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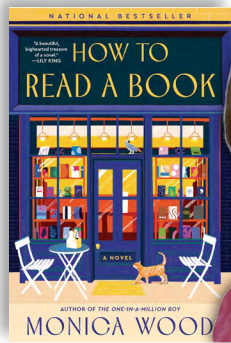
Birds

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B-B-Birds is the Words!

**ONE BOOK MEET AUTHOR
ONE WALLINGFORD MONICA WOOD**

Tuesday, April 29th | 7pm | Dag Hammarskjold Middle School & Zoom | 106 Pond Hill Road | [Register](#)



We're excited to announce that the title for 2025's One Book One Wallingford is *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood! We will have many copies of *How to Read a Book* available to borrow from the library, but we anticipate that most copies will be checked out during the months of February and March. Copies of the book will also be available to purchase at the Information Desk for \$20. Visit our website for a list of programs we have planned, culminating in Monica Wood's visit to Wallingford on Tuesday, April 25th (walpublib.org/obow). Look for the One Book One Wallingford logo throughout this newsletter for tie-in events.

ONE BOOK ONE WALLINGFORD

Bird Brains: Inside the Minds of American Raptors

Wednesday, March 5th | 7-8pm
Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

In *How to Read a Book*, we learn a little bit about the cognitive abilities of African grey parrots. Now, join us to learn all about the cognitive abilities of our own native birds of prey! Rose Crisci of *Blue Moon Raptors* will introduce us to four rescue birds, including a great-horned owl, a peregrine falcon, a red-shouldered hawk, and an eastern-screech owl, and discuss how their cognition shapes their behavior. You will get to see how these intelligent creatures respond to their environments and perceive the world around them.



The Birds & The Bees: How to Build a Pollinator Garden

Wednesday, March 12th | 7-8pm
Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Join Margery Winters of Roaring Brook Nature Center for a talk on gardening for bees, birds, butterflies and other pollinators! These creatures play a critical role in the production of most fruits and vegetables, and they need our help. Learn about our many native pollinators, their important role in keeping our ecosystems healthy, and how you can manage your garden to provide just what they need.



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Register for events online through our digital calendar of events: walpublib.org/events. Join our email list to receive personalized emails so you never miss the events that interest you the most: walpublib.org/email.

The Wallingford Public Library relies on member contributions in addition to funding it receives from the Town of Wallingford. We hope you will support the Library by becoming a member of the Wallingford Public Library Association. Your support helps ensure that the Library will continue to be a dynamic hub that serves and inspires individuals and families throughout our community. To join the Wallingford Public Library Association, visit our website or request a membership envelope at the Library. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we are also eligible to accept a bequest from your estate plan.

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Book BUZZ SPRING 2025



Tuesday, March 4th | The Library Wine Bar & Bistro
60 North Main Street & Zoom
10:30 am-12:00 pm (in-person ONLY) [Register](#)
3:30-5pm (in-person ONLY) [Register](#)
6:30-8pm (in-person & virtual) [Register](#)

Do you love to read? Are you always looking for your next great book? Sip some mimosas or hot drinks (for brunch) or wine or a soft drink (in the afternoon and evening) and snack on some delectable small bites and sweet treats while you join Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken at The Library Wine Bar & Bistro to hear about the books coming out this spring and summer that are getting the most pre-publication buzz! *This program is made possible by generous donations from the Axtmayer family in memory of their mother Pat Axtmayer, and from Lorraine and Marilyn Russo in memory of Joseph Russo.*



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ONE BOOK TIE-IN EVENTS

ONE WALLINGFORD

Supporting Incarcerated Youth: A RACCE Community Letter Writing Session

Saturday, March 8th | 10:30am-12:30pm
Community Room | [Register](#)

Join Racial Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education (RACCE) for a letter-writing session at the Wallingford Public Library. RACCE's Community Letter Writing Program promotes supportive social connections between local adults and incarcerated youth across Connecticut by exchanging letters of support, kind messages, and creative writing or artwork. Our guest speaker for the workshop will be Miguel Delvalle, a Hartford barber & small business owner who has organized "Haircuts for the Homeless" for the past two years. These events, which provide free haircuts and access to resources to those in need, have served over 600 people within the last year.

Applying for a Pardon with the Yale Undergraduate Prison Project

Saturday, March 29th | 6:30-8pm
Community Room | [Register](#)

If you have a criminal record in Connecticut and are interested in applying to erase it with an absolute pardon, this workshop is right for you. You are eligible for an absolute pardon if it has been 5 years from your last felony conviction and 3 years from your last misdemeanor conviction. We will discuss every step of the absolute pardon application, explain expungement under Clean Slate Law, and provide ongoing 1-on-1 assistance for this process. If you are interested in advocating on behalf of those eligible to apply for a pardon, we will also teach you how you can help.



Virtual Author Visits

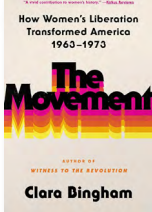
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See all upcoming virtual author events here: walpublib.org/upcomingLSC

Clara Bingham

How Women's Liberation Transformed America
Thursday, March 20th | 2-3 pm | Zoom | [Register](#)

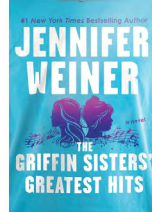


Join Clara Bingham as she talks about her new book, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*. *The Movement* is a comprehensive and engaging oral history of the decade that defined the feminist movement, including interviews with living icons and unsung heroes. This engaging history traces women's awakening, organizing, and agitating between 1963 and 1973 when a decentralized collection of people and events coalesced to create a spontaneous combustion. From Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* to the underground abortion network the Janes, to Shirley Chisholm's presidential campaign and Billie Jean King's 1973 battle of the sexes, Bingham artfully weaves together the fragments of that explosion person by person, bringing to life the emotions of this personal, cultural, and political revolution. Artists and politicians, athletes and lawyers, Black and white, *The Movement* brings readers into the rooms where these women insisted on being treated as first-class citizens and, in the process, changed the fabric of American life.

Clara Bingham is an award-winning journalist and the author of *The Movement*, *Witness to the Revolution* and *Women on the Hill*, and the co-author of *Class Action*. A former Washington, DC, correspondent for *Newsweek*, her writing has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *The Guardian*, and *The Daily Beast*. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Jennifer Weiner

Dreams We Chase
Wednesday, March 26th | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Register](#)



You're invited to a conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Weiner as we chat about her novels and briefly discuss her forthcoming novel *The Griffin Sister's Greatest Hits*. Set in the world of pop music, *The Griffin Sister's Greatest Hits* is about sisters, motherhood, young love, and the dreams we chase. Sisters Cassie and Zoe Grossberg were born just a year apart but could not have been more different. Zoe yearned for fame from the moment she could sing into a hairbrush. Cassie was a musical prodigy who never felt at home in her own skin. In the early 2000s, the sisters became the pop sensation the Griffin Sisters. But after a whirlwind year in the public eye, the band abruptly broke up. Two decades later, the sisters aren't speaking, and the real reason for the Griffin Sisters' breakup is still a mystery. Zoe's teenage daughter is on a quest to learn the truth about what happened to the band all those years ago.

