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HISPANIC HERITAGE MOVIE NIGHTS



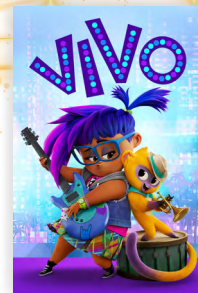
Fridays, Sept 13th — Oct 11th | 6:30-8:30pm
Community Room | No registration required

Join us for a film series that celebrates the dreams, stories, and experiences of the Latin American community! From Sept 13th to Oct 11th the Wallingford Public Library & Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) will co-host Friday night film screenings that center on Latinx characters and culture in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. After this five-week series concludes, we will show a Latin-themed movie on the second Friday of each month from fall to late spring. All are welcome to attend.

More info: walpublib.org/HispanicHeritageFilmSeries24



ENCANTO (2021, PG) | Sept 13th
MCFARLAND, USA (2015, PG) | Sept 20th
UNDER THE SAME MOON (2007, PG-13) | Sept 27th
VIVO (2021, PG) | Oct 4th
SPARE PARTS (2015, PG-13) | Oct 11th



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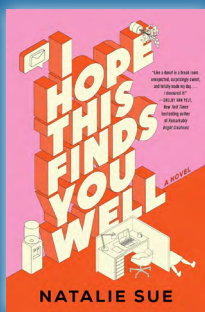
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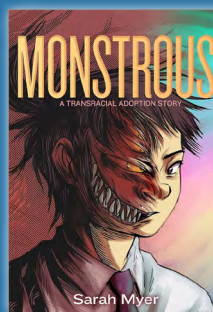
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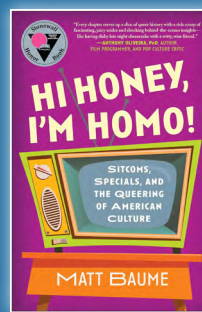
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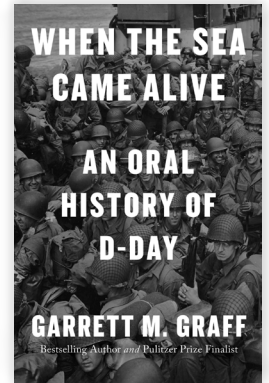
Virtual Author Events

Capturing Human Drama through History with **Garrett Graff**

Tuesday, Sept 10th | 2-3 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)



In the *New York Times* bestseller *The Only Plane in the Sky*, the award-winning journalist Garrett Graff drew on never-before-published transcripts, recently declassified documents, and original interviews and stories from nearly 500 government officials, first responders, witnesses, survivors, friends, and family members to paint a comprehensive, minute-by-minute account of the September 11th attacks. His new book *When the Sea Came Alive* explores the full impact of D-Day, one of history's greatest military and human triumphs. The book dives deep into the complexities of the invasion, from the secret creation of landing plans by top government and military officials and organization of troops, to the moment the boat doors opened to reveal the beach where men fought for their lives and the future of the free world.



Garrett M. Graff is the author of several books in addition to *The Only Plane in the Sky* and *When the Sea Came Alive*, including *The Threat Matrix*, *Raven Rock*, and the *New York Times* bestseller *Watergate*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.



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

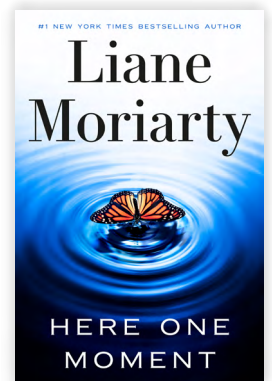
A Deep Dive in Character Development with Bestselling Author **Liane Moriarty**

Saturday, Sept 21st | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)



Join us as we chat with bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her new novel *Here One Moment*. In *Here One Moment*, a group of strangers board an airplane. On this ordinary, short, domestic flight, people learn how and when they are going to die. There were more interesting people on the flight but none would become as famous as "The Death Lady." Not a single passenger or crew member will later recall noticing her board the plane. She wasn't exceptionally old or young or rude or polite. But what she did on that flight was truly remarkable. A few months later, one passenger dies exactly as she predicted. Then two more passengers die, again, as she said they would. Soon no one is thinking that this is simply an entertaining story at a cocktail party. Moriarty's *Here One Moment* is a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love,

and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world.



Liane Moriarty is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Truly Madly Guilty*, *Big Little Lies*, *The Husband's Secret*, *The Hypnotist's Love Story*, *What Alice Forgot*, *Apples Never Fall*, and *Here One Moment*. She lives in Sydney, Australia with her husband and two children.

Tech Connect

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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 to do that. You may even have 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, assistance in signing up for low-cost home Internet and a long-term loan of your very own computer.

Call us today at **(203) 626-4774** to meet with a digital navigator.

Registration for all programs is required unless otherwise noted.

