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# Words



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## The Mohegan People: Their History, Culture, & Legacy

Wednesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm

Community Room & Zoom | [Click to Register](#)

Join us to celebrate Native American Heritage Month with David Eichelberg, Outreach and Traditions Specialist at the Tantaquidgeon Museum in Uncasville! His presentation will explore the history and culture of the Mohegan people from the 1600's to the modern day. He will discuss the Mohegan Tribe's most influential leaders, their sacred sites, and the customs & beliefs that make them who they are today. He will also perform demonstrations of traditional drumming, singing, and flute-playing for the audience to experience firsthand. Mohegan artifacts and cultural objects will be on display during the program; following the talk, attendees will have the chance to view these items and ask questions.



## Lost in Translation: A Community Conversation on Multilingual Experiences

Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm

Community Room | [Click to Register](#)

Join us for a conversation about what it's like to be multilingual: how it affects your sense of community, what challenges you face in a predominantly English-speaking culture, and how these issues intersect with matters of race and identity. This discussion is part of our ongoing series of open and empathetic conversations about race, community, and opportunities for change and healing. All are welcome.



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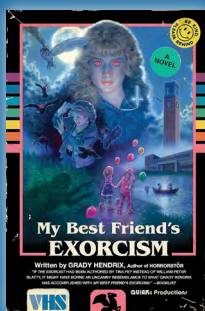
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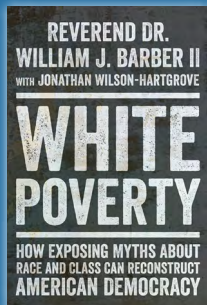
**Kayleigh S.**  
*Death at Morning House*  
by Maureen Johnson



**Dune B.**  
*Coraline*  
dir. by Henry Selick



**Erin L.**  
*My Best Friend's Exorcism*  
by Grady Hendrix



**Barbara C.**  
*White Poverty*  
by William J. Barber II



**Max S.**  
*1001° Centigrades*  
by Magma



**Julie R.**  
*Lovely One*  
by Ketanji Brown Jackson

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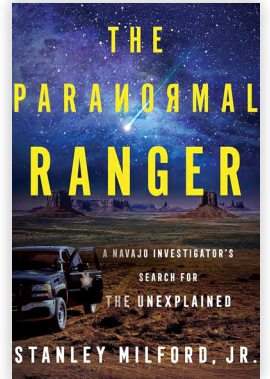


## A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained: In Conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr.

Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)

As a Native American with parents of both Navajo and Cherokee descent, Stanley Milford, Jr. grew up in a world where the supernatural was both expected and taboo, where shapeshifters roamed, witchcraft was a thing to be feared, and children were taught not to whistle at night. When he joined the Navajo Rangers—a law enforcement branch of the Navajo Nation that are equal parts police officers, archeological conservationists and historians—the paranormal became part of his job. Alongside addressing the duties of overseeing the massive 27,000-square-mile reservation, Milford was assigned to bizarre cases involving mysterious livestock mutilations, Bigfoot sightings, UFOs and malicious hauntings. In *The Paranormal Ranger*, Milford recounts the stories of these cases from the clinical and deductive perspective of a law enforcement officer. Milford's

Native American worldview and investigative training collide to provide an eerie account of what logic dictates should not be possible.



**About the Author:** Stanley Milford, Jr., graduated from the United States Indian Police Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico. He worked as a law enforcement officer for 23 years and served as the delegated Chief Navajo Ranger, overseeing the Special Projects Unit which investigates cases that do not fit within everyday parameters of law enforcement, many of which involve reports of the paranormal or supernatural. After leaving the Navajo Rangers, he served as the senior investigator for the Navajo Nation's White Collar Crime Unit.



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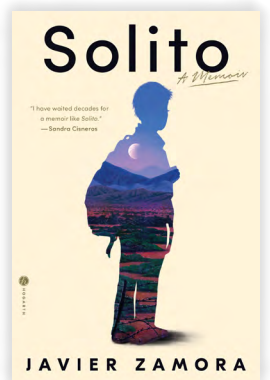
See all upcoming virtual author events here: [walpublib.org/upcomingLSC](http://walpublib.org/upcomingLSC)

## On Childhood Migration from Central America — In Conversation with Javier Zamora

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 4-5 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)

Tune in for a conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author **Javier Zamora** as he chats with us about his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir *Solito*. Zamora takes a 3,000 mile journey from his small town in El Salvador through Guatemala and Mexico and across the U.S. border. He leaves behind his aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone amid a group of strangers and a "coyote" hired to lead them to safety, Javier expects his trip to last two short weeks. He cannot foresee the perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions that await him; nor can he know that those two weeks will expand into two life-altering months alongside fellow migrants who will come to encircle him like an unexpected family.

