conversation Café - Beginners

Saturdays from 12:30PM-1:30PM  
Practice English in a casual setting and proceed at your own speed. New members welcome at any time.

## Conversation Café - Intermediates

Saturdays from 2:00PM-3:00PM  
Practice English in a casual setting for those who have a little experience. New members welcome at any time.

## Raising Readers Parents Club

3/1, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7 from 6:00PM-7:00PM  
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 with Miss Kathi. 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 six sessions. Co-sponsored by the Shelton School Readiness Council and the library; funded by the Valley United Way and the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund. Limited space so register beginning Feb. 15.

## Teen Advisory Board

3/1 from 7:00PM-7:30PM  
We are listening to YOU (teens, 14-18). Let yourself be heard at YOUR library as we swap ideas on books and crafts, plus new programs! Bring friends and let us know you're coming by

giving us a call.

## Kids in the Kitchen!

3/2, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25 from 6:30PM-8:00PM  
Do your children want to learn about working in the kitchen? Part demonstration, part hands on, part eating, and all fun, this program is always popular. Registration is both limited and required for this program for children ages 5+ and caregivers. Parents must remain in room with children, and may be requested to assist with some tasks. In addition, please provide the library with a list of any allergies your child(ren) have. Registration is required and begins Feb. 16.

## Window Treatments 101

3/3 from 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Learn how to treat your windows right - custom or stock, Adrienne Micci-Smith of Curtain Call on Coram Ave. in Shelton can get you started with tips and pointers on material selection and style ideas. Free workshop, refreshments offered; register, please, beginning Feb. 17.

## Stay & Play

3/4, 3/11, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/29, 5/6, 5/27 from 10:30AM-11:30AM  
Playtime for preschoolers and caregivers; we provide coffee, tea and juice, you bring the snacks - and a friend. Drop in when you can.

## Plumb's Page-Turners

3/12, 4/2, 5/7 from 10:00AM-11:00AM  
A new book club for kids 6-8 years old; we start with kid favorites the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne. Books will be provided; registration is required and begins Feb 26.

## DDR

3/12 from 10:00AM-11:00AM  
4/9, 5/7 from 2:00PM-3:00PM  
Dance the late winter blues away! Kids ages 8-14 years can dance for fun or friendly competition! Registration starts February 26.

## Guitar Hero

Plumb Memorial Library  
3/12 from 11:00AM-12:00PM  
4/9, 5/7 from 3:00PM-4:00PM  
Cool off after DDR by practicing some chords! Bring a friend! Registration starts February 26.

## Rails to Trails: a journey back in time

3/12 from 1:00PM-2:00PM  
Join local history and train enthusiast Sue DelBianco as she shares her search for local railroad lines, many of them now hiking trails. Learn some of the local lore and discover where a trail may lie near your home. Great for all ages - local history buffs, train lovers and hikers will all enjoy. Refreshments offered.

## Family Bingo

3/12, 4/2 from 2:30PM-3:30PM  
5/21 from 1:30PM-2:30PM  
A fun and free program for all ages - practice with letters and numbers for younger participants; all kids win a prize! No need to register, just drop in for some family fun.

## Margaret's Craft Bonanza

3/16, 5/18 from 6:30PM-8:00PM  
4/13 from 5:00PM-6:00PM  
This popular craft series continues this spring! 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 March 2.

## Young Adult Book Club

3/16, 4/27, 5/25 from 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Twins and Teens are welcome to this lively discussion group - dish about the current book while enjoying tasty snacks! Why not bring a friend?

## "Worm Moon" A Native American Spring Celebration

3/19 from 10:00AM-11:00AM  
Hear some wonderful Native American stories and music with Ms Kathi. Kids Preschool through Grade 2 will learn about the history behind "Worm Moon", a time when the signs of spring are connected to the sightings of earthworms. Space is limited, register beginning March 5.

## Trash to Treasure

3/19, 4/16 from 2:00PM-3:00PM  
5/21 from 12:00PM-1:00PM  
Caregivers and children 3-8 years old create art pieces using everyday items like plastic bags, newspapers, water bottles and more; caregivers must remain with children during program. Registration is required and begins March 5.

## Jr. Reading Detectives

3/21, 4/11, 5/16 from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Children learn some essential literature skills that will help them build proficiency in writing and presenting a beginning level book report. Fun creative projects make this session fun and boost their CMT needed skills! Grades K + 1 with Ms. Kathi, please register beginning March 7.

## Pajama Story Time

3/23, 5/11 from 6:30PM-7:00PM  
For a soothing end to a busy day come for stories and music for all ages; pajama clad children are welcome to attend. For ages 3 and up, with caregivers. No registration required.

## Yesterday's Headlines: Dateline Shelton

3/26 from 1:00PM-2:00PM  
Municipal historian Bob Novak looks back at Shelton and the valley - 100 years ago, 75 years ago and 25 years ago. Who and what were in the news? What efforts are being made to keep some of the past alive? Share some dessert and learn about what went on in your own backyard.

## Beads and Buttons-For Teens!

3/26 from 3:00PM-4:00PM  
From candles to tea cups, we decorate everyday items with fun fashion accessories; teens age 14-18. Registration is required and begins March 12.

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## One-Stroke Art

4/2, 4/9 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Al Fritsch, certified One-Stroke instructor, offers an hour long lesson in the art of One-Stroke painting. The program is recommended for children in grades 3 and up, as well as for adults; paint and brushes provided. Please register beginning March 19 in the Children's Department.