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 Navigator Elijah as he teaches beginner classes in computer topics and answers your most important questions.



Dear It: Common iPhone Apps

Saturday, Sept 14th | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room | [Click to register](#)

Elijah will discuss the following iPhone apps: Camera, Photos, Calendar, Maps, and Health. Topics include:

- How to capture a better quality photo with the camera
- How to create folders in Photos
- How to set an appointment in the calendar
- How to set a destination in Maps
- How to track sleep, record steps, and track medicine intake in Health

Please bring your fully charged iPhone to class. If you have an iPhone 8 or older, the apps may not look exactly the same as on newer models, but you are still encouraged to participate.



Introduction to Podcasting

Monday, Sept 9th | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, Sept 21st | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room
[Register for Monday](#) | [Register for Saturday](#)

Learn different techniques to record your own podcast and upload it online. Topics include equipment, software, and hosting, as well as what the library offers to support you.



Introduction to Canva

Monday, Sept 23rd | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Collaboratory | [Click to register](#)

Interested in learning how to create different types of visual content for personal use or your business, but don't want to purchase expensive software? In this class you can learn the basics of Canva, a free, web-based graphic design program that provides templates and graphics to help users create professional looking documents, social media posts, and more!

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Library Card Sign-Up Month **B I N G O !**

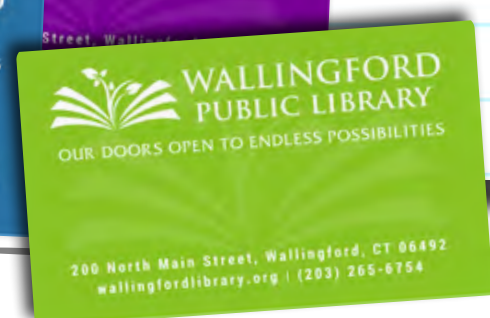
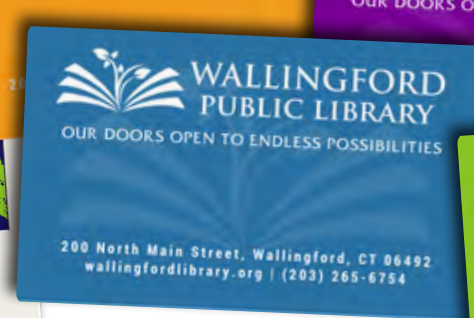
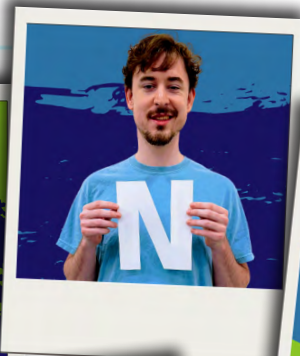
From the
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You might have noticed that in our monthly Words articles, we've been highlighting some of the many "perks" of having a Wallingford Public Library card. And now we're offering even more reasons for you to get a card! Throughout September, we'll be celebrating the endless possibilities of your library card with games, prize drawings, and fun activities for all ages.

If you don't have a library card, now is a great time to get one! During the month of September, Wallingford residents who sign up for a new library card will be entered into a prize drawing for one of several gift certificates to local Wallingford businesses. All you need to get a library card is a valid photo ID and proof of Wallingford residency. Registration only takes a few minutes, and your card is completely FREE!

And don't worry, those who already have a library card will have a chance to get in on the fun too! Anyone with a library card from a Connecticut public library is invited to participate in our BINGO challenge for a chance to win additional prizes starting Sept 1st. Pick up a BINGO card at the Checkout Desk anytime during the month of September and bring it back to the desk to receive a stamp for each activity that you complete. Each time that you score "BINGO," you will earn an entry into a separate prize drawing at the end of the month for one of several gift certificates to local Wallingford businesses.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following sponsors: Archie Moore's Bar and Restaurant, Bowlero, Catalyst Art Studio, Elizabeth's Artisan Bakery, Napoli Pizza Restaurant, Neil's Donuts, Sweet Cream's Ice Cream, Tap & Vine, and Vinny's Deli.



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SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

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

LEGO Club

Saturdays, Sept 7th & 28th | 2pm
Grades K-5 | Wonder Room

[Click to register](#)

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

Astronomy Club

Thursday, Sept 12th | 6:30pm
Grades K-5 | Children's Program Room

[Click to register](#)

The night sky is vast and amazing. Each month we will focus on a constellation and a scientist.

Game on!

Saturday, Sept 14th | 1:30-4pm
All ages | Wonder Room

[Click to 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! This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like an email reminder.

Nature Walk at Three Meadows!

Monday, Sept 16th | 4:30pm | Grades 1-5
Three Meadows Trail | [Click to register](#)

Join us for another exciting nature walk at The Wallingford Land Trust's beautiful Three Meadows Trail! We will explore this amazing natural space together and learn about the plants and animals that live there. Bring hiking boots and clothes you don't mind getting a little muddy!

