



Exciting Opera Lecture Series Continues

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Opera and the Seven Deadly Sins

Saturday, January 22, 2:00 p.m.

Journey into the minds of the villains of Opera. Explore their motivations, the composer's thoughts and the religious predispositions of the time. Learn about the plays, libretti, music and psychodynamics of the main protagonists. Some of the sins/operas covered are: Gluttony: Verdi's Falstaff; Sloth: Weill's "The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahogany"; Lust: Salome, Death in Venice, Don Giovanni; Wrath: Wagner's Valkyre, Bellini's Norma; Envy: Macbeth, and more. Historic and contemporary performances will be covered.

Opera Rara

Saturday, February 26, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Explore rare and infrequently performed operas based on heart-breaking plays, zealous, passionate or deeply flawed heroes or heroines who are facing harrowing decisions or adventures. Explore in depth the featured opera's musical and cultural history; learn about the composers, plots and libretti. Hear and watch famous performers and productions in seldom seen footage. Some selected works may include: Rossini's "La Gazza Ladra"; Handel's "Tamerlano"; Vivaldi's "Orlando Furioso"; Verdi's "Attila" and Berlioz' "La Damnation de Faust".

Art Gallery News

"Quilting Is Art"

An Exhibition Featuring Art Quilts
from the L.I. Quilter's Guild
January 1 - 30, 2005

Quogue School Children's Art Exhibition

February 2 - March 30, 2005



Quogue Art teacher Ginger Anderson leads the school children in creating imaginative two and three-dimensional works of art, which will be on display at the Library Art Gallery through March. A reception is scheduled, please call the Library for details. This is a special show and the most popular Gallery event of the year!

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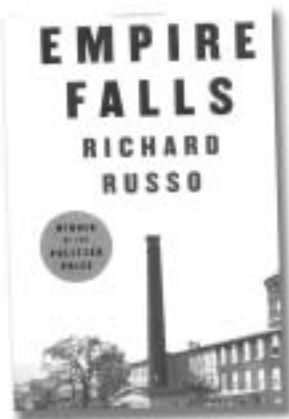
Fiction Book Discussion

Empire Falls, by Richard Russo

(2002 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)

Sunday, January 23, 12 noon –

Lunch will be Served



Dexter County, Maine, and specifically the town of Empire Falls, has seen better days, and for decades, in fact, only a succession from bad to worse. One by one, its logging and textile enterprises have gone belly-up, and the once vast holdings of the Whiting clan (presided over by the last scion's widow) now mostly amount to decrepit real estate. The working classes, meanwhile, continue to eke out whatever meager promise

isn't already boarded up. Miles Roby gazes over this ruined kingdom from the Empire Grill, an opportunity of his youth that has become the albatross of his daily and future life. Called back from college and set to work by family obligations—his mother ailing, his father a loose cannon—Miles never left home again. Even so, his own obligations are manifold: a pending divorce; a troubled younger brother; and, not least, a peculiar partnership in the failing grill with none other than Mrs. Whiting. All of these, though, are offset by his daughter, Tick, whom he guides gently and proudly through the tribulations of adolescence. Shot through with the mysteries of generations and the shattering visitations of the nation at large, it is a social novel of panoramic ambition, yet at the same time achingly personal.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Rising '44 the Battle for Warsaw

by Norman Davies

2004, 784 p.

Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m.

In August 1944, Warsaw presented the last major obstacle to the Red Army's triumphant march from Moscow to Berlin. When the Wehrmacht was pushed back to the Vistula River, the Polish Resistance poured forty thousand fighters into the streets to drive out the hated Germans. But Stalin halted the

Russian offensive, allowing the Wehrmacht to regroup and destroy the city. For sixty-three days Soviet troops and other Allied forces watched from the sidelines as tens of thousands of Poles were slaughtered and Warsaw was reduced to rubble. Like Antony Beevor's bestselling *The Fall of Berlin*, *Rising '44* is a brilliant narrative of one of the most dramatic episodes in twentieth-century history. Don't be put off by the size of this tome – the writing style is wonderfully engaging. Even if you don't manage to finish, please join us and discuss what you think! Copies are available at the front desk, come in and pick one up soon.



