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Essex Library Association ~ Friends of the Essex Library

FALL 2006

## The Next Chapter



The Friends of the Library will be hosting a grand reopening and ribbon cutting celebration on Sunday, November 5, 2006 from 3PM-5PM! Check the Library's website for more information on the day's events: [www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org](http://www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org). Please join us as we begin to enjoy The Next Chapter!

We want to be the first place you visit for information, entertainment and education. To that end, the Essex Library will have, among other things, expanded hours, more computers, more seating, new study rooms, and a large program room with great new programs and services in a beautifully renovated facility. Naturally, all the previously-offered programs and services will still be available and, we bet you'll notice the staff's determination to make sure your visit to the Library is rewarding.

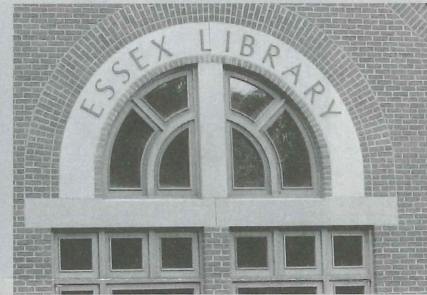
This fall, our patrons will not only see a difference in the Library building--even our website will have a new look. In fact, we might go so far as to suggest that our website be considered a "branch" of the Library. Right now you can "talk" to a reference librarian online 24/7 with our new InfoAnytime service. You can download audiobooks to your computer and place holds on materials already, or soon to be, in the Library's catalog. You'll also be able to renew materials borrowed from any of the LION libraries. There are lots more things in the works so visit our website often and discover the new ways you can enjoy the Essex Library!

During September and October, the Essex Library phone number (767-1560) will be unavailable. For questions about materials, holds, or for reference questions please call the Ivoryton Library at 767-1252, visit the Essex Library online or send an email to [staff@essexlibrary.lioninc.org](mailto:staff@essexlibrary.lioninc.org). We will continue to process interlibrary loan requests, sponsor programs at the Ivoryton Library, Town Hall and Essex Meadows, and accept materials in our bookdrop.

## A Message From The President Of The Board...Terry Smith

These are exciting days at the Essex Library. After five years of planning, preparation and construction, the doors to the "new" Library will officially open on November 5 with a big parade and a ribbon cutting ceremony. It is a beautifully constructed building and I think everyone in our community will be delighted with the outcome. What surprises many people who have been inside the new building is how much space there is inside, and yet the building from the outside keeps the small-town character that is such an important part of our community. Of course, when books, media, furniture etc are added to the mix, the Library will seem a bit smaller, but again, even the interiors have been designed to promote maximum flexibility as the needs of our community change and as technology changes. You can be assured that, thanks to the Interiors Committee, every chair has been tested for maximum comfort, every table selected to endure years of use and colors, and fabric and carpeting chosen to welcome the Library's patrons.

Welcoming everyone in our community into the Library is of course the primary goal. A beautifully constructed building is worthless without people in it. And a modern Library is not just about books and the latest information; it is a community center where people gather to share common interests. Storyhours, study sessions, book groups, computer access or just sitting to quietly read the newspaper are among the activities which will be much better accommodated in the new building. Director Bridget Quinn-Carey and her staff are already gearing up to offer new programs and services which will bring more people through the doors. And the Friends of the Essex Library will also be back in action, although we will probably have to wait for the spring for the first Book Sale.



There is much to celebrate and many people to thank. Our building committee (chaired by Stephanie Degan-Monroe has worked long and hard with our architects Best Joslin and our builder Rudolph Netsche to create a building which embraces new technology, including the innovative, cost-effective, environmentally friendly geothermal heating and cooling system, but keeps the wonderful feeling of the traditional elements of the old building including all the mahogany woodwork. **And the really good news is that the Library project is coming in on budget and on time.** Our Capital Campaign Committee continues to work diligently to ensure that the Library is on firm financial footing. We want to thank Louisa Greene, our fundraising consultant, who has cheered us on and helped us to formulate a strategy to raise the money necessary to finance the construction phase of the project. We are grateful to the Town for increasing its commitment to the Library, but we will also continue to reach out into the community for additional funds to support our operating budget and increase our endowment. And we are especially grateful to all of you who have made this wonderful project possible. I think you will find that it is money well-invested.

So come join us at the much-anticipated Moveable Feast Event on October 14 or participate in our opening parade as we march into the future.

## A Moveable Feast...

a unique fundraising event to benefit the Essex Library building fund, will be held on October 14, 2006. Join us for hors d'oeuvres and a sneak peek at the new Library, then head off to a mystery dinner destination at one of these lovely Essex homes. Thank you to our hosts and hostesses.



For complete information about this wonderful event please visit our website at: [www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org](http://www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org)

### *Our Gracious Dinner Hosts and Hostesses Include:*

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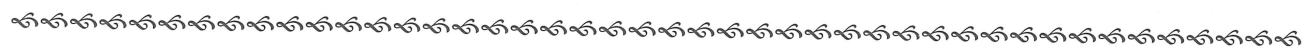
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The Annual Meeting of the Essex Library Association will be held on October 17, 2006 at 7PM at the Essex Town Hall. Association members will vote on proposed by-law revisions and on the slate of new Trustees. Annual reports from the Library Director, Friends, and board committees will also be presented.



