

Stafford Library

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Summer 2010

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**@ The Stafford Library
Summer Reading 2010**

Check out **page 4** for details
on our
Read-A-Thon
and the
Summer Scavenger Hunt
Join us for all of the fun this summer!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM—JUNE 5 THROUGH AUGUST 28
TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS—JUNE 19 THROUGH AUGUST 28

Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library, the Town of Stafford, and the State Library's State-Aid Grant.

Who can join our summer reading program?

Anyone can join—from toddlers through 100+. We encourage all members of your family to join.

Can someone who can't read join?

Yes. They can earn prizes when someone reads to them.

How do I join?

Sign up from home or here at the library at any time this summer. The easiest way is online from our website (www.staffordlibrary.org), or you may use our handy sign-up form found at the circulation desk. Come to the library to validate your membership on or after June 5th for children or June 19th for teens and adults.

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	10-8
Friday	10-5
Saturday (Sept - June)	10-5
Saturday (July & Aug)	10-1
Closed Sundays	

*Stop Underage Drinking.
Do Your Part!*

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Do I have to have a library card to join?

Yes, but anyone in Stafford may receive a **free** Stafford Library card provided we see proper identification with a current Stafford address.

What do I read?

Read whatever you enjoy—books, magazines, newspapers, or audio books. It's your choice.

Do I have to read every day?

No. You choose how often and how long you want to read. However, the more time you read, the more chances you have to receive prizes.

How can I earn prizes?

Kids – Win a prize for every one to five books, depending on your grade.

Teens – Receive a raffle ticket, fine waiver or coupon for computer printouts for each book read.

Adults — Two ways to play: read books of your own choosing **OR for those who like a challenge**, play adult Book Bingo. See below for details under “Summer Reading for Adults.”

Why is summer reading important?

Studies have shown that children who read during the summer generally maintain the reading skills they learned during the school year, and children who see their parents read, or who read with their parents, generally have scored higher on standardized tests.



ADULT HAPPENINGS



Summer Reading for Adults

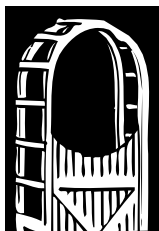
Why would we include a summer reading program for adults? First, because it's fun. Secondly, adults are role models for their children and grandchildren. Adults set a good example. When children see you read, they will also want to read. This year, we are offering two adult summer reading games to choose from. Patrons may **choose one or the other**, but not both.

- **Easy way.** Adults may receive a raffle ticket, a coupon for a fine waiver or a computer printer coupon for each book read. In addition, receive a prize (to be announced) for reading 5 books, 10 books, or up to 15 books. Register online **or** in person for this choice.
- **The second option is for those who like a challenge.** Play Book Bingo. To play Book Bingo, register in person only and pick up a bingo sheet. (Instructions are included). Receive a raffle ticket, a fine waiver or a computer printer coupon for each square completed. Receive a prize (to be announced) for each vertical or horizontal bingo up to 5 bingos. Of course, filling the entire bingo card, qualifies you for a free paperback book and special raffle ticket for our special mystery raffle valued at \$50.

What's the hottest all-access card in town?
A Stafford Library card.

ADULT HAPPENINGS

*All programs are free, but registration is required.
Call the library at 860-684-2852.*



The English Lady

Perhaps you have heard the “Garden Guru”—The English Lady—monthly on WRCH Lit 100.5 F.M. Radio. Whether you have heard her or not, come to the Stafford Public Library on **Thursday, July 8**, at 7 p.m. and listen to design and garden expert Maureen Haseley-Jones (The English Lady). Ms. Haseley-Jones is a much sought-after garden guru.

In her Garden Earth lecture, “The English Lady...in her naturally humorous and upbeat manner...will teach not only how to create a beautiful garden that flourishes but more importantly how to maintain it organically and without the use of harmful poisons.”

Cruising Connecticut

Looking for fun places to go right here in Connecticut? Join us for a program with Jan Mann, author of *Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket* on **Thursday, July 15**, at 7 p.m.



Ms. Mann will talk about day tripping in Connecticut, pointing out the diversity of Connecticut attractions plus some of the easy and tasty picnic recipes from her book.

Copies of her book will be available for sale after the program.

Did you know that just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels by more than two-thirds? That’s better than sipping a cup of tea, taking a long walk or listening to music.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

You have seen photographs in newspapers, magazines, and on TV of the horrific earthquake that hit Haiti. Marc-Yves Regis, a photojournalist, spent two weeks after the earthquake helping the survivors rebuild their lives from the debris of destroyed homes.

Join Mr. Regis on **Thursday, August 5**, at 7 p.m. at the Stafford Library as he shares his “After the Shock” photographic exhibition of his two-week experience.

Mr. Regis is the author of three books about Haiti: *Haiti Through My Eyes*, a selection of poetry about Haiti; *Deadly Road to Democracy*, a first-person account of Haiti’s violent struggle for democracy; and *Two Good Feet*, a photographic documentary. His books will be available for purchase and signing.