**About the Author:** Javier Zamora was born in El Salvador in 1990. When he was nine, Javier migrated through Guatemala, Mexico, and the Sonoran Desert. His debut poetry collection, *Unaccompanied*, explores the impact of the war and immigration on his family. Zamora has been a Stegner Fellow at Stanford and a Radcliffe Fellow at Harvard and holds fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.



## 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: Managing Passwords on iOS**

Saturday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room | [Click to register](#)

Connor will talk about the importance of creating strong and unique passwords for all of your online accounts, and how to manage all of these different credentials in a password manager. Topics in this class will include:

- How to create strong passwords
- How to use iCloud Keychain to protect your online identity
- How to use the Passwords app
- How to check if your online credentials have been leaked in a data breach
- How to use Two Factor Authentication to protect your online identity

Please bring your fully charged iPhone or iPad to class and make sure your devices have been updated to iOS 18 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!



### **Introduction to the Collaboratory**

Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Collaboratory

[Click to register](#)

Ever wonder exactly what is in the Collaboratory (or what the Collaboratory even is)? Come to this class and learn about each and every thing in there!



### **Introduction to 3D Printing**

Monday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Collaboratory | [Click to register](#)

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a beginner-friendly computer-aided design software, to make your own 3D models. We will also go over how to prepare these files for printing in Cura, a slicing software for 3D printers.



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Department

# Cardholder Perks for Cooks & Gourmands!

The season for delicious and decadent meals and desserts has begun! If it's one thing the Wallingford Library has in abundance, it's cookbooks. We have **over 1500 cookbooks in our collection** and over **5000 ebooks** available for download to help you prepare for your holiday feasts this year. There are also cooking magazines like *Bon Appetit Magazine* and *Cook's Illustrated*, filled with the latest recipes and trendiest entertaining ideas for different times of the year.

Are your cooking skills not quite on par with the likes of Gordon Ramsay? Not a problem! There are cookbooks like Sohla El-Waylly's *Start Here*, geared towards those just learning to boil an egg. Learn cooking concepts, then cook the recipes to gain practical knowledge of each technique. If you're more of a visual learner, try watching *The Everyday Gourmet Series: Rediscovering the Lost Art of Cooking* on **Kanopy**. Are you an aspiring Julia Child? Then we have books like *The French Laundry Cookbook* by Thomas Keller for those of you who seek the expertise to flambé, fillet, or brûlée. For culinary nerds, *Science and Cooking: Physics Meets Food, From Homemade to Haute Cuisine* lays out the scientific fundamentals of cooking with each recipe in this illustrated cookbook. To browse our collection of cookbooks, visit [walpublib.org/cookbooks](http://walpublib.org/cookbooks).

For little chefs, we have children's cookbooks with simple recipes for kids. Included are helpful tips about kitchen safety, and even how to entice youngsters into learning that valuable life skill that everyone should have, cooking. To browse our collection of children's cookbooks, visit [walpublib.org/childrenscookbooks](http://walpublib.org/childrenscookbooks).

Simple recipes aren't just for kids, though. Not all of us have the time to cook, so what's better than a fast, easy recipe for a good meal? We have plenty of those kinds of books too, like *30 Minute Meal Prep*, *5 Ingredients Or Less Slow Cooker*, and *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinner's Ready!: 112 Fast and Fabulous Recipes for Slightly Impatient Home Cooks*, just to name a few. From making pastries to grilling meats to marinating tofu, the library has a cookbook that will be sure to bring good eating into your home.

So, Buen provecho, Buon appetito, and Happy eating!



See Our Kitchen Misadventures:  
[walpublib.org/KitchenMisadventure](http://walpublib.org/KitchenMisadventure)



## SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

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

### Pet Trivia Family Event

Friday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 6:30pm | Grades K-5  
Community Room | [Click to register](#)

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

### LEGO Club

Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> | 2-3pm  
Grades K-5 | Wonder Room

[Register for Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)  
[Register for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>](#)

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.

### Dungeons and Dragons: The Great Harvest Caper

Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | Grades 4-8  
Community Room

[Register for 3:30-5:30pm](#)  
[Register for 6-8pm](#)

When the secret ingredient for the kingdom's great feast gets stolen by fairies, our heroes must embark on a quest to get it back. Will the feast flourish or will fey fly away with their food?

### Picnic Capers! With the Connecticut Science Center

Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 10:30am | Grades K-2  
Community Room | [Click to register](#)

"Who ruined the picnic?" Work together to analyze evidence from a crime scene. Use the evidence to narrow down the animal suspects and discover the culprit behind the destroyed lunch! *Please note: WPS students have Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> off from school due to Election Day. This program is presented by the Connecticut Science Center, and sponsored in part by Ulbrich.*

### Paws for Reading

Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> | 11am-12pm | Grades K-5  
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

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

### Game On!

Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> | 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.

### Colors of My Jewish Year: Shabbat

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | Grades PreK-2  
Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

This school year we will host four programs about Shabbat. Join Wallingford's Beth Israel Synagogue in reading stories, making a craft, and eating a snack while we focus on a different aspect of Shabbat. 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 Shabbat 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.*

### Reading Buddies

Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 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.*

### Astronomy Club

Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> | 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.

### Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> | 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.

### Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

Tuesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 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, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> | 10:30am | Ages 0-5  
Children's 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.



# 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  
Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

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, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

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, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> & Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

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  
Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

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, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

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.

We're excited to introduce the

# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OF THINGS



Exciting news! The children's department has gotten its own Library of Things collection! This new collection will have toys, games, and puzzles perfect for babies through elementary school kids. The toys will be available starting **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Stop in and check it out!

# 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.

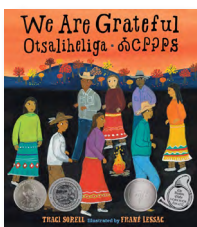
## Ayuda Bilingue con las Tareas

**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 escuelas públicas están cerradas.

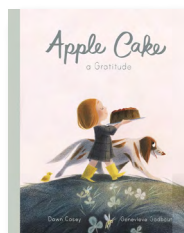
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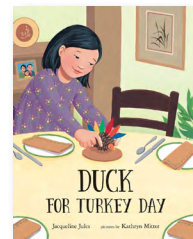
### We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga

by Traci Sorell  
Ages 4-8



### Apple Cake

by Dawn Casey  
Ages 3-5



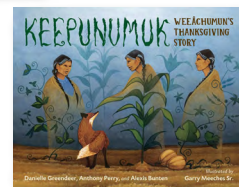
### Duck for Turkey Day

by Jacqueline Jules  
Ages 4-8



### Thank You Omu!

by Oge Mora  
Ages 4-8



### Keepunumuk

by Danielle Greendeer | Ages 3-7

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



### **Grief Through the Holidays: A Connecticut Hospice Workshop**

**Tuesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)**

Are you recovering from a recent loss and worried about what challenges the holiday season may bring? You are not alone! Join **Connecticut Hospice** bereavement team members **Micheal Santangelo** and **Nancy Berney** as they discuss how to cope with grief during the holidays, as well as meaningful ways to honor our lost loved ones this time of year.



### **Job Interviewing Basics**

**Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm | Board Room | [Click to register](#)**

Are you looking for a job and confused about how to prepare for an interview? Do you want to learn why employers ask certain questions? Do you want to learn what's different when you have a Zoom or phone interview? Join **Librarian and Career Specialist Sarah Eiseman** to answer some common interview questions, to learn how to plan answers for more challenging questions, and to learn how to prepare for different types of interviewing settings. We'll also learn how to access some free library resources that can help you land the 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.



### **Shake Up the Season: Festive Holiday Mocktails with Garden of Sol**

**Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)**

Join **Marsha** from **Garden of Sol** for a fun and festive holiday mocktail workshop! You'll learn how to blend seasonal ingredients with warming spices such as cinnamon, cloves, and allspice. Using fresh herbs, you'll craft three signature mocktails: a bright Cranberry Spritz, a refreshing Hibiscus Rose Mule, and a cozy Thanksgiving mocktail featuring apples. This hands-on experience is perfect for fall and winter holiday celebrations. Discover the flavors of the season and leave with unique recipes to impress your guests!



### **The 2024 Presidential Election: What Just Happened and Why with Marc Lendler**

**Tuesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Click to register](#)**

Everyone knows that this year's election is a big historical moment. **Marc Lendler** will discuss significant shifts in voting patterns among those who participated in the 2024 election. What role did Trump's legal difficulties play? What new trends emerged in states that might indicate a lasting switch in party affiliation? And what about the biggest issues: the economy and the border? Finally, was there one main thing that determined the outcome of the presidential election?

**Marc Lendler** is a Wallingford resident and political scientist who taught American Government at Smith College for 25 years, including courses on national elections. He has given a series of talks at the Wallingford Library on election results & other topics.

### **The Mitten Tree: A Holiday Clothing Drive**

**Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

**All Library Hours | Main Desk**

Help us decorate the Mitten Tree! Donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens are welcome and will be delivered to local charitable organizations in December. You may also donate non-perishable grocery items - especially staples such as cold cereal, canned soup & fruit, pasta & sauce, and peanut butter & jelly - for our wonderful local food pantries. Join us in helping families in need this giving season!





# FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS



## Hispanic Heritage Movie Night: Real Women Have Curves

Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8:30pm  
Drop in | Community Room  
PG-13

Join us on the second Friday of each month for a film that celebrates the dreams, stories, and experiences of the Latin American community!

A first-generation Mexican-American girl wants to go away to college but must contend with her parents, who think she should stay at home and provide for the family. As a compromise, she works with her mother over the summer and learns some important lessons about life, helping her make a decision about her future.