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Ivoryton Library and Herb Clark for storing us and our materials, respectively, during our yearlong renovation. We would also like to thank the Essex Garden Club for their beautiful arrangements every week and our fabulous patrons for their patience and fidelity.

## Capital Campaign Update

The following is a list of the very generous donors to our building fund. If your name is misspelled or missing, please call the Library at 767-1560 so we may make corrections. You still have time to donate! Please see the enclosed form for information on how to support the Next Chapter.

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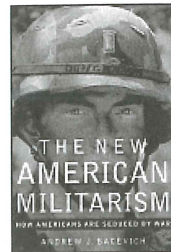
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## The American History Book Discussion

group will meet next on November 28, 2006 at the NEW Essex Library at 7PM. The book to be discussed will be "The New American Militarism: How Americans are Seduced by War", by Andrew Bacevitch. Books will be available in October 2006 at the Ivoryton Library.

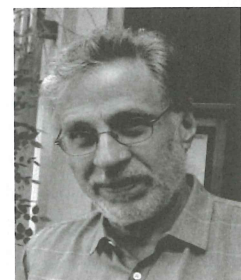


In this provocative book, Andrew Bacevitch warns of a dangerous dual obsession that has taken hold of Americans, conservatives and liberals alike. It is a marriage of militarism and utopian ideology—of unprecedented military might wed to a blind faith in the universality of American values. This mindset, the author warns, invites endless war and the ever-deepening militarization of U.S. policy. It promises not to perfect but to pervert American ideals and to accelerate the hollowing out of American democracy. As it alienates others, it will leave the United States increasingly isolated. It will end in bankruptcy, moral as well as economic, and in abject failure.

Andrew J. Bacevitch, Professor of International Relations and Director of the Center for International Relations at Boston University, is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds a Ph.D. in history from Princeton. He is a retired military officer.

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## The Library Welcomes Back Lary Bloom



How often have you thought about writing your life's story? Think no longer, it's time to act! We are proud to announce that local author, playwright and columnist Lary Bloom will present, "So Write Already!" an 8-week memoir writing course in the spring of 2007. Details about registration, dates and times will be announced later in the fall.

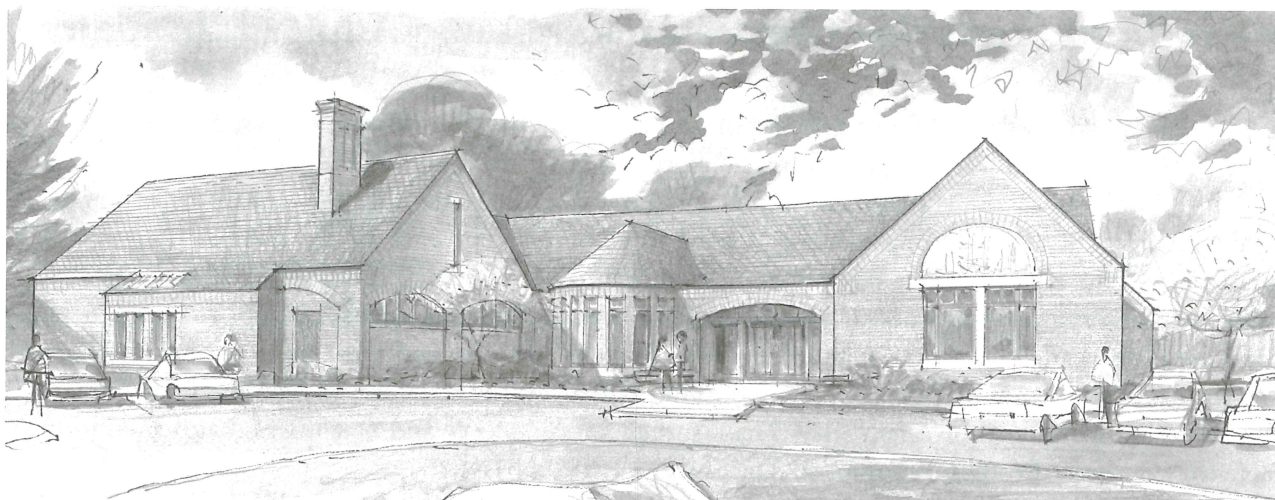
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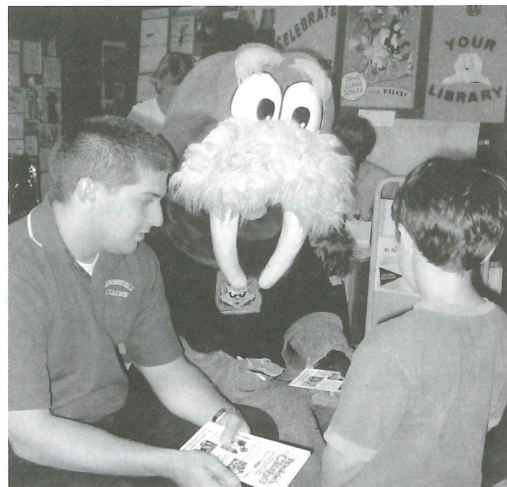
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## A Word From The Children's and Young Adult's Librarian

We again had a busy couple of months of summer reading. The *"Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales"* program was a hit with all the children in town from preschool -age through junior high school -age. Some of the children enjoyed keeping track of the hours that they read by coloring in little paw prints in their Summer Reading Record while others kept track of the number of books they read. All of the children really enjoyed earning tickets to vote for their favorite animal that the Essex Library, the Ivoryton Library and Essex Elementary School PTO will sponsor/adopt from the Mystic Aquarium this year. The winner is the Penguin!!! The children also had a choice of a Blue Crab or an Octopus. A nice group of people enjoyed meeting at the Mystic Aquarium to visit the Penguins... even if it did turn out to be a rainy day! Thanks to all of the people and businesses that helped to make this year's Summer Reading Program so successful!

Thanks also to the wonderful people that volunteered to present programs for the Library each week: Mrs. Giaconia from the EES Library/Media Center who held a program in her library to help the children make a summer scrapbook to save all their summer memories in; Barbara Sizer of Chester and her group from Guiding Eyes for The Blind who brought the most adorable and well-behaved dogs to the Ivoryton Library to talk about how a puppy becomes a guide dog; Bloop, one of the mascots for the New Britain Rock Cats who came to read a story to the children and sign autographs; and Susan Ballek of the CT River Museum who put together a wonderful scavenger hunt at the River Museum for our End of the Summer Reading Celebration. Thanks to Sweet P's in Essex for donating free ice cream cones to the children who completed the Summer Reading Program, to the EES PTO for donating funds to support the Summer Reading Program, to the New Britain Rock Cats for donating free tickets to a game for all the children who completed their summer reading, to the Ct Defenders Baseball team in Norwich for donating free tickets to a game, to Toys Ahoy for helping us get some wonderful prizes for the children who completed their summer reading, and to everyone else for all the wonderful things that you did. It truly does "take a village", or in our case, three villages to make great things happen for our children.



Very shortly we will be back in the newly renovated and expanded Essex Library offering lots of fun new programs for everyone!! There will be plenty of space in the new children's room for our preschool story hours to resume with some extra sessions, including Saturdays, to accommodate everyone. During the month of October there will be two drop-in Preschool Story Hours per week, held on the lower level of the Essex Town Hall. There will be a Tuesday afternoon session from 1-2pm and a Wednesday morning session from 11-12. These story times are best suited for preschoolers aged 3-5 years old, and no registration is necessary. Stories and Music For Ones and Twos will resume on Friday mornings after the Essex Library reopens in November along with lots of other new programs for children and young adults of

all ages. Friday Family Nights will also be held monthly throughout the school year. The first one will be held in October.

Enjoy the autumn, and be sure to check our website for updates on programming, as well as other fun things to do with your children. [www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org](http://www.essexlibrary.lioninc.org) Also, let me know if you would like to be put on our email list to receive the Essex Library's Librar-E-Lations monthly e-newsletter with program updates and information for the whole family. Call me at 767-1560 or email me at [jmccann@essexlibrary.lioninc.org](mailto:jmccann@essexlibrary.lioninc.org)

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## New Look For The Online Catalog

In late September you will notice a change in the way our online catalog looks. That's because the LION Libraries have switched over to a new system and we expect the changes will make our patrons very happy. In a nutshell, the new III (triple i) catalog will enable our patrons to make use of the LION Libraries as the true consortium they were designed to be. For example, our patrons will now be able to see all the materials they have checked out from any and all LION Libraries on one screen. All of the Essex Library staff have been fully trained in using the new system and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have about using the catalog yourself.

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## It's 2 A.M. and Your Librarian Is Wondering If You're Ever Going To Call...

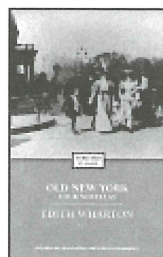
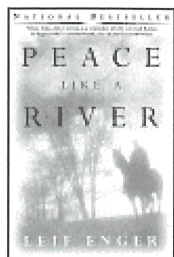
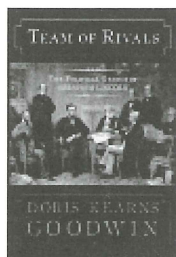
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## Book Club News

Our First Monday and Third Wednesday Book Clubs will begin a new season of meetings this fall. Some of the books to be discussed this year will include: *Team Of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Peace Like A River* by Lief Enger, *Old New York* by Edith Wharton, *Snow Flower And The Secret Fan* by Lisa See and *The Doctor's Daughter* by Hilma Wolitzer. Both groups meet at Essex Meadows. Visit our website or call the Library for more information on dates and times. Please join us.





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Wednesday	10-8
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Friday	10-5
Saturday	10-1

## Ivoryton Library

### Hours

Sunday	2-5
Monday	closed
Tuesday	10-6
Wednesday	10-7
Thursday	10-6
Friday	2-5
Saturday	closed

## The Essex Library Association presents



## A Moreable Feast

Saturday, October 14, 2006

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