Jennifer Weiner is a bestselling author whose books have collectively spent over five years on the *New York Times* bestseller list, with more than 11 million copies in print in 36 countries. She is the author of the novels *Good in Bed* (2001), *In Her Shoes* (2002), which was turned into a major motion picture starring Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette and Shirley MacLaine, *That Summer* (2021) and *The Breakaway* (2024). *The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits* will be published on April 8th.

tech Training



**Tech
Connect**



Everything is going online—the bank, the pharmacy, the DMV. So you need to be online, but maybe you never had the chance to learn how. You may have even tried to teach yourself, but that can be overwhelming and confusing. The library can help! **Tech Connect** is a free service staffed by **digital navigators** who will teach you what YOU want to do on your devices. Our digital navigators will develop a customized plan to help you successfully connect to the online world. This includes one-on-one training as well as assistance in signing up for low-cost home Internet as well as a long-term loan of your very own computer. **Call us at (203) 626-4774 to meet with a digital navigator.**

Do you feel like technology has left you behind? Do you have a burning question but don't know who to ask? Come catch up with **Digital Navigators Elijah and Connor** as they teach beginner classes in computer topics and answer your most important questions.

Dear IT: ChatGPT & AI Essentials

Saturday, March 15th | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Community Room | [Register](#)

Curious about ChatGPT and how AI tools can help you in your daily tasks? In this class, Connor will explain what ChatGPT is, how it works, and the basics of machine learning. You'll learn how to craft effective prompts to generate emails, understand the pros and cons of different AI models, and discover how AI-powered conversation models can quickly answer your questions. Whether you're new to AI or looking to enhance your skills, this session will give you practical insights into leveraging ChatGPT for work and everyday life.

Please bring your fully charged smart phone, tablet, or laptop computer to the class and make sure your devices have been updated to their latest software. **It is VERY important your device is updated to the latest software in order to access these features.**

Dear IT: Exploring the Google App

Saturday, March 29th | 10-11:30am | Adults | Community Room | [Register](#)

Join us for a hands-on session where you'll discover the many ways the Google App can simplify your daily life. From translating text in real time to identifying music and solving math questions, this class will unlock powerful features you may not know existed. Topics covered include:

- **Google Lens for Translation:** Instantly translate text from signs, menus, and documents just by pointing your camera.
- **Math Help with Google Lens:** Get step-by-step explanations for math problems
- **Identifying Music & Sounds:** Use the Google App to recognize songs, nature sounds, and other audio cues with ease.
- **Smart Search & Personalization:** Learn how to optimize your Google App experience with personalized news, voice search, and quick information retrieval.

Bring your fully charged smartphone with the Google App installed, and get ready to explore how these powerful tools can enhance your everyday life!

Learn To Laser Cut

Saturday, March 8th OR Monday, March 17th

2-3:30pm | Collaboratory
[Register for March 8th](#) | [Register for March 17th](#)

Get started designing your own laser cutter projects using CorelDRAW software. Participants will make a basic wood project. Prior computer experience is recommended.

Intermediate Canva

Monday, March 10th OR Saturday, March 22nd

2-3:30pm | Collaboratory
[Register for March 10th](#) | [Register for March 22nd](#)

Use Canva to practice different design principles such as visual hierarchy, negative space, and balance that will help your designs shine! This will be a hands-on, guided class. Basic experience with Canva is required.



From the
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Cardholder Perks for Gardeners



Hardcore gardeners start thinking about their spring gardens in the fall. For the rest of us, when spring is finally in our sights, that's when we start to imagine our gardens and get excited about planting. This month, spring in New England is (allegedly) right around the corner. Time to plan your flower beds and vegetable gardens! And don't you know? The Wallingford Library has gardening books for you in spades!

Gardening books can be found in the **630s of the Nonfiction section**. Whether you are a complete novice or a master gardener, have a small balcony or a huge yard, we have something for you! You'll find books on everything from container gardening in small spaces to how to start your own self-sufficient homestead. (walpublib.org/GardeningBooks)

For an earth-friendly alternative to high-maintenance lawns, you can plan a pollinator garden meant to entice bees, butterflies, and birds by educating yourself on which native plants attract which types of critters. Do you prefer a more formal look for your yard? Head on over to **712 in the Nonfiction section** to get inspired with landscaping books. Figure out a design that suits the size and conditions of your yard and which plants look and perform best in different locations. (walpublib.org/LandscapingBooks)

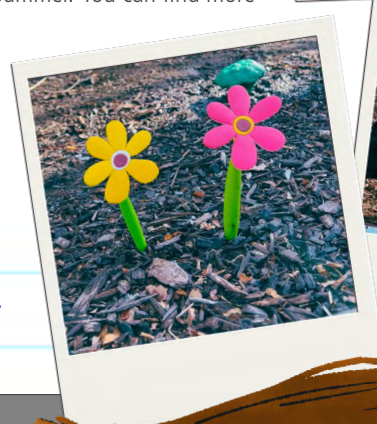
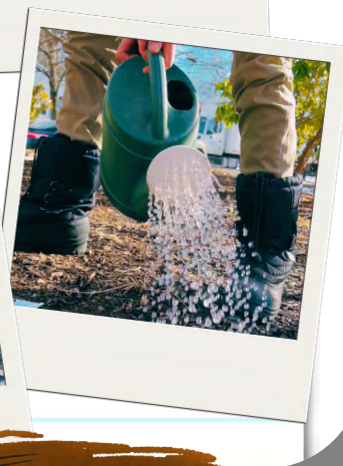
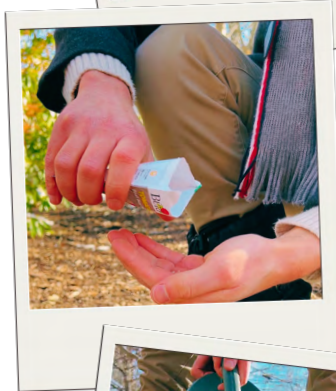
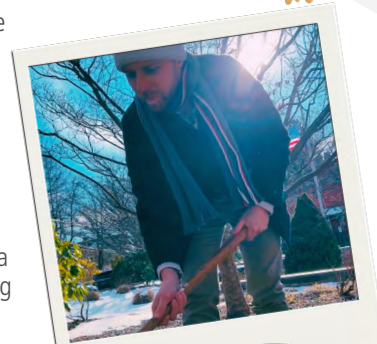
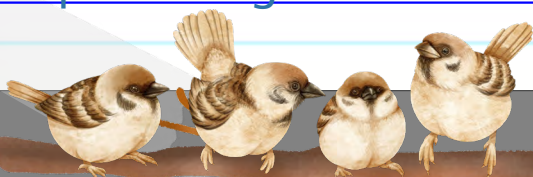
We also have **eMagazines** to borrow ([available for download from Overdrive](#)) including Amateur Gardening, Container Gardening, Food Gardening, Good Organic Gardening, Small-Space Gardening, Modern Gardens Magazine, Small Gardens, and Balconies & Courtyards.