Adult Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, January 29, 9:45 - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00

Drivers who complete Empire Safety Council's 6 hour Defensive Driving course save 10% on their liability, personal injury and collision insurance for THREE YEARS and reduce FOUR POINTS on their driving record. Course completion is transmitted to the DMV and recorded on your driving record, and a certificate is provided as a receipt to present to your insurance company. Please bring a blue or black pen, and a bag lunch and beverage. Coffee/tea will be provided. Students must bring a check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to "Empire Safety Council" to the library the day of the class. As space is limited, you must have a reservation to attend this course which is limited to Quogue Library members and their guests. Please call 653-4224 to register for this class.



Beat the Winter Blues at Our FILM FEASTS

Join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing evening featuring delicious food and a fine film. Price of admission is a bottle of wine or other beverage, plus a dish to share that serves at least 6 people. This season we are compiling the Film Feast Cookbook, so please bring a copy of your favorite Film Feast recipe with your name, address and telephone number on it. Please call 653-4224 to reserve your spot in these popular programs. All are welcome.



Film Feast: “The Station Agent”

Saturday, January 15

Feast 6:30 p.m., Film 7:15 p.m.

A strong ensemble and director Tom McCarthy's sweetly low-key observations make Sundance favorite *The Station Agent* a treat. The film revolves around a reserved, somber dwarf (Peter Dinklage, immortalized by his brilliant tirade in *Living in Oblivion*), a train enthusiast who inherits a small depot in rural New Jersey. He makes friends, somewhat reluctantly, with a group of eccentric locals: the guy at the coffee stand, an artist (Patricia Clarkson, impeccable as usual), a librarian (Michelle Williams). A few of the plot strands feel forced, but whenever the actors are simply playing off each other with McCarthy's nicely understated dialogue, which is most of the time, it ambles along winningly. The key is Dinklage's smoldering performance, one of those reminders that a single scowl is worth pages of conversation.

Film Feast: “American Splendor”

Saturday, February 12

Feast, 6:30 p.m., Film 7:15 p.m.

One of the most acclaimed films of 2003, *American Splendor* is also one of the most audaciously creative biographical movies ever made. Blending fact, fiction, and personal perspective from the comic books that inspired it, this marvelous portrait of Harvey Pekar - scowling curmudgeon, brow-beaten everyman, insightful chronicler of his own life, and frustrated file clerk



at a Cleveland V.A. hospital - is an inspired amalgam of the media (comic books, TV, and film) that lifted Pekar from obscurity to the status of a pop-cultural icon. As played by Paul Giamatti (also in the acclaimed new film *Sideways*) in a master-stroke of casting, we see Pekar and his understanding wife (played by Hope Davis) as underdogs in a world full of obstacles, yet also infused with subtle hope and heartwarming perseverance. We also see the *real* Pekar, and this multifaceted commingling of “reel” and “real” turns *American Splendor* into a uniquely cinematic celebration of Pekar's life and, by extension, the tenacity of an unlikely American hero.

Exclusive Independent Films

The Quogue Library is pleased to bring you a stellar collection of DVDs for your viewing enjoyment. Our collection philosophy is to purchase award winning, critically acclaimed, or underappreciated films, both foreign and domestic. We recently subscribed to Film Movement, a special service that scours the world's most prestigious film festivals: Cannes, Sundance, Toronto, New York and others, and distributes the films to subscribers on DVD. Selections are approved by a panel of curators who hail from such prestigious institutes as Lincoln Center and AFI. Recently acquired titles include:

Witnesses (Croatia)

Alexandra's Project (Australia)

Falling Angels (Canada)

Buddy (Norway)

The Man of the Year (Brazil)

Raja (France)

Carol's Journey (Spain)

Ginger & Cinnamon (Italy)

Happy New Year!

The perfect New Year's resolution is to commit to reading more. When we read we entertain the mind and educate ourselves.

We tend to relax and savor the day in a special way when we sit down with a good book, thus giving ourselves a break from the fast paces of our lives. So come into the library today and allow me to recommend the perfect book for you!