## One-Stroke Art: Advanced

5/7 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

People wishing to register MUST have attended one of our prior One-stroke sessions (on either April 2 or April 9). The program is recommended for children in grades 3 and up, as well as for adults; paint and brushes provided. Please register beginning April 23 in the Children's Department.

## Family Place

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 from 10:00AM-11:30AM

Family Place brings local professionals to discuss topics important to families with preschool children including education, early literacy, health issues, and more. Meeting for five weeks, children are welcome to attend a story time hosted just for them while parents are involved in discussion. Registration required and begins March 24.

## Peter Rabbit's Garden Party

4/16 from 10:00AM-11:00AM

A fun morning of stories, games and crafts all related to that trouble-making fun-loving Peter Rabbit. Kids Preschool through Grade 2- bring your energy and wear your garden clothes, we're gonna get dirty with Ms. Kathi. Space is limited, register beginning April 2.

## Snakes Alive!

4/20 from 6:00PM-7:00PM

Do you like colorful, scaly snakes of all sizes? If you do (or even if you don't!) this exciting program offers amazing facts about these slithery creatures that share our world! Jay Kaplan, Director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, CT, visits with a variety of snakes to admire (and touch, if you are brave!). For ages 3+ with caregivers; all ages will find this program interesting! Registration is required and begins April 6.

## Early Childhood Fair

4/30 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.

## Tie Dyeing-for Teens!

5/21 from 3:00PM-4:00PM

Experiment with tie dye! Teens, 14-18 bring in a white item: T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, or totes, try for 100% cotton- be sure to wear grubby clothes! Registration is required and begins May 7.

## Huntington Branch Library Events:

### First Friday Book Discussion

First Mondays from 1:00PM-3:00PM  
Books available at the HBL.

### Tales for Tots

First Mondays from 6:30PM-7:00PM  
Join us for stories and activities to help your little ones wind down at the end of the day. Suggested for 2 year olds, but all ages are welcome.

### Huntington Photographic Society

First Mondays from 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Our members have a variety of photographic interests, and they all find something special at the Huntington Photographic Society. The group has interesting programs, takes great trips, and participates in learning activities. For more info contact: Hazel Meredith at 375-1039.

### First Monday Book Discussion

Written Words Bookstore  
First Mondays from 7:30PM-8:30PM  
Monthly book discussion at the inviting Written Words Bookstore in the White Hills Shopping Center, 194 Leavenworth Road. In partnership with the Shelton Library System, no purchase necessary.

### The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

Third Mondays from 7:00PM-8:00PM  
The Russell-Wooster Camp #22 honors those who have served the country in battle, teaches patriotism, and studies the history of our country.

### 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. Great for first time parents who want to add to their repertoire of oral tradition.

### Housatonic Civil War Roundtable

Second Tuesdays 7:00PM-9:30PM  
Explore one of America's most harrowing eras with this popular group. Contact George Geer for info: 203-735-3664.

### Teen Anime Club

Fourth Tuesdays from 5:00PM-7:00PM  
Movies, manga, and munchies. All high-schoolers are welcome, with parental permission. Yatta!

### 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. Recommended for kids ages 2 - 4 years and a caregiver. This is a weekly program that fills up very quickly, so please register for each monthly session before it starts. A waitlist will be made available.

### Storytime with Danielle

Thursdays from 11:00AM-11:30AM  
Join our special reader as she enchants youngsters with this brief session.

### Gentle Yoga

Thursdays in March from 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Enjoy the ancient art of yoga without putting stress on your body. For beginners and men and women over 50. Taught by Art Rodia. This is a Community Center run program, and you must register with them. There is a fee for this class.

### Western Day

3/2, All Day  
See the Branch staff in their cowboy finest. The public is welcome to saddle up as well.

### Shelton Reading Circle

3/8, 4/5, 5/10 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.

### Grand Gathering of the Green

3/9 from 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Join us for children's stories, sing-along fun, and finish off the evening with a family film. You are welcome to bring a "picnic" supper - we'll supply a wee bit o' Irish soda bread and beverages. A great time for ages 1 - 100.

### Dinner & A Movie

3/16, 4/13, 5/11 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.

### Author Jason Alster

3/23 from 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Jason will speak about his book: Leaving Home, Going Home, Returning Home: A Hebrew American's Sojourn in the Land of Israel. The book is a mosaic of vivid snapshots that clearly exhibits a remarkable insight into the heterogeneous and dynamic culture of Israel, while at the same time conveying to the reader the nuances of feelings, as well as the harshness of reality. For anyone contemplating learning about life or even visiting Israel.

### Author Michael Ruscoe

4/20 from 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Local author Michael Ruscoe will speak about his novel: You'll Do Anything and about writing fiction in general.

### Branch T-Shirt Day

May 4, All Day  
See the Branchers in their official library t-shirts.

### Huntington History 101

5/18 from 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Shelton Municipal Historian Robert Novak Jr. introduces Huntington's fascinating history to residents and visitors of all ages.

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## 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.

### Plumb:

5/11, Set Up, 1PM-8PM

5/12, First Look, 6PM-8PM

\$5 admission for everyone over 12; be among the first to see the complete offerings this spring.  
5/13, Sale, 10AM-8PM

5/14, Half-Price, 10AM-4PM

5/15, Specials, 12PM-4PM

Fill a bag \$5, we provide the bags.

### Huntington:

Coffee and treats available free of charge for browsers.

5/31, 10AM-8PM

6/1, 10AM-8PM

6/2, 10AM-8PM

6/3, 10AM-5PM

6/4, 10AM-3PM

Check out the new website! Out-Source Communications did a great job helping us finish our web renovation.

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## 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
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