Break It!

Monday, Sept 23rd | 5pm | Grades 1-5
Community Room | [Click to register](#)

The library has a pile of old electronics and we need YOU to help us dismantle them. Whether you want to take things apart to figure out how they work, or if you just want to use tools to destroy stuff, there is fun to be had at Break It!

Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, Sept 24th | 4-7pm | Grades 4-8
Children's Room | [Click to 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. Premade decks can be provided by the library, but bringing your own is encouraged.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Music Together Demonstration Class

Wednesday, Sept 4th | 10am OR 11am
Ages 0-5 | Community Room

[Register for 10am](#) | [Register for 11am](#)

Start the fall off with music with your little ones. Music Together® will be coming to the library to do a free singalong event where we'll have tons of fun singing, dancing, learning, and playing instruments!

Silly Story Time

Saturday, Sept 28th | 10:30am | Ages 0-5
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

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

FOR CAREGIVERS

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

PreK Speech & Language Presentation

Thursday, Sept 12th | 6:30pm
For Caregivers of Children Birth-5 years old
Community Room | [Click to register](#)

Concerned about your child's speech and language development? This presentation, given by speech-language pathologist, Maureen Lagasse from Therapy for Language & Communication, will cover what a typical assessment looks like, typical signs of common speech and language disorders, and suggestions for what parents can do at home to foster speech and language development.

PreK Speech & Language Screening

Thursday, Sept 12th | 6:30pm | Ages 3-5
Collins Room | [Click to register](#)

Therapy for Language and Communication is excited to offer complimentary speech and language screenings to children ages three to five years old. Screenings will be administered on an individual basis by a speech-language pathologist using The Fluharty Preschool Speech and Language Screening Test—2nd Edition. The Fluharty is a norm-referenced test which will provide results regarding your child's speech and language development. The screening will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and provide standard scores which are then compared to age appropriate scores.

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.

Bouncing Babies

Ages 0-18 months | 10am or 11am
Wonder Room | Mondays, Sept 9th - Nov 4th

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 18-35 months | 10am or 11am
Wonder Room | Tuesdays, Sept 10th - Nov 12th

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 songs, rhymes, books, and more. Playtime to follow.

Happy Feet Story Time

Ages 2-3 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Wednesdays, Sept 11th - Nov 13th

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

Pajama Family Story Time

Ages 0-5 | 6:30pm | Community Room
Wednesdays, Sept 11th - Nov 6th

Join Miss Kari at this active, early literacy enriched story time where we will explore books, songs, and rhymes for all ages.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Thursdays, Sept 12th - Nov 14th

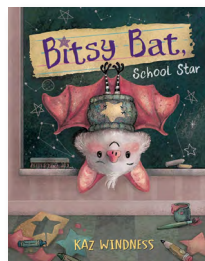
Books, puppets, and songs will reinforce your child's pre-reading skills through repetition and rhyme. A craft is included that will help kids develop their fine motor skills.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOOK SUGGESTIONS!



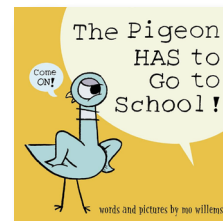
The Crayons Go Back to School

by Drew Daywalt
Ages 4-7



Bitsy Bat, School Star

by Kaz Windness
Ages 4-8

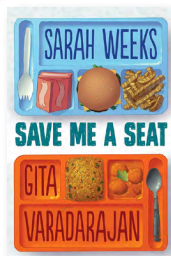


The Pigeon HAS to Go to School

by Mo Willems
Ages 3-6

Save Me a Seat

by Gita Varadarajan
Ages 8-12



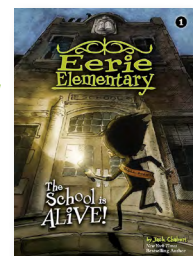
The Unteachables

by Gordon Korman
Ages 8-12



Eerie Elementary

by Sam Ricks
Ages 6-9



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This comprehensive online preschool program is designed to help children get ready for kindergarten.

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Happenings *Registration for these programs is required unless otherwise noted.*



The Dark Side of Light: Wildlife & the Impact of Light Pollution

Thursday, Sept 5th | 7-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)

We are experiencing an exponential increase in light pollution in Connecticut, which impacts our birds, insects, bats, amphibians, bats, pollinators, plants, and our own health. Artificial light emitted by our homes, buildings, streetlights, bridges, and other structures can confuse and disorient wild animals, especially during fall migration season. Light pollution also negatively impacts human health, both physically and mentally, as well as our carbon footprint. Please come to this timely presentation by **Margery Winters** from **Lights Out CT** to learn about what can be done to combat the problem and help repair the damage.



