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October

SANDERSON SISTERS MUSICAL SHOW

Saturday, Oct 12th | 1:30pm
Ages 5 & up | Community Room
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CONNECTICUT'S WITCHCRAFT TRIALS

Tuesday, Oct 22nd | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Click to Register](#)

The harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England continues to haunt our present-day imagination. Most of Connecticut's witchcraft trials and executions predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. In this fascinating presentation by the Connecticut Museum of History & Culture, you will hear the stories of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut managed to control the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence. You will also learn about the final witchcraft trial in New England, which infamously took place right here in Wallingford when, in 1697, a brief resurgence of superstition led to the indictments of Mrs. Winifred Benham and her thirteen-year-old daughter.

FALLEN OUT OF LOVE WITH YOUR BOOKS? "LEAF" YOUR BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY!

Saturday Oct 12th & 19th | 10am-3pm

Fallen out of love with your books? Need to find a place to donate good condition used books?
Help the Wallingford Public Library Book Seller stock the shelves!

Bring your books (No CDs or DVDs please!) to the library on Saturday Oct 12th and Saturday, Oct 19th. Books can be dropped off at the library's garage in the back of the building for a chance to win a fall-inspired gift basket including a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. The drawing for the gift basket will take place at 3pm on Oct 19th and the winner will be notified. Proceeds from book sales support the library's Sunday hours and virtual author visits.




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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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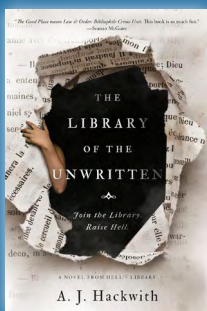
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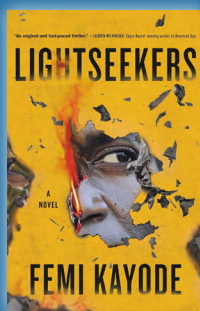
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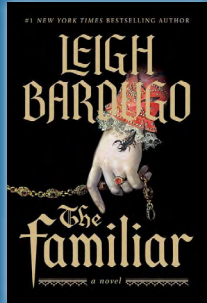
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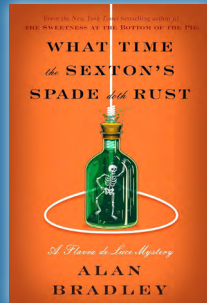
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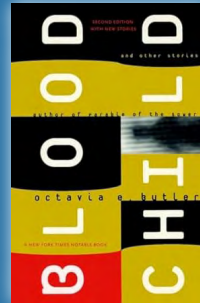
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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS



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! Full movie list:

walpublib.org/HispanicHeritageMovies2024

Wallingford Table Presents: Cooking with Ana

Tuesday, Oct 1st | 6-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)

Join Ana Avila and the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) for a bilingual cooking demonstration in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ana will be preparing a traditional ceviche from Mexico. During this educational and entertaining event, you'll see how this refreshing and delicious dish is made and have the opportunity to taste the final product! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate diverse flavors and culture through food!

Cumbia with Jenny

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

The origins of cumbia can be traced back to the slave trade in Colombia, where African drumming traditions were combined with Spanish musical styles.

Cumbia is now one of the most popular genres of music in Latin America, and each country has developed its own style. Join **Jennifer Lopez Contreras** as she offers a beginner dance course to introduce participants to the rhythmic sounds and movements of Cumbia.



Salsa with Jenny

Thursday, Oct 10th | 6-7:30pm | SCOW (Off-site program)

[Click to register](#)

Salsa is a dance that originated in Cuba. The catchy rhythms the United States in the 1940s by way of Puerto Rico and New York. The music is a blend of African, European, and Caribbean sounds and patterns. **Jennifer Lopez Contreras** will be offering a beginner dance course to introduce participants to the flowing movements of Salsa.

Día de Muertos

Friday, Oct 25th | 5:30-8pm

Community Room & Collins Room

Join the Wallingford Public Library and SCOW in a celebration of Día de los Muertos! Learn about the traditions of this holiday and view our community-made altar. Dancers and musicians will put on traditional performances and you'll have the opportunity to participate in themed crafts and hands-on activities. **Los Mariachis'** food truck will be here so you can grab a snack, and we will show a double-feature of *Coco* and *The Book of Life* that evening.



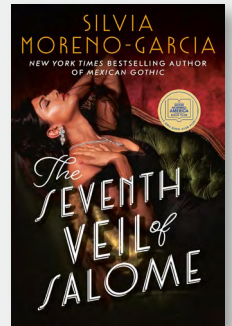
Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, Oct 9th | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)



New York Times bestselling and award-winning writer **Silvia Moreno-Garcia's** most recent novel *The Seventh Veil of Salome* is set in 1950s Hollywood. Vera Larios, an unknown Mexican ingénue, has just won a star-making role in a big budget movie about the legendary Salome. Vera quickly becomes the talk of the town and an object of envy for Nancy Hartley, an actress whose career has stalled and who will do anything to win the fame she believes she richly deserves. Both actresses are determined to make it to the top in Golden Age Hollywood—a city overflowing with gossip, scandal and intrigue. But this is the tale of three women, because it is also the story of Salome herself, consumed with desire for the fiery prophet who foretells the doom of her stepfather, Herod. Before the curtain comes down, there will be tears and tragedy aplenty in this sexy Technicolor saga.

