

Upcoming

AT THE LIBRARY

Learn to use genealogical research tool

Tomorrow, Friday, April 7, at 2 p.m., local historian Sue Maden will conduct an introductory class on how to use Ancestry Plus. Participants are asked to pre-register for the program and they may submit questions that can be worked on during the program.

Ancestry.com, one of the most highly acclaimed Internet tools for the use in genealogical research, allows access for a fee. Created for library use, patrons may access the Ancestry Plus database on any of the library's computers without charge.

Funding for the Ancestry Plus database and Sunday winter library hours comes from the R. I. State Grant in Aid administered through the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services.

Poetry events next week for kids, adults

Three events have been scheduled at the library to celebrate Young People's Poetry Week, which runs from April 10 to 14.

On Wednesday, April 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., poet and Jamestown Press reporter Donna Drago will lead a poetry workshop for students in grades 5 to 8.

The many forms of poetry will be discussed, and young poets will have a chance to write a verse or two in a form of their choosing. They will also get a chance to read their work and get feedback from the group. Visit or call the library at 423-7280 to register for workshop.

On Thursday, April 13, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 5 and up can join a workshop on creating a picture to accompany a favorite poem. All materials will be supplied.

Participants can come to the library in advance of the workshop to find a favorite poem to illustrate. Adults may accompany the artists.

The illustrated poems will be displayed in the children's room for the month of April.

A Favorite Poem Project reading will take place in the library meeting room on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Teens and adults can read the work of their favorite poets in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Everyone should bring a printed copy of their poem to include in a binder of favorites to be kept at the library. All are invited to attend.

Documentary on declining fossil fuels

"The End of Suburbia: The Decline of Oil and the Collapse of the American Dream," a documentary, will be shown at the Jamestown library Friday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

The film explores the American way of life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip the supply. Some scientists and policy makers in this documentary argue global oil and gas peak and the inevitable decline of fossil fuels are here now. What does this mean for North America and the world? The film features James Howard Kunstler, Richard Heinberg, Michael Ruppert and Matthew Simmons, an energy investment banker and member of the Bush-Cheney Energy Task Force.

"The End of Suburbia" is sponsored by the Jamestown Justice and Peace Advocacy Group and the Jamestown Sustainability Project. Contact larkinmj@cox.net for more information.

Bees and beekeeping for the homeowner

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will present "To Bee or Not to Bee: a Program on Bees and Beekeeping" Sunday, April 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library.

The speakers will be Howard Ginsberg, USGS entomologist, and Tom Meade, master gardener and beekeeper, who will bring a demonstration hive with them. The lecture will cover the natural history of bees, plantings for bees, the bee dance, and how the environment is enhanced by these marvels of the insect world.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

Girls' night out with 'Ophelia Sessions'

Young girls will be treated to dinner and a film this Sunday, April 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Child and Family Services and the Ophelia Sessions will offer a Movie Night featuring "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and dinner at the Castle Hill Inn and Resort.

These events are free to local girls ages 11 to 18.

For more information and reservations, contact Sharon Rust-Bottone at 848-4206.

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