Contra Dance



If you missed our Contra Dance last summer, you missed the best evening our library had. If you missed it, don’t despair. You have a chance to attend this year.

Bill Fisher, contra dance caller, will be at the Stafford Library on **Saturday, August 7**, from 7—9 p.m.

We hope to have the dance outdoors in the library parking lot, and everyone is invited. However, in case of rain, the dance will be held indoors (site to be chosen). You do not need a partner to attend, since we can match singles to form partners. Everyone will have an opportunity to dance.

Adult Programs Continued

True-Crime Tale



M. William Phelps, author of the true story of America's deadliest female serial killer in *The Devil's Rooming House*, will present a program about his book on **Wednesday, August 11, at 7 p.m.**

The Devil's Rooming House is the gripping historical true-crime tale of a legendary, century-old murder spree about a woman whose life story inspired the Broadway hit and Hollywood film (starring Cary Grant) *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Mr. Phelps is the author of 14 nonfiction books and is the winner of the 2008 New England Book Festival Award for *I'll Be Watching You*. He has appeared on CBS's "Early Show;" Court TV; ABC's "Good Morning America;" The Discovery, Fox News, Biography, History, and Learning Channels; Montel Williams, Geraldo At Large; and other programs.

We Salute You

Thank You, Volunteers

We have many volunteers who help us throughout the year, but I especially want to thank those who help us each week. They are:

Computer tutors—Stacey Dolbier, Richard Marzi, Jeanette Misaiko, and Bill Sward.



Book processing, book sorting, and other projects—Jessica Dusza, Mike Hayden, Jeanette Misaiko, Jean Oliva, Danielle Piscarczyk, Carol Remington, Phyllis Royx, and Nancy Schwanda.

Attention Stafford Businesses

The Stafford Library will be happy to add a link to your business from our website if you will add a link on your website to the library. Call Ann Davis at 806-684-2852 for information.

For the Whole Family

Read-A-Thon

Looking for Reading Suggestions?

Join us for our Read-A-Thon on **Tuesday, July 6**. Volunteer to read aloud or just come and listen to other readers for suggestions on what to read this summer. Volunteers will choose a book they love and read for 20 minutes from the first chapter of their chosen book. Readers may choose a book for young children, elementary-age children, teens, or adults. Children who choose to read must at least be entering grade 5 to be a reader.

Sign-up sheets for reading aloud are located at the library's circulation desk. Here is the schedule:

Read books appropriate for young children
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Read books appropriate for elementary ages
12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Read books appropriate for teens
2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Read books appropriate for adults
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.



Call the library at 860-648-2852 for details.

Get Ready for

"The Hunt"

Get outdoors this summer and have some fun with our new **Summer Scavenger Hunt**.

Form a team of four friends or family and pick up your list of items to hunt. The Scavenger Hunt begins **Monday, August 9**. Collect as many items as you can and bring your items to the library to count no later than **Saturday, August 21**. The team who has found the most items or, in case of a tie, the team who has submitted their items first, will win our 1st place prize. We also have prizes for 4 runners-up.

1st place team—Win 1 large pizza and 4 movie passes

Runner-up teams—Win 4 movie passes

TEEN EVENTS



Make Waves

@ The Stafford Library

Stafford Teens are invited to participate in the Stafford Library's Teen Summer Reading Program from **June 19th to August 28th.**

Sign up online at www.staffordlibrary.org

Answer a few questions online about each book you read throughout the summer and win prizes. In addition to raffle tickets, teens may also choose fine waivers or coupons for computer printouts as their prize. The more you read, the better your chances of winning a raffle prize. Raffle prizes will include movie passes and store gift cards. For an extra raffle ticket, post a review of the books you read on our teen blog at <http://staffordteen.wordpress.com>.

Winners of the raffle will be announced **Monday, August 30th.**
We are sorry, but patrons may win only one raffle prize per summer.



PARENTS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR TEENS ARE READING?

Find out what your teens are getting into and reading this summer! Teens and parents that read the same book can enter a special raffle to win a gift certificate. For every book read by both teen and parent, fill out a raffle ticket and drop it into the Parent and Teen Raffle Box at the library. Raffle tickets can be found at the circulation desk. The Parent/Teen Raffle winner will be announced **Monday, August 30th.**

Bored? Need Something To Do?

See the calendar of events for all the fun programs that are being offered this summer. **Creative Crafts** will run every Tuesday from July 20th - August 17th at 4pm. Each week we will make something different, including tie dye shirts, boats and more. Tie dye will be July 20th. Please bring your own pre-washed white shirt to dye.

Every Thursday from July 22nd - August 19th we will have our **Creative Cooking** program. Come make a delicious treat each week.



Visit us online!
Go to
www.staffordlibrary.org
and click on
TEENS!

Summer is a great time to volunteer!

Do you need to do volunteer service hours? Help out here at the library! Lend a hand with some of the programs this summer. Stop by and find out how you can help.



