

# Killingworth Library Newsletter

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## Upcoming Library Events



May 10—Book Sale 9:00 to 3:00  
May 17—Pizza Delivery Night  
June 9—Third Annual Golf Tournament  
August 2—Book Sale 9:00 to 3:00  
September 13—Pizza Delivery Night  
October 18—Pizza Delivery Night

## Library Supporters and Contributions: Gifts in Many Forms

By Nancy Bradley  
Library Board President

The Killingworth Library is fortunate to have the support of the community in its quest to provide the best services possible for the town. The Board of Directors, responsible for raising a large part of the library's annual budget (\$90,000 this year), is grateful for the backing and encouragement of library supporters around the town (and often beyond our town's borders).

Monetary support comes from the Town of Killingworth, Annual Fund contributors, the Lion's Club, the State of Connecticut, coins and dollars in the DVD box on the circulation desk, user fees and other miscellaneous grants and gifts from bequests and individual donations for specific purposes.

Other gifts to the library come in the form of support for our many and various fundraising efforts: the Annual John P. Hine, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, pizza delivery nights and book sales. Books are donated for the library's shelves as well as books to be sold at our three annual book sales. Many items are donated from generous supporters for the auction at the Golf Tournament.

Just as important as monetary donations are the volunteer hours contributed to the library: those who sit at the front desk and help the tens of thousands of annual visitors when they come to use the library (The time they donate represents the equivalent of two full-time paid staff); supporters who donate their time to weed library gardens, carry books for book sales, work at library fundraising events; volunteers who donate hours in the workroom doing specific tasks for the library.

**For all these contributions and support, the library's Board of Directors thanks every one who makes the library a success. We invite you to visit the library soon and often.**

## Pizza Delivery Nights

To have an order from Pizzeria DaVinci delivered to your home, call (663-2256) on the following nights.

A member of the Killingworth Library's Board of Directors will deliver the order to your home for an additional \$5.00. The delivery charge benefits the library.

May 17  
September 13  
October 18



## Warning: Adventure ahead! Second Annual Community Read By Tammy Eustis

Calling all climbers (and non-climbers) alike for 2008's "Three Books, Two Towns, One Community ... Read." The 3-2-1 Committee is ready to announce their theme for this year's community read initiative: mountain climbing. Get out your ropes and harnesses as the selected books transport you from Haddam and Killingworth to the tops of the tallest mountains. Two of the three books this year will take place on top of Mount Everest, and one will take a young boy to the tallest mountain in his neighborhood as he goes on a quest to become an adventurer. This year the three book selections are:



### Adult read/non-fiction:

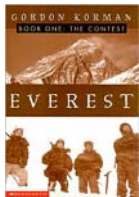
*Into Thin Air: A personal account of the Mount Everest Disaster* by John Krakauer



### Young adult read/fiction – ages 7-12:

*The Contest* (Everest Book 1) by Gordon Korman

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### Children's read/fiction – ages 4-6: *Maxwell's Mountain* by Shari Becker and Nicole E. Wong

The kick-off event will be held on Saturday, May 31, and will feature a climbing wall for climbers of all ages!! Other events include movie night (*Touching the Void*) at H-K Middle School, book talks at Killingworth and Brainerd libraries, letterboxing, a possible author visit (!), and a grand finale on June 21 at Chatfield Hollow where participants will try their hand at some local "mountain" climbing! The events were selected to enhance the exciting pace that the books will set.

"When we talked ideas for a theme, we really wanted to do something that could have fun events and activities attached to it, and mountain climbing fit the bill," says Committee Chairperson Tammy Eustis, Head Librarian at Killingworth Library. "Plus, we picked some truly gripping reads about this topic so we hope to engage regular readers and non-readers alike."

The committee is in the process of working with local groups and businesses to make this year's "3-2-1 Read" a huge success and are looking for volunteers to help with planned activities and events. If you have any mountain climbing experience and are willing to share, we want you as part of one of our events!! Please contact Tammy Eustis at [teustis@killingworthlibrary.com](mailto:teustis@killingworthlibrary.com) or Amy Mueller at [amelia@hkyfs.org](mailto:amelia@hkyfs.org).

The final line-up of events can be found on the "3-2-1 Read" website at [www.mylibraryrocks/321.com](http://www.mylibraryrocks/321.com). Keep checking back for dates and times.

## VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

By Kathleen Amoia

### Dolores Kearsley Retires

Many thanks to Dolores Kearsley for her seventeen years of volunteer service at the Killingworth Library. Like so many other long-time volunteers, Dolores began work at the circle. She laughs reminiscing about trying to handle the flag on windy days and being in danger of leaving the ground with it.

While the move to the present building reduced that danger for her, it meant a quick leap from shorthand



to computers. Retired librarian, Ginny Chapman, said that Dolores was delightful to work with, "always so up, wanting to know about everything, always interested and interesting."

After a long business career in New York City with the Mallory Company of Energizer Bunny fame, Dolores moved to Killingworth to be closer to her daughter, Fie Budzinsky. A voracious reader, Dolores got to know many of the library volunteers when she first came to town. They were very helpful to her as a newcomer. She decided to return the favor by helping out as a volunteer when she retired in 1990 from Mt. St. John's in Chester.

Over the years, in her not-so-spare time, Dolores made many quilts. One quilt, with a green vine motif on a white background, was donated to a library auction fundraiser. She remains an avid reader, loves mysteries and almost anything else that comes to hand. Of volunteering in general Dolores says, "Whatever inspires you, find a way to do it. Volunteering is the most marvelous way to meet people and make friends. I have always enjoyed people."

And they, Dolores, return the compliment.

### Library Seeks Volunteers

The Killingworth Library has always relied heavily on the work of volunteers. With a staff of three full-time librarians and two part-time assistants, the library finds a reliable pool of regular volunteers is essential to the smooth running of what is an ever-growing community resource. There are currently three areas of special need:

- 1. Manning the circulation desk.** This job is done almost exclusively by volunteers. It involves working directly with the public--using a computer to check books in and out, shelving books, and, in general, assisting patrons. Volunteers usually work one 3¼-hour shift per week with a fellow volunteer. Training is available.
- 2. Providing computer technical support.** This would entail working with our Board computer expert, Gabe Bell, and keeping our PC-based system running. Knowledge of computers is needed, and training is available. There are also opportunities for those with knowledge of networks and computer security administration.
- 3. Working on Board of Directors-chaired committees.** This job would be a good fit for someone who does not have the time to commit to serving on the Board but who wants to help the library. There are opportunities for several people to work on the fund-raising committee. This group works on projects year round and can use volunteers willing to help with one or more events. For example, our pizza delivery runs, golf tournament, and book sales, in (continued)

addition to new projects, often require more hands than the Board can readily supply. These events are varied and of differing durations, enabling volunteers to work as little or as much as they are able.

Anyone interested in volunteering in any of the above capacities should call the library at 663-2000 to leave a message for Head Librarian Tammy Eustis or Board President Nancy Bradley.

### In Memoriam

Susan W. Neale died in her home at Chester Village West this past February after a long illness. She was a longtime volunteer at the Killingworth Library, beginning at the rotary location in the 1980'S and transferring to the new building in the early 90'S. She continued at the library until she and her husband moved from town.

Her son Bill remembers his mother's talking about the challenges of filing under the paper system that was only computerized when the transfer to the new building took place. Although a bit intimidated by computers, Susan worked very hard to master them. Former Head Librarian Jeanne Blythe said of her volunteer, "She was steady; you could always count on Sue." Ginny Chapman, recently retired Head Librarian, expressed similar sentiments. She said, "Susan was dedicated, organized and very helpful. She would do a job and do it right."

Alicia, Sue's grandniece, remembered many happy hours as a child spent with "Grammy" at the library. Susan's husband, William, could sometimes be found cutting down the shrubs and overgrowth around the rotary building. They both generously volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program.

Susan had a long career in various aspects of the nursing field and was involved in many of the women's issues of the day. She took great pleasure in the successes of the UConn Women's Basketball Team. She will be missed.

### **From Tammy's Desk**

*News from the Head Librarian*

#### **Killingworth Library – By the Numbers**

Linus and Lucy make me smile. Why? In a recent *Peanuts* cartoon, Lucy shows her little brother the local library. She explains that you can take home any book you want. "Free?" Linus asks incredulously. "Absolutely free!" Lucy confirms. Linus ponders this a moment and then declares, "Sort of makes you wonder what they're up to!"