All the best to you and your family this new year,

*Marilyn Di Carlo – Ames
Children's Librarian*

“Cast Your Vote” for Best Book Ballot Results

We asked our youngest set which books were their favorites and this is what they had to say:

Pat The Bunny, by Dorothy Kunhardt

Mister Seahorse, by Eric Carle

My Daddy & Me, by Jerry Spinelli

Digby and Kate, by Barbara Baker

Junie B. Jones, by Barbara Park

Amber Brown, by Paula Danziger

Authors! Authors! Authors!

We have been so fortunate to have had several wonderful children's authors visit the library in the last few months to present their work to our children in a variety of formats.

Julie Merberg conducted an art project emphasizing the art styles of classic greats, with our children after presenting her books (collaborated with Suzanne Bober), entitled *A Picnic with Monet*, *In The Garden with Van Gogh*, and *A Magical Day with Matisse*.

Wendy Wax (our friendly witch) led an evening Halloween event for children and read her board books *Bus To Booville*, and *You Can't Scare Me!* to an enthusiastic audience who received a copy of her book in lieu of the usual sweet treats.

Marilyn, our children's librarian, was busy during the month of October attending events that allowed her to meet several famous children's authors/illustrators who autographed copies of their books for the children of The Quogue Library.

Brian Selznick (pictures), *The Meanest Doll In The World*, by Ann M. Martin & Laura Godwin and (author), *The Boy of A Thousand Faces*.

Jane Breskin Zalben, *Baby Babka*, *the Gorgeous Genius*.

Steven Zalben and Jane Breskin Zalben, *Saturday Night At The Beastro*.

The books of these very talented individuals are on display in the children's room for your enjoyment.



Board Books and Pop-Up Books are now in circulation for your baby or toddlers at-home enjoyment. Check out our extensive collection!

New Storytime Schedule:

Winter 2005

Storytimes are currently being conducted in three week sessions. Please note the following schedule. Thank you.

Registration is required and limited to Quogue and East Quogue cardholders. Call 653-4224 to sign up.

Weeks of January 3, 10, 17

Weeks of February 7, 14, 21

Monday - Early Afternoon Elves

(1 - 3½ year olds) • 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Relax and listen to two related stories before continuing with your day.

Tuesday - Pixie Play

(Infant - 24 months) • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join other new moms with little ones for an informal play session. A wide variety of manipulatives, puzzles, puppets, and toys designed to stimulate interest and challenge the fine motor skills of infants and toddlers will be explored.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: Each month we will feature a famous author who has made great contributions to the field of children's literature. A display will be set up so that you can learn about the author and their collection.

January 2005

Eve Bunting is one of America's most acclaimed and versatile author's of children's books and has written over one hundred novels. Born in Ireland, Eve grew up in a tradition steeped in the art of storytelling. Her books are for children of all ages from pre-school to young adult novels and she loves to write picture books.

Children's Special Programs

NEW PROGRAM!

Wednesday - Nursery Rhyme Thyme

(Infant - 2½ year olds) • 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Start this program singing classic children's songs, then listen to classic and new nursery rhymes. A fun time for little ones!

NEW DAY!

Thursday - Mommy or Daddy, and Me!

(2 - 4 year olds) • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Storytime at its best and a jump - start to literacy!

Listen to three children's stories. Themes as follows:

January 5: City

January 12: Cats

January 19: Clowns

February 2: Dogs

February 9: Dinosaurs

February 16: Driving

PJ Storytimes: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4: Orange Theme

Tuesday, February 8: Friends Theme

Wear your favorite PJ's and join us for an evening storytime.

What a perfect way to end your day!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Holiday Book Drive. Over 80 children's books were donated to Little Flower Children's Services in Wading River, NY.

February

With over twenty-eight million books in print, **Jan Brett** is one of the nation's foremost author/illustrators of children's books. Jan lives in a seacoast town in New England. Jan decided to be an illustrator as a child and spent many hours reading and drawing. Travel is also a constant inspiration. Jan studies the traditions of the many countries she visits and uses them as a starting point for her children's books.

