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First Wednesday Talk: Immigration
Restrictions Then and Now—Short Stories of Edith Eaton
Wednesday, November 6
7 p.m.
Suzanne Brown discusses three 1912 short stories by Edith Eaton (Sui Sin Far) that examine the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and its effects on the Chinese immigrant community. Eaton’s stories explore assimilation issues, family separations, discrimination, and fear of deportation in ways that still resonate in 2019. Audience members are encouraged to read the three short stories—“Mrs. Spring Fragrance,” “In the Land of the Free,” and “The Americanizing of Pau Tsu”—now available at the library.

Knitting Know How Night
Wednesday, November 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Join Cheryl Burnham and Amy Quesnel and other “Cacklin’ Hens” at Ilsley Public Library for a night with a “Knowledgeable Knitter” to answer your questions, help fix your mistakes, and teach you new tricks.

Book Discussion: March
Saturday, November 9, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Please join Renee Wells, Director of Education for Equity and Inclusion, Middlebury College, for a discussion of John Lewis’s March, including an exploration of the history of the march, a discussion of activism then and now, and of what that means for working towards social change today. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

Music of the Movement
Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.
IPL is thrilled to welcome Francois Clemmons, who will history of Freedom Songs, from spiritual to civil rights anthems. Francois will give a short performance and lead us in sing-a-long, accompanied by Kate Gridley. A 2019 Vermont Humanities Council “Vermont Reads” event.

Wu Brothers present Classical Music Encounters
November 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Twin brothers and Essex High School rising seniors Nathan and Henry Wu will introduce audiences to classical music through performance and commentary. Works by Bach, Mozart, Elgar, Glière, and more.

Slam Poetry Night
Monday, November 25, 5:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Geof Hewitt, Vermont’s Slam Poetry champion will be here to host an all ages Poetry Slam. Slammers should bring two original poems, each of which they can read or recite in three minutes or less. This slam is open to all poets, participants should sign up at the door at 5:45. Not a poet? Join the audience!

Used Book Sale
Saturday, November 2, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Middlebury Community Classic Film Club
Screening: A Raisin in the Sun
Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m.
Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee star in our November film, A Raisin in the Sun (1961). An insurance payment to a disadvantaged African American family presents an opportunity and a challenge when diverging pathways to happiness clash. Which will they take and how will they confront the racism that seeks to diminish their chances in the first place? This groundbreaking film was adapted from Lorraine Hansberry’s inspired play.

The Brain-Body-Behavior Connection
Jody Brakeley, MD
Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m.
Did you know that our earliest childhood experiences not only help form the adults we become but can affect all aspects of our health, too? There is ample scientific research to demonstrate that this is true. In this talk, Middlebury pediatrician Dr. Jody Brakeley will address the science on early brain development and various types of stress. She will explore the effect that life experiences have on the physical, mental, social, emotional, and behavioral health of children, and long into adulthood. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Author Talk: Megan Price
Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m.
Megan Price, author of Vermont Wild: Adventures of Fish and Game Wardens books will be here to share mostly true, always funny stories of our very own game wardens. Vermont Bookshop will be on hand with books to purchase for signing.

Loosely Bound Book Group
Tuesday November 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Open Cribbage
Fridays, 12 – 3 p.m.
Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome to play cribbage on Friday afternoons in the library. Experienced player Will Smith will be available to teach beginners.

Cell & Smartphone Help Sessions
Thursdays, November 7 & 21, 11 – 1 pm
Do you need assistance setting up voicemail, taking pictures, or sending a text? Do you want to how to listen to audiobooks on your smartphone or how to install an app? Drop by the library, and we’ll answer your questions.