Silvia Moreno-Garcia is the author of *Gods of Jade and Shadow*, *Mexican Gothic*, *Velvet Was the Night*, *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau* and *The Seventh Veil of Salome*. She writes in a variety of genres including fantasy, horror, noir and historical. She has an MA in Science and Technology Studies from the University of British Columbia and lives in Vancouver.



Tech Connect



- Free tech help
- Free computers
- Free internet

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 Navigators Elijah and Connor** as they teach beginner classes in computer topics and answer your most important questions.



Dear It: Social Media Apps – Instagram

Saturday, Oct 12th | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room | [Click to register](#)

Ready to explore Instagram? Want to create an online digital diary? Not sure how to use Instagram? Afraid of creating an account? Join Digital Navigator Elijah for a senior-friendly guide to navigating Instagram's features.

- Take Great Photos/Upload existing photos: Use your phone's camera to capture beautiful moments
- Add Filters: Enhance your photos with fun filters
- Create Stories: Share simple and engaging stories with your loved ones
- Hashtags: Learn how to search for content using hashtags!
- Understand The Platform: Get to know the settings and what Instagram is used for
- Following Others: Learn what an "algorithm" is and how to tailor yours.
- Privacy Settings: Manage who can see your posts and interact with you on the platform.

Tip: Make sure your phone is fully charged so you can follow along easily! Let's make Instagram enjoyable and accessible for everyone. See you there! #InstagramForSeniors #DigitalNavigator #SimpleTech #LearnWithElijah



Dear It: AppleID Basics

Saturday, Oct 26th | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room | [Click to register](#)

Digital Navigator Connor will walk you through creating an AppleID and managing your iCloud account. He will also show you how you can get even more from the devices you already own. Topics in this class will include:

- What is an AppleID
- How to use your AppleID with iCloud and the App Store
- How to use your AppleID to seamlessly sync your most important data across your devices
- How to use built in features like iCloud backups, iCloud Drive, Family Sharing, and Find My

Please bring your fully charged iPhone or iPad to class and make sure your devices have been updated to iOS 17 or newer. If your device isn't updated to the latest software, you may not be able to access all of the features we will talk about, but you are still encouraged to participate!



Cutting the Cord: Options for TV Without Cable

Monday, Oct 7th | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Registration required | Board Room

[Click to register](#)

Thinking about getting rid of cable? This lecture-style class will explore Internet-based streaming services and various devices that allow you to watch TV without a cable subscription.



Digitization Services

Tuesday, Oct 22nd | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Registration required | Collaboratory

[Click to register](#)

This class will review all of the different digitization options available in the Collaboratory and how they operate.

From the
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Borrower Services
Department

Cardholder Perks for Movie Buffs!

Planning a horror-filled movie night for Halloween? Or maybe you've been feeling the urge to binge-watch some romantic comedies? Are you a Miyazaki/Studio Ghibli or Tim Burton fan? If so, check out our **Binge Boxes** located on top of our feature film shelves that contain 5 movies on a similar theme for your viewing pleasure! Beyond our DVD collection, the library subscribes to streaming services such as **Hoopla** and **Kanopy** which allow our patrons to create free accounts and to stream TV shows, documentaries, and movies (both popular and indie).

For those looking to experience a movie theater-like experience, you can borrow the **Home Theater Projector** and **Projector Screen**.

Using the included HDMI cable,

there are many ways to enjoy movies or TV shows at home via your computer, streaming stick, or files saved on your portable storage device. Make some popcorn, sit back, and enjoy!

The library also has a whole section of books devoted to the lives of movie stars and the movie-making industry like *Bad Movies We Love*, *Moments That Made the Movie*, *Spielberg, the Man, the Movies*, *the Mythology*, and *The Female Gaze: Essential Movies Made by Women*. And don't forget to join us for the library's Friday night screenings of popular feature films. In the first half of October we are featuring films that focus on Latine characters for Hispanic Heritage Month.



CHECK OUT
OUR SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

walpublib.org/scarymovienight



Join us in welcoming our new Digital Navigator, **Connor Bailey**!



Connor

Hello there! My name is Connor and I am the new Digital Navigator here at the Wallingford Public Library. Computers have always been a passion of mine since a young age and I am fortunate enough to work in something that I am so passionate about. I worked for Apple at the Genius Bar for 6 years troubleshooting, mentoring, and repairing relationships with customers and their devices. I am also finishing my bachelor's degree in Software Engineering at Southern New Hampshire University, and expect to graduate next year!

