Experience a day in the life of the library . . . in 1892 style

So much has changed since the library’s early days when the world was a simpler place and what the library would become could not have been imagined. In recognition of our anniversary year, we thought it would be fun to celebrate with a day of programming as it might have been 120 years ago, with staff and presenters in period costume. Join us and experience what might have been . . .

Today at the Library ~ July 20, 1892

12:10 p.m. / Sandwiched In:
Meet J. McCullough, author of
Golf in the Year 2000 or What We Are Coming To (Unwin, London, 1892)
A dramatization by Mr. David Houston, Mr. Steven Corbellini & Miss Sara Lyons

The book follows Alexander Gibson, who goes to sleep on March 24, 1892 and awakes 108 years later, finding himself in an amazing new world ~a world with mechanical caddies, digital watches, television, and a feminist society.

3 p.m. / In the News:
Mr. John Bosco will discuss the events of the day

7:30 p.m. / Songs of the Gilded Age:
A performance by Mr. Frank Hendricks & Madam Connie Shakalis
with pianist Mr. William Barash

Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Random Acts of Prizes
You Could be a Winner

Visit the library during our anniversary year for a chance to win. Recipients will be selected at random during regular library hours. Prizes graciously donated by local merchants -- see our growing list in the lobby.

July holiday closing
The library will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

Summer Hours
The library is open summer Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays during the summer. Sunday hours resume after Labor Day.

Summer SoundSwaps
Highland, with Scott Daly as the opening act, visits July 6. On July 18, SoundSwap features Jim Dawson. See story and calendar listing.

Library at the LIRR
The library will be at the Port Washington station on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 a.m. from July 11 through September 5 with a collection of popular paperbacks. Sponsored by the FOL.

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Foundation Gala
Save the date! The Port Washington Library Foundation’s Ninth Inspiration Gala is Saturday, September 29. Honorees are KPMG’s Family for Literacy Anthony N. Dalessio, the Library Foundation’s Michael Pollack and Norman Schefer, of the Fay J. Lindner Foundation. This year’s theme is Stars and Stripes and Our Library Forever! Celebrating the First 120 Years of the Library. Elyse Luray of PBS’s History Detectives will emcee. NPR’s Selected Shorts will entertain.

Mobile App
PWPL Mobile is now available! Download the library’s free app and easily manage your account, place holds, stay up to date on library events, and download ebooks and audiobooks. Smartphone users with the newest devices can even use the app to check out library materials. PWPL Mobile is available for iPhone and iPad, Android, Blackberry, Kindle Fire, and most other smartphones and tablets. Just search “PWPL” in your app store!
World Festival a Great Success at Library and Landmark: Both the North and South sides of Main Street’s Cultural District transformed on April 29 for a global celebration of arts, music, dance, decorations, food, language and clothing. Young visitors to the library toured countries to complete a craft or activity and then had their “passports” stamped. Their adult companions enjoyed exhibits, demonstrations, performances and food samplings at various tables throughout the Festival. More than 35 countries were represented, and more than 2000 visitors passed through the library’s doors. Participants enjoyed performances by Petri School of Irish Dancing, Chilean dancers Esteban Maraboli and Cindy Maraboli and Fraternidad Cultural Pasion Boliviana. Thanks to all who made this event a highlight of the library’s 120th anniversary year celebration. We’d also like to thank Cristian Bultron, Jun Huron, Vivian Moy, Jung Soo Seo and Daniela Takahashi for documenting the afternoon in photographs.

Jim Dawson visits SoundSwap

Singer/songwriter Jim Dawson visits the library’s SoundSwap series on Wednesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dawson’s illustrious recording career has continued to grow since it began at the turn of the 1970s, and his songs have been recorded by artists as diverse as Mary Travers and Elmo from Sesame Street.

Dawson discovered his love of folk music, and first picked up a guitar in 1958 when he heard the Kingston Trio. After a brief tour in the Navy, he made his way to New York, and became a part of the local music scene to try his hand as a songwriter. When Kama Sutra/ Buddah Records released Songman in 1971, Jim’s solo career was finally on its way. The tune “Simple Song” became an anthem for listeners looking for healing and gentleness after a decade of war and protest.

Jim’s second album, You’ll Never Be Lonely with Me, followed the same year and produced some of his most memorable songs. Soon after, Terry Cashman and Tommy West (producers for Jim Croce) were brought in to produce Jim’s eponymous third album. During this time, Jim’s popularity grew, and he played sold out shows at the Bitter End, My Father’s Place and the Schaefer Music Festival. Elephants in the Rain was his fourth album, offering songs like “Rainy Sunday” that are still requested today. Jim took a break from the music business after that, but returned to the NYC clubs in 1978. His long-awaited independent release from the era introduced a young Lucy Kaplansky in one of her first recording sessions. Jim also started a series of “studio concerts” in his apartment; inviting fans to come by for a night of live music. The events were recorded with studio equipment, resulting in the live album, Therapy in Session. Upon its release, Billboard magazine ran an article about this innovative approach to making CDs without involvement by the big music companies.

