



# News & Views



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## SAVE THE DATES!

**Library Expansion  
VOTE  
Tuesday September 19**

**25th Annual  
Book & Bake Sale  
Sat-Sun, Sept. 30-Oct 1**

In 1934, the town of Guilford proudly opened its new library at 67 Park Street, with the young Edith Nettleton (see photo) as Library Director. The town population was 3000, and the library



*At the Dedication Ceremony for the new Guilford Free Library on January 23, 1934, First Selectman Leslie Spencer hands over control of the new library to Guilford Library Association President the Reverend W.C.H. Moe. Looking on are Miss Lena Shelley, Librarian Miss Edith Nettleton, and Miss Martha Cornell. Miss Shelley and Miss Cornell, both Library Board members, also served as volunteers in the new library.*

was just the right size. Children gathered for storytimes in the lower level, while adult services were on the main floor.

The town experienced a spurt of growth starting in the late 1950s, when the completion of Interstate 95 made commuting to New Haven possible. In 1976 a 15,000 square foot addition to the library was begun — with Library Director Edith Nettleton (photo at right) proudly breaking ground. The new building officially opened on December 10, 1977.



*In the spring of 1976, Librarian Edith Nettleton proudly broke ground for the new addition to the Guilford Free Library.*

Since then, no expansion or major renovation has occurred. The structural elements and mechanicals of the library are now in desperate need of repair. Simply bringing the building up to compliance

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This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Friends' Book & Bake Sale** – and it promises to be better than ever, featuring tens of thousands of books, all hand sorted for category, quality, and price range. There's something for everyone, under the tents and on the lawn. Take a break from your shopping at the Sidewalk Café, or enjoy the recorder music of Hope Sperry and her group.

More volunteers than ever have helped put this event together. Between fifteen and twenty faithful sorters have met every Thursday since last year's sale, to sort through donations. "Every book is examined for condition, relevancy, date



*Busily sorting donations, left to right, Friends Gwen Creaser, Audrey Eisenlohr, and Connie Merman.*

of publication, and value before being assigned to its category," says co-chairperson Sally Leighton. 46 different categories have been defined, including New Fiction, New Nonfiction, Biography, Travel, Gardening, Sports – and forty others. This is one of the things that distinguishes the Guilford Book & Bake Sale and makes it such a special event: the ease with which buyers and browsers can find exactly what they're looking for. Maps will be available on the day of the

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## Children's Programs

The children's room is gearing up for the fall season with special programs, drop-in story times, pop-in playtimes, videos, book clubs, and much more! **Weird and Terrible Tales** features Guilford's own Barbara Reed and Gerry Parent, on Wed. Oct. 25, from 6:30—7:15 pm. New this fall: **French Storytimes** join our ever-popular **Spanish** series. **Magic by Scott Jameson**: a fresh new look, with music, mime, and audience participation. Wed., Oct. 4, 4:00—4:45 pm. Ages 4 and up. **Music with Margie: "Singin' Round the Campfire"** Wed., Nov. 15, 4:00—4:45 pm. For ages 4 and up. Registration for all programs is now in progress in the Children's Dept. Call 453-8282 or come in to sign up!



Members of Guilford's Public Works Department took part in the second annual 'Keep on Truckin' day in the library's parking lot in August.



Winners in the Best Goldfish Swimmers category Pet Show event in July are, from left to right Ellis Riccio, Michel Riccio and Lily Riccio.

## Reading Game

800 children played the Summer Reading Game this year. Watch for their names in the local newspapers and on the library's website, [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org).

## Author and Columnist Sandi Kahn Shelton

Guilford resident Sandi Kahn Shelton will talk about her new novel, *A Piece of Normal*, on Thursday, **November 2, at 7:00 pm** at the library.



Shelton is a feature writer for the *New Haven Register*, and the author of the hilarious first novel *What Comes After Crazy*. In this second book, Shelton explores sisterly relationships with her "trademark blend of sparkling wit and characters you can't forget," as she tells the story of two sisters who learn what they need to let go of, and what they need to hold on to. Come in or call 453-8282 to register for this program. Copies of Sandi Kahn Shelton's books will be available for sale and signing.

## Photographer Robert Rattner

Stony Creek resident and renowned adventure photographer Robert Rattner will present a program at the library on **Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 7:00 pm**. Rattner has exhibited in Connecticut, New York, Washington DC, and other venues. His work has won numerous awards, appears in private collections, and has been featured in magazines, books, calendars and brochures worldwide. Join us for a fascinating glimpse of special photography techniques for underwater filming, in a program that includes unique views of "New York City underwater." All welcome, refreshments served. Call 453-8282 or come in to register.

## New York Times' David Pogue to perform at Library Annual Meeting

New York Times technology columnist, Emmy-winning technical correspondent for "CBS News Sunday Morning", frequent guest on NPR's "Morning Edition" and author of several books on technology in the "For Dummies" series. He is also a novelist, the author of his own series of computer books (the *Missing Manual* series) — and a talented and hilarious performer on the piano and keyboard. Don't miss this exciting performance on **Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 7:30 pm**. All welcome, refreshments served! Call 453-8282 or come in to register.



## Catastrophic Discussions

**Mark Schenker**, Dean of Academic Affairs, Yale College, will lead a series of three book discussions, titled *Literature Around Catastrophic Events*. In our time, we have witnessed many such events, both natural and man-made, including Sept. 11, the Tsunami of 2004, Hurricane Katrina and more. This series will examine the emotional, psychological, economic and political impact of such events on the human psyche.

