

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

9-5:00

Tuesday and Thursday

9-7:00

Saturday

9-1:00

Call us at 483-7409

# PIGEON TALES

## Tai Chi Classes Offered

Tai Chi is a graceful form of exercise which is helpful in reducing stress, controlling blood pressure, and generally improving health.

Beginning on Tuesday, July 19th, we will be welcoming Tai Chi instructor Alyse Knepple, who has 10 years of teaching experience. She will offer a free introductory class which will run from 9-10:30 a.m. For those who would like to continue the classes, there will be 4 once-weekly classes which will cost \$40.00. (Fees are due upon registration and are non-refundable.) Please sign up at the library if you would like to attend the introductory class.



### Photography Contest!

Stop in at the library to cast your vote in our photography contest! We've been accepting entries of pictures from folks of all ages, and will have them matted and on display early in July. Winners will be awarded cash prizes and will be announced during White Pigeon Days. Pictures will continue to be displayed through mid-July.

## Dick Magee: Cleopatra

Fans of Mr. Magee will be glad to know that he'll be back at the White Pigeon library with some fresh new material! On Thursday, July 21st, at 7 p.m., he will present his program about Cleopatra, "the most alluring, elusive, and intriguing woman in the history of the world". As usual, admission to this event will be free, and refreshments will be served.

A second program with Dick Magee will take place on Thursday, August 18th, also at 7:00. This program is entitled *Wow, I Didn't Know That* and will detail some amazing stories about some not-so-famous people and the things they did - or didn't do- that had surprising results! These are stories that will delight, amaze, and make you wonder how they can all be true!

## New Books in July

### July 1-7

Barbara Delinsky *Escape*  
David Baldacci *No Rest for the Dead*  
David Rosenfelt *One Dog Night*  
Tess Gerritsen *Silent Girl*  
Chevy Stevens *Never Knowing*  
Lisa Pulitzer *Portrait of a Monster*

### Sapphire *Kid*

Meg Cabot *Overbite*

### July 8-14

Perri O'Shaughnessy  
*Dreams of the Dead*  
Andrew Gross *Eyes Wide Open*  
Daniel Silva *Portrait of a Spy*  
Iris Johansen *Quinn*  
Mary Balogh *Secret Mistress*  
Jennifer Weiner *Then Came You*  
Maggie Stiefvater *Forever*  
Jaycee Dugard *A Stolen Life*  
John Hart *Iron House*  
P.C. Cast *Dragon's Oath*

### July 15-21

Anne Rivers Siddons  
*Burnt Mountain*  
Danielle Steel *Happy Birthday*  
Karen Robards *Justice*  
Catherine Coulter *Split Second*  
Beth Harbison *Always Something  
There to Remind Me*  
Eoin Colfer *Plugged*

### July 22-31

Diana Palmer *Merciless*  
Brad Thor *Full Black*

## Lunch & Lit Club

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. Stop in to pick up a copy of the current book if you'd like to join us! This month we will be reading and discussing *The Big House* by George Howe Colt.



## From Publishers Weekly

The epicenter of the Colt family is the Big House, built in 1903 on Wings Neck, a deserted strip of Cape Cod. It's not only an architectural gem but a device to chronicle family, local history and the culture of Boston Brahmins-and it accomplishes that task with charm, style and solid research. For 42 summers, Colt traveled from winter homes across the U.S. to partake in this magical place. It's where he learned to swim and play tennis, and where he kissed his first girl. Indeed, the Big House has seen five weddings, four divorces, parties, anniversaries and love affairs. The Colts, a once venerable tribe, had lost their money-"it is not wealth so much as former wealth that defines Old Money families"-but were determined to keep their ancestral home. Time may have marched on, but the Big House refused to cooperate: "Everything in this house breathes of the past." Gilbert & Sullivan sheet music, rotary telephones and ancient globes grace its interiors. Yet all is not perfect in this palace by the sea. Colt, like playwright A.J. Gurney, is adept at exposing the dark underbelly of WASP restraint, recording the mental illness, alcoholism and despair that have plagued his family. His one comfort? The Big House. This love letter to the past is a quiet delight.

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# Jim Merrills: The Magic of Germany

Once again, we have asked Mr. Jim to be part of our Summer Reading program. This year he will present his most magical program ever, *The Magic of Germany*. Mr. Jim (or Herr Jim!) once lived in Germany and enjoys going back to visit whenever he can. His program will include the following:



- \*The Mysterious Box of the Black Forest
- \*The Magic Castle's Secret Keys
- \*The 3 Amazing Animal "Tails"
- \*The Vanishing Waters of Lorelei

In addition to all the magic, Mr. Jim will share beautiful photos of Germany's medieval castles. You will learn about "Mad" King Ludwig, who loved swans - his castle was filled with them! And you'll be introduced to some of the most enchanting children's stories that have come from deep in the heart of Germany's Black Forest (remember Hans and Gretel?) But the fun won't stop there! Every family will take home a simple-to-read guide to get them started on learning the German language, so we hope you will plan to attend!

## This One's For the Girls



Q: What's shiny and round and tells you that you're late?

A: Simple... a CD clock!



This is a cool craft project where we will recycle an old CD into a groovy little clock. We'll not only be recycling, we will be putting the FUN in Functional! If this sounds good to you, make sure you sign up so we can get supplies ordered!

\*\*\*Remember, This One's For the Girls is for girls going into grades 5-12.  
The program will take place on Thursday, July 21st from 3:00 until about 4:30.

### Other Dates to Remember for Kids Programs

**July 5 Origami Craft 1:00-3:00**

**July 6 and 13 Wee Read 10:30**

**July 19 "Gecko Dec-o" 1-3:00**

**July 20 Candy Bar Bingo 1:00**

**July 23 Book Bingo Prize Party 11:00**

**July 27 Game Day (all day)**

## White Pigeon Township Library

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Judy Broadworth, Kelly Bailey,  
LuAnn Hakala, Carol Hoopes,  
and Stephany Bradley

### July Calendar

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| 4  | Closed for the Holiday   |
| 5  | Zumba 9:30   |
| 5  | Origami for Kids 1:00  |
| 6  | Wee Read 10:30   |
| 13 | Wee Read 10:30   |
| 18 | Lunch & Lit Club 11:30   |
| 19 | Tai Chi 9:00   |
| 19 | Craft for Kids 1:00  |
| 20 | Candy Bar Bingo 1:00   |
| 20 | Family Program: Jim<br>Merrills <i>The Magic of<br/>Germany</i> 6:00 |
| 21 | This One's For the Girls<br>CD Clock 3:00                            |
| 21 | Dick Magee <i>Cleopatra</i><br>7:00                                  |
| 23 | Book Bingo Prize Party<br>11:00                                      |
| 27 | Game Day - all day   |

### Coming in August

Teen Summer Blast  
Book Sale  
Dick Magee:  
*Wow I Didn't Know That*

## Services for Library Patrons

**Inter-library Loan** We belong to a state-wide co-op which gives us access to almost any book you might want. Ask us how to order your own books from home!

**Special Collections** In addition to our regular holdings, we also have a nice selection of large print books and audio books.

**Movies** Borrow movies at no cost for 2 days at a time.

**Computers** We have 16 public use computers.

**Free Wireless Internet** Just bring your laptop!

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**Genealogy / Local History** Visit our History Room! We have census records and some newspapers on microfilm; we have many obituaries, family histories, and scrapbooks.

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