Before you head out, don't forget to grab some seed packets from our **Seed Library** to get your garden started! Flower, vegetable and herb seeds are all available each spring through summer. You can find more information about the Seed Library on Page 12.

The B.S. Department planted seeds from the Seed Library and used books from the collection to optimize their gardening methodology!



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FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS



Wicked

Friday, March 7th | 6-8:30pm
Community Room | PG

Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart.



A Real Pain

Friday, March 28th | 6-7:30pm
Community Room | R

Mismatched cousins David (Jesse Eisenberg) and Benji (Kieran Culkin) reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd-couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.

Children & Families

School-Aged Programs

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Registration opens at 9am, 4 weeks before the program date.

Game On!

Saturdays, March 1st & 22nd | 1:30-4pm

All Ages | Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Pokémon Club and Gaming Club have combined into one big gaming bonanza! Come trade, battle, and participate in various Pokémon themed activities, or play some board games or Mario Kart! At this club, gamers of all ages can get their game on!

Family Paint and Sip

Monday, March 3rd | 6-7pm | Grades 2-6

Community Room | [Register](#)

Come enjoy a refreshing cup of lemonade while you paint a lighthouse scene on a canvas. All painting abilities are welcome and instructions will be provided step-by-step. Grown-ups are welcome and encouraged to participate in the painting fun!

MTG Commander Night!

Monday, March 10th | 4:30-8:30pm | Grades 3 & up

Community Room | [Register](#)

Come play Magic the Gathering's popular Commander format at the library! We will have games going of all skill levels from beginner level all the way to tournament level cEDH. There will also be giveaways, challenges, and other fun activities to complete while attending.

We even have free decks for new players to take home with them! Whether you are a new player looking to play their first commander games, or an experienced gamer wanting to get some practice, there are games to be played at Commander Night!

Planting Flowers Story Time with the Wallingford Garden Club

Tuesday, March 11th | 4:30-5:30pm | Ages 3-9

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Come plant a flower with the Wallingford Garden Club! In this story time program, we will read some flower themed books and then plant a real flower in a container to take home.

Irish Music Concert with Liz McNicholl

Wednesday, March 12th | 10:30-11:30am

All Ages | Community Room | [Register](#)

Come and enjoy an Irish-themed concert with Liz McNicholl just in time for St. Patrick's Day. In this engaging and interactive concert, you can sing and dance along with Liz, as she plays the guitar, ukulele, and Bodhrán (Irish Drum). *There is no school on March 12th for WPS students.*

Homeschool Meetup

Friday, March 14th | 10am-12pm | All ages

Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Looking to connect with other homeschooling families? Stop by the library on the second Friday of every month to chat, share ideas, and network with other homeschoolers. This is not a librarian led program, but passive activities will be available to keep kids busy while parents and caregivers talk.

LEGO Club

Saturday, March 15th | 2-3pm | Grades K-5

Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Bring your imagination and join us for an hour of fun with LEGO bricks! At this program, kids and their grown-ups will have a chance to show off their building skills with LEGO bricks provided by the library.

D&D-Fest

Tuesday, March 18th | 4-6pm | All ages

Collins Room | [Register](#)

Calling all D&D (or any other tabletop RPG) players! D&D-Fest will be a mini convention style program where players can find resources to improve their games, and get advice from professional Game Masters and players. We will also be showcasing how you can use the kits, tools, and tech provided by the library to enhance your games. This program will include tools and tips for character and NPC creation, minis and tokens, mapmaking, custom dice, being a Game Master, designing quests, finding players for your own groups, and learning alternative RPG systems besides just D&D. This program is open to families and patrons of all ages.

American Sign Language Club for Kids

Wednesday, March 19th | 5:30-6:30pm | Grades 2-5

Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Come practice sign language with other kids! Each month will have a different theme and you will be able to reinforce what you learn through games and activities.

Pet Trivia Family Event

Friday, March 21st | 6:30-7:30pm | Grades K-5

Community Room | [Register](#)

Attention families! Join us on a Friday night for Pet Trivia. Your host, the Friends of the Wallingford Animal Shelter will test your knowledge of adorable domestic pets. Teams must include an adult and children in grades K-5. We will have a couple of rounds, along with great prizes and light refreshments.

Paws for Reading

Saturday, March 22nd | 11am-12pm | Grades K-5 |

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Learning to read can be intimidating, but reading to a cute animal can be comforting. Sign up for a time slot to read a book to a furry friend. Children will be in groups of three. *Presented by the friends of the Wallingford Animal Shelter.*

Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, March 25th | 4-7pm | Grades 4-8

Children's Room | [Register](#)

Calling all trading card sharks! If you have the urge to battle, come bring your Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, and Magic the Gathering cards down to the library to test your skills and compete for prizes.

LEGO Robotics with Choate Robotics

Friday, March 28th | 4:30-5:30pm | Grades 3-7

Collaboratory | [Register](#)

Join the Choate Robotics students to explore basic coding and robot-building skills with Lego.

Bilingual Homework Help

Bilingual Homework Help Mondays & Wednesdays | Grades K-5 | 4-8pm Children's Room | Drop-in

The Wallingford Public Library offers FREE drop-in Homework Help! Homework Help is offered in English and Spanish and follows the public school calendar. The program is not offered on days that the public schools are closed.

Ayuda Bilingüe con las Tareas Lunes y Miércoles | 4-8pm | Grados K-5 Área de los Niños | No necesita cita

La Biblioteca Pública de Wallingford ofrece Ayuda GRATIS con las Tareas, pueden venir a cualquier hora entre las 4 y las 8! Ayuda con las Tareas en Español e Inglés y sigue el calendario escolar. El Programa no se ofrece los días que las escuela públicas están cerradas.

Weekly Story Times

Registration is required. Registration opens at 9am weekly on the Sunday prior to the program. You may register your child for one program and/or time slot. Please ask us if you need help deciding which program is the best fit for your child. [Register](#)

Bouncing Babies

**Ages 0-18 months | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room
Mondays, March 17th - April 21st**

This class introduces babies, toddlers, and their grownups to the library and each other while learning how to support their growth and development through songs, puppets, rhymes, and books. Includes playtime afterwards. This class is appropriate for infants, crawlers, and very early walkers.