Sound Healing with Julia Nadolny

Saturday, Sept 14th | 10:30-11:45am | Community Room | [Click to register](#)

Join us for a session of relaxation and re-centering! Sound healing is an ancient practice that helps to relax your body and your mind. **Julia Nadolny**, a certified practitioner of sound healing and reiki, will play her quartz crystal singing bowls to help us realign and heal our energy systems. This program offers a great relief from the day-to-day stress of modern life. Please be sure to bring a yoga mat or something to lay on, as this will be the most comfortable way to enjoy it.



Bulbs, Beets, and Bare Roots: A Master Gardener's Guide to Fall

Tuesday, Sept 17th | 7-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)

Fall is coming, and **Eric Larson**, a certified UConn Master Gardener, has all the information you need to maintain a healthy, productive garden throughout the season! In this presentation, he'll discuss the best methods for planting bulbs, growing cool-season crops like spinach and kale, and caring for evergreen trees and shrubs. He will also discuss how to deal with seasonal issues like fall leaves, frosts, crop pests, and more to ensure that your garden makes the smoothest possible transition from fall to winter and spring again. Finally, he will offer advice on how to care for your yard sustainably through composting, soil testing, and resource management. A Q&A session will follow the presentation!



LinkedIn for Jobseekers

Wednesday, Sept 18th | 7-8:30pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)

Are you currently looking for a new job? Do you want to learn how to create content and effectively use your LinkedIn profile in your job search? Do you want to learn how employers use LinkedIn when they are hiring? Join **Librarian and Career Specialist Sarah Eiseman** for a session learning how to effectively set up and use your LinkedIn profile to find your next job. Wallingford library card (or card from another subscribing library) recommended. Non-WPL participants are welcome. Please check with your home library to see if they subscribe to JobNow! before registering. This is a great session to attend before a [one-on-one session](#) with Sarah for those who want to create a new resume.



Ask Attorney Allinson

Wednesday, Sept 25th | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)

Attorney **Steven Allinson**, a lawyer 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 of his responses will be procedural in nature and contain a general overview of the law. Come with questions!



BOOK BUZZ Fall 2024

Tuesday, Sept 10th

The Library Wine Bar, 60 North Main Street & Zoom
4-5:30pm (in-person ONLY) or 6:30-8pm (in-person & virtual)

Register for only one session:

[4:00pm Session](#) | [6:30pm Session](#)

Do you love to read? Are you always looking for your next great book? Sip some wine or a soft drink and snack on some delectable small bites and sweet treats while you join Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken at The Library Wine Bar to hear about the books coming out this fall and winter that are getting the most pre-publication buzz!

This program is made possible by a generous donation from the Axtmayer family in memory of their mother Pat Axtmayer.



Gatherings

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

French Conversation Group

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

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

Spanish Conversation Group

**Resumes in September on Thursdays
from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Board Room**

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

Literacy Volunteers

Tuesdays | 12noon-2pm | Board Room

Denise Codianne-Calabrese from Literacy Volunteers will be available Tuesdays for literacy assistance. If you are an adult who needs help reading, writing, speaking or understanding English—or know someone who does—drop by the library during Denise's visiting hours for literacy support.

One-on-One Career Counseling

Wednesdays | 7-9pm | Zoom

Sign up today to schedule your appointment with our Career Specialist Sarah Eiseman! Get personalized help with crafting a resume or cover letter or preparing for your big interview. Appointment required. Sessions are scheduled individually and may not fall on this date. Fill out our online form to request a session: walpublib.org/CareerCounseling Staff will contact you shortly to schedule your appointment.

Knit @ WPL

Monday, Sept 9th & 23rd 6-7:30pm | Board Room

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.

WPL Play Readers

Wednesday, Sept 4th | 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

Saturday, Sept 14th & 28th

9:45am-12noon | Collins 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.

Morning Ukulele Club

Tuesday, Sept 3rd | 10-11:30am | Collins Room

Join our Morning Ukulele Club at the Wallingford Public Library! 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.*

Evening Ukulele Club

Wednesday, Sept. 11th & Monday, Sept 30th

6:30-8pm | Collins Room

Join our Evening Ukulele Club on the second Wednesday and final Monday of the month at the Wallingford Public Library! 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.*

Tap & Trivia

Tuesday, Sept 24th | 7:30-9pm | Tap & Vine

171 Quinipiac Street | Registration preferred

Join us on the last Tuesday of the month for our 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 against 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.**

New in Novels by Cindy Haiken

If you are viewing this newsletter digitally, you can click any of the book covers below to view them in the catalog.