## Twisters

Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm  
Drop in | Community Room  
PG-13

Kate Carter, a retired tornado-chaser and meteorologist, is persuaded to return to Oklahoma to work with a new team and new technologies.

## 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](http://walpublib.org/CareerCounseling) Staff will contact you shortly to schedule your appointment.

### Knit @ WPL

**Mondays, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> | 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, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 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, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> | 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](mailto:kjc73048@gmail.com).

### Morning Ukulele Club

**Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 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, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> & Monday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>  
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 Holiday Edition

**Tuesday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-9pm | Tap & Vine**

**171 Quinnipiac Street | Registration preferred**

Join us at Tap & Vine for our last trivia night of 2024! Quizmaster Rich Steeves will test your wits with five rounds of questions about the upcoming holidays, including Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and more. Your team of 2-6 players will compete with other teams for exciting prizes and, of course, bragging rights. So, if you like questions, answers, and the occasional corny joke, tell your friends, tell your enemies, tell everyone you know! **Registration is strongly preferred; please call Tap & Vine at (203) 774-0660 to sign up.**



# 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 his classic novel *Howards End*, E.M. Forster writes “The house was very quiet, and the fog—we are in November now—pressed against the windows like an excluded ghost.” November is a wonderful month in Connecticut, full of sporting events, the last of the autumn leaves and early preparations for Thanksgiving. As the clocks turn back and the days grow shorter, it’s time to pull out the thick blankets and plan for some longer evenings filled with great books. Here are some November fiction releases to get you started:



**The Author's Guide to Murder** by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White — A locked-room mystery and a literary satire by three bestselling novelists.

**Christmas with the Queen** by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb — As preparations begin for the royal Christmas at Sandringham House in 1952, a young Queen Elizabeth II is trying to find her way as a new monarch.



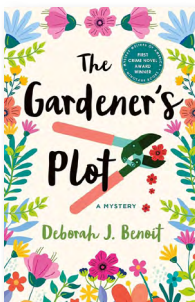
**The City and Its Uncertain Walls** by Haruki Murakami — In the near future, shadows become disconnected from a person’s body, and a Dream Reader reviews people’s dreams.

**City of Night Birds** by Juhea Kim — After a career-halting accident, prima ballerina Natalia Leonova returns to St. Petersburg to confront her past and to decide whether to rejoin the stage amidst the cutthroat world of Russian ballet.

**The Collaborators** by Michael Idov — A brilliant young intelligence officer and a troubled heiress stumble into a global conspiracy that pits Russia against the CIA.

**Double Barrel Bluff** by Lou Berney — A former mob wheelman is dragged into a high-stakes hostage rescue among the mighty temples and shadowy underground of Cambodia.

**Every Arc Bends Its Radian** by Sergio de la Pava — A private investigator in New York City takes on a missing person case in Colombia.



**The Gardener's Plot** by Deborah Benoit — A woman who helps to set up a community garden in the Berkshires finds a body in one of the plots on opening day.

**An Insignificant Case** by Phillip Margolin — A third-rate lawyer who has led an unremarkable life is appointed to be the attorney for a crackpot artist.



**Is She Really Going Out with Him?** by Sophie Cousens — A recently-divorced woman agrees to go out with seven different men chosen for her by her children.

**Lazarus Man** by Richard Price — The lives of a large and disparate group of people are affected by the collapse of a tenement in Harlem in 2008.

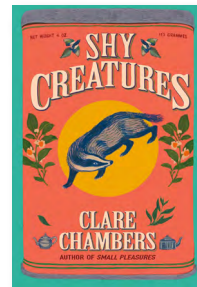


**Munichs** by David Peace — Manchester United’s assistant manager attempts to rebuild the team in time for the FA Cup final after eight players are killed in a plane crash.

**Only Here, Only Now** by Tom Newlands — A teenager comes of age in post-industrial Scotland and wants much more from life than her city has to offer.

**Pictures of You** by Emma Grey — A woman survives a car crash that kills her husband and can’t remember either him or the accident.

**Pony Confidential** by Christina Lynch — A grumpy horse must somehow save the only human he’s ever loved after he learns that she has been accused of a murder he knows she didn’t commit.



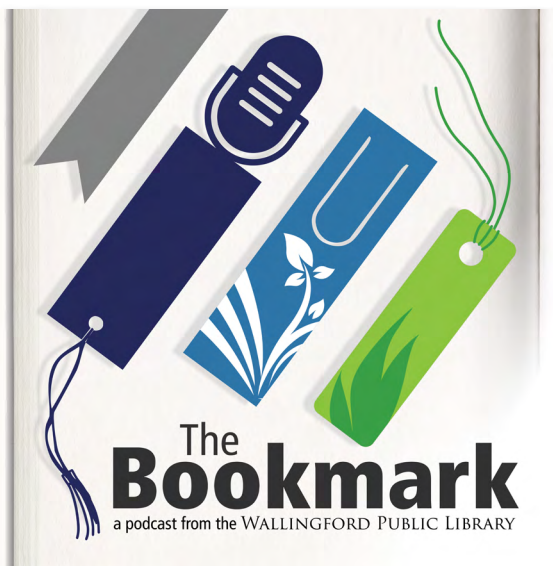
**Shy Creatures** by Clare Chambers — An art therapist in 1960s London grows close to a patient at the psychiatric hospital where she works.