Special Events

*All programs require registration, please stop by or call 653-4224 to sign up.
Limited to Quogue and East Quogue cardholders.*

Winter Crafts

Saturday, January 8, 2005

Grades 1 - 6 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 non-patrons

Make a full size *Snowman Tic-Tac-Toe Board* for winter fun! Then stick around and play a game or two with some new friends and learn about the origins of this classic family game.

Kids Knitting

Four Fridays: January 14, 21, 28 and February 11.

Kids grades 3 and up • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Textile artist Donna Trunk will teach beginning stitches to young knitters; both new and experienced knitters have the option of completing several projects including bean bags, bookmarks, and a change purse. Or, perhaps you have your heart set on learning to knit a scarf or hat...the choice is yours! Space is very limited so please call early to pre-register.

Phases of the Moon

Tuesday, January 25

ages 2 - 4^{1/2} • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m

Is the moon made of green cheese? Children will have loads of fun as they use a spotlight to simulate the phases of the moon. Then listen to a story and make a chart from new moon to full moon. And if that isn't enough fun, make your favorite phase of the moon on an oatmeal cookie using marshmallow fluff, and then gobble up your creation!

(P.S. The moon will be full tonight!)

Facilitated by the Long Island Science Center.

Registration is required. Call 653-4224

Baby Signing

Thursday, January 27

ages: 6 - 36 months • 10:30 - 12 noon

Give your baby a head start on language development and enjoy an earlier interactive experience with your baby by learning to sign.

The benefits of baby signing include:

- Less frustration for babies and their parents
- Earlier speaking
- Higher IQ rates
- Development of Larger Vocabularies
- Enhanced Self-Esteem

Workshop conducted by Patsy Brennan,

Certified **Happy 2 Sign Baby Sign Language** Instructor.

Cost: \$10 per person (\$15 per couple)

Registration is required.

Please call 653-4224 for more information.

Quogue School Art Show

February 1 - March 31

OPENING RECEPTION:

Wednesday, February 9

3:00 - 5:00 p.m

Mark your calendars for this annual art show, showcasing the creative efforts of the entire Quogue School population. A sneak preview of this year's show: sculptures (and think BIG!)

Quogue School Collaboration

The Quogue Library has collaborated with The Quogue School to ensure that children have access to their text books at the odd times when children wish to study and have forgotten their own book. The Quogue Library is thus proud to announce that we have single copies of the 4th - 6th grade text books available for in-house use.

A list of the books:

[New York Adventures in Time and Place](#)

[United States Adventures in Time and Place](#)

[World Adventures in Time and Place](#)

[Math: Scott Foresman - Addison Wesley](#)

[Middle School Math: Course One](#)

[Ven Conmigo!: Holt Spanish Level 1](#)

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Youth Advisory Board Meetings

Start the new year off right by getting involved at The Quogue Library. What do you want to see happen here at the library in this new year? We want to know and you can make all the difference. Join us!

Building the Book Collection

Tuesday, January 11 • 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Black Valentines Event

Tuesday, February 15 • 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.



Young teens participate in a Sand Art craft program, one of many activities offered to teens at the library.



YA Homework Help

Mondays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Start the new school year off the right way and bring your homework to the library. Spend an hour of quality time doing your work and have a library staff member or volunteer assist you.

Program for Parents of Pre-teens & Teens

Red-Flag Behaviors:

When to Worry about Adolescents

Tuesday, February 1, 2005 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Even normal pre-teen behavior can seem pretty strange at times, but adults really have to worry when teens exhibit certain patterns of high risk behavior. Learn the warning signs of trouble and ways to protect and support adolescents.

Conducted by Tim Jahn, Director of Family and Consumer Sciences, The Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Registration is required.



Library Hours:
Sun. & Mon. 12-5
Weds., Fri., Sat. 10-5
Tues. & Thurs. 10-8

We are a Wireless HotSpot!

Quickly and easily check your email, and surf the web at high speed, right from your own laptop or mobile handheld device! You can use the Library's HotSpot service to get on the internet throughout the building and even out into the backyard. You must have a WiFi wireless network card installed in your device to use this service. We're sorry, printing is not yet available with wireless. So take advantage of the peace, quiet and comfort of the Quogue Library to stay connected even when you're away from home. If you have any questions about this service please contact our Director at 653-4224.



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