In a scene late in his brilliant novel *Dandelion Wine*, Ray Bradbury perfectly sums up the end of summer: "And then, quite suddenly, summer was over. He knew it first when walking downtown. Tom grabbed his arm and pointed, gasping, at the dime store window. They stood there unable to move because of the things from another world displayed so neatly, so innocently, so frighteningly, there. 'Pencils, Doug, ten thousand pencils!'" While back-to-school items may cause dismay for some, book lovers know that the shift in the calendar from August to September marks the beginning of the fall publishing season, when the biggest books of the year are typically released. Here are some of the novels slated for publication this month to get the ball rolling:

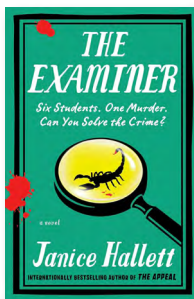


Blue Sisters by Coco Mellors — After the unexpected death of their sister, the remaining three Blue sisters return to New York to stop the sale of the apartment they grew up in.

Colored Television by Danzy Senna — A struggling writer and a Hollywood producer begin to develop "the Jackie Robinson of biracial comedies" for a streaming network.

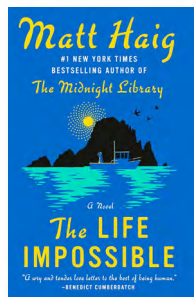
Creation Lake by Rachel Kushner — A seductive and cunning American woman infiltrates an anarchist collective in France. Longlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize for Fiction.

Entitlement by Rumaan Alam — A woman tries not to be seduced by money while she works as an assistant to a billionaire who is in the process of giving away his huge fortune.



The Examiner by Janice Hallett — A story told in texts, emails and essays about a group of six Royal Hastings University students in a Masters in Art program.

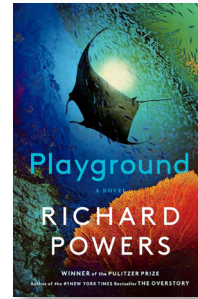
Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty — Passengers on an airplane learn of the predicted dates of their deaths from a mysterious woman known as "The Death Lady."



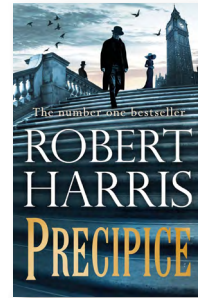
The Life Impossible by Matt Haig — A woman is left a house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend and arrives in Ibiza with no guidebook and no plan.

Madwoman by Chelsea Bieker — After a woman covers up her past to achieve her dream life, a letter from prison brings her past into the present, threatening everything.

The Night We Lost Him by Laura Dave — After estranged siblings form an uneasy alliance to unravel the mystery of their father's death, they discover a family secret that changes everything.



Playground by Richard Powers — The island of Makatea in French Polynesia has been chosen as a candidate to send floating autonomous cities into the open sea, but first the residents must vote on whether to approve the project. Longlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize for Fiction.



Precipice by Robert Harris — A 26-year-old woman who is a member of a group of upper-crust bohemians and socialites known as "The Coterie" starts an affair with the Prime Minister, which threatens to topple the British government.

A Reason to See You Again by Jami Attenberg — A mother and her two daughters find out the hard way that running from the past can't save you.

Small Rain by Garth Greenwell — A medical crisis brings a poet close to death and closer to love, art and beauty.



Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout — While defending a lonely man accused of killing his mother, lawyer Bob Burgess falls into a deep friendship with acclaimed writer Lucy Barton, and then the two meet the iconic Olive Kitteridge.

We Solve Murders by Richard Osman — An investigator comes out of retirement when his daughter-in-law needs help finding out who left a dead body on a remote island with a huge bag of money.

The Wildes by Louis Bayard — An exploration of the lives of Oscar Wilde's wife Constance and their two sons in the aftermath of the famous playwright's imprisonment for homosexuality.

Also of note this month are the 6th Jackson Brodie novel by Kate Atkinson (**Death at the Sign of the Rook**), the 7th William Warwick thriller by Jeffrey Archer (**An Eye for an Eye**), the 11th Flavia de Luce mystery by Alan Bradley (**What Time the Sexton's Spade Doth Rust**), the 23rd J.P. Beaumont suspense novel by J.A. Jance (**Den of Iniquity**), the 23rd Mitch Rapp thriller by Vince Flynn (**Capture or Kill**), the 59th installment in the In Death series by J.D. Robb (**Passions in Death**), a short-story collection by Lee Child (**Safe Enough**) and new novels by Iris Johansen (**On the Hunt**), Dean Koontz (**The Forest of Lost Souls**), James Patterson (**Lies He Told Me**) and Nicholas Sparks (**Counting Miracles**).



