

## **WESTBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Our **Summer Beach Story Hour** is held each Wednesday in July at the Town Beach (parking pass not required) from 10:00 to 10:45 AM on the following dates: July 1, 8, 15 (**Cedar Island Marina Traveling Touch Tank** in attendance), 22nd and 29th. Westbrook residents only.

**Community Music School's** Nancy Thomas will be with us Saturdays July 11th, 18th, 25th and August 1st, 10:00 to 10:45 AM. This program is for children ages 18 months to 6 years and features rhythm and songs. Westbrook residents only.

A leadership candidate for the **Girl Scout Silver Award** (Julia Honan) will host a story and craft session for 3 through 6-year-olds July 11, 18, 25th, from 1:00 to 1:45 PM in the Community Room.

In August the **New Britain Rock Cats** offer a child's voucher for a reserved seat at the Wednesday, August 12th, 7 PM game (vouchers available at the library). Their mascot will be visiting the Park and Rec camp at Daisy Ingraham on July 14 at 11 AM. If you would like please join us in the gym.

**Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaur's** (A Fun with Science Program) August 15 at 1 PM, Ages 6 -12.

August 29, at 10 AM, **The Kellogg Environmental Center** will present a program, **Leaf Man and His Friends**, based on Lois Ehlert's book "Leaf Man". Children will learn the basics of leaf identification and tree facts. They will make their own creations using natural objects.

The **Westbrook Public Library** and the **Daisy Ingraham Elementary and Westbrook Middle School** join in promoting the **Governors 2009 Summer Reading Challenge**.

The **Nutmeg Children's Book Award Program** encourages children grades 4 through 8 (new teen titles for grades 7 and 8) to read quality literature and to vote for a favorite title from a list of 10 titles nominated for award consideration. Sessions are on the following Thursday evenings: July 2,16,30 and August 13,20,27 from 6:30-7:30pm. Call 399-6422 to sign up.





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## The following reading discussion dates for 2010 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES (Grades 4-6)

Thursday, July 2nd (All discussion dates meet from 6:30 to 7:30 PM)

**The Ghost's Grave** by *Peg Kehret*. When twelve-year-old Josh apprehensively spends the summer in Washington state with his eccentric Aunt Ethel, he encounters the ghost of a one-legged coal miner. After stumbling upon a metal box of buried treasure, he solves the mystery of the box and finds out more about himself and his family.

**A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray** by *Ann M. Martin*. Everything is comfortable in Squirrel's world until her mother and brother disappear. Left on her own, she is forced to face many challenges from humans, other animals, and the elements. As days pass, Squirrel learns that her life will never be the same, but with all these obstacles, can she survive?

Thursday, July 16th

**The Stumptown Kid** by *Carol Gorman and Ron Findley*. Eleven-year-old Charlie Nebraska learns about friendship, heroism, and racism when he meets a former Negro-league baseball player. Luther Peale ends up coaching Charlie's team. Will this be the change they need to win against the premier team?

**Drita, My Homegirl** by *Jenny Lombard*. Drita emigrates to New York City from Kosovo. During a social studies project, she meets Maxie, a native New Yorker who can't seem to stay quiet in school. What can two girls from such different worlds possibly have in common? More than you think.

**The Year of the Dog** by *Grace Lin*. Taiwanese-American Grace has high hopes that the Year of the Dog will bring her great luck. During Grace's funny experiences throughout the year, she figures out what makes her unique and how she fits in with her family, friends, and classmates.

Thursday, July 30th

**Paint the Wind** by *Pam Munoz Ryan*. Maya lives secluded in her grandmother's overprotective care until an unexpected event sends her to Wyoming to meet her mother's family. Maya learns about the mother she hardly remembers, and she encounters a wild herd of horses including a mare that her mother once rode.

**Rules** by *Cynthia Lord*. If you have to tell your autistic brother "to keep his pants on in public," how can you hope for a normal life? Catherine discovers that her own behavior with new neighbor Kristi and wheelchair-bound Jason make her look again at what "normal" really means.

Thursday, August 13th

**Attack of the Turtle** by *Drew Carlson*. Living on the Connecticut shoreline during the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan secretly helps his cousin, inventor David Bushnell, build the first submarine. Nathan must overcome his fears and Tory spies to help the Patriots fight the British.

## The following reading discussion dates for 2010 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD TEEN NOMINEES (Grades 7-8)

Thursday, August 20th

**Life As We Knew It** by *Susan Beth Pfeffer*. Miranda, a sixteen year old high school sophomore, is looking forward to getting her license, junior year, and just being a teenager. She doesn't give a second thought to the news of a meteor speeding towards the moon, until it hits. Life as she knew it will never return.

**Jeremy Fink and The Meaning of Life** by *Wendy Mass*. If before your 13th birthday, you received a quadrupled-locked, mysterious box engraved "The Meaning of Life", lovingly handcrafted by your dead father, what do you do? You run around all of Manhattan with your best friend, trying to find the missing four keys.

**Accidental Love** by *Gary Soto*. Boy meets girl (accidentally), girl falls for boy (love). But they're from two different schools, two different neighborhoods, and truly two different worlds. The odds of them making it are slim to none in this well-crafted story of young love.

Thursday, August 27th

**Skulduggery Pleasant** by *Derek Landy* When Stephenie's uncle dies and includes her in his will, she meets Skulduggery Pleasant and quickly enters a world of secrets, magic, and danger. Can Stephenie and Skulduggery work together to defeat the evil powers of Serpine?

**Crackback** by *John Coy*. Miles can't remember why football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, criticized by his father, and shunned by his best friend for avoiding performance enhancing drugs.

**Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** by *Jordan Sonnenblick*. What is the most annoying thing in the world? For Steven, the answer is obvious; his little brother Jeffrey. When Steven finds out that Jeffrey is sick, however, he must use all of his skills as a drum-playing, girl-crushing, friend-finding, parent-manipulating teenager to help his family keep laughing through this heartbreaking year.

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