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Connections

This Issue:

Escape the ordinary @ the library! This summer, BPL presents programs that provide a definite glimpse beyond the commonplace! The summer Coffee House features Connecticut's current Official State Troubadour, an accomplished classical guitarist, and a romp through the *Great American Song Book* with jazz and swing tunes at the Summer Reading Finale. The life and work of one of the world's least ordinary artists—Vincent van Gogh—is a sub-theme this summer. In June, we are introduced to van Gogh, in a dramatic presentation, through the eyes of van Gogh's friend (and postman) Roulin. In July the book group is reading *The Last van Gogh*, and in August the library is going on a bus trip to see over 50 original van Gogh works on display! Doctor Who, some extraordinary history, crafting, movies, and a chance at *Reliving the 1940's* round out the summer! **There's a lot going on at Bristol Public Library!**

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Summer Hours:

(June 20—September 11)

M-TH 8:30 AM—8:00 PM

F 8:30 AM—5:00 PM

Closed Saturdays

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**The Friends of the
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BPL Adult Summer Reading Fast Facts:

- **Adult Summer Reading begins June 16 (Coffee House w/Kristen Graves)**
- **Win prizes by playing Library Bingo (All prizes announced at the Summer Reading Finale; Winners need not be present)**
- **Win Prizes by putting the names to some literary faces in our summer fun quiz in the New Book Room**
- **Adult Summer Reading Finale August 13 (Prizes, Old Fashioned Ice Cream Floats & Big Band Music w/John Brighenti)**



**BPL Summer
Movie Schedule:**

Olive Kitteridge

Part I: Thursday, June 4

@ 1:00 PM

Part II: Thursday, June 11

@ 1:00 PM

A portrait of the coastal town of Crosby, Maine. Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book.

My Old Lady

Tuesday, July 28

@ 1:00 PM

a British–French–American comedy-drama. A down-and-out New Yorker, travels to Paris to an apartment he has inherited only to find a refined old woman, Mathilde, living in the apartment with her daughter, Chloé.

Ida

Tuesday, August 18

@ 1:00 PM

Set in Poland in 1962, it is about a young woman on the verge of taking vows as a Catholic nun. Her aunt a former Communist state prosecutor, tells her that her parents were Jewish. The two women embark on a road trip into the Polish countryside to learn the fate of their family.

Sounds of Summer!



Library Coffee House

Summer Series

Kristen Graves **Tuesday, June 16 @ 6:30 PM**

Folk music with Connecticut's official State Troubadour.

Steven Rutledge **Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30 PM**

A unique blend of classical repertoire and contemporary finger-style guitar.

John Brighenti **Thursday, August 13 @ 6:00 PM**

An evening of jazz and swing from the *Great American Song Book!*

No charge. Please register at the library or by calling:

(860) 584-7787 x 2023.

Kristen Graves appears courtesy of a grant from the Friends of the Bristol Public Library. Thank you!

Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin (Performed by Ted Zelewski)

Thursday, June 25 @ 1:00 PM

Ted Zelewski, as the Postman, captures the spirit of van Gogh the man and the essence of van Gogh the artist. Set in an Arles café, the presentation is filled with humor, passion, and *joie de vivre!* Based on extensive research into van Gogh's life and letters, *Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin*, has been hailed by audiences as "moving," "humorous," "unforgettable," "spellbinding." No charge. Please register at the library or by calling (860) 584-7787

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The What, Where, and How of Doctor Who

Tuesday, July 7 @ 6:30 PM

Calling all Whovians! The Doctor will be returning to Bristol this summer! *The What, Where, and How of Doctor Who* with Clive Young is a fast-paced multimedia program celebrating Doctor Who from 1973 to the present day. Designed for both new and old fans alike, the program explores the show's colorful on-screen and behind-the-scenes histories, highlighting all twelve Doctors and their most important episodes. Using video and PowerPoint, the program features thrilling action, amusing trivia, and much more! No Charge. Please RSVP.

