

Mulberry Street E-Newsletter:

May 2011

The weather is finally beginning to warm up and hopefully the April rain showers are coming to an end as we prepare for some May flowers! This month be sure to visit our non-fiction section to browse the gardening section and pick through our great selection. Don't have a green thumb? You can make paper flowers using an origami or quilling book to had some colorful beauty indoors.

And now for this month's upcoming programs!

Adults:

Meet the Author @ NYPL Presents Cheryl Wills

May 4th @ 5:30pm

From 2011–2015, the United States is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Cheryl Wills' acclaimed book *Die Free* pays homage to her great-great-great grandfather, Sandy Wills, who fled his slave master (Edmund Wills) and fought as a member of the United States Colored Troops from 1863–1865. Sandy courage was mirrored in Cheryl's father, a Vietnam-era paratrooper, who died without knowing his family's historic legacy. On May 4, come and hear Cheryl Wills' remarkable story at the Mulberry Street Library.

Meet the Author @ NYPL Presents Peter Connors

May 7th @ 3:00pm

Join Peter Connors for a talk, question and answer session, and booksigning of [*White Hand Society: The Psychedelic Partnership of Timothy Leary & Allen Ginsberg*](#). *White Hand Society* weaves an entertaining tale of the life, times and friendship of these two larger-than-life figures and the incredible impact their relationship had on America. Peter Connors has gathered hundreds of pages of letters, documents, studies, FBI files, and other primary resources that shed new light on their relationship, and a veritable who's who of artists and cultural figures appear along the way, including Jack Kerouac, William Burroughs, Thelonious Monk, Willem de Kooning, and Barney Rosset. The story of the "psychedelic partnership" of two of the most famous, charismatic and controversial members of America's counterculture brings together a multitude of major figures from politics, the arts, and the intersection of intellectual life and outlaw culture in a way that sheds new light on the dawn of the 1960s.

Meet the Author @ NYPL Presents Photographer Michael Furman

May 18th @ 5:30pm

Michael Furman, photographer for *Speed, Style, and Beauty: Cars from the*

Ralph Lauren Collection , has had a long and successful career as one of the world's leading automotive photographers. In the past twenty years, his focus has narrowed from shooting for manufacturers to specializing in classic cars. This move has given him significant insight into automobile design, history, and future directions. From Furman's unique position as a visual chronicler, he will take us through various years of car design concepts and present some of the most beautiful and important cars of the last hundred years.

Mulberry Street Book Discussion

No book discussion this month! Next month we will be discussing *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead on June 29th at 6:00pm. Place a hold request by visiting www.nypl.org. Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend!

Teens:

Write it Out: Fighting Words

May 24 @ 10:30am

What's on your mind? Got something to say about yourself, your friends, or your family? Buff up your writing skills with assistance from Ireland's own Fighting Words writers and volunteers. Outline an idea with your teacher or classmates and create a story that tells your story. Your words will become part of an online compilation, featured along pieces by Fighting Words authors. All materials provided. For ages 12 and up.

Writing for Teens Today: Authors Speak

May 25 @ 5:30pm

Join some of today's hottest YA authors as they discuss writing for teens in today's market. From developing authentic voices to keeping the reader hooked, from plot twists and turns to keeping the slang right, find out their tips and tricks to staying in style. For ages 12 and up. Featuring: Allie Condie, James Dashner, Ellen Hopkins, Maureen Johnson, Lauren Kate, Scott Westerfeld. Bring your copy from home or buy a fresh edition on site and collect autographs!

Game On!

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 3:30pm

After a stressful day at school, take a break with some gaming fun! Challenge your friends or the librarian on the Nintendo Wii or Playstation. Note: if you challenge the librarian your chances of winning are very high!

Children:

Alphabuddies

May 4, 11, 18 @ 4:00pm

Explore a different letter of the alphabet each week through stories and a simple craft. For ages 2-5 years.

Book Babies

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31st @ 10:30 & 11:30

Simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for babies and their caregivers, followed by a short playtime. Space is limited to 25 children per session. Please arrive promptly to pick up a ticket. For ages 0-18 months.

Toddler Time

May 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10:30am

Simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for toddlers and their caregivers, followed by a short playtime. Space is limited to 25 children per session. Please arrive promptly to pick up a ticket. For ages 18-36 months.

Kerri's Crafts

May 6 @ 4:00 pm

Seasonal crafts in the Children's Room with Kerri the Librarian! For all ages.

Read with Mudge

May 24th @ 4:00 pm

Children read aloud to a registered therapy dog and licensed handler. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call 212-966-3424 to reserve a space for your child. For ages 5 years and up.