**October 12, 2006: 7:00—8:30 pm.**  
*Bookseller of Kabul*, by Asne Seierstad.

**October 26, 2006: 7:00—8:30 pm.**  
*Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, by Dai Sijie.

**November 9, 2006: 7:00—8:30 pm.**  
*Reading Lolita in Teheran*, by Azar Nafisi.

Multiple copies of these books are available at the library. Funded by the Friends of the Library and co-sponsored by the Connecticut Humanities Council. Call 453-8282 or come in to register.

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sale, to make it even easier. "The quality of our book sale is widely recognized," says co-Chairperson Jane Marshall, "we attract buyers and browsers from all over New England."

This is certainly not your garden-variety book sale: take it from one sophisticated Manhattan resident and rare bookshop aficionado, who long resisted attending this celebrated Shoreline event despite the urging of his mother, who lives in Guilford. Finally agreeing to attend last year, he absolutely loved it, browsed happily for hours, and then didn't want to leave. "Now, *this* is a Book Sale!" was his enthusiastic endorsement.

Whether you're a savvy collector, a mystery lover, a hobbyist looking for how-to or special interest books, or you just want to curl up with a good read, this sale is "a very special and unique event," says Jane Marshall. Whatever your taste, you're bound to find a treasure at The Friends 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Bake Sale! Don't miss it.

#### Sale Hours

**Saturday, Sept. 30: 9:00—3:00.**

**Sunday, Oct. 1: 11:00—3:00.**

### Lunch and Learn

Alternate Tuesdays, 12-1 pm.  
The Friends serve coffee and light refreshments.

**Oct. 10, 2006: The Guilford Poets Group** will read their work and talk about their sources of inspiration.

**Oct. 24, 2006:** Guilford artist **Alan Davidson** demonstrates how he creates his works of art in glass.

**Nov. 7, 2006: Travels in Italy** with Guilford resident **Al DiMarzio**.

**Nov. 28, 2006:** Guilford artist **Suzanne Siegel** shows her watercolors of Guilford and Stony Creek. Prints will be offered for sale.

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with safety and code requirements will cost over 4 million dollars.

For just \$2.4 million more, we can create a beautiful new library that will serve our needs today as well as in the future. The bonded cost this project is \$6.9 million. The library has received a State Grant for \$500,000, so the actual cost to taxpayers is \$6.4 million.

Some of the exciting features of the new library will include:

- More space throughout for the library's varied collection of books, DVDs, CDs, Books on tape and CD, videos and more.
- New lighting throughout the building and the parking lot.
- A new heating and cooling system to keep patrons comfortable year round.
- Additional parking, with more spaces available for easy access to the library.
- A drive-up book drop to allow drop-off of materials quickly and easily.
- An expanded children's area, with room for programs, computer instruction, story times, quiet study, and crafts.
- A 150-seat meeting room, able to be divided into two rooms, with kitchen and bathroom facilities.
- State-of-the-art computer services throughout the building.
- A new teen space for gathering, homework help and student meetings.

## *Library Expansion Referendum Tuesday, September 19, 2006.*

### Library updating its computer system

In order to serve you better, the library is moving to a new computer system for all library functions, in September. This new system will be easier and more intuitive to use, but as with any new system there will be a breaking-in period. We will try to minimize disruption, and we apologize for any inconvenience the migration may cause.

### Friends Helping Friends



Library Director Sandy Ruoff presented a check for \$1000, from the Friends of the Guilford Free Library, to the Friends of the New Orleans Library, to help with post-hurricane rebuilding. At left is Friends Executive Director Pat O'Brien, and at right is President Marcelle Saussy.

### 25th Annual Volunteer Party, June 7, 2006



Almost two hundred volunteers of all ages enjoyed food, punch, music and a lively time.



Chidrens Librarian Suellen Heinrich chats with volunteers Diane Hughes, Beth Young, and Barbara Nugent..

## We're Off Again...



This time, we'll visit the **New York Botanical Garden** to see the splendid exhibit

of renowned glass artist **Dale Chihuly**. Then it's off for an afternoon tour of **The Cloisters**, home of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's wonderful collection of medieval art and architecture. Trip date is Thursday, October 12, 2006, and the cost is \$70, including transportation, entrance fees, tour, driver gratuity and snack. Registration is going on now, and requires full payment. Call 453-8282 for more information.

Save the Date: Saturday, Dec. 2 is the Friends' annual Holiday Trip to New York City. Watch for more information.

### **Guilford Free Library**

**Hours (Sept.—June) :**

**Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri. 9-6; Sat. 9-5**

**Sundays 1-4, Oct-April .**

[www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org)

## Speaking of Books: Big is Beautiful

Big books are informative as well as beautiful, lovely to look at and full of fascinating information. Check them out!



**Butterflies of the World**, photographs by Gilles Martin, text by Myriam Baran. A close-up view of some of the planet's most majestic creatures, featured in all their brilliant color and exquisite patterns. (595.78 B)

**Young America: Childhood in 19th-Century Art and Culture**, by Claire Perry. Portrayals of children from fine paintings, popular prints, illustrated primers and advertisements grace this original and fascinating book. (704.9 P)

**Britannia & Muscovy: English Silver at the Court of the Tsars.**

In 1553 a British expedition to China foundered in the White Sea. The survivors arrived in Moscow, which now owns the largest collection of 16th and 17th century English silver in the world. (739.2 B)

**The Italian American Experience in New Haven**, by Anthony V. Riccio.

One of the SUNY series in Italian/American culture, this book includes personal histories of influential New Haven immigrants. Anthony Riccio is Stacks Manager at the Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University. (974.68 R)

**Good Green Kitchens : the Ultimate Resource for Creating a Beautiful, Healthy, Eco-Friendly Kitchen**, by Jennifer Roberts, with photographs by Linda Svendsen. Great advice for using environmentally-friendly materials in the most-used room in the home. (643.3 R)

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