Dawson struggled for many years with the inability to buy back his master recordings from the major record labels that he had recorded for in the ’70s. In 2000, indie label Contender Records addressed the problem in a unique way by letting Jim record and produce new versions of the songs from Songman. Jim completely reinterpreted the songs, giving them an entirely new sound and feel. The new CD was called Songman: Recorded Winter 2000. His recently released CD is Little Off the Road Motel.
Meet the author

Meet Alex Stone, author of Fooling Houdini, on Friday, July 27 at 12:10 p.m.

When he was 5 years old, Alex Stone’s father bought him a magic kit — a gift that would spark a lifelong love. As an adult in New York City, he discovered a vibrant underground world of magic, sparking with creativity and fueled by innovation and breathtaking technique. Enchanted, he lost himself in this mysterious new world, eventually competing at the Magic Olympics and training with the great masters to perfect his craft.

Fooling Houdini (Harper Collins, June 2012) recounts Stone’s madcap quest to join the pantheon of international magic masters. As he uncovers a wealth of insights into human nature, and the nature of perception, Stone teaches us that magic is, at its roots, about how the mind works, and why, sometimes, it doesn’t. Perhaps he’ll have a few tricks up his sleeve! Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Dream Big Read

Keep Your Child Reading! The following two programs began June 25 and end August 15. Pre-registration not required – sign up when you are ready to begin and participate.

Dream Big, Read! Children entering first through sixth grade are invited to join. Keep track of the suggested activities and books you have read at home and receive prizes. At the end of the 8 week program, members who have read at least 6 books will receive a certificate, participation gift and a special invitation to our summer finale.

Smart Start for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers. A reading program for children ages birth to age 5. Participation is simple – just read, sing or do fingerplays with your child at home. Record the activities you have shared and we’ll have gifts for your child.

Early Childhood

To register and/or inquire about availability, please call Children’s Services. Visit our website or pick up a copy of our summer flier for complete descriptions.

Park Story Time: Six Mondays beginning July 9 at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. No registration required.

Play Pals - Session I: Tuesdays, July 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 a.m. For ages 18 to 29 months with an adult - children must be 18 months old by July 10. Call for availability; registration began June 25.

Preschool Story Time: Six Tuesdays beginning July 10 at 2:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 5 without an adult. No registration required.

Toddler Story Time: Six Wednesdays beginning July 11 at 11:30 a.m. For children ages 2½ to 3½ with an adult. No registration required.

Book Babies: Six Thursdays beginning July 12 at 11:30 a.m. For ages birth to 17 months with an adult. No registration required.

Beach Story Time: Six Fridays beginning July 13 at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets at Manorhaven Beach, weather permitting. No registration required. While at the beach, check out a children’s book at our mobile book cart - library card not required.

Three Little Owls: Saturday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m. Craft workshop for children ages 3½ to 5 with an adult. Registration begins July 2.

Pajama Story Time: Wednesdays, July 25 and August 22 at 7 p.m. For children ages 2½ to 6 with an adult. No registration required.

Play Pals - Session II: Tuesdays, July 31 and August 7, 14 at 10:30 a.m. For ages 18 to 29 months with an adult - children must be 18 months old by July 31. Registration begins July 23. Priority given to first time registrants.

Going Batty: Saturday, August 4 at 12:45 p.m. Craft workshop for children ages 3½ to 5 with an adult. Registration begins July 23.

Happy Birthday PWPL: Summer Reading Club Celebration

On Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. join vaudevillian silent clown Chip Bryant as we celebrate our Summer Reading Program “Dream Big Read!” and the library’s 120th anniversary. This hilarious interactive show is for children entering grades 1 to 6 with an adult. No tickets required. Refreshments following performance!

School-Age Kids

To register and/or inquire about availability for the following programs, please call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150. Visit our website or pick up a copy of our summer flier for complete descriptions.

Crafts Corner – Session I: Mondays, July 9, 16, 23 at 3:45 p.m. For children entering grades K to 2. Call for availability; registration began June 25.

Fourth Grade Favorites: Thursdays, July 12, 26 & August 9 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 4. Call for availability; registration began June 25.

Walk and Talk: Thursdays, July 12, 26 & August 9 at 4 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Take a short walk while discussing a book. Call for availability; registration began June 25.

Dream Lamp: Saturday, July 14. Craft workshop for children entering grades 4 to 6 at 9:30 a.m. For children entering grades 1 to 3 at 11 a.m. Registration begins July 2.

Third Grade Thinkers: Mondays, July 16, 30 & August 13 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 3. Registration begins July 2.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners: Wednesday, July 18 and Tuesdays, August 7, 28 at 7:15 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Registration begins July 2.