Waddling Ones & Twos

**Ages 15 mo-35 mo | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room
Tuesdays, March 18th - April 22nd**

A great program for active toddlers, now in the Wonder Room! In a smaller class size setting, children will learn more about how language works through song, rhymes, books, and more. Playtime to follow. This class is appropriate for more confidently walking one year olds, and active two year olds.

Happy Feet

**Ages 2-3 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Wednesdays, March 19th - April 23rd**

Full of music, movement, and stories, this program is perfect for children who are working on making the transition to Preschool Story Time.



Preschool Programs

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.
Registration opens at 9am, 4 weeks before the program

Toddler Yoga

**Friday, March 7th | 11-11:30am | Ages 2-4
Wonder Room | [Register](#)**

Marie Vitucci of Mindful Energy Yoga will introduce children to Yoga using movement, music, stories, and props. Please bring a yoga mat if you already have one, but it is not required.

Silly Story Time

**Saturday, March 8th | 10:30-11am | Ages 0-5
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)**

Saturdays are for being silly! In this family story time we will sing goofy songs and read funny books. This is drop-in program, but register if you would like a reminder email.

Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

**Tuesday, March 18th | 9:30am OR 1:30pm
Ages 3-5 | Marcus Cooke Park | [9:30am](#) | [1:30pm](#)**

Take a walk through nature and listen to a story! Join retired kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Stowe, to find hidden pages from a book along a trail through the woods and learn about nature along the way. Meet under the pavilion at Marcus Cooke Park in Wallingford.

Learn Infant Massage!

**Wednesdays, March 19th - April 16th | 10-11:30am
Ages 6 weeks-6 months | Community Room | [Register](#)**

Infant Massage promotes attachment between infants and their caregivers. We will explore infant development and learn to read infant cues through nurturing touch. Please join us for this free, 5-session course taught by Terri Ayala B.S., CEIM, IMH-E ® of UConn Health.

Preschool Story Time

**Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Thursdays, March 20th - April 24th**

Books, puppets, and songs will reinforce your child's pre-reading skills through repetition and rhyme. A craft is included that will help kids develop their fine motor skills.

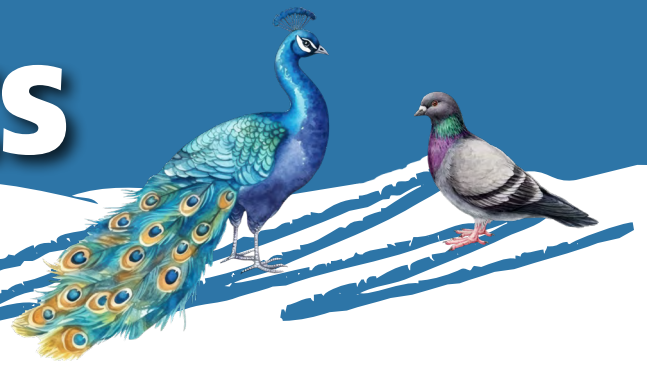
Pajama Family Story Time

**Ages 0-5 | 6:30pm | Community Room
Mondays, March 17th - April 21st**

Join Miss Erin at this active, early literacy enriched story time where we will explore books, songs, and rhymes for all ages. Make sure to wear your PJs for added fun!



Adult Events



Happenings



Rosie the Riveter: Women & Propaganda in WWII

Tuesday, March 11th | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

As we approach the 80th anniversary of World War II, join us for a talk about pop culture & women on the home front! "Rosie the Riveter" became an iconic image of working women during the war efforts. What was it really like for them? We'll look at propaganda posters, art, music, and photos, and hear real-life accounts of Connecticut women who worked for victory. Presented by Mya Concepcion, Outreach Educator at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History.



ONE BOOK

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Healing with Books: From Elvis's Self-Help Shelf to Oprah's Book Club

Tuesday, March 18th | 7-8pm
Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Join us to learn all about the modern history of book therapy! In this fascinating presentation, historian Mary Mahoney will explore the practice of bibliotherapy—the use of books as medicine. From Elvis Presley's personal obsession with self-help books to the rise of Oprah's Book Club as a cultural phenomenon and the therapeutic value of poetry, books have long been a source of solace, transformation, and healing. This talk will examine the fascinating history and enduring relevance of books as medicine, shedding light on how we read to heal.



Ask Attorney Allinson

Wednesday, March 19th | 6:30-8pm | Community Room | [Register](#)

Steven Allinson, an attorney in Wallingford, will speak and answer your questions about probate, trusts, wills, estates, Medicaid, and other estate planning. At this forum, the Attorney cannot give specific legal advice; all his responses will be procedural in nature and contain a general overview of the law. Come with questions!



Wallingford **TABLE**

Where everyone has a seat.



An Eastern European Carnival!

Sunday, March 2nd | 1-2:30pm | Polish National Alliance Park Lodge #513 | [Click to register](#)

In many Eastern European countries, the week before Lent is celebrated with food, dancing, costumes, and music. Join us to explore these rich traditions at our next Wallingford Table event! Guests will enjoy pierogies, crêpes, and other delicious dishes while hearing from a panel of speakers representing Ukraine, Poland, and Hungary. Each panelist will share stories about their country's Shrovetide traditions as well as other unique aspects of their heritage. We will conclude with a demonstration of "Busójárás," a Hungarian folk dance in which a costumed performer will "chase the winter away" and welcome back the spring! Authentic cultural objects will be on display throughout the program. This event is a collaboration between the Wallingford Public Library, the Polish National Alliance of Wallingford, the Hungarian Community Club of Wallingford, and the Ukrainian Women's League of New England. The Wallingford Table series is sponsored by donations from The Great Give.

Gatherings

Most of these programs are drop-in and do not require registration unless otherwise noted.



French Conversation Group

Mondays | 4:30-5:30pm
Collins Room

Improve your French in a friendly and non-judgmental space! Some knowledge of French recommended.

Spanish Conversation Group

Thursdays | 4:30-5:30pm | Collins Room

Improve your Spanish in a friendly and non-judgmental space! Some knowledge of Spanish recommended.

Coffee & Connections

Fridays | 11am-12noon | Collins Room

Come join us for a weekly gathering to forge new connections with folks you might otherwise never get to know! Stop by for a warm drink and some

conversation, hosted by **Linda Reilly-Blue (LRB)** a former radio host and producer, passionate birth doula, parent educator, and reiki practitioner. With degrees in Counseling, Psychology, and Human Service Administration, LRB's professional and personal experiences blend to create a holistic approach to supporting others. Come for the coffee, stay for the fun and engaging conversation facilitated by a professional people person!