***History Beyond the Ordinary:
Saying Goodbye in Victorian America***

Thursday, July 16 @ 1:00 PM

This visual presentation, written and produced by Tom La Porte, tells how our ancestors dealt with the mourning process, and its related customs, using period images blended with narration and compelling music. There will also be a second "mystery program" that will both entertain and enlighten on a little known historical problem that confronted our 19th century ancestors. Refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Bristol Public Library. RSVP.

Crafting Make & Take

Thursday, July 23 @ 6:00 PM

Master Scrapbook Artist Gail Straun shows you how to make a beautiful mini-album, with 19 picture or journaling spots, from an empty Altoids mint tin using Graphic 45 Botanical Tea papers and embellishments. Registration required. **Limited to 10 spots.** Age 18 and up only. There is a fee for this event to cover cost of materials (\$8.00 upon arrival). Participants are asked to bring a ruler, sharp craft scissors, a paper trimmer, and scoring board, if possible. A limited number of these items will be available from the presenter.

Reliving the 1940s: Those Were the Days!

**Presented by
The Connecticut Historical Society**

Wednesday, August 5 @ 1:00 PM

Join us for *Reliving the 1940s: Those Were the Days!* Rescheduled from January, the program will recall growing up in the time when radio held center stage and the big band sound dominated music. Also, see what amazing things can be learned from the 1940 Census, and how World War II changed everything. There is no charge for this event. Please register. Made possible by a grant from The Friends of the Bristol Public Library.

**van Gogh Bus Trip!
Saturday, August 29, 2015**

Join us!

Cost \$94.00 .pp

Price includes:

Admission to the
Clark Institute permanent
collection and special exhibit:
van Gogh and Nature

Lunch at Mazzeo's Ristorante

Driver gratuity

More information:

(860) 584-7787 x 2023

**Summer
Book Bites Book
Discussions:**

**@ Bristol Public
Library**

**June 17 @
1:00 PM**

The Aviator's Wife
by
Melanie Benjamin

**July 15 @
1:00 PM**

The Last Van Gogh
By
Alyson Richman

**August 19 @
1:00 PM**

*All the Light We
Cannot See*
by
Anthony Doerr

SUMMER ADULT PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

MISSION

STATEMENT

The Bristol Public Library System is committed to providing the community with a friendly and knowledgeable atmosphere where educational, informational, recreational, cultural, and professional materials and services can be found in a variety of formats. An emphasis is placed on encouraging the use of the library by persons of all ages in order to stimulate lifelong learning and an appreciation for reading, and to provide a resource center for ideas and information for the entire community.

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June:

Thursday, June 4 @ 1:00 PM Afternoon Movie—*Olive Kitteridge*, Part I

Thursday, June 11 @ 1:00 PM Afternoon Movie—*Olive Kitteridge*, Part II

Tuesday, June 16 @ 6:30 PM Library Coffee House —Kristen Graves

Wednesday, June 17 @ 1:00 PM Bristol Book Bites Book Discussion

Thursday, June 25 @ 1:00 PM *Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin*

July:

Tuesday, July 7 @ 6:30 PM *The What, Where, and How of Doctor Who*

Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30 PM Library Coffee House—Steven Rutledge

Wednesday, July 15 @ 1:00 PM Bristol Book Bites Book Discussion

Thursday, July 16 @ 1:00 PM *History Beyond the Ordinary*

Thursday, July 23 @ 6:00 PM Crafting w/ Gail

Tuesday, July 28 @ 1:00 PM Afternoon Movie—*My Old Lady*

August:

Wednesday, August 5 @ 1:00 PM *Reliving the 1940s: Those Were the Days!*

Thursday, August 13 @ 6:00 PM Summer Reading Finale —John Brighenti

Tuesday, August 18 @ 1:00 PM Afternoon Movie—*Ida*

Wednesday, August 19 @ 1:00 PM Bristol Book Bites Book Discussion

Register for all summer programs at the library

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