Aside from all of that, I enjoy playing video games like *Overwatch*, *Valorant*, and *Helldivers* in my free time. I'm also a passionate Red Sox fan and try to always catch a couple of games up at Fenway Park every year.

Favorite Book: *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Favorite Movie: *Interstellar* / *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith*

SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

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

Homeschool Tour & Meetup

Friday, Oct 4th | 10:30am | Ages 3-11
Children's Room | [Click to register](#)

Join Miss Kari for a tour of the Children's Room and learn about helpful resources available through the library. After the tour, stick around to meet and talk with other area homeschooling families. The resources outlined during this program will be geared to kids ages 3-11, but all homeschooling families are welcome. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like an email reminder.

Game on!

Saturday, Oct 5th | 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.

Dungeons and Dragons: Perils of the Dread Marsh

Monday, Oct 7th | Grades 4-7
Children's Program Room
3:30pm-5:30pm | [Click to Register](#)
6:00pm- 8:00pm | [Click to Register](#)

Walfordius the baby dragon has gotten sick with a strange illness. Only the root of the Great Cottonwood tree can cure it, but the tree lies at the heart of the dangerous Dread Marsh. It is up to our heroes to journey through the marsh and face its perils! Will they get the root in time?

Astronomy Club

Thursday, Oct 10th | 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.

Campfire Songs and Spooky Stories

Tuesday, Oct 15th | 6:30pm | Ages 4-12
Parking Lot | [Click to register](#)

Come roast marshmallows by the fire, listen to spooky stories, and sing campfire songs at the library! Bring your own chairs and be ready to learn some fire safety too.

DIY Fake Wounds

Thursday, Oct 17th | 6:30pm | Grades 2-5
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

Learn how to make it look like you have a gory wound on your arm! All supplies are provided by the library (includes petroleum jelly, red food coloring, cocoa, tissues).



Reading Buddies

Friday, Oct 18th | 6:30pm | Grades K-2
Children's Room | [Click to register](#)

Spend a Friday evening reading with a high school buddy! Choate volunteers will join us to do some group read-alouds, small group reading practice, and other fun activities. This program is offered in conjunction with Choate Rosemary Hall and the Wallingford Rotary Interact Club.

Fall Fairy Houses

Monday, Oct 21st | 5:30pm | Grades 3-5
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

Build and decorate a fall themed fairy house using a variety of materials from nature!

Colors of My Jewish Year: Shabat

Thursday, Oct 24th | 4:30pm | Grades PreK-2
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

This year we gather together to learn about Shabat. Join Wallingford's Beth Israel Synagogue in reading stories, making a craft, and eating a snack while we focus on a different aspect of Shabat. Whether you are curious about Jewish traditions or already take part, all are welcome to join the fun. Participants who attend all 4 programs will complete a Shabat kit (but attendance at all 4 is not required). *This program has been made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.*

Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, Oct 29th | 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.

All of Us
RESEARCH PROGRAM

The All of Us Research Program

Tuesday, Oct 8th | 10:30am-12:30pm
Collins Room | JoinAllOfUs.org/CHCI

Learn how you can be included in shaping the future of health care for you, your family, your community, and generations to come by joining us for an *All of Us Research Program* outreach session. Children's voices matter in research, and your child can make a real difference! Researchers will explore what keeps kids healthy, what might make them sick, and how early experiences shape lifelong health.

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, Oct 7th - 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 15-35 months | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room
Tuesdays, Oct 8th - 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. This class is appropriate for more confidently walking one year olds, and active two year olds.

Happy Feet Story Time

Ages 2-3 | 10:30pm | Children's Program Room
Wednesdays, Oct 9th - 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, Oct 9th - Nov 6th

Join Miss Kari 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!

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Thursdays, Oct 10th - 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.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

Tuesday, Oct 15th | 9:30am OR 1:30pm

Ages 3-5 | Marcus Cooke Park

[Register for 9:30am](#) | [Register for 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.

Silly Story Time

Saturday, Oct 19th | 10:30am | Ages 0-5 Children's Program | [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.



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BILINGUAL HOMEWORK

Bilingual Homework Help

Mondays & Tuesdays | 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 Bilingue con las Tareas

Lunes y Martes | 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.

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



Building Your Family Tree

Thursday, Oct 3rd | 6:30-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)

Celebrate Family History Month with us! In this one-of-a-kind presentation, genealogist **Denise Page** will share her experience of discovering her maternal family ancestry. Her journey was complicated by a number of factors, including orphanage, mixed ancestry, and the interchange of family first names. Despite these obstacles, she unearthed pre-1850 information about an enslaved ancestor and his descendants who lived in New Haven and attended Yale. How? By listening curiously, researching, using intuition, and having a heaping dose of luck. Denise unlocked some keys that may help you in your own ancestral journey. This 90-minute talk begins with Denise's personal story and then provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on their own family story, along with a list of nontraditional resources to continue or begin your search.