Morning Ukulele Club

Monday, March 3rd | 10-11:30am | Collins Room

Morning Ukulele Club meets on the first Monday of each month! The first hour of each session will be dedicated to more experienced players, while the last half-hour will be focused on beginners. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will teach and facilitate the club. *Please bring your own instruments.*

WPL Play Readers

Wednesday, March 5th | 6:30-8:30pm | Collins Room

The Wallingford Public Library Play Readers bring and share poetry, prose, famous speeches and documents, monologues, and original material! Come check us out. All are welcome to read and/or listen.

Saturday Mornings with Poetry

Saturdays, March 8th & 22nd

9:45am - 12noon | Community Room

A meeting of people who love reading and writing poetry. SMwP provides poetic opportunities for anyone to share their poetry, discuss the literary works of poets known and unknown, and expand skills in writing and editing poems in the shared camaraderie of comfortable, supportive members. To participate and for details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Karen Ciosek at kjc73048@gmail.com.



Knit @ WPL

Mondays, March 10th & 24th | 6-7:30pm

Collaboratory Diamond Desk (Gray)

Knit @ WPL is a place where knitters and crocheters can practice their work in the company of others. Newcomers are welcome to join, but knitting experience is required.

Evening Ukulele Club

Wednesday, March 12th & Monday, March 31st

6:30-8pm | Collins Room

Evening Ukulele Club meets on the second Wednesday and final Monday of each month! The first hour of each session will be dedicated to more experienced players, while the last half-hour will be focused on beginners. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will teach and facilitate the club. *Please bring your own instruments*

ASL Conversation Group

Wednesday, March 19th | 7-8pm | Collins Room

Join us the third Wednesday of each month to improve your American Sign Language skills in a friendly and non-judgmental space! Robin Crispino, a professional sign language interpreter, will facilitate each session. Some knowledge of ASL is recommended; patrons with no previous experience should take a course through [Transparent Language Online](#), available through the library's website, before attending a meeting.



International Movie Night:

The Banshees of Inisherin

Friday, March 14th | 6-8pm | Community Room

No registration required



Join us on the second Friday of each month to enjoy a film from another country! Our March 14th feature will be the 2022 Irish comedy-drama *The Banshees of Inisherin* (R). Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, this Best Picture nominee follows lifelong friends Pádraic and Colm, who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Pádraic endeavors to repair the relationship, refusing

to take no for an answer. But Pádraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences.

WPL Presents: Tap & Trivia

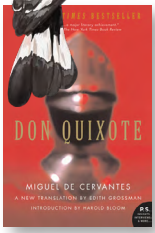
Tuesday, March 25th | 7:30-9pm | Tap & Vine

Registration preferred

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month for a local trivia night at Tap & Vine! Quizmaster Rich Steeves will test your wits with five rounds of questions on a variety of topics, from General Knowledge to Science & Nature and a whole lot more. Your team of 2-6 players will compete with other teams for exciting prizes and, of course, bragging rights. So, if you like questions, answers, and the occasional corny joke, tell your friends, tell your enemies, tell everyone you know! **Registration is strongly preferred; please call Tap & Vine at (203) 774-0660 to sign up.**



For Readers



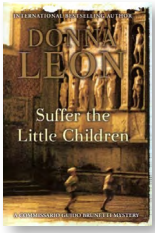
Hibernation Book Club: Long Reads for Short Days

Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
Tuesday, Feb 25th, Mar 11th & 25th | 5:30-7pm | Collins Room & Zoom
Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

If you have always wanted to read big classic works of literature but have been daunted by their length and supposed complexity, we have a book club just for you! In the Hibernation Book Club, we will read one long classic novel every winter, dividing it up into shorter sections and meeting six times over the course of three months to work our way through it. Our title for the winter of 2025 is Edith Grossman's 2003 translation of *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes.

Told in two parts that were written ten years apart and widely regarded as the world's first modern novel and one of the funniest and most tragic books ever written, *Don Quixote* chronicles the famous (mis)adventures of an aging man named Alonso Quijano from La Mancha, Spain, who becomes so obsessed with chivalric novels that he believes himself to be a knight errant named Don Quixote and sets out on his old horse Rocinante on a series of absurd quests with his loyal squire Sancho Panza by his side. The novel highlights the clash between fantasy and reality while satirizing the conventions of traditional chivalry stories. It is one of the most-translated books in the world and one of the best-selling novels of all time. In 2002, 100 major writers from 54 countries rated *Don Quixote* the world's best work of fiction. In this six-part program, we will read *Don Quixote* in installments of approximately 160 pages each and meet every other week to discuss it.

For details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Cindy at chaiken@wallingfordlibrary.org



Mystery Book Club
Suffer the Little Children by Donna Leon
Wednesday, March 5th | 3-4:15 pm | Community Room and Zoom
Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

In this 16th installment in the popular series, Commissario Guido Brunetti learns that three men—a young *Carabiniere* captain and two privates from out of town—have burst into a doctor's apartment in the middle of the night, attacked him and taken away his 18-month old son. What could have motivated an assault so violent it has left the doctor mute?

To participate, contact Carole at cshmurak@gmail.com and put "Wallingford Mystery Book Club" in the subject line.

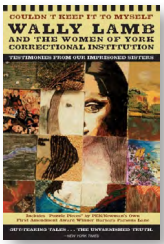


Thursday Night Book Club
The Trees by Percival Everett
Thursday, March 20th | 6:30-8 pm | Collins Room and Zoom
Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

The small town of Money, Mississippi, is grappling with a string of murders that seem to relate back to the lynching of Emmett Till. The first two target people related to the original crime, and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations sends two Black detectives to investigate after a dead Black man found at the scene of the first crime reemerges at the site of the second. And then the same thing happens a third time, and then a fourth. A racial allegory grounded in history, Everett's 2021 novel was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

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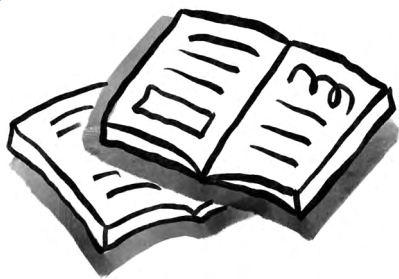
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Truth Be Told Nonfiction Book Club
Couldn't Keep It to Myself: Testimonies from Our Imprisoned Sisters
by Wally Lamb and the Women of York Correctional Institution
Thursday, March 27th | 7-8:30pm | Collins Room and Zoom
Discussion moderated by Educator Susan Gomes

Lamb, an acclaimed Connecticut novelist, teaches writing to incarcerated women. As the women discover their voices, they describe how they were imprisoned by abuse, rejection, poverty, and self-destructive impulses long before they entered the criminal justice system. Their unforgettable stories reveal hope, humor, healing over victimhood, and triumph over despair.