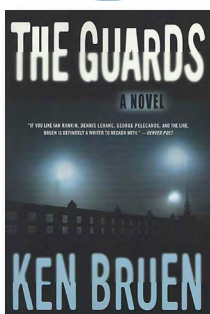
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Book Discussions



Mystery Book Club

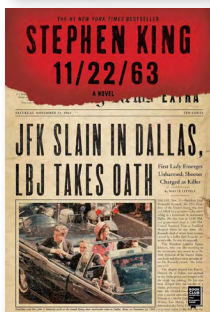
The Guards by Ken Bruen

Wednesday, Sept 4th | 3-4:15 pm | Community Room and Zoom

Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

Jack Taylor, an alcoholic former member of the Irish national police and sometimes private investigator, is urged to sober up and help prove that a young woman's death was not a suicide, as police officials conclude, but murder. This first installment in Bruen's bestselling series was a 2004 Edgar Award nominee for best novel.

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



Thursday Night Book Club

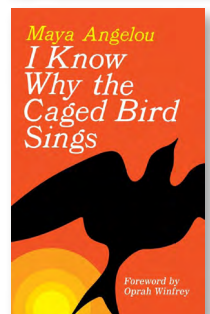
11/22/63 by Stephen King

Thursday, Sept 19th | 6:30-8 pm | Collins Room and Zoom

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

Jake Epping is a 35-year-old high school English teacher in Lisbon Falls, Maine whose life takes a turn when his friend Al tells him that his storeroom is a portal to 1958. He convinces Jake to try to prevent the Kennedy assassination. So begins Jake's new life as George Amberson and his new world of Elvis, big American cars, sock hops, a troubled loner named Lee Harvey Oswald and a beautiful high school librarian named Sadie Dunhill. King's bestselling novel was named one of the best books of 2011 by the *New York Times*.

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



Truth Be Told Nonfiction Book Club

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

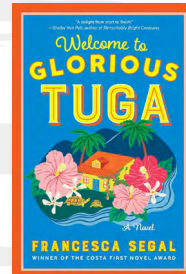
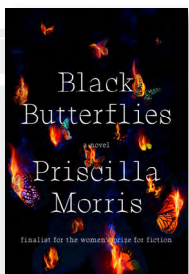
Thursday, Sept 26th | 7-8:30pm | Collins Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Educator Susan Gomes

The classic autobiographical narrative about the first 16 years in the life of the celebrated author, poet, and civil rights activist. In moving and lyrical language, Angelou chronicles how strength of character and love of literature can help overcome childhood trauma and Jim Crow-era racism.

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

Cindy's Picks



Drop-In Programs



Open Sew

Tuesday, Sept 3rd | 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: Can the Collaboratory help me start a small business or support a home business?

A: The Collaboratory offers resources that may help with various aspects of starting or running a small business. You can create promotional materials, product prototypes, and custom packaging using our machines, like the laser cutter, poster/banner printer, and vinyl cutters. Our computers include the Adobe Creative Cloud, which is a professional software suite for graphic design, video editing, web development, and photography. The Collaboratory is also useful for coworking and meeting with clients, if you do not have a physical space.

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.

“As a small business owner and resident of Wallingford, I greatly appreciate all the resources the Collaboratory has given me access to, especially the staff who have always been so happy to assist with projects. From printing services to Cricut machines, the library has so many tools to help me grow and promote my business. What's more, the Collaboratory has become a fun space for my family to explore our creativity together and that is more valuable than anything to me.”

-Sopheak Tang, Peak Opticians

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Lottery Programs

Visit the September program lottery to register for the events below:

walpublib.org/SeptLottery2024

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 Cut UFO Suncatcher

Tuesday, Sept 3rd | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Sept 5th | 3-4:30pm

Paint and assemble a UFO suncatcher. You can also cut out an extra silhouette on the laser cutter of whatever you would like being "abducted" into the UFO!



Upcycled Teacup Gnome

Wednesday, Sept 4th | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Friday, Sept 6th | 2:30-4:30pm

Create a playful upcycled gnome using vintage teacups.



Resin Dungeons and Dragons Dice

Tuesday, Sept 10th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Sept 12th | 3-4:30pm

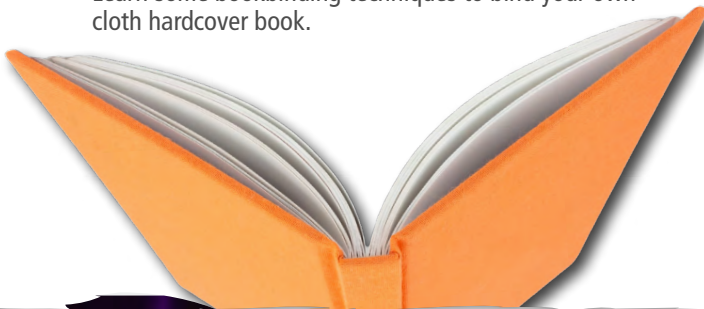
Make a custom set of dice for Dungeons and Dragons out of resin. The multiversal world of Dungeons and Dragons sparks the imagination like no other game does!



Hardcover Books

Tuesday, Sept 17th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Sept 19th | 3-4:30pm

Learn some bookbinding techniques to bind your own cloth hardcover book.