Yin Yoga for Beginners

Saturdays, Oct 12th, 19th & 26th | 10:30am-12noon | Community Room

[Click to register](#)

Join us for a Yin Yoga series led by certified yoga teacher & practitioner **Erin Brea**! In this three-part introduction, students will get to explore the physical benefits of Yin Yoga as well as how the practice can help you energetically, emotionally, and mentally. Yin Yoga works deeply into your body with passive, longer-held poses. It targets the deepest tissues of the body—ligaments, joints, bones—the deep fascia networks of the body. This is in contrast to a Yang Yoga practice such as Vinyasa Yoga which targets the muscles and can be intense. Participants should bring a yoga mat, strap and/or block if they have them. By registering for the first class, patrons will register for all three workshops in the series. Please make sure you are available to attend on all three dates before signing up.



Transitioning Towards Truth: The Facts of Trans Healthcare and More

Tuesday, Oct 15th | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Click to register](#)

Join us in person or on Zoom for this important talk by **Jillian Celentano**, an activist and transgender advocate who will explore the issue of healthcare rights for the gender-diverse community. Through this one-of-a-kind presentation, Jillian will discuss what affirming healthcare really looks like and the truths and misconceptions of gender affirming care. She will also discuss basic language & terminology and share stories from her own lived experiences to help the audience develop a better understanding of what it means to be transgender.



Resume Basics

Wednesday, Oct 16th | 7-8:30pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)

Has it been a while since you've written a resume? Do you need to put together a resume soon and don't know where to start? Are you wondering what information employers are looking for in a resume? Join **Librarian and Career Specialist Sarah Eiseman** for a session on learning how to write a quality resume. We'll go over general guidelines and find out about some free resources to help you put together a resume that makes you shine! Wallingford library card (or card from another subscribing library) recommended. This is a great session to attend before a [one-on-one session with Sarah](#) for those who want to create a new resume.



Ubuntu Storytellers

(see page 9 for more info)

WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 144TH ANNUAL MEETING

featuring

"What Love Is" performed by Ubuntu Storytellers



Monday, Oct 28th | 7-9pm | Community Room | No registration required

After a brief business meeting, join us in listening to captivating stories that will engage your heart and expand your imagination. The stories are performed by multiple tellers who will engage you in a slice of their life.

The stories reflect ways of being that have been passed down intentionally or cellularity from family members who have come before. The ancestors. They are stories of the many ways we are loved in our Black and Brown communities. These are not lectures or historical reenactments. They are lived stories told from the heart. While stories are told by artists who identify as Black or Brown ancestry, you will find yourself, no matter your ancestry, in many of the stories.

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

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

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

Literacy Volunteers

Tuesdays | 12:30-2pm | Board Room

Denise Codianne-Calabrese from Literacy Volunteers will be available on 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

Mondays, Oct 7th & 21st | 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, Oct 2nd | 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, Oct 12th & 26th | 9:45am - 12noon

Board 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

Monday, Oct 7th | 10-11:30am | Collins Room

Join our Morning Ukulele Club 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.*

Evening Ukulele Club

Wednesday, Oct 9th & 28th | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room

Join our Evening Ukulele Club 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.*

Tap & Trivia HALLOWEEN EDITION

Tuesday, Oct 29th | 7:30-9pm | Tap & Vine

171 Quinipiac Street | Registration preferred

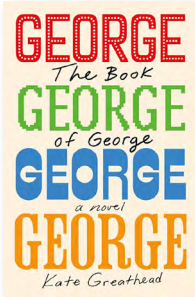
Join us on the last Tuesday of the month for our trivia night at Tap & Vine! Quizmaster Rich Steeves will test your wits with five rounds of questions on a variety of topics, from General Knowledge to Science & Nature and a whole lot more. Your team of 2-6 players will compete against other teams for 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 her new novel *Better by Far*, Hazel Hayes writes: "Give me autumn any day... Give me crisp orange leaves that crunch underfoot, hands warmed by hot chocolate in thick ceramic mugs... Autumn and the buildup to Halloween especially was always my favorite time of the year." Truly, nothing compares to autumn in New England, and this

October will be extra great because there is an astonishing amount of amazing new fiction scheduled for release over the course of the month. Here are some of the great new titles coming our way:



The Book of George by Kate Greathead — A man is unable to follow through on his potential, can't commit to his girlfriend and is very aware of how much of a disappointment he is.

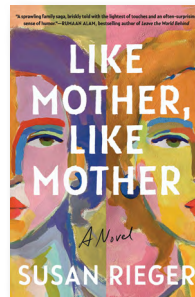
Dogs and Monsters by Mark Haddon — Short stories that blend retellings of Greek myths with contemporary tales of cruelty and hubris.



How Does That Make You Feel, Magda Eklund by Anna Montague — A woman who is mourning the death of her best friend discovers plans for them to go on a road trip for her 70th birthday and decides to take the trip alone.

Karla's Choice by Nick Harkaway — George Smiley, John le Carré's most famous spy, is drawn out of retirement in 1963 to investigate a missing man tied to a Russian defector.

Libby Lost and Found by Stephanie Booth — After she is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, a bestselling fantasy author gets help with her writing from an 11-year-old girl.



Like Mother, Like Mother by Susan Rieger — A young woman wants to know the truth about her grandmother, who was committed to an asylum when her mother was only two years old.

The Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich — In 2008, a young man who is set to inherit a North Dakota sugar beet farm falls in love with the daughter of one of his employees.

The Man in Black by Elly Griffiths A collection of ghost stories, cozy mysteries and tales of psychological suspense featuring characters from the author's earlier mystery novels.

The Mistletoe Mystery by Nita Prose — A maid at the Regency Grand Hotel questions her new romance when a Secret Santa gift exchange goes horribly wrong.

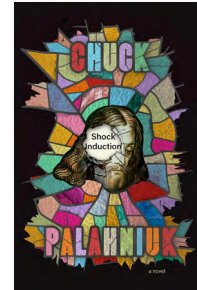
Our Evenings by Alan Hollinghurst — Two boys become close friends in boarding school, but over the decades their lives diverge over their politics and their career choices.

The President's Lawyer by Lawrence Robbins — A Washington, D.C. litigator is hired to defend his best friend, the former President of the United States, against a murder charge.



The Puzzle Box by Danielle Trussoni — A puzzle master squares off against two sisters in a race to open a 19th-century box rumored to contain a Japanese imperial secret.

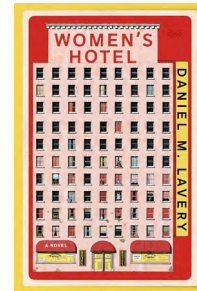
The Sequel by Jean Hanff Korelitz — After a woman publishes her book to great acclaim, she begins to receive excerpts of a novel she never expected to see again, one that should no longer exist.



Shock Induction by Chuck Palahniuk — Students who have been surveilled since birth by billionaires who plan to harvest their intellect start to disappear.

Shred Sisters by Betsy Lerner — The younger of two sisters grows up in the shadow of her beautiful, reckless, mentally ill sister.

Slaveroad by John Edgar Wideman — Linked stories that focus on the "slaveroad" running through US history and American Christian missionaries in Africa.



This Motherless Land by Nikki May — A retelling of Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* that explores identity, culture, race and love.

Women's Hotel by Daniel Lavery — Residents of the Beidermeier, a women's hotel in 1960s New York City, are aware that their days in the building are numbered and are determined to make the most of it while they can.

The Wood at Midwinter by Susanna Clarke — A short story set in the world of *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* by the author of *Piranesi*, which won the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2021.

Also of note this month are the 6th Renée Ballard and Harry Bosch thriller by Michael Connelly (**The Waiting**), the 19th Inspector Gamache mystery by Louise Penny (**The Grey Wolf**), the 25th No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency mystery by Alexander McCall Smith (**The Great Hippopotamus Hotel**), the 25th Inspector Rebus thriller by Ian Rankin (**Midnight and Blue**), the 28th installment in the Kay Scarpetta series by Patricia Cornwell (**Identity Unknown**), the 29th Jack Reacher novel by Lee and Andrew Child (**In Too Deep**), the 30th Andy Carpenter mystery by David Rosenfelt (**The More the Terrier**) and new novels by W. Bruce Cameron (**My Three Dogs**), Paula Hawkins (**The Blue Hour**), James Patterson (**Murder Island**) and Danielle Steel (**Triangle**).

Virtual Author Visit



Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions We Tell Ourselves with Lori Gottlieb

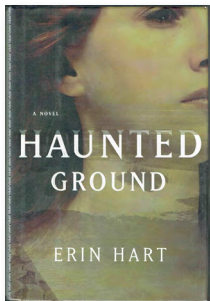
Tuesday, Oct 22nd | 2-3 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)

Every year, nearly 30 million Americans sit on a therapist's couch. In her book *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, Lori Gottlieb explores the inner chambers of her patients' lives—a self-absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen threatening to end her life on her birthday if nothing gets better, and a 20-something who can't stop hooking up with the wrong guys. With wisdom and humor, Gottlieb reveals our blind spots, examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and others as we teeter on the tightrope between love and desire, meaning and mortality, guilt and redemption, terror and courage, hope and change. *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* is revolutionary in its candor, offering a deeply personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them.

Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, which has sold over two million copies and is currently being adapted into a television series starring Kristen Bell. She co-hosts the "Dear Therapists" podcast produced by Katie Couric and writes the "Dear Therapist" advice column for The Atlantic. She is the creator of the *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone Workbook: A Toolkit for Editing Your Story and Changing Your Life* and the *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone Journal: 52 Weekly Sessions to Transform Your Life*.



Book Discussions

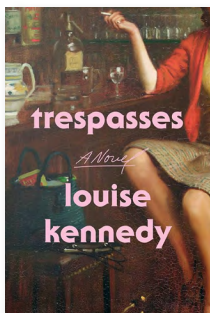


Mystery Book Club *Haunted Ground* by Erin Hart

Wednesday, Oct 9th | 3-4:15 pm | Community Room and Zoom
Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

While cutting turf in the peat bogs of his farm in County Galway, a farmer stumbles upon the perfectly preserved head of a woman. The discovery, which might date back centuries, causes a Dublin archeologist, a maverick local detective and an American pathologist lecturing at Trinity College Medical School, to investigate both historical and modern crimes.

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

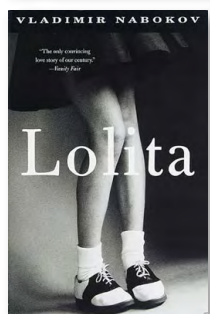


Thursday Night Book Club *Trespasses* by Louise Kennedy

Thursday, Oct 17th | 6:30-8 pm | Collins Room and Zoom
Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

24-year-old Cushla is a Catholic schoolteacher living just outside Belfast in a small town that, in 1975, is heavily occupied by British soldiers. Lonely and isolated, she meets and falls for an older, married Protestant lawyer whose practice focuses on defending young Catholic men who he believes have been wrongfully accused. Kennedy's heartbreaking and beautiful debut novel was shortlisted for the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction.

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



Classics Book Club *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov

Thursday, Oct 24th | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room & Zoom
Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

Humbert Humbert has fallen in love with Dolores Haze, his landlady's 12-year-old daughter. He reluctantly agrees to marry Mrs. Haze to be close to Lolita, but when Lolita starts looking for attention elsewhere, he takes her on a desperate cross-country misadventure in the name of love. Nabokov's most famous and controversial novel was named one of the Great American Novels of the 20th century by *The Atlantic*.

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

Drop-In Programs



Open Sew

Tuesday, Oct 1st | 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: How does the digitization process work for old media formats, and what equipment is available?

A: The Collaboratory provides equipment for digitizing photographs, slides, negatives, VHS tapes, audiocassettes, and other analog media. This is a great way to preserve and share family memories.

For digitization, along with the old media, please bring hardware storage like an external hard drive or flash drive if you do not have cloud storage such as iCloud, Google Drive, or Dropbox. Note that conversions are real-time, so 3 hours of home movies will take 3 hours to digitize. You need to remain in the Collaboratory with your media during the digitization process. The Collaboratory staff is happy to help you get started.

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](mailto:mspur@wallingfordlibrary.org).



Help us decorate our Día de Muertos altar!

Drop by the Collaboratory throughout October to leave messages, photos, or drawings to lost loved ones on our Día de Muertos altar and learn about this Mexican holiday of remembrance.

Then join us on Oct 25th to celebrate "The Day of the Dead" with Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW). More information on page 3.



Lottery Programs

Visit the October program lottery to register for the events below:
walpublib.org/LotteryOct2024

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



Introduction to Sewing: Fabric Bin

Wednesday, Oct 16th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Oct 17th | 3-4:30pm

Use one of the Collaboratory's sewing machines to create a reversible fabric bin, perfect for storing your crafting supplies! This program is for both beginner and experienced sewers alike. *Note: this is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



Moonlight Pumpkin

Monday, Oct 21st | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, Oct 22nd | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Friday, Oct 25th | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a festive autumnal scene on a pumpkin-shaped plaque.



Laser Cut Jack O'Lantern

Wednesday, Oct 23rd | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Oct 24th | 3-4:30pm

Build a wooden Jack O'Lantern with a face you design digitally, then assemble and paint the laser cut pieces. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



Watercolor Portraits for Adults

Thursday, Oct 24th | 6:30-8:30pm

Create an original watercolor portrait based on a photo of yourself or another person. This program is limited to adults ages 18+, but there is a session for teens in grades 6-12 at 3:00 p.m. *Note: You must bring a 5x7 photo of yourself or another person to the program. Library staff can print a 5x7 color copy of your photo, but you must email the photo in advance to wplcollaboratory@gmail.com with "Watercolor Portrait" in the subject line. Please call us at (203)265-6754 if you have questions about the photo specifications.*

Lava Lamp Keychain

Wednesday, Oct 2nd | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Oct 3rd | 3-4:30pm

Use the Cricut's print then cut feature to make a decal for an acrylic lava lamp keychain.