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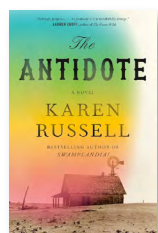


Novelty

What's new in novels
from Cindy Haiken



In her 1967 book *The Shape of a Year*, Jean Hersey observes that “in March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too.” After a cold, windy and icy winter, there are many reasons to anticipate spring. For me, one of the best things about March is the arrival of the first novels of the spring publishing season, which takes the book publishing year up a notch from the winter months. Here is a sample of what we have to look forward to:



The Antidote by Karen Russell — The fates of five characters in Dustbowl-era Nebraska become entangled after a storm ravages their small town.

The Boxcar Librarian by Brianna Labuskes — A woman is determined to solve a mystery surrounding a local librarian and a converted mining train that brought books to isolated rural towns in Montana.

Dream Count by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie — Four Nigerian women grapple with love, loss and the complexities of modern life.

The Dream Hotel by Leila Lalami — In the near future, a woman is told that her dreams have been analyzed, that she will soon commit a crime against her husband, and that she is being retained for his safety.



The Girl from Greenwich Street by Lauren Willig — In 1800, a shocking murder forces bitter rivals Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr to work together to save a man from the gallows.

The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian — In 1864 Virginia, a woman has to decide whether to risk treason and help a seriously wounded Union officer who has been left to die.

Jane and Dan at the End of the World by Colleen Oakley — An unhappily-married couple are taken hostage while celebrating their anniversary at a fancy restaurant.

The Last Days of Kira Mullan by Nicci French — A woman who is recovering from a psychotic breakdown moves into a new apartment and becomes convinced that a new neighbor's sudden death isn't a suicide.



One Good Thing by Georgia Hunter — In occupied Italy during WWII, two young women hide war orphans in a convent where they forge false papers for the Underground.

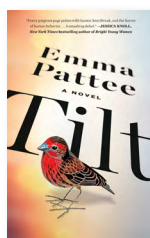
The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue — A recreation of an infamous 1895 disaster at the Paris Montparnasse train station from the perspectives of the people on the train.

The Four Queens of Crime by Rosanne Limoncelli — In 1938 London, the first female detective chief inspector enlists the help of four queens of crime (Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, Ngaio Marsh and Margery Allingham) to help her solve a murder.



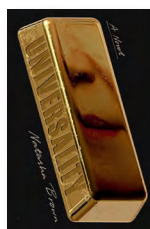
The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry — A woman who became a child prodigy when she wrote a bestselling book in a secret language when she was 12 years old disappears, leaving behind her husband and eight-year-old daughter.

Theft by Abdulrazak Gurnah — This first novel by the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature winner since he won the award is set in modern-day Tanzania.



Tilt by Emma Pattee — A woman who is 37 weeks pregnant is shopping for a crib at an IKEA store in Portland, Oregon when a catastrophic earthquake devastates the city.

Twist by Colum McCann — A down on his luck freelance writer from Dublin is asked to write an article about a ship that repairs the fiber optic tubes that carry the world's information on the ocean floor.



Universality by Natasha Brown — After a violent attack at an illegal rave on a farm, a journalist unravels a web of intrigue involving a corrupt landlord, a controversial columnist and a group of anarchists.

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy — A man and his children who are the last remaining inhabitants of a tiny island near Antarctica are threatened by a woman who washes ashore in a storm.

Also of note this month are the sequel to *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Rayburn (*Kills Well with Others*), the 5th Finlay Donovan mystery by Elle Cosimano (*Finlay Donovan Digs Her Own Grave*), the 35th Lucas Davenport thriller by John Sandford (*Lethal Prey*) and new novels by Sandra Brown (*Blood Moon*), Harlan Coben (*Nobody's Fool*), Susan Mallery (*Beach Vibes*), Freida McFadden (*Ward D*), James Patterson (*The Writer*) and Danielle Steel (*Far from Home*).

Cindy's Picks





Collaboratory



Restocked for Spring 2025

Visit the Seed Library to find the perfect plants for your summer garden. We have restocked our supply of flower, herb, fruit, and vegetable seeds, so stop by soon for the best selection. Please limit yourself to 10 total packets (1 per variety) in order to ensure an adequate supply for the entire community. We would love to see photos of anything you grow!



Drop-In Programs

Open Sew

Tuesday, March 4th | 6-8:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory

Do you like to sew? Join people who enjoy quilting and sewing at a casual "drop in" program anytime from 6-8:30pm in the Collaboratory. Bring your unfinished projects, either hand sewing or machine. There are 4 portable sewing machines (or bring your own) and lots of sewing supplies and tools provided by the library for your use. Stop by for 10 minutes or for the full 2.5 hours for a fun evening of sharing and learning!

Max FAQs from Max Spurr

Q: I have always wanted to see some Collaboratory equipment in action, but it's hard for me to make it into the Library! Do you have any videos of the tools in action?

A: I can definitely help out with your request! Many people have asked for more videos from the Collaboratory, so I have created a special team to do just that. Each month we will show how you can use Collaboratory equipment to create super cool things! Some videos will just focus on a single piece of equipment, like the laser cutter, 3D printer, embroidery machine, and many other machines. Some videos will feature multiple pieces used together to create a single craft (one of the best parts of the Collaboratory is how multiple machines and skills can come together to make one thing). We hope that the videos will inspire you to use the equipment on your own and give you some great ideas of unique projects you can use them for. Check out *Words* next month for the first episode!

If you have a question for Max FAQs, let us know at the Information Desk or the Help Desk in the Collaboratory, or you can email it directly to me at mspurr@wallingfordlibrary.org.





Lottery Programs



Visit the February program lottery to register for the events below:
walpublib.org/LotteryMar25

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required and programs are open to adults and teens in grades 9+. You may enter the Collaboratory program registration lottery from the 20th to the 22nd of the month prior. Participants will be selected via random drawing on the following business day. All others will be placed on the waitlist. Due to high demand, we may limit individual participants to one program per month. If there are available seats after the lottery, registration will be directly through our online calendar. Project photos can be found at walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory



Laser Etched Wall Plate Cover

Saturday, March 1st | 11am-12:30pm

Learn how to prepare a job for the laser cutter in CorelDRAW using royalty-free images found on Pixabay to create your own beautiful wall plate cover. (Finger)Painting the covers after they are laser etched also will be an option!

Puff Vinyl Totes

Tuesday, March 4th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 6th | 3-4:30pm

Using the Cricut Maker, cut out a design of your choosing from puffy 3D vinyl then iron it onto a tote bag.