Indeed! Whoever heard of such a thing??? The economy is on everyone's mind these days: gas prices soaring, food prices rising, businesses closing... Not much to smile about. Unless you visit the library.

Here's a quick lesson in Killingworth Library Economics:

The average cost of a *New York Times* bestseller: \$25.88. The cost to borrow a bestseller from the library: FREE. (The library owns over 25,000 books for adults, children, and young adults. Anything we don't own, we can get through interlibrary loan – also for free.)

The average cost of a movie ticket: \$10.00. The cost to borrow a movie from the library: FREE, with the exception of our co-op movies, but those are only \$1.00 each. (The library owns over 2,400 movies on DVD and VHS. Off of our webpage, you can download your choice of over 500 classic and independent films, plus documentaries, from MyLibraryDV and over 100 children's read-along videos from BookFlix.)



The cost of a daily newspaper: 50 cents - \$1.50; Sunday *New York Times*, \$5.00. The cost to enjoy our sunny reading area and browse the daily papers: FREE. (The library subscribes to 8 newspapers.)

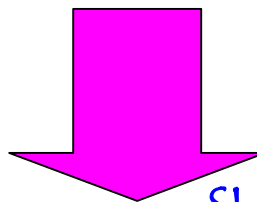
The cost of a magazine: anywhere from \$4.00-\$7.00. The cost to borrow a magazine from the library: FREE. (The library offers over 100 magazine titles as well as a magazine swap box by the circulation desk)

How else do we help our patrons in this difficult economy?

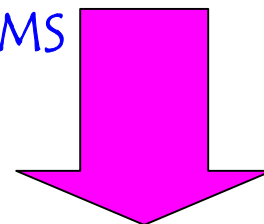
- Over 800 CDs (books and music)
- Over 500 books on cassette
- Passes to 8 local attractions (plus the State Parks pass) for free or discounted access
- 5 Internet access computers, 2 word processors, 1 wireless connection

...all FREE!!!

So visit the Killingworth Library soon, see what we're up to, and I guarantee: you will find something to smile about!



SUMMER  
CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAMS



**KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY  
LAUNCHES  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**Join**

**“Catch the Reading Bug!”**  
this summer @ the Killingworth Library  
and discover the amazing world of insects.

The 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to  
children pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Registration begins  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
following the KICK-OFF program.

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**KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY AND BRAINERD LIBRARY**

celebrate the **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**“Catch the Reading Bug”**

Stuart Woronecki,  
owner of Stonewall Apiary  
will introduce children ages 5 + older  
to the exciting world of  
BEE KEEPING

**WEDNESDAY JULY 9 at 6:30**  
**@ BRAINERD LIBRARY**

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**COME CELEBRATE**  
**THE WORLD OF MUSICAL BUGS**  
with  
**MARGIE**  
+ all the spider neighbors

**Killingworth Library**  
**Thursday, June 26 6:30**

limited seating - no registration but residents given priority

It's tough being a bug.  
Scores of other animals want to eat you.  
The cold is your mortal enemy.  
No matter how tiny you are, you need to find others of your kind in this great big world.  
And you have very little time in which to accomplish what you need to in your brief journey on this planet.  
*But these hardships have made the insects very good at what they do.*

*Come  
to this multimedia presentation  
@ the Killingworth Library  
and  
gain some insight into how these creatures adapt in order to survive.*

**John Himmelman**

**\*\* author + Killingworth resident \*\***  
*has been chasing bugs most of his life.*

*ON*

**THURSDAY, JULY 31 7:00pm**

*he'll share BUG stories, BUG sounds, and BUG photographs.*

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**LOCAL AUTHOR, LESLIE BULION  
BELIEVES  
"INSECTS ARE PURE POETRY"**

To help children  
**"CATCH THE READING BUG"**  
Leslie will share the multidisciplinary process she uses  
to write *science poetry*

as she reads from her illustrated collection of *gruesome insect poems*.  
Drawing inspiration from Leslie's insect collection,  
participants will create their own *bug bookmarks*  
as they learn more about the poetry process through group writing  
activities.

**BEST FOR AGES 9 AND OLDER  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 from 2:00–3:00  
@ the KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY**