

WORLD OF WORDS 2005

A Celebration of Connecticut's Literary and Cultural Roots

Sponsored by the Connecticut Center for the Book at the Hartford Public Library

CHINA

Somers Public Library
51 Ninth District Road
Somers, CT 06071
(860) 763-3501

Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Denise Stankovics will lead a discussion of Chinese author Jung Chang's *Wild Swans*, the gripping story of how three generations of women fared in China's political maelstrom of the 20th century. Program Room *Adults and highschoolers*

China: The Ancient Dragon Leaps Forward

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Bob and Marian McIlvin present a color slide travelogue of China using twin projectors, with narration and complementary stereo music background. Program Room *Adults and highschoolers*

Telling Passages:

Chinese Folktale and Crafts
Thursday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.
Listen to a reading of *The Master Swordsman*, an ancient Chinese legend, followed by an assortment of Chinese craft projects. Program Room *Ages 7 and older (Registration required)*

Storytelling and Dance with Julie Poon Lai

Tuesday, April 19, 1:00 p.m.
Using props and Chinese phrases, the audience will help tell the story of a farmer and his family, then learn a Chinese dance called "Playing in the Rice Field." Program Room *Children ages 5-10 (Registration required)*

Finding Your Hidden Energy with Feng Shui

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.
Ned Farrell, Certified Feng Shui Consultant, gives an eye-opening and entertaining look into what feng shui really is and how you can apply it for your own advantage. Program Room *Adults and highschoolers*

Chinese Tea

Friday, April 22, 3:00 p.m.
Lijun Cheng and WenTao Wei demonstrate the customs and culture of an authentic Chinese

Tea Ceremony complete with costume. Program Room *Adults and children aged 7 and older with parent (Registration required)*

Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.
Denise Stankovics returns to facilitate a discussion of Amy Tan's *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, a dramatic chronicle of the tortured relationship between LuLing Young and her daughter Ruth. Program Room *Adults and highschoolers*

ENGLAND

Wallingford Public Library
200 North Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492
(203) 265-6754

Shakespeare: The Lunatic, the Lover and the Poet: England's Greatest Literature, A Telling Passages Program

Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
Richard Clark presents a solo performance of Shakespeare's greatest hits. Come and share some of the most memorable moments in English literature as Mr. Clark plays 12 characters, and delivers monologues and soliloquies from the Bard's most famous plays. This program will kick-off the Library's celebration of all things English! In the Meeting Room *Young adults and adults will enjoy this performance*

Falling Kings, Would-Be Kings, and Rising Kings:

Shakespeare's Histories
Join Quinnipiac professor Dr. Mark Johnston for a lively discussion of some of Shakespeare's most popular history plays.
Richard III—Monday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
Henry IV, Part One—Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.
Henry IV, Part Two—Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.
Henry V—Monday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. In the Meeting Room *Adults and young adults welcome*

Connecticut Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.
Connecticut's premier chamber orchestra, under the direction of

Thayer Stone, will perform selections by some of England's most beloved composers. This special performance is geared to families and at the end of the concert a young person will be chosen from the audience to conduct the orchestra. In the Meeting Room *All ages*

Making Scones

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.
Join Wallingford's own Penny Williams for a cooking class that will teach you how to make scones! Tea and scones will be served. Space is limited. Registration required. In the Meeting Room *Adults and young adults welcome*

GHANA

The Ferguson Library
One Public Library Plaza
Stamford, CT 06904
(203) 964-1000 ext. 231

Stories and Crafts from Ghana

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy stories from Ghana followed by a craft. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *Children*

Sounds of Afrika

Saturday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.
Sounds of Afrika dance and drum troupe will perform a resounding show including libation, drumming, and dancing. A lecture on Ghana with a Q & A period follows.
Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *All ages*

Thursday Night at the Movies: Cobra Verde

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.
Based on Bruce Chatwin's novel *The Viceroy of Quidah*, this film stars Klaus Kinski as a Brazilian farmer-turned-bandit exiled to West Africa to revive the slave trade. Director Werner Herzog focuses on the outcast overwhelmed by a foreign environment. (1988. 111 min.)
Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd floor
Auditorium *Adults*

Stories from Ghana

Saturday, April 9, 11:00 a.m.
Folktales and stories from Ghana. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium
Children

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: Kirikou and the Sorceress

Sunday, April 10, 1:30 p.m.
Based on West African folklore, this is the story of a remarkable baby boy born with the ability to speak, amazing intelligence, and incredible physical abilities. Winner of Best Animated Feature at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival. (1998. 74 min.)
Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *Children and adults*

Telling Passages: Public Affairs Minister (Counselor) Embassy of Ghana, Mr. Ivor Agyeman-Duah

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.
Mr. Ivor Agyeman-Duah, from the Ghanaian Embassy in Washington D.C., will speak about Ghana, its culture, people, customs, and tourist attractions. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *Adults*

African Animals Up Close

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.
The Beardsley Zoo will host an educational and entertaining program with live animals from Africa, including scorpions from Ghana. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *Teens and adults (Registration required)*

Taste of Africa

Saturday, April 30, 2:00 p.m.
Learn about the foods of Africa from Eugenia Jelani, owner of Shacojazz Art Café, featuring Afro-Caribbean food. Taste the delicious cuisine!
Sponsored by The Friends of the Ferguson Library
Main Library 3rd Floor
Auditorium *Adults*

GREECE

Public Library of New London

63 Huntington St.
New London, CT 06320
(860) 447-1411

Telling Passages: A Greek Heritage

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Mary Posner relates family stories, myths, and poetry.
Community Room *Adults*

Greek Cooking

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
Penny Maistros demonstrates making a Greek appetizer.
Community Room *Adults*

The Influence of Greek Revival Architecture on New London

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Sally Ryan, Municipal Historian, discusses New London's Greek Revival architecture. Community Room *Adults*

Denizens of Olympus: Greek Gods and Goddesses in Art

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.
Edith "Fuzzy" Gipstein discusses and illustrates Greek gods and goddesses in art. Community Room *Adults*

INDIA

Enfield Public Library

104 Middle Road
Enfield, CT 06082
(860) 763-7512

Exhibition of Indian Artifacts

On display throughout April
Pottery, Costume, Books, Artwork

Bollywood Film Festival

Friday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.
Enjoy viewing popular films from Hindi cinema. Community Room *Adults and family*

Dawat of Masala

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Experience the cuisine of India at this cooking demo, recipe sharing, and tasting. Community Room *All ages*

PJ Storytime—Stories from India

Tuesday, April 12, 6:45 p.m.
Join Ms. Lott as she shares great bedtime stories, including some tales of India. Wear your

pajamas! Community Room *Ages 3 and up*

Henna Demonstration

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
Learn about the Indian tradition of henna body art and see how this beautiful decorative art is applied. Community Room *Ages 12 and up*

Namaste: Exploring the World of Yoga

Monday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.
Be a cat, tree, camel, or warrior when Christopher "Kavi" Carbone introduces Yoga to children. Free tickets will be issued a week in advance.
Community Room *Ages 5 and up*

Dances of India

Tuesday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.
Rachna Agrawal will demonstrate the dramatic Kathak, a North Indian classical dance originating over 2000 years ago. Free tickets will be issued a week in advance. Community Room *Ages 5 and up*

Book Chat

Wednesday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.
Cracking India: A Novel by Bapsi Sidwa. Join us for a thoughtful discussion of this historical tragedy. New members are always welcome. Community Room *Adults*

Telling Passages and Sitar

Musical Extravaganza
Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Poetry reading by Ravi Shankar, editor of the online journal of the arts, <http://www.drunkenboat.com>, and poet in residence at CCSU and the mystical sounds of dueling sitars by Kiran Majmudar and Bruce Yelle. Community Room *All ages*

Jungle Book

Friday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.
Join us for a screening of this classic Disney movie set in the jungles of India. Community Room *All ages*

History and Culture of India

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.
Experience an engaging slide presentation on the cultural history and norms on India. Community Room *Young adults and adults*

IRAN

Hartford Public Library
500 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 695-6295

Customs & Cats of Persia

Saturday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of readings from the works of Persian poets together with tea and refreshments courtesy of Sayad's International Market. Program Room, Third Floor *Adults*

Customs & Cats of Persia

Saturday, April 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
A lecture about the history and care of Persian cats will be presented by Dr. Mary Kathryn (Katie) McClaine, D.M.V. of Cats Limited Veterinary Hospital, West Hartford. Program Room, Third Floor *Adults*

ITALY

Bridgeport Public Library

925 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-7413

Dante: Book Discussion and Reading, A Telling Passages Program

Monday, April 4, April 18, April 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
You are invited to Dante's vision of the medieval universe and God, *The Divine Comedy* led by Prof. Robin McAllister. Part 1: An overview of *The Divine Comedy* with suggestions for trying to read it for the first time, its importance as a work of literature, its basic symbolic elements, and its historical and cultural context. Part 2: Selections from *Inferno*. Part 3: Selections from *Paradiso* with concluding observations. North Branch Library, 3455 Madison Avenue *Adults and older teens*

Italian Cinema Through the Ages

Tuesday, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, 5:30 p.m.
Large screen viewing of Academy Award-Winning Best Foreign Language Films. 1948 *The Bicycle Thief/Ladri di biciclette*
1954 *La Strada*
1971 *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*
1991 *Mediterraneo*
Burroughs-Saden Memorial Library, 925 Broad Street
Popular Library 1st Floor *Adults and older teens*

I' Liguri in Concert

Wednesday, April 6, Noon
Listen to this popular duo perform the wonderful sounds of classic Italian music. Burroughs-Saden Memorial Library, Main Lobby or Front Steps (weather permitting) *All ages*

Children's Authors, Italian Style

Saturday, April 9 and April 16, 11:00 a.m.
Experience the stories of two great award-winning children's authors: Leo Lionni and a paper craft, followed the next week by Tomie De Paola and a pasta craft. Burroughs-Saden Memorial Library, Children's Department 1st Floor, *Children*

Odyssey of an Italian Meal: A Culinary Experience

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Chef Attilio Marini of Marisa's Ristorante, Trumbull, illustrates how ingredients used in Italian cooking become a wonderful meal. Demonstration and sampling. Co-Sponsored by BACIO (Bridgeport Area Cultural Italian Organization) North Branch Library *Adults*
**Registration required (203) 576-8113

Children's Author/Music Program

Monday, April 18, 1:00 p.m.
Ryan SanAngelo, author of *Spaghetti Eddie*, reads from his book, tells childhood stories, and plays songs with accompaniment on his guitar. Old Mill Green Library, 1677-81 East Main St. *All ages*

Children's Author/Music Program

Monday, April 18, 2:30 p.m.
Ryan SanAngelo, author of *Spaghetti Eddie*. Newfield Branch Library, 1230 Stratford Ave. *All ages*

Italian Craft

Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 p.m.
Old Mill Green Library *Children*
Make a Pasta Necklace
Saturday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.

Turn this popular food into wearable art! Newfield Branch Library *Children*

JAPAN

The Farmington Library
6 Monteith Drive
Farmington, CT 06032
(860) 673-6791

Gardens of Japan

Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.
Stephen Morrell, curator and designer of Shoyoan Teien (Japanese Garden) at Wesleyan University, will lecture on the philosophy and design of gardens in Japan.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Adults*

Newbery Bingo

Saturday, April 9, 2:30–3:15 p.m.
Win a copy of Cynthia Kadohate's 2005 winner, *Kira-Kira*, the story of a 1950's Japanese-American family.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 7 and up*

Sashiko

Monday, April 18, 2:30–3:15 p.m.
Learn Sashiko, a math/craft activity game.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 7 and up*

The Films of Akira Kurosawa: *Kagemusha*

(The Shadow Warrior), 1980
Monday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Reconstructing the splendor of feudal Japan and pageantry of war, Kurosawa creates a soaring historical epic that is also a somber meditation on the nature of power.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Adults*

Pokemon & Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 7 and up*

Japanese Games

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Learn traditional Japanese games and enjoy Japanese snacks.
Children's Activity Room, *Ages 5 and up*

Rolling Rice Ball

Wednesday, April 20, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Listen to a Japanese fairy tale and enjoy a film, craft, and snack.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 4 and up*

Gyotaku

Wednesday, April 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Try your hand at Japanese fish printing.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 5 and up*

Aikido Demonstration

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Learn about this defensive Japanese art from local masters.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Older children and adults*

Origami
Thursday, April 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Hear the story of *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* and make an origami paper crane.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Children's Activity Room *Ages 8 and up*

Meet the Author: Lianne Sentar

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Hear Lianne Sentar, author of *Sailor Moon*, talks about writing and about Japanese anime and manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Teens (grades 7–12) and adults*

The Films of Akira Kurosawa: *Rhapsody in August, 1991*

Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
The Nagasaki atomic blast from a distance of 40 years and the perspectives of a woman survivor and her grandchildren.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Adults*

The Films of Akira Kurosawa: *Cure, 2001*

Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
In the tradition of *Seven* and *Silence of the Lambs* comes this spine-tingling horror/thriller.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library Community Room *Adults*

Shodo: Japanese Calligraphy

Date and time to be announced
Try your hand at the art of traditional Japanese writing.
Registration required.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Adults*

Discussion of *The Wind-up Bird Chronicle*

Date and time to be announced
A moderator will lead a discussion of Haruki Murakami's *The Wind-up Bird Chronicle*. Please call for a copy of the novel.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Community Room *Adults*

The Barney Branch

of The Farmington Library
71 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032
(860) 677-6866

Japanese Tea Ceremony with Keiki Osborne

Tuesday, April 5, 1:15 p.m.
Dressed in a traditional kimono, Keiko will have tea for everyone!
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Reading Room *All ages*

The Last Samurai

Tuesday, April 12, 1:15 p.m.
Follow the journey of an American war captain as he begins to understand the souls of his Samurai captors. The film stars Tom Cruise and Ken Watanabe.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Reading Room *Adults*

Let's Visit Japan Children's Program!

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.
Let's visit Japan with stories, games, food, crafts, and a film to celebrate Japan.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Hoppin Gallery *Ages 3 and up*

A Taste of Japan

Tuesday, April 19, 1:15 p.m.
Ayako Jedlicko, local Japanese chef, will prepare vegetable rolls—a dish for everyone to enjoy.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Reading Room *All ages*

Bonsai!

Tuesday, April 26, 1:15 p.m.
Todd Hansen, from the Greater Hartford Bonsai Society, will present a program on the history, care, culture, and techniques of bonsai.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Library
Reading Room *All ages*

MEXICO

Welles-Turner

Memorial Library
2407 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
(860) 652-7719

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Hands-on lesson in Mexican cooking. Registration required, starting March 21; \$2.00 materials fee. Friends Room *Grades 6–12*

Storycraft: Tales of Mexico

Thursday, April 7, 4:15 p.m.
Stories and craft from Mexico. Registration required, starting March 21. Friends Room *Grades K–2*

Celebrate the Culture of Mexico: A Telling Passages Event

Saturday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.
Music, culture, and food of Mexico. No registration required. Friends Room *All ages*

Like Water for Chocolate

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
View this romantic film, in Spanish with English subtitles. (Rated R; 105 minutes)
Adults ages 18 and older

Piñatas!

Tuesday, April 19, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Make your own miniature piñata in this two-day workshop.
Registration required, starting March 21; \$2.00 materials fee.
Grades 3–5

Let's Visit Mexico!

Friday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.
Stories and crafts of Mexico. Registration required, starting March 21. Friends Room *Ages 3–5*

SWEDEN

Howard Whittemore

Memorial Library
243 Church Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
(203) 729-4591

Swedish Items Display

All of April

The Display Case will contain many items from Sweden, including painted animals, woven straw ornaments, and tomtens. Children's Library

Movie: *My Life as a Dog*

Friday, April 8, Noon

A 12-year-old boy deals with a sick mother and comes of age in 1950's Sweden. Meeting Room *Ages 13 and up*

Movie: *Kitchen Stories*

Friday, April 15, Noon

A Swedish efficiency expert studies a Norwegian man's kitchen with hilarious results. Meeting Room *Ages 13 and up*

Movie: *Families of Sweden*

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

View the unique lives of two Swedish children and their families. (30 minutes) Meeting Room *All ages*

Swedish Concert with Eva Cudmore

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a concert of traditional and contemporary Swedish songs in both English and Swedish. Reading Room Upstairs *All ages*

Movie: *New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking*

Monday, April 18, 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy the singing, dancing, and silly adventures of this extraordinary girl and her friends. Meeting Room *All ages*

Swedish Crafts for Children: Dalarna Horse

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Children will decorate a cardboard cut-out of the Dalarna Horse. Registration required. Children's Library *Ages 6 and up*

Movie: *The Children of Noisy Village*

Friday, April 22, Noon

Six kids find adventure and fun around their country farm in Sweden. Meeting Room *All ages*

Swedes of Naugatuck

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Earl Lindgren will speak on the history of the Swedish community in Naugatuck. Meeting Room *All ages*

SWEDEN

South Windsor Public
Library
1550 Sullivan Avenue

South Windsor, CT 06074
(860) 644-1541

Solo Performance

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Callinan, CT Opera Resident Artist and Winner of the 2004 Jenny Lind Competition, will perform. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library
Friends Room *Grade 5 and up*

Bus Trip to IKEA

Friday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Join us for shopping and lunch at this wonderful showcase of all things Swedish. Bus will leave from the library. *All ages*

Murder & Mayhem

Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Tonight this mystery book discussion group will discuss books by Swedish authors Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö. Copies are available at the library.
Board Room *Adults*

Booked for Lunch:

Telling Passages

Saturday, April 16, 12:15 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Amanda Bock. She will talk about *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren and *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* by Selma Lagerlöf. Bring a bag lunch.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library
Friends Room *All ages*

Pot Luck Smorgasbord

Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Choose a dish from one of our many Swedish cookbooks or cook one of your own recipes! Please bring a dish, in a disposable container, to feed 4–6 people. Friends Room *All ages*