



Violet's Porch

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From the Director's Desk: *Where Do You Want to Go Today?*

One of the things I love about the library is that you never know where it may take you!

Last month I borrowed the DVD *Come Live with Me*, a 1941 romantic comedy starring Hedy Lamarr and Jimmy Stewart. My wife and I enjoyed this movie and I did some research on it.

I learned that Hedy Lamarr, just like the character she portrays in the movie, was an Austrian who had immigrated to the United States. I also learned that she had an acute interest in mathematics and technology.

When Hedy Lamarr wasn't making movies she was inventing and thinking. Her most significant idea was frequency hopping. In 1941, torpedoes were guided by radio signals. One way to detect and destroy a torpedo was to identify

and disrupt the guiding radio signal. To jam the radio signals used by torpedoes Hedy developed and patented the idea of simultaneously changing radio frequencies – frequency hopping. This idea was a precursor to wireless technology that is used today in phones, remote controls, and computers.

I was also curious about the title of this movie. Originally, I thought the title might be a slight social commentary on the morality of an unmarried man and woman living together. In the movie Hedy Lamarr is having an affair with a married man and they are considering living together.

In the last scenes of the movie Jimmy Stewart's character reveals the significance of the phrase *Come Live with Me*. It is from the first verse of *The Passionate Shepherd to His Love*, a poem by



16th century poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe.

"COME live with me and be my Love,
And we will all the pleasures prove
That hills and valleys, dale and field,
And all the craggy mountains yield."

At the library I discovered a new favorite movie, learned about torpedoes and wireless technology, and found a wonderful 16th century poem. I love being a librarian.

The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Grant

The Jefferson Township Library was one of 842 libraries and state humanities councils in the nation to receive the *Muslim Journeys Bookshelf*, a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures initiative. The Bookshelf consists of twenty-five books and three DVDs with public performance rights, along with bookmarks, bookplates and posters.

Support for the *Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys* was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

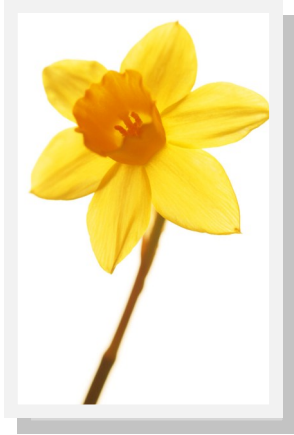
The books have been organized into five themes: American Stories; Connected Histories; Literary Reflections; Pathways of Faith; and Points of View. Three programs focusing on one or more of these themes will take place at the library with the goal of promoting community discussion and building bridges among diverse cultures and faiths.

The first scheduled program, *Way of Joy and Devotion with Rumi, Poet & Mystic*, takes place on Wednesday, April 10 at 1 PM. Guest speaker Jessica Morris, meditation practitioner and teacher, will read selected poems of Rumi and talk about his life and influence.

For a full list of books and DVDs, visit the library web site at www.jeffersonlibrary.net.



I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud



*Read a poem!
April is
National
Poetry Month.*

I WANDERED lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
The stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee;
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company;
I gazed -- and gazed -- but little thought
What wealth to me the show had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth



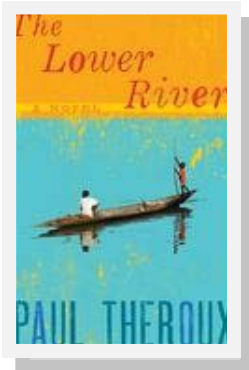
New on DVD

Arbitrage
Argo
The Bourne Legacy
Dark Shadows
Downton Abbey, Season 3
Flight
Frankenweenie
House at the End of the Street
Looper
Moonrise Kingdom
Pitch Perfect
Premium Rush
Snow White & the Huntsman
Stolen
Taken 2
Teddy Bear
Trouble with the Curve
The Words

POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY, April 18, 2013.

Select a poem you love, carry it with you, and share it with others throughout the day.

Pick up a poem at the library April 14-18!



The Lower River
by Paul Theroux

Editor's Choice: What I'm Reading Now

I've got two other books going, but when I picked up *The Lower River* by Paul Theroux and read the first paragraph, I was hooked.