Autumnal Resin Coasters

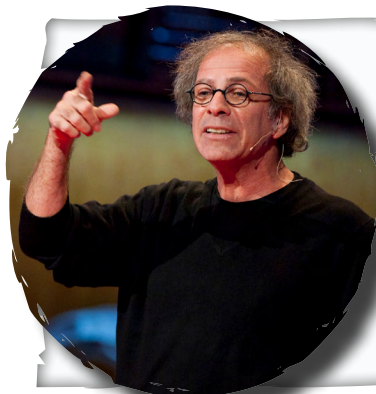
Wednesday, Oct 9th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, Oct 10th | 3-4:30pm

Do you love fall leaves and their colors? Bring them indoors by encasing them in resin coasters.

Polymer Clay Pumpkin Doorway

Tuesday, Oct 15th | 6-8:30pm

Create a polymer clay doorway, which can be inserted into a real pumpkin and reused year after year. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



Talking TED @ Home

Tuesday, Oct 1st | 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 October, we will watch and discuss Itay Talgam's "Lead Like the Great Conductors."

An orchestra conductor faces the ultimate leadership challenge: creating perfect harmony without saying a word. In this charming talk, Itay Talgam demonstrates the unique styles of six great 20th-century conductors, illustrating crucial lessons for all leaders.

Registration Required



Laser Cut Halloween Shadowbox
Thursday, Oct 3rd | 5:30-7:30pm
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)
Assemble and paint a Halloween-themed pumpkin shadowbox. All pieces will be pre-cut on the Collaboratory's laser cutter.

Halloween Paint Afternoon for Teens
Monday, Oct 7th | 4-5:30pm
Community Room | Grades 6-12
[Click to register](#)
Pam Halligan of Pam's Picassos will lead participants step-by-step to paint a fun Halloween-inspired painting.

Decorate Your Own Witch/Wizard Hat
Wednesday, Oct 9th | 3:30-4:30pm
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)
Decorate your own magical hat for spell casting or everyday wear.

Learn to Crochet: Owl
Monday, Oct 14th | 2-4:30pm
Collins Room | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)
Please Note: Wallingford Public Schools are closed for Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 14th. 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 in order to view the instructional videos at your own pace. Kayleigh will also be on hand to provide any live guidance you may need.

Transitioning Towards Truth: The Facts of Trans Healthcare & More
Tuesday, Oct 15th | 7-8pm | Community Room
Teens & Adults | [Click to register](#)
Join us for this important talk by Jillian Celentano, an activist and transgender advocate who will explore the issue of healthcare rights within the gender-diverse community. Through this one-of-a-kind presentation, Jillian will discuss what affirming healthcare really looks like and the truths and misconceptions of gender affirming care. She will also discuss basic language and terminology and share stories from her own lived personal experiences to help the audience develop a better understanding of the transgender community.

Watercolor Portraits for Teens
Thursday, Oct 24th | 3-5pm | Community Room
Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)
Please Note: Wallingford Public Schools have an early release on October 24th.
Create an original watercolor portrait based on a photo of yourself or another person. *Note: You must bring a 5x7 photo of yourself or another person to the program. Library staff can print a 5x7 color copy of your photo, but you must email the photo in advance to ksprague@wallingfordlibrary.org or wplcollaboratory@gmail.com with "Watercolor Portrait" in the subject line. Please call us at (203)265-6754 if you have questions about the photo specifications.*

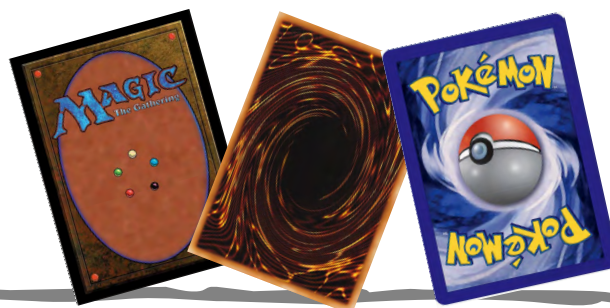
Make Your Own Dice
Saturday, Oct 26th | 11am-12noon
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12
[Click to register](#)
Use resin to create your own dice set for Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop games! Each participant will make a full set of custom dice. Due to the time resin needs to cure, you will need to pick up your dice the following week.

Make Your Own Potions
Saturday, Oct 26th | 2-3:30pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)
Concoct your own set of potions for a fun decoration or to bring a little magic to the Halloween season.



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.



A Coven of Witches by Chris Ciemniowski

Witches have pervaded human culture since time immemorial, with different symbolism and dispositions applied to them across the centuries. Originally used to describe people who obtained their powers from the natural world rather than divine forces, the term “witch” later became an accusatory term for anyone who did not fit in with society. Today, witch stories range from sinister to silly and imaginary to historical. Many of these modern witch stories also seek to reclaim the term from its historical derogatory connotation and make it a term of empowerment.