Visible Mending for Adults

Saturday, Sept 21st | 9:30am-12:30pm

Darning is the technique of mending a hole in cloth with a needle and thread alone. The process incorporates basic stitching and weaving to create beautiful, functional repairs. With a visible mending approach, we will learn the basics on a provided fabric sample, incorporating embroidery stitches, weaving patterns, and color theory along the way. Everyone will go home with a completed sample and small kit to continue their mending at home.

Optional: bring a personal garment that needs mending to consult on the best approach.



Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, Sept 12th | 7-8pm | Adults | Registration required | Zoom
[Click to register](#) (after the lottery period)

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 September, we will watch and discuss Dixon Chibanda's "Why I Train Grandmothers to Treat Depression."

Dixon Chibanda is one of 12 psychiatrists in Zimbabwe—for a population of more than 16 million. Realizing that his country would never be able to scale traditional methods of treating those with mental health issues, Chibanda helped to develop a beautiful solution powered by a limitless resource: grandmothers. In this extraordinary, inspirational talk, learn more about the friendship bench program, which trains grandmothers in evidence-based talk therapy and brings care, and hope, to those in need.

Registration Required

Make Your Own Dice
Wednesday, Sept 4th | 3:30-4:30
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12
[Click to register](#)

Use resin to create your own dice set for Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop games! Each participant will make a full set of custom dice. Due to the time resin needs to cure, you will need to pick up your dice the following week. *Please note: this is a repeat program due to high demand, please do not register if you have attended previously.*

Create Your Own Stickers
Thursday, Sept 12th | 3:15-4:45pm
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12
[Click to register](#)

Did you know you can make your own stickers in the Collaboratory? Learn the simple process to create your own sticker sheet by utilizing the Collaboratory's photo printer and the Cricut Maker 3.

Visible Mending for Teens
Tuesday, Sept 24th | 5:30-8:30pm
Collins Room | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)

Darning is the technique of mending a hole in cloth with a needle and thread alone. The process incorporates basic stitching and weaving to create beautiful, functional repairs. With a visible mending approach, we will learn the basics on a provided fabric sample, incorporating embroidery stitches, weaving patterns, and color theory along the way. Everyone will go home with a completed sample and small kit to continue their mending at home. *Optional: bring a personal garment that needs mending to consult on the best approach.*

Needle Felted Bookmarks
Thursday, Sept 26th | 3:30-4:30pm
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12
[Click to register](#)

Experiment with 2D needle felting by making a corner-style bookmark! We'll needle felt onto a sturdy felt base and do some embroidery to finish the bookmark.

Drop-in Events

Trading Card Battle Club
Last Tuesday of the month | 4-7pm
Wonder Room | Grades 4-8
[Registration encouraged](#)

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. Premade decks can be provided by the library but bringing your own is encouraged.



Teen Volunteer Open House

Thursday, Sept 19th | 2-4pm | Community Room | Grades 9-12 | Registration encouraged

If you want to complete your community service hours at the library, stop by this open house and learn about the opportunities available. Volunteering here is so much more than just shelving books! You can volunteer for a variety of projects, including:

- making videos for the library's TikTok
- a variety of DnD opportunities (make character sheets, DM, even be a player with a first time DM!)
- teach other teens about your passions
- run a VR program
- make art for the teen area
- participate in a new Debate Club

We're even introducing a Volunteer-for-a-day program so you can fit tasks in as your schedule allows. All attendees will be given community service hours for attending the open house.



Can't make it? Contact Janelle, Volunteer Coordinator, at jrosales@wallingfordlibrary.org to learn more about volunteering at the library.

Out of the Woods: A Palate Cleanser

by **Chris Ciemniewski**

Music to plant forests by:
Ginkgo Biloba by Rone

With the summer winding down and school starting up, September is the perfect time of the year to check out short books and media to finish off the sunshine season. You can find a selection of short reads on display across from the Reference Desk this September. Here are some I discovered recently:

If you're hesitant (like me) to see the upcoming live-action adaptation of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* for fear that it is not faithful to the spirit of the source material, Ross Ellenhorn's **Purple Crayons** might be more satisfying for you. Ellenhorn goes through the classic picture book page-by-page in a philosophical reading of the text to determine what Harold and his purple crayon can teach readers about life.

In what seems like an homage to *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, Aaron Becker has written a beautiful wordless picture book trilogy (things usually work best in threes) with **Journey**, **Quest**, and **Return**. The trilogy features magic crayons which open portals to a fantastical kingdom and can also animate anything drawn with them.

While he was inventing languages and dreaming up cosmologies, J.R.R. Tolkien was also a father telling bedtime stories to his kids. One of them, **Roverandom**, tells the story of the family dog which embarks on a fantasy adventure that feels like a parody of Tolkien's Middle-earth epic.