**The Sunflower House** by Adriana Allegri — Family secrets come to light as a young woman fights to save herself and others in a Nazi-run baby factory during World War Two.

**Time of the Child** by Niall Williams — A Christmas story about a doctor and his grown daughter who live in a rural village in Ireland and find a baby left on their doorstep.

Also of note this month are the second 6:20 Man thriller by David Baldacci (**To Die For**), the second installment in the Lost Bride trilogy by Nora Roberts (**The Mirror**), the 31<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Plum novel by Janet Evanovich (**Now or Never**), the 33<sup>rd</sup> Alex Cross thriller by James Patterson (**The House of Cross**), the 52<sup>nd</sup> Spencer novel by Mike Lupica (**Robert B. Parker's Hot Property**), a Longmire story by Craig Johnson (**Tooth and Claw**), a short-story collection by Joyce Carol Oates (**Flint Kill Creek**) and new novels by Richard Paul Evans (**Christmas in Bethel**) and Danielle Steel (**Trial by Fire**).





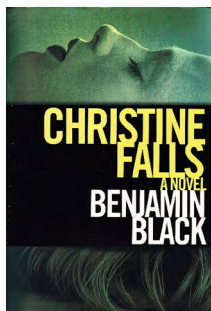
**Have you heard??** Tune into the Wallingford Public Library's podcast, **The Bookmark**, hosted by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken and Library Director Sunnie Scarpa. Join Sunnie and Cindy quarterly for conversations about books, authors, reading experiences, library happenings and what they love about their jobs and working together. The newest episode of **The Bookmark** will drop in early November. Sunnie and Cindy will be discussing holiday book giving and will share some of the titles they will be buying for friends and family this year. You won't want to miss it!



**Listen here:**

[walpublib.org/TheBookmark](http://walpublib.org/TheBookmark)

## Book Discussions



### Mystery Book Club

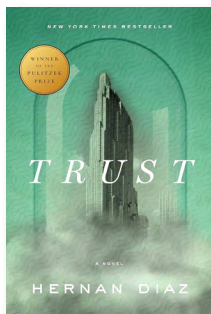
**Christine Falls** by Benjamin Black

Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:15pm | Community Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

Pathologist Quirke is surly and fond of drink in 1950s Dublin. One evening he returns to the morgue after a party to find his brother-in-law tampering with the records on a young woman's corpse. After he decides to look into her history, he discovers a plot that implicates the Catholic Church and members of his own family.

To participate, contact Carole at [cshmurak@gmail.com](mailto:cshmurak@gmail.com) and put "Wallingford Mystery Book Club" in the subject line.



### Thursday Night Book Club

**Trust** by Hernan Diaz

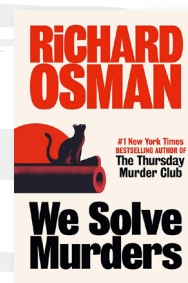
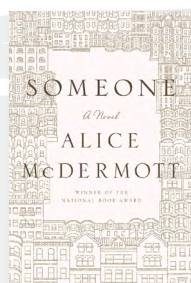
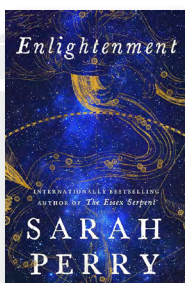
Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

A reclusive trader named Andrew Bevel amasses a large fortune during the 1920s and keeps it during the early stages of the Depression. While Bevel concentrates on making his fortune, his wife supports the arts, particularly the development of 20<sup>th</sup> Century classical music. Bevel's story unfolds in four separate but overlapping and interrelated texts that are in turn understated, overly dramatic, nuanced and secretive. Diaz's 2022 novel was longlisted for the Booker Prize and won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

For details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Cindy at [chaiken@wallingfordlibrary.org](mailto:chaiken@wallingfordlibrary.org)

## Cindy's Picks





## Drop-In Programs



### Open Sew

**Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 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:** Is it possible to create my own stickers and decals with the equipment in the Collaboratory?

**A:** Definitely! You can use the Silhouette Cameo or the Cricut Maker to design and cut custom stickers and decals. Both machines have the ability to import custom images, so you can take artwork you have created yourself and very easily make it into a physical object. To learn how, just talk to staff at the Help Desk.

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:mspurr@wallingfordlibrary.org).