CHILDREN'S ROOM



@ The Stafford Library

Sign up at any time this summer to participate in our summer reading program. Keep track of your reading online, and receive fun prizes for the books you read. You can read any book that you want. The reading program will send you emails of upcoming events.

Check out our calendar of events for a listing of special programs, too. Sign up as soon as possible to make sure there is space.



Children's Garden

This is the 2nd year of our Children's Garden. We would like to thank James Tumel for creating the beautiful planter boxes. Thank you to Academy Farms on Leonard Road in Stafford, for the generous donations of peat moss and compost. We welcome anyone who would like to donate time or plants to keep this an on going project. Last year the garden provided not only beautiful flowers, but also vegetables that were used in our cooking program.

Summer Story Times

Beginning **June 14th**, story times will be held every week on the following days & times:

Mondays and Tuesdays @ 10am

Wednesday afternoons @ 2pm

Come to the library to enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and more! All ages welcome.



Post a comment on our children's blog or find out the latest news about what's going on in the Children's Department. Visit us online at www.staffordlibrary.org and click on Children!

Weekly Programs July 20th– August 19th

Tuesdays: Creative Crafts & Gardening @ 4pm - Make a splash this summer with some of your own creations. Join us for a different craft each week, including tie dye, sailboats, and more. Tie dye will be July 20th. Please bring your own pre-washed white t-shirt.

Wednesdays: Creative Cooking @ 4pm - Learn how to make a different delicious treat each week. Some of the food will come from our Children's Garden.



Calendar of Summer Events For All Ages



Please call 860-684-2852 to register or visit our website.



JUNE



5 - **Opening Day for Summer Reading for children - 10am:** Enjoy pony rides, juggling, balloon animals, bubbles, face painting, and water games. Come and join the fun!

14, 15 - **Summer story time** begins: Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10am



16 - **Afternoon story time** begins: Wednesdays @ 2pm

19—**Opening day for Summer Reading for teens & adults.**

25—**Story time with Rocky the Rock Cats**—11 am. ****Get a coupon to go to a baseball game****

JULY

Mondays (12,19,26) - **Story time - 10am**

Tuesdays (6, 13, 20, 27) - **Story time - 10am**

Wednesdays (7,14,21,28) - **Story time - 2pm**

6 -(Adult) **Read-A-Thon**—10:30 am to 7:30pm

8- (Adult) **English Lady**—7 pm

12- **Mad Science** – 6pm: Wind and Bubble stage show. Air and all kinds of bubbles along with dry ice make for a spectacular show.



15-(Adult) **Cruising Connecticut**—7 pm

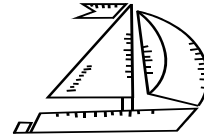
19 - **Sidewalk Art Show - 6pm:** Make a splash with sidewalk paint and show us your creativity.



20, 27 - **Creative Crafts and Gardening - 4pm:** Make a different craft each week and help us keep our Children's Garden growing every Tuesday starting July 20th. Be sure to bring your own white pre-washed t-shirt on July 20th for tie dying.



22, 29 - **Creative Cooking - 4pm:** Learn to measure and mix while creating a delicious treat every Thursday starting July 22.



AUGUST

Mondays (2,9,16,23) - **Story time - 10am**

Tuesdays (3,10,17,24) - **Story time - 10am**

Wednesdays (4,11,18,25) - **Story time - 2pm**

3,10,17 - **Creative Crafts & Gardening - 4pm**
5,12 - **Creative Cooking - 4pm**

5—**Haiti Earthquake Adult program**—7 pm

7 - **Pet Show – 10am:** Come and bring your pet to the show. Awards and prizes will be given



7—(Adult) **Contra Dance**—7 to 9 p.m.

9-**Cedar Island Touch Tank.**

Come Learn about life in the Sea. You get to see and touch marine life and learn how to help this ecosystem.

9—21—(Adult) (Family) **Scavenger Hunt**

11- (Adult) **True-Crime Tale**—7 pm

14 - **Rain Date for the Pet Show**



19 - **Creative Cooking Picnic**

- **4-6pm:** Friends and family are invited to this potluck dinner to watch videos of the summer programs.

25—**Living Dragons (lizards)** —6 pm



28 - **Children's Closing Day Party for Summer Reading—Fancy Nancy & Boy Scout Demonstration, 10am**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Stafford Library will hold their annual book sale in the air-conditioned comfort of the Stafford Library as follows:

Preview sale, Thursday, July 1st from 4 – 7 pm

admission \$5 (free to members of the Friends of the Stafford Library)

Prices at preview sale: \$2 hardcover, \$1 paperback, \$1 audio and video, \$.25 children's books

Regular sale, Friday, July 2nd from 4 – 7 pm, free admission

Saturday, July 3rd from 10 am – 4 pm, free admission

Prices at regular sale: \$1 hardcover, \$.50 paperback, \$1 audio and video, \$.25 children's books

Friends of the Stafford Library

April 2010 – March 2011



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They make all the extras possible.



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