# Beyond the Bookends



Connecting Source to Sea Thursday

Connecting the Drops: Source to Sea Through The Last Green Valley

Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

This program provides a "visual" paddle down rivers, streams, lakes and ponds of The Last Green Valley all the way to Long Island

Sound. Explore the water resources of the region and learn how to ensure good water quality for future generations. Presented by Bill Reid, Chief Ranger, The Last Green Valley.

The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor — the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. A dynamic nonprofit organization, TLGV is the steward of that special place, working to celebrate our heritage, conserve our natural resources and respect our working lands.



#### **Annual Plant Swap**

Saturday, May 21 at 3 PM Buchanan Auditorium



Meet other gardeners, share information and swap plants! To participate, bring in one plant or many, a perennial, annual, shrub or vegetable in a container you are willing to give away. Please label your plants as best you can—name, light and soil requirements, and any unique characteristics they may have or a good story about them. Each plant you bring gives you the opportunity to exchange it for something new. You can start potting now, but people have been known to bring in freshly dug plants from the morning garden' as well. This program is free and open to the public. For additional information or questions, please contact the library, 423-2501.

# **Quiet Corner Reads 2016 Book Discussion**

Day After Night by Anita Diamant Thursday, May 26, 6:30 PM

Join us for a discussion of *Day After Night*, written by this year's Quiet Corner Reads author Anita Diamant. In this moving and powerful novel, she portrays richly imagined female characters in a haunting fictionalization of the post-Holocaust experience. Set in Atlit, a holding camp for "illegal" immigrants in Israel in 1945, Diamant tells the stories of 4 women who confront the challenge of re-creating themselves and discovering a way to live again.

May 2016

# Tool Library Opens Monday, May 10

That's the day we start lending out our small collection of tools!

We will have several programs designed to help you become a skilled repairman.

# **Getting Started on Repair (Part 1)**

Monday, May 10, 7 PM
It happens to all of us – the items we own eventually break or stop working. We can throw them out and buy new ones – or we can try and repair them. This workshop will cover the basics of repairing electrical items

(e.g., lamps and small appliances) – including how to troubleshoot (diagnose what's wrong), which tools you should have on hand, and where to get replacement parts. There will be demonstration with common household items.

# **Getting Started on Repair (Part 2)**

Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM
This workshop will cover the basics of re pairing electronic devices (stereos, amplifiers, radios, etc.) including some theory and diagnostic methods. There will be a demonstration with one or more electronic devices.

Prerequisite: Attendance at Part 1 or equivalent experience. Contact us for details. Adam: 860-423-2501

Email <u>DlauraAS@MansfieldCT.org</u>.



Book Discussion Group Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

This month's book is: *There Was A Country* by Chinua Achebe

#### **Children's Storytimes and Play Groups**

All Story Time programs begin at 10:30 AM. All activities are free and open to the public.

Wonderful Wednesdays: Wednesdays 10:30-11:30

Our regular weekday storytime. Dates for this month are May 4, 11.

**Toddler Time:** Fridays 10:30 to noon. Dates for this month are May 6, 13, 20.

Please note there is no Toddler Time on May 27 due to Board of Education Preschool Screening in the Auditorium.

Family Story Time: Saturdays 10:30-11:30. Our weekly all-ages story time.

Dates for this month are May.7, 14, 21, 28



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Froggy Fun After School Tuesday, May 17 4 - 5:30 PM



Did you know Frog Jumping Day is in May?

Drop in after school to hear a few of our favorite frog stories, plus make some fun frog crafts. Afterwards you can run out to the playground and jump around like a frog- ribbit!



Coming in June Summer Reading Kickoff Party Friday, June 17, 6 – 7:30 PM

Magician Ed Popielarczyk
Saturday, June 25, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
A family magic show full of great tricks, funny jokes and amazing balloon animals.

# An evening with Anita Diamant!

Tuesday, June 14, 7 PM

Anita will talk about her work and answer questions.

Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

This special event takes place in the dining hall in the Main House building at the Pomfret School in Pomfret CT.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the circulation desk.



Friends of the Mansfield library

Book Sale

Saturday June 4, 9 AM - 4 PM

Buchanan Auditorium



Programs at
Library Express in the
Nash-Zimmer
Transportation Center

#### **Recycling 101**

Tuesday May, 3, 6:30 PM
Are you an avid recycler but you are not sure where some items should go? If so, this is the program for you! Come learn about the what and whys of recycling.



#### Clothing Repair Workshop

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 PM
In this workshop you will learn the basics of clothing repair: machine vs hand stitching; making hems; mending rips and holes, etc.
All materials for demonstration and practice will be provided but if you like you may bring an item that needs repair, and a scrap of cloth to practice on.

Coming in June Worms, Worms, Worms... Vermicomposting Basics Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 PM



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