### Save the Date!

## Etsy Artisan and Local Author Holiday Market

**Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> | 10am-2pm | All ages | Drop in  
Community Room & Collins Room**

(Snow date: Saturday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)

The Wallingford Public Library is delighted to support local graduates of our Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship workshops and local published adult and children's book authors. Come to our annual holiday market to meet and talk with the artisans and writers and purchase some wonderful crafts or personally autographed books to give as gifts this holiday season. Hot beverages and sweet treats will be available in the lower lobby.

# Lottery Programs

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

[walpublib.org/LotteryNov2024](http://walpublib.org/LotteryNov2024)

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 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

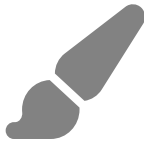
Project photos can be found at [walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory](http://walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory)



## Modern Calligraphy

Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> | 1-2:30pm

Add some artistry to your handwriting using a flexible marker to create a fun, flowing alphabet.



## Mandala Rock

Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8:30pm OR

Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 2:30-4:30pm

Learn the art of mandala dotting on a smooth cut stone.



## Beaded Felt Decor

Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR

Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:30pm

Hand-sew beads onto Fall-themed decorations made from layers of pre-cut felt. The decorations will be stuffed and sewn with a blanket stitch and can be used as ornaments or small wall hangings.



## Gratitude Cards

Tuesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm

Learn some new techniques to make cards that can be given for Thanksgiving, a thank you, or showing gratitude. Each participant will stamp sayings, use embossing folders, use die cuts, and do some ink-blending.



## DIY Clock

Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:30pm

Make a custom clock using our laser cutter to engrave the face, paints to decorate, and a clock kit for the mechanical parts. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



## Sublimation Tea Towel

Wednesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR

Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> | 3-4:30pm

Use the sublimation printer to add a custom design to a tea towel. Designs will be created in CorelDRAW during the program.



## Polymer Clay Winter Cottage

Tuesday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm

Create a miniature winter cottage, a great addition to your holiday decor.



## Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 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 November, we will watch and discuss Patrick Chappatte's "A Free World Needs Satire."

We need humor like we need the air we breathe, says editorial cartoonist Patrick Chappatte. In a talk illustrated with highlights from a career spent skewering everything from dictators and ideologues to selfies and social media mobs, Chappatte makes a resounding, often hilarious case for the necessity of satire. "Political cartoons were born with democracy, and they are challenged when freedom is," he says.

# Just for Teens

Check out the back cover for a volunteer opportunity to earn **Communit-y Service Hours!**

## Registration Required

### Ocean Tails

**Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> | 11am-12noon  
Collins Room | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)**

Make your own fanciful Ocean Tail letter! No drawing or lettering experience is necessary. Letters and ocean creatures are available to trace. Calligrapher Debby Reelitz will guide you on the journey of creating your very own fanciful creature wrapped around a decorative letter. We'll be using colored pencils to bring our drawings to life!

### Mario Kart/Smash Bros. Tournaments

**Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm | Community Room  
Grades 4-8 | [Registration encouraged](#)**

Show off your Mario Kart or Smash Bros. skills! We'll have each game set up and you can participate as we find out who's the champion. Other games and VR will be available as you wait your turn to play. *Please note: There is no school on November 5 due to Election Day.*

### Needle Felted Pumpkin

**Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 3-4pm | Collaboratory  
Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)**

Needle felting is a craft that uses a barbed needle to mat fibers together, typically in wool. Learn the basics of this fun and meditative craft by making a cute pumpkin for some fall decor! *Please note: There is no school on November 5 due to Election Day.*

### Laser Etched Water Bottle

**Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> | 6-7:30pm | Collaboratory  
Grades 6-12 | [Registration required](#)  
[Click to register](#)**

Create your own custom design to be laser etched on a metal water bottle. Due to the time needed to run the laser cutter, you may have to return to pick up your completed water bottle.

## National STEM Day Events!

### LEGO Challenge with Choate Robotics

**Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 4:30-5:30pm | Collins Room  
Grades 3-7 | [Click to register](#)**

This National STEM Day join the Choate Robotics students to explore basic coding and robot building skills with Lego.

### Slime! with Choate GirlTech STEM Club

**Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7pm | Collaboratory  
Grades 5-8 | [Click to register](#)**

This National STEM Day, Choate's GirlTech STEM club will teach middle school/tween girls the science behind slime. Once you've learned the science, you'll get to make slime!

### Make Your Own Dice

**Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 3:30-4:30pm |  
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | [Registration required](#) | [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.

### Teen Cuisine: Pumpkin Pie Rice Krispies Treats

**Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> | 3:30-4:30pm  
Community Room | Grades 6-12**

[Click to register](#)

Take a classic snack, rice krispies treats, and give it a fall upgrade! We'll make the treats and add pumpkin and spices that are perfect for the season. If you don't eat them all, they'll last for at least a week so you can serve them as a Thanksgiving dessert!