Sublimation Decorated Wind Spinner

Tuesday, March 11th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 13th | 3-4:30pm

Use our sublimation printer to decorate a metal wind spinner, perfect for your porch or garden! If there is a specific photo you want to use, please bring it on a USB drive.

Irish Calligraphy

Thursday, March 13th | 7-8:30pm

Learn Irish calligraphy, which is also known as the Uncial style! It is a beautiful, historical hand and a great way to introduce yourself to the broad edge nib.

Laser Etched Bookmarks

Tuesday, March 18th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 20th | 3-4:30pm

Create a design to be etched onto a leather bookmark.

Beaded Chakra Bracelet

Tuesday, March 25th | 6-7pm OR 7:15-8:15pm

Create a beautiful beaded Chakra bracelet. Chakra jewelry is believed to have therapeutic properties for the wearer.



Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, March 13th | 7-8pm | Adults | Zoom | [Register](#) (after the lottery)

Join librarian Cindy Haiken on Zoom to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Once registered, you will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email on the day of the event. In March, we will watch and discuss Lori Gottlieb's "How Changing Your Story Can Change Your Life." Stories help you make sense of your life—but when these narratives are incomplete or misleading, they can keep you stuck instead of providing clarity. In an actionable talk, psychotherapist and advice columnist Lori Gottlieb shows how to break free from the stories you've been telling yourself by becoming your own editor and rewriting your narrative from a different point of view.

Just for Teens

Registration Required

Needle Felted Rubber Ducks

Wednesday, March 5th | 3:30-4:45pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Felt a cute little rubber ducky! Needle felting is a craft that uses a barbed needle to mat together fibers, typically wool, allowing you to create a wide variety of 2D and 3D objects.

Supporting Incarcerated Youth: A RACCE Community Letter Writing Session

Saturday, March 8th | 10:30am-12:30pm
Community Room | Grades 9-12 & Adults | [Register](#)
Join Racial Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education (RACCE) for a letter-writing session at the Wallingford Public Library. RACCE's Community Letter Writing Program promotes supportive social connections between local adults and incarcerated youth across Connecticut by exchanging letters of support, kind messages, and creative writing or artwork.

Our guest speaker for the workshop will be Miguel Delvalle, a Hartford barber & small business owner who has organized "Haircuts for the Homeless" for the past two years. These events, which provide free haircuts and access to resources to those in need, have served over 600 people within the last year.

Learn to Crochet: Bunny

Wednesday, March 12th | 11am-2pm | Collins Room
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Learn to crochet with a kit from The Woobles! Woobles kits provide step-by-step video (and written) instructions to complete the project. You will get your own kit and you'll have access to a library laptop to view the instructional videos at your own pace. These kits can take a number of hours so you may not complete the project during the program time, but that's ok! You'll learn the basics and get started in a safe and nonjudgmental space and Kayleigh will be on hand to provide any live guidance you need. All materials from the kit, including access to the video tutorial are yours to keep after the program. Due to high demand, please do not register if you have previously attended one of the Learn to Crochet events. *Note: Wallingford Public Schools are closed on Wednesday, March 12th.*

Make a Dice Box

Saturday, March 15th | 11am-12pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

You've made your own resin dice, now make a resin box to store them in! The box will fit your resin dice set, along with others, but will not fit large dice sets. Due to the time resin needs to cure, you will need to return to pick up your dice box. *Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



Resin Stained Glass Suncatchers

Saturday, March 15th | 2-3pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Make a stained glass-style suncatcher using an acrylic template and resin! The templates will be made ahead of time on the Collaboratory's laser cutter. When you register, please choose either a butterfly or dragonfly design. Then during the program, you'll mix up resin to give them color and let sunlight shine through! Due to the time resin needs to cure, you will have to return the following week to pick them up.

D&D Fest

Tuesday, March 18th | 4-6pm | Collins Room
All ages | [Register](#)

Calling all D&D (or any other tabletop RPG) players! D&D-Fest will be a mini convention style program where players can find resources to improve their games, and get advice from professional Game Masters and players. We will also be showcasing how you can use the kits, tools, and tech provided by the library to enhance your games. This program will include tools and tips for character and NPC creation, minis and tokens, mapmaking, custom dice, being a Game Master, designing quests, finding players for your own groups, and learning alternative RPG systems besides just D&D. This program is open to families and patrons of all ages.

Laser Cut Flowers

Thursday, March 20th | 3:30-5:30pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

It may be the first day of spring, but that doesn't mean the flowers are blooming quite yet! Instead of waiting around for the real thing, make your own mini floral arrangement out of laser cut wooden pieces. Flowers and pieces for a vase will be cut out ahead of time and you'll be able to assemble the base and paint the flowers to make your own custom arrangement.

LEGO Robotics with Choate Robotics

Friday, March 28th | 4:30-5:30pm | Collaboratory
Grades 3-7 | [Register](#)

Join the Choate Robotics students to explore basic coding and robot-building skills with Lego.

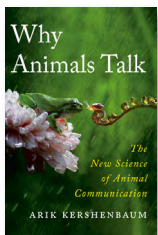
Last Words:

In the Same Boat from Chris Ciemniewski



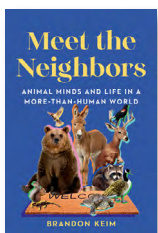
I recently had the pleasure of watching *Flow*, a Latvian film (still in theaters at the time of this writing) that was nominated for both Best Animated Feature and Best International Feature for the 97th Academy Awards taking place on March 2nd. The film follows a small group of diverse animals as they survive an apocalyptic flood together in a small sailboat. The film features no dialogue and no humans whatsoever. The lack of humans and the cause of the flood

are intentionally kept vague as the narrative focuses primarily on the interactions among the animals. The animals' behaviors are more realistic and instinctual than fantastical, and many viewers will find the mannerisms of the golden retriever and the black cat especially familiar. The film seems to want viewers to think about how animals might cooperate together in the face of common hardship and what we as humans might learn from them. In order to survive, the animals must communicate and cooperate with each other to understand one another's needs. One of the core themes in *How to Read a Book*, the selection for 2025's One Book One Wallingford, also focuses on animal cognition by exploring the learning capabilities of African grey parrots. Here are some other books about the ways in which animals think and communicate with each other.



Why Animals Talk by Arik Kershenbaum provides readers with the newest findings on animal communication. She begins by explaining that we have always known that animals communicate with each other, but it is only recently that we've begun to study what they are saying. Kershenbaum then dedicates each chapter to a different animal and examines the logical consistencies in the way they communicate, much like the grammar in human languages. Some of the animals

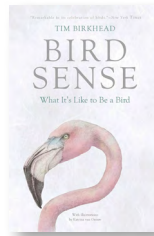
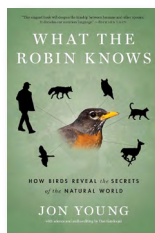
include wolves, dolphins, parrots, and gibbons. Similarly, *Animal Wise* by Virginia Morell shares ten stories about different animals and their unique intelligences—such as the teaching skills of ants, the memories of elephants, and the culture of dolphins.



