



# Hagaman Memorial Library

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## The Man Whose Words Will Never Retire

Peter Mark Roget, born Jan. 18, 1779 in Broad Street, Soho, London achieved many accomplishments throughout his time. He spent much of his life contributing to the medical field as a private tutor and private physician during his early years, lecturing on “the theory and practice of physic at the theatre of anatomy in Great Windmill Street,” according to Jock Murray, author of Roget’s biography in “Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.”

As the years broadened, so did Roget’s life interests. He studied London’s water supply, wrote several volumes on electricity, physiology, phrenology, studied nitrous oxide, invented a slide rule, among many others. However, after retirement, Roget dedicated his time to a work that he started 40 years prior: his “Thesaurus of English words and phrases.”

Referring back to his notes of words, he worked on the Thesaurus full time from 1849-1852, completing it at 72. The Thesaurus was published by Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans on Jan. 17, 1852 and has not been out of print since.

By the time of Roget’s passing, the Thesaurus had gone through more than 20 printings, was revised and enlarged by various family members, but to this day, still sits on the desks of writers, journalists and students around the world.

## Celebrating the Synonyms and Antonyms

Since Roget’s birthday falls in the month of January, the library has decided to incorporate his legacy into an annual event called, “Take Your Child to the Library Day,” on Saturday, Feb. 4 starting at 2 p.m.



This event is geared towards children and parents with a theme included—this year’s being the celebration of author’s birthdays falling in the months of January and February like Lucy Cousins, Russell Hoban, Lewis Carroll, and John Tenniel. There will be live music, stories, crafts and birthday cake.

In honor of Roget, there will be a raffle for any of the guests attending, free of charge. The library will be raffling off a “Roget’s 21st Century Thesaurus” for the adults and a “Scholastic Children’s Thesaurus” in hardcover for the younger readers.

Attorney Joseph Zullo will also be hosting an event on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. called “A ‘Nuts and Bolts’ Discussion of the Origins and Workshops of East Haven Government.” One hardcover and one paperback of “The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus” will be raffled off at the event.

## Upcoming Programs

### Reviving 5000 Years of Civilization—A Taste of Chinese Traditional Culture

*Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.*

Join Ms. Shelly Ren of the Connecticut Chinese Culture Association for her presentation on the renaissance of Chinese Culture. Learn about its essence and uniqueness, how the tradition was disturbed and how the culture is coming back to the world stage through theatrical presentations, like the New York-based Shen Yun Performing Arts and through artistic values. This event is free and open to all who wish to attend.

### Meet the Editor

My name is Emili Lanno, I am a Southern Connecticut State University graduate with a B.A in Journalism and I have been a patron at Hagaman Memorial Library since the day that I was able to pick up a book. As the editor of our bimonthly newsletter, I hope to inform our readers on any happenings, events and features about the library that can make it a place the community chooses to dedicate its time. Happy Reading!

Staff Picks: From One Reader to Another

“The GENE: An Intimate History” by Siddhartha Mukherjee  
“This is a great look at genetics and the history of science but it's more than that. He's one of the best science writers around.” -*Matt Earls*

“The Graveyard Book” by Neil Gaiman  
“Nobody Owens—“Bod” for short—is an average boy with a rather unusual family. When baby Bod’s parents are brutally murdered, he's adopted by the residents of a local cemetery. Surrounded by ghosts, werewolves, and things that go bump in the night, Bod must learn about life while being raised by the dead. It’s a fantasy coming of age tale with Gaiman’s classic mix of humor and heart.” -*Sarah Mallory*

“Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France” by Mara Rockliff  
“A humorous illustrated tale of Benjamin Franklin's exploration of the scientific method and the mysteries of the human mind, for ages 6–9. Great example of a "picture book" that is educational and not aimed at preschoolers.” -*Sascha Gardiner*

“The Lake House” by Kate Morton  
I could not put this book down! Kate Morton knows how to weave a mystery in the most subtle and atmospheric ways. She creates page turning suspense along with literary prose. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys Gothic literature and family mysteries.”-*Cynthia Gwiazda*

“The Ultimate Book of Vegetables (2015) Reader's Digest”  
“This book tells all about the different vegetables from A to Z, as well as, recipes, a how-to-guide for growing, landscape designing, and craft-making. It is easy to follow, easy to read, and the illustrations of all the varieties of vegetables are eye-catching. My wife and I have a greenhouse so this book is very helpful to us. It is a must-read for any gardener!”-*Christopher Hemingway*

“Dark Corners” by Ruth Rendell  
“Ruth puts the reader into the consciousness of her characters: consciousness is important in her works for its use and misuse. Her last novel shows the main character's descent into criminality. The book is well-paced and food for thought on how thinking and emotions can mislead one.” -*Bruce George*

“Fort of the Apocalypse” written by Kuraishi Yuu and illustrated by [Inabe Kazu](#)  
“Yoshiaki Maeda, framed and convicted of murder arrives at Shouran Academy Juvenile Detention Center and is greeted by his fellow inmates. Already believing life to be laden with misfortunes, Yoshiaki finds, to his dismay, that the prison is in the midst of a violent power struggle. However, things are about to get even worse—little do the inmates and employees know that the outside world has been thrown into chaos by a sudden zombie apocalypse, and a van carrying infected humans has just crashed into the prison, abruptly introducing them to the undead threat.”- *Sara Guglietti*

“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis  
“I'd recommend this book for Lewis’s startling and cogent argument for the divinity of Christ, as well as accessible explanations and depictions of Christian belief.” -*Fawn Gillespie*

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