### Mini Resin Jars

**Saturday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> | 11am-12noon  
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12**

[Click to register](#)

Make a cute jar out of resin! You can make a mini screw-top jar or a mushroom shaped jar. Due to the time resin needs to cure, you will need to pick up your jars the following week.

### Scratch Programming Workshop for students with learning disabilities

**Saturday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> | 1:30-4pm | Board Room  
Grades 5-9 | [Registration required](#)**

[Click to register](#)

A STEM education workshop designed to teach Scratch programming to students with learning disabilities, which include dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, and dysgraphia. This class offers specialized, interactive learning activities tailored to each student's unique needs, ensuring they can fully engage with the material. Our goal is to increase STEM involvement and create opportunities so that all students can thrive in technology and innovation.

All students will need to have a free Scratch account in order to participate in the program. If you do not already have an account, please click here to create an account beforehand: [walpublib.org/JoinScratch](http://walpublib.org/JoinScratch). Make sure to bring your username and password with you to the workshop.

## Drop-in Events

### Trading Card Battle Club

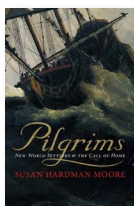
**Last Tuesday of the month | 4-7pm  
Wonder Room | Grades 4-8**

[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.



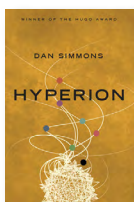
# Pilgrimages by Chris Ciemniewski



As we approach American Thanksgiving, we'll doubtless hear stories about the Pilgrims, the Native Americans, and the first Thanksgiving. While the exact details of the first Thanksgiving are difficult to verify, we do know quite a bit about the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims left England for "The New World" in the 1630s because they believed the Roman Catholic Church had too much influence over the Church of England. Originally used as a term for people making trips to the Holy Land, the journey of the Plymouth Pilgrims popularized the term

"pilgrim" to refer to anyone who was traveling on a long religious, spiritual, or cultural journey. While there are numerous books written about their voyage to North America, what is lesser known is how many of the Pilgrims decided to return home. As revealed by Susan Hardmann Moore in **Pilgrims: New World Settlers and the Call of Home** (973.2 HAR), over a third of the early settlers decided to return to England, viewing America not as a destination itself, but as a stage in their journey.

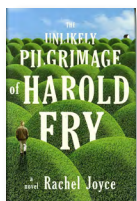
Two of the most well-known fictional pilgrimages are Paul Bunyan's metaphorical **A Pilgrim's Progress** and Geoffrey Chaucer's satirical **Canterbury Tales**. The narrative structures of both of these works has been influential in many modern pilgrimage stories.



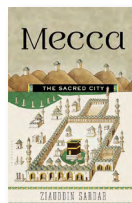
Dan Simmons' **Hyperion** is a sci-fi novel thematically similar to Frank Herbert's *Dune*, but written in the style of the *Canterbury Tales*. It features seven characters of different backgrounds and beliefs, including a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew, on the final pilgrimage to the planet Hyperion just as an apocalyptic war is about to break out among humanity's colonized worlds. On the way to their destination, The Time Tombs, each character recounts their previous visit to the planet and reveals their reason for returning. Like the

*Canterbury Tales*, each "tale" is told in a different style, including a series of missionary journal entries, an action-filled war story, a noir detective mystery, and a star-crossed romance.

Another modern classic is **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce. In this novel, Harold Fry sets out on a six hundred mile walk from Kingsbridge to Berwick-upon-Tweed to visit Queenie Hennessy, a woman he once knew who is now dying in hospice. Like *A Pilgrim's Promise*, Harold encounters many people along his journey, each of whom has something to teach him about his life to help rejuvenate his spirit.



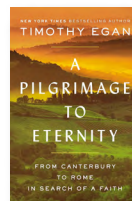
A journey to the Holy Land of the Abrahamic faiths is one of the most well-known pilgrimages. Bruce Feiler's **Walking the Bible** (956 FEI) is a secular travelogue of the sites described in the five books of Moses, while Ziauddin Saradar's **Mecca: The Sacred City** (297.352 SAR) describes the history and experience of visiting Islam's holy city.



Some traditionally religious pilgrimages have become ways for travelers to experience and learn about local architecture, customs, and cultures. **The Road to Santiago** (818.5403 HAR) describes the Way of St. James (or, the Camino de Santiago) which begins on the French border with Spain and culminates at the Shrine of the Apostle James near the Atlantic coast. Author Kathryn Harrison recounts three separate journeys she has taken along the route in the style of journal entries, noting the similarities and differences among her three journeys depending on the company she had along the way.

Pilgrimages to visit the burial places of saints remain popular, especially in local communities. The atonement pilgrimage through the Sonoran desert from Nogales, Arizona to the burial site of Saint Francis Xavier in Magdalena,

Mexico has been popularized in song by Brandon Flowers' **Magdalena. Saint Everywhere** (270.0925 CAR) by Mary Lea Carroll describes eight pilgrimages associated with women saints around the world, including one close to home, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in New York City.