Up in the Air: Saturday, July 21. Craft workshop for children entering grades 4 to 6 at 10 a.m. For children entering grades 1 to 3 at 11:15 a.m. Registration begins July 2.

Tweens’ Night Out: Time Travel – Wednesday, July 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Calling all Actors! An acting and improvisation workshop to create scenes of life in Port Washington from the 1890s to the present and on to the future! For students in fifth and sixth grade. Registration begins July 16. See related story on page

Line Animation: Saturday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Craft workshop for children entering grades 4 to 6. Registration begins July 16.

Crafts Corner: Session II: Mondays, July 30 & August 6, 13 at 3:45 p.m. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration begins July 23.

Night Lights: Saturday, August 4 at 10 a.m. Craft workshop for children entering grades 4 to 6. Registration begins July 23.

Family Film

Muppets – Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m.

(2011 - Running time 103 minutes) / Rated PG for parental guidance
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FOL Book & Author Luncheon draws crowd of 250
On May 11 the Friends of the Library’s annual Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon featured bestselling science author Dava Sobel and biographer Julie Salamon. Photos, First Row: Library Board President Lee Aitken, authors Julie Salamon and Dava Sobel, FOL President Amy G. Bass; FOL secretary Eleanor Rybecky, Vice President Ellen Zimmerman, and college volunteers Marissa Williams and Mariel O’Connell; Event sponsor Yasuko Yamaguchi, Yoshiko Mape, and Amy Bass; Second row: Library trustee Tom Donoghue and Dorothy Donoghue; Attendees included Debbi Honoral, Lisa Hendrickson deBruin, Terry Mady Grove, Alyce O’Rourke-Reis, Rob Sigman, and FOL board member Pamela O’Connell; Event sponsors Thomas Mager and Jennifer Ditta from Cullen & Danowski, LLP; Third Row: Novelist Susan Isaacs served as Program Moderator; Event sponsor Judy Wertheim and Amy Bass; Lee Aitken with Michael Pollack of the Library Foundation; Joan Prior of the PW Garden Club, which provided lovely centerpieces, with FOL vice president Nancy Wright. Fourth Row: School Superintendent Dr. Geoff Gordon with Joan Lisecki, chair of the Schreiber English department, and student Amanda Gournin; The FOL Board with authors Julie Salamon and Dava Sobel (seated) and Library Director Nancy Curtin (sixth from left); Doris and Wilda Whittemore with Amy Bass. (Photos: Will Wright, with Seth Ehrlich)
What’s new in TeenSpace this month?

“Steampunk @ Your Library”
Discover the world of science fiction, fantasy and alternate history in the Victorian Age. Celebrate the library’s 120th anniversary and recognize our roots in 1892 — a steam-powered world. All teen summer events are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Get Geared! Visit Teenspace in June and July to view selected works by local artist Raymond Seth Ehrlich from his eco-friendly Paper Casting collection.

Teen Summer Reading Club
Port students entering grades 7-12 are invited to participate. Read books, write mini reviews, win prizes. Register online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace or in Teenspace. Pick up a complete packet of reading club materials, including a sign-up prize, while supplies last.

Teen Events: In-person registration in progress in Teenspace. Programs are open to Port teens entering grades 7-12 as of September. Be sure to see our display case in the library’s lobby for samples of our summer crafts.

Food Allergy Disclaimer: Participants concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Port Washington Public Library will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed, or items one may come in contact with while eating at any of our programs.

Wednesdays July 18 & August 8 at 7 p.m. / Teens Talk Books: Summer Discussion Series. Free

Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m. / Port Panini with chef Jo-Ann Tiranno. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. / Teens Draw Steampunk with artist David O. Miller. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. / Lights, Camera, Special Effects! Learn to use a blue screen and apply digital movie production techniques with the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. / Steampunk Style: Jewelry/Keychain Craft by Krafts with Karen. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, July 19 at 7 p.m. / Get Juiced. Learn to juice a mixture of veggies and fruits with chef Jo-Ann Tiranno. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. / “Steambboy” The Film (2005-104 min.). Ray Steam receives a Steam Ball from his inventor grandfather and finds himself in a murderous conflict. Directed by Katsuhiro Otomo.

Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m. / Digital Photography with photojournalist Michael Ach. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. / Dead Men Do Tell Tales. Uncover crime clues with forensic scientist Susan Beltrani of Hands of Science. Workshop fee: $5.

Wednesday, August 1 at 7 p.m. / Bow Wow Biscuit Bake. The Baking Coach will lead a workshop to benefit shelter dogs, and community service credit will be awarded. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, August 2 at 7 p.m. / Xbox Kinect Night with 2x-treme. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. / Italic Calligraphy with Joanne Inselinga. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, August 9 at 7 p.m. / Port Project Steampunk Fashionista. Explore the latest fashion trends with designer Pia Fleischmann and create custom designs. Workshop fee: $5.

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