Meet the Neighbors by Brandon Keim also presents some of the most recent findings on animal cognition and communication, including the politics of honeybees, the friendships of snakes, and the musings of rats. The book explores the ways in which animals continue to communicate with each other and how we as humans have fallen behind in our ability to read animals. Keim suggests ways we can increase our understanding of animals and begin to see urban critters not as nuisances

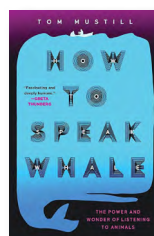
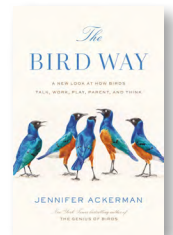
but as neighbors in an effort to work towards a kinder planet.

In contrast to the cast of mammals in *Flow*, the secretary birds, the only avian animals present in the film, are portrayed as having a different kind of intelligence than the mammals. The mammals in the film do face challenges in understanding one another, but the birds seem to follow an altogether entirely different set of rules and values than the mammals. The secretary birds also appear to have a mystical relationship to the natural world. In *What the Robin Knows* author Jon Young explores how birds process information from the environment in a way that is unsurpassed by other animal types, and communicate to each other in exchanges that are similar to human conversation. Young also describes



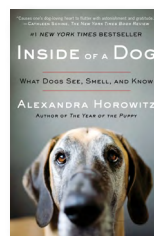
how bird observation was a discipline perfected by native peoples to reveal hidden secrets of the natural world. *Bird Sense* by Tim Birkhead delves even deeper into birds' unique way of interfacing with the world, such as their attunement to the earth's magnetic field, their ability to sense rain miles away, and their other

heightened senses. Birkhead debunks longheld beliefs about birds to showcase creatures of curiously powerful intuition and emotion. *The Bird Way* by Jennifer Ackerman is another more recent exploration of the way birds socialize and think as distinct from "the mammal way" of thinking. She shares observational stories of deception, altruism and even culture shared among various species of birds.



Flow features whale-like sea creatures which the land dwelling animals approach with terror and wonder. After a humpback whale breached onto his kayak, author Tom Mustill wanted to know more about what the experience could mean. In *How to Speak Whale* he details the ways in which AI language tools originally designed for humans are now being implemented to study the language of whales.

Because whales have some of the largest brains in the animal world and are some of the most long-lived creatures on earth, there is much excitement about what we could learn from them. Mustill postulates about a world in which AI can be used to build relationships not only with whales, but with other animals as well.



Of all the animals, dogs may be the easiest to understand from the human perspective, but what is it like to experience human companionship from a dog's perspective? That is the question that Alexandra Horowitz seeks to answer in her book *Inside of a Dog*. Horowitz describes simple questions like "What is it like to use a mouth as a hand?" but also profound questions such as "What is it like to be able to smell not just everything in the house, but the passage of time itself?"



Our other constant companions remain more aloof to humans. *The Hidden Language of Cats* by Sarah Brown attempts to decipher the odd behaviors of cats and how they have us right where they want us. Unlike dogs who wait for us to lead, cats more often are the initiators of communication. As is now commonly known, their "meows" are designed specifically to signal to humans that they need attention. Brown also describes how perceptive cats

are, taking time to observe and understand before interacting. This keen observation is on display in *Flow*, where the primary protagonist, the cat, is often one step ahead of the other animals in trying to lead them through the crisis. However, the way every animal processes the world can teach us something about the way we interact with each other. We can learn perception from cats, stoicism from capybaras, empathy from dogs, fun from lemurs, and wisdom from birds.



March Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 9pm

Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

Sunday
12noon-4pm

Scheduled Closings

No Scheduled Closings
We hope to be here for you every day in March!



Monday
10am - 2pm

Tuesday
10am - 12noon
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday
10am - 2pm

Thursday
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday
10am - 2pm

Saturday
10am - 12:30pm

March Specials
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Tax Season and Tax Assistance



Tax filing season is around the corner and the library is ready to help in partnership with the Human Resources Agency of New Britain.

Federal 1040 Income Tax Forms in both English and Spanish as well as 1040 Instruction Booklets are available for the public in the library's lower lobby. You can also find the forms (and schedules) available online to download and print: rebrand.ly/IRSforms

The State of Connecticut encourages residents to file their income taxes electronically and no longer provides paper forms to Connecticut Libraries.

You can file your CT State Income Tax forms electronically here: rebrand.ly/CTefile
Or you can download and print paper forms here: rebrand.ly/CTtaxforms

If you earned less than \$67,000 in 2024, you may be eligible for free tax preparation services from IRS-certified tax preparer volunteers through HRA of New Britain. In-person appointments at the library will take place on most Saturdays from 10am to 2pm starting Jan 27th until Apr 13th. You may call to make an appointment at (860) 356-2000 or visit their website through this shortened link: walpublib.org/VITA

Appointments fill up quickly so we encourage making an appointment as soon as possible! While librarians can help in finding the forms you need, the library staff is not involved in the tax preparation process. If you have questions about this tax preparation service, please contact HRA of New Britain at (860) 225-8601. We are proud to partner with VITA each year as one of their locations to provide this free, volunteer-run tax preparation service for Wallingford residents.



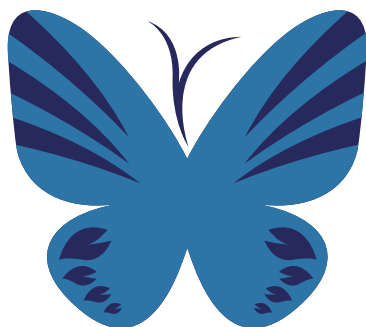
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Words from Wallingford: Letters to Incarcerated Youth

Monday, March 10th - Thursday, March 27th | All Library Hours

Collaboratory Diamond Desk (Green Chairs) | No registration required

From March 10th to March 27th, the Racial Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education (RACCE) will host a letter-writing station in our Collaboratory where patrons of all ages can craft letters of support, kind messages, and creative writing or artwork for incarcerated youth. These letters will be collected by RACCE and distributed to incarcerated youth throughout the state of Connecticut. A guide to writing messages will be posted at the station. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!



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IN OTHERS' Words...

“Over increasingly large areas of the United States, spring now comes unheralded by the return of the birds, and the early mornings are strangely silent where once they were filled with the beauty of bird song.”

— Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*