Author and journalist Timothy Egan recounts his personal spiritual pilgrimage to reconcile his Irish Catholicism in **A Pilgrimage to Eternity** (263.0424 EGA). His pilgrimage is both physical and metaphorical as he traces his Christian roots from Canterbury Cathedral, the place where Christianity was first introduced to pagan Britain, to Rome, which he refers to as the "cradle of Christianity."

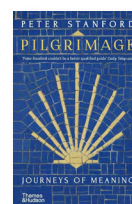
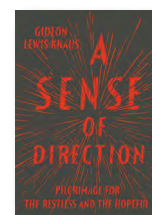
Although pilgrimages are often associated with the Abrahamic faiths, they are not limited to those traditions. In 1999, Geri Larkin was invited on a pilgrimage through the Buddhist monasteries of South Korea and was the first Western woman to be so honored. Her experience is recounted in her memoir **First You Shave Your Head** (294.344 LAR). **Zen Baggage** (951.06 POR) is an account of Chinese translator Bill Porter's journey across China to visit sites associated with the six patriarchs of Zen. Porter similarly notes that many of the locations he visited are places few Westerners have been give the opportunity to visit.



Among nature lovers and naturalists there are few locations so alluring as a journey to Walden Pond, where Thoreau arguably brought lasting awareness of the American transcendental movement. **Walking Towards Walden** (917.444 MIT) by John Hanson Mitchell describes such a journey. There are also countless travelogues by hikers describing their time on the Appalachian Trail, a milestone journey for many hikers. Bill Bryson's **A Walk in the Woods** (917.4044 BRY) may be the most famous due to the author's wit, but if you want to read more about the experience you can also pick up **Becoming Odysa** (796.5109 DAV) by Jennifer Pharr Davis, **Walking Home** (796.5109 WIN) by Kelly Winters, or **On the Beaten Path** (796.5109 RUB) by Robert Alden Rubin. In addition, **Almost Somewhere** (796.5109 ROB) by Suzanne Roberts describes her twenty-eight days on the John Muir Trail.



Gideon Lewis Kraus posits that "in medieval times, religious pilgrimages gave the average Joe his only excuse to get away." In his memoir **A Sense of Direction** (910.4 LEW). Kraus uses this time-honored excuse to get out and partake in three separate journeys: "The thousand-year-old *Camino de Santiago*, a solo circuit of eighty-eight Buddhist temples on the Japanese island of Shikoku, and, together with his father and brother, an annual mass migration to the tomb of a famous Hasidic mystic in the Ukraine." Kraus recounts each in a witty and irreverent, but no less inspiring, voice.



Spurred to write about pilgrimages by the rise in popularity of the *Camino de Santiago*, Peter Stanford explores the reasons why they remain popular in an ever more secular society in **Pilgrimage: Journeys of Meaning** (203.51 STA). In each of twelve chapters, Stanford describes a different pilgrimage from around the globe, providing its historical context, physical journey, and how the changing times have impacted each experience. His goal is to understand why so many people still feel so spiritually transformed just by placing one foot in front of the other.



## November Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
9:30am - 9pm

**Saturday**  
9:30am - 5pm

## Scheduled Closings

**Veterans Day**  
Monday, Nov 11th

**Thanksgiving**  
Close at 6pm on  
Wednesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

Closed Nov 28<sup>th</sup> & Nov 29<sup>th</sup>



**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

**November Specials**  
Holiday Books, DVDs, CDs

# Words



## Volunteer Opportunity for Teens to Earn Commun-KNIT-y Service Hours!

Knit or crochet a hat, scarf, gloves/mittens for someone in need and receive service hours in the process. WPL can even provide the yarn if you need it! All items will be donated to Master's Manna as part of the library's annual Mitten Tree drive. If you have questions or want to participate contact Volunteer Coordinator Janelle at [jrosales@wallingfordlibrary.org](mailto:jrosales@wallingfordlibrary.org) or 203-284-6458. This is part of WPL's Volunteer for a Day program.

## A picture is worth a thousand Words...



We kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a Wallingford Table event featuring a cooking demonstration by Ana Avila. Ana prepared a traditional ceviche dish from Mexico, which audience members then got to sample!



We continued to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a dance course with Jennifer Lopez, who taught participants how to dance to Cumbia, a Latin American musical style that combines African drumming traditions with Spanish musical styles.

## In Others' Words...



“ If you have the option to not think about or even consider history, whether you learned it right or not, or whether it even deserves consideration, that's how you know you're on board the ship that serves *hors d'oeuvres* and fluffs your pillows, while others are out at sea, swimming or drowning, or clinging to little inflatable rafts that they have to take turns keeping inflated, people short of breath, who've never even heard of the words *hors d'oeuvres* or *fluff*. ”



—Tommy Orange, *There, There*