Better known for his high-fantasy series, *The Chronicles of Prydain*, Lloyd Alexander similarly wrote a fantasy story featuring a family pet. **Time Cat** follows a cat that is able to travel through history using the power of its nine lives.

While possibly more well-known to Western audiences for its [anime adaptation](#) featuring colorful anthropomorphic cats, **Night on the Milky Way Railway** is a classic Japanese fantasy novella by Kenji Miyazawa. The episodic narrative depicts the existential journey of a series of passengers aboard a celestial train.



Another one for cat-lovers, **Cats of Malta** is an hour long documentary available to watch on Kanopy about the small Mediterranean island's large number of feral cats and their interactions with local humans. In this tight-knit island society, the cats are just as much a part of the community as the people.

If you are a goose-lover, be sure not to miss **Untitled Goose Game**. In this minimalist video game, players traverse a small British village as an obnoxious goose that causes havoc for town residents by stealing garden rakes, digging up flowers, and generally just being a noisy annoyance.

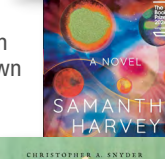
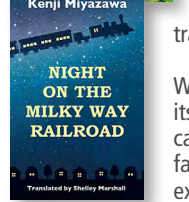
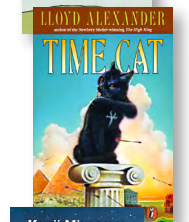
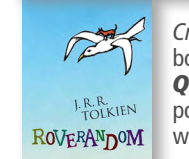
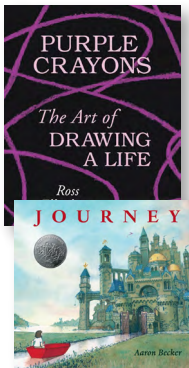
Orbital is the longest short book on this list and was recently longlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize. The narrative portrays the interactions and thoughts of six astronauts in orbit as they meditate on the mundanity and complexities of human existence while orbiting the planet we call home.

As its title adequately suggests, **Hobbit Virtues** by Christopher A. Snyder analyzes what we can learn about living a more minimal, but fulfilling existence from J.R.R. Tolkien's most endearing fictional race.

Coda is a 9-minute short film available on Kanopy that asks and answers the question, "What if we could have one last adventure before we die?"

Finally, **The Garden of Words** is a short anime that showcases the universal melancholy felt when two kindred souls meet for a brief period of time, and are unable to remain in each others' lives beyond their chance meeting.

Languages may begin as vast, indecipherable forests, but can be cultivated into intimate gardens of words.



SHARE YOUR LIBRARY MEMORIES



This December the Wallingford Public Library is celebrating **125 Years Open to the Public!** We'd love for you to celebrate with us! Visit walpublib.org/LibraryMemories to share photos and stories of your favorite visits to the library. Photos and stories received by Nov 28th will be displayed in the front foyer during the month of December, including during the Holiday Stroll. Visit the Library during the **Holiday Stroll** to receive a free commemorative sticker or ornamental token to mark this milestone occasion (while supplies last).

In 1899, under Board President, B.F. Harrison, the Library became a free public library when the Town approved the first appropriation of funds. The Town committed that funding would continue as long as the Library was maintained as a free public institution, and the Association stipulated that the Library would remain free as long as the Town continued its support. We remain ever thankful to the Town for continuing to support the Wallingford Public Library so that it remains free for all!



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September Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 9pm

Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

Scheduled Closings

Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, Aug 31st
Monday, Sept 2nd

Celebrating WALLINGFORD'S TRAILS

Did you know that the New England National Scenic Trail (NET) runs through Wallingford? Wallingford also hosts many miles of trails within the Tyler Mill Recreational Area, Ferguson Woods, and several other locations. Visit the front lobby throughout the month of September to learn more about Wallingford's hiking trails. Presented by the **Wallingford Trails Work Group**.



A picture is worth a thousand Words...



We had a blast at our very first Tap & Trivia at Tap & Vine with Three Rivers Amusements! Can you believe our team of librarians only came in second?? Join us again on the last Tuesday of September to see if we can do better. The winning team gets a \$25 gift card to Tap & Vine each month!

More info on Page 9!



Visit us at the Wallingford Garden Market this fall to meet our amazing staff and get inside information about upcoming events and programs! We hope to see you there. Find us under our green tent on these dates: **Sept 7th & 21st, Oct 19th, and Nov 2nd & 16th**

In Others' Words...



“ At times I feel as if I had lived all this before and that I have already written these very words, but I know it was not I: it was another woman, who kept her notebooks so that one day I could use them. I write, she wrote, that memory is fragile and the space of a single life is brief, passing so quickly that we never get a chance to see the relationship between events; we cannot gauge the consequences of our acts, and we believe in the fiction of past, present, and future, but it may also be true that everything happens simultaneously. ”

– Isabel Allende, *The House of the Spirits*

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