Ellis Hock gets a smart phone from his wife for his birthday. He doesn't really want it, even though his wife tells him it is going to change

his life. "Hock smiled because he was turning sixty-two, not an age of life-altering shocks but only of subtle diminishments." His wife keeps the phone, registers it under his email, and somehow receives all Hock's emails up to that date, revealing his private life to her, a life that includes relation-

ships with other women. Now he is a man with no secrets, whose marriage is ending.

He thinks back to the happiest, most unencumbered time of his life — as a Peace Corps volunteer at the Lower River in Africa — and decided to return there.



Life in an Edwardian Mansion



Hollywood's Musical Trios

Programs for Adults

Basic Drawing with Watercolor Pencils—Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM

Nurture your creative side by using watercolor pencils, and following a step-by-step demonstration by artist Doris Schwint to complete a beautiful drawing to take home. All materials are supplied by the library. *Registration required.*

Way of Joy and Devotion with Rumi, Poet & Mystic—

Wednesday, April 10 at 1 PM

Be inspired by the sacred poetry of Rumi read aloud by guest speaker Jessica Morris, meditation practitioner, teacher and amateur poet. This program is presented as part of the library's *Muslim Journeys* grant.

Healthy You film: Sweet Misery—Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM

This film explores the controversy surrounding aspartame, and concludes that the institutions designed to protect the public from harmful substances have failed them.

Who Says You're Not a Poet? — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM

Be a poet, and write a poem for National Poetry Month! Poet Dianne Feula leads us using prompts to stir the creative juices. You'll be surprised at the poem you'll write!

Life in an Edwardian Mansion— Sunday, April 21 at 2 PM

Calling all *Downton Abbey* fans! The TV series *Downton Abbey* has renewed popular interest in the Edwardian era, when King Edward VII reigned in the United Kingdom. Learn about this fascinating time and the people who lived in it. *Registration required.*

Hollywood's Musical Trios—Sunday, May 5 at 2 PM

Memorable musical trios from Hollywood's Golden Era are featured in this film clip presentation by author and film enthusiast Bill Levy, which includes discussion, trivia and lots of enjoyment for all.

The Garden State in Bloom— Wednesday, May 8 at 7 PM

Photographer Walter Choroszewski showcases the beautiful public gardens of New Jersey in his talk and PowerPoint presentation.

Laughter Yoga—

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 PM

Practice a fun form of exercise that helps strengthen the immune system, reduces stress and makes you feel good. It's something anyone can do, and everyone can benefit from!

Little Women dolls on display

Stop by and see the Jefferson Township Historical Society's display of *Little Women* Madame Alexander dolls, along with various artifacts from the mid-1800s, in the library display case.

Kid's Corner

Keep the kids occupied at the library during Spring Break this year! Check out these two programs presented by Computer Explorers on Tuesday, April 2:

Moviemaking 101, from 2 to 3:30 PM. Kids (Grades 2-5) use creativity, digital cameras, software and props to create a movie.

Video Game Animation, from 4 to 5:30 PM. Kids (Grades 4-8) use animation to create characters, add sound effects and music clips to create a dynamic video animation game using Scratch, a program language created just for kids at MIT!

On Wednesday, April 3, at 11 AM, children are invited to create and build during a free

play **Drop In Lego** event. Parental supervision is required for ages 5 and under.

Also on April 3, at 6 PM, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents **The Hobbit**, a cherished tale of a home-loving little Hobbit who finds himself on an adventure he could never have imagined! Suitable for children of all ages!

On Thursday, April 4, at 3:30 PM, **Mad Mixtures with Mad Science** gives kids in Grades 1-4 a chance to work hands-on with various chemical reactions — acid/base reaction, turning liquids into solids, experiment with chemical density, and maybe even watch a total chemical melt-down.

Registration is necessary for all programs (except **Drop In Lego**) Visit www.jeffersonlibrary.net, or call the library to reserve your spot!



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to improve the lives of residents through
self-education, recreation and
the exchange of ideas.

Keeping History Alive in Jefferson Township



The library and American Legion Post 423 in Oak Ridge have joined forces to bring *America at War, 1941-1945* to Jefferson on Thursday, April 18 at 7 PM. The program takes place at the Post at 28 Legion Road, Oak Ridge, NJ, and is open to the public.

This American history program, presented by Dr. James P. Kane, is a fast paced, one hour comprehensive lecture, slide and music of WWII overview of the war years. It includes the attack on Pearl Harbor, the early war in the Pacific, D Day landing at Normandy, the Home Front, the Flag Raisers of Iwo Jima and much more.

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