For anyone who enjoys fairytale retellings, **The Book of Gothel** by Mary McMyne revisits the story of Rapunzel from would-be-Gothel’s point of view. Like *Wicked* and *Maleficent*, this retelling sets out to humanize Gothel and begins with her being shunned by the residents of her village for being too odd for their society.



Black Leopard, Red Wolf is a sword and sorcery novel by Marlon James which draws inspiration from African history and mythology for both its story and its narrative structure. The novel features the “Moon Witch,” a hunter of men who abuse women. This character is explored more in the sequel *Moon Witch, Spider King*.



If you’re looking for a hauntingly faithful historical fiction portrayal of the Salem Witch Trials, you might try **The Heretic’s Daughter** by Kathleen Kent. It follows the life of Martha Carrier, one of the first women to be accused of witchcraft. Author Kathleen Kent was inspired to write about the topic after she traced her ancestry back to Martha Carrier.



In the decades leading up to the Salem Witch Trials, England was also enduring a witchhunting frenzy. Margaret Meyer’s **The Witching Tide** takes place in a small coastal seventeenth century English village and focuses on longtime

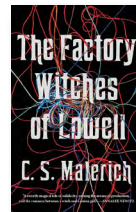
resident Martha Hallybread, who is enlisted by the witchfinder Silas Makepeace to investigate her neighbors.



Vanessa Yu’s Magical Paris Tea Shop is a romantic dramedy witch story which may appeal to fans of Hayao Miyazaki’s *Kiki’s Delivery Service*. The novel features reluctant witch Vanessa Yu who is able to see people’s fortunes at the bottom of tea cups. However, Vanessa finds this ability more of a curse than an asset and sets out with her aunt to visit a Parisian Tea Shop that may be able to rid her of these powers.



Witchful Thinking by Celestine Martin is for anyone looking for a romantic domestic comedy along the lines of *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* or *WandaVision*. Lucinda Caraway accidentally curses herself so that she is unable to say “no,” which leads to a series of misadventures culminating in her agreeing to unjinx the house of her neighbor, and high school crush Alex.



The Factory Witches of Lowell by C.S. Malerich is a novella that imagines a fictional women’s worker strike in Lowell, MA. Their leader Judith also happens to be familiar with the lost art of witchcraft.



The Once and Future Witches by Alix E. Harrow follows the Eastwood sisters in 1893 New Salem in a world where all witches have been burned. After they rediscover the powers of witchcraft, they join a suffragist movement and vow to make sure that no witch will ever be denied the right to vote again.

These contemporary witch narratives feature a coven of witches who are reclaiming the label of witch for themselves!



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!



October Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 9pm

Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

Scheduled Closings

No Scheduled Closings



Monday
10am - 12noon

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

Wednesday
10am - 12noon

Thursday
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday
10am - 2pm

Saturday
10am - 12:30pm

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Autumnal Tints & Hints: New England Poets on Fall (A Four-Part Series)

Tuesdays, Oct 1st, 8th, 15th & Oct 22nd | 3-4:30pm | Collins Room

[Click to register](#)

In his 1859 essay "Autumnal Tints," Henry David Thoreau lamented that "the autumnal change of our woods has not made a deep impression on our own literature yet. October has hardly tinged our poetry." Had he lived a few years beyond his death in 1862, Thoreau would have happily modified his lament, for from the late 19th century to the present, New England poets have produced fabulous poems about what is arguably our region's most distinctive season. Please join us for this four-part series as we discuss various New England poets' responses to the fall season! This class will be interactive, so you will be encouraged to participate as the spirit moves you. **Cyrus Cook**, a former English instructor at Choate Rosemary Hall, will lead each discussion.

Fall Into Photography: Exploring Autumn Landscapes

Saturday, Oct 12th | 3-4:30pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)

Join us for an immersive fall photography workshop where we'll explore the vibrant colors and stunning landscapes of the season. Led by fine art landscape photographer **Madhavan Parthasarthy**, this workshop will guide you through techniques for capturing the enchanting beauty of autumn. Participants will learn how to frame the perfect shot, utilize natural light, and convey the mood and emotion of fall in their photographs. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this hands-on workshop will inspire you to see the world through a new lens. Bring your camera and a sense of adventure as we venture into the local scenery, capturing the essence of fall together. Let's create compelling images that tell the stories of this beautiful season!

Fall Into Poetry: A Family Open Mic Night

Friday, Oct 18th | 6-8pm | Community Room | No registration required

The Wallingford Public Library, in collaboration with our **Saturday Mornings with Poetry** club, presents an evening of sharing favorite poems about autumn in New England as well as the spooky and haunting sides of Halloween! We invite family members of all ages to read an original poem they wrote or their favorite work by another author. To lend to the festivity, readers are encouraged to dress up as the author or as a character in the poems they select to read. Fall-themed refreshments will be served.

In Others' Words...

“ Love the trees until their leaves fall off,
then encourage them to try again next year. ”



—Chad Sugg, *Waking Up In Black And White*