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# Words



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March



## The World of St. Patrick in Art

Tuesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)

Join us as Michael Norris, former curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, guides us through the pictorial history of St. Patrick, one of the most recognizable religious figures in the world. Through art and archaeology, we'll examine the ancient Britain that was ruled by Rome for centuries. Then we'll consider the life and letters of its most famous citizen, a Roman Briton named Patrick, and the fifth-century Ireland he knew as a slave and as a missionary.



## Women & Fashion in the Gilded Age

Tuesday, Mar 19<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm

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

In honor of Women's History Month, fashion historian Ren Antonowicz will explore the clothing trends of the Gilded Age, the period from 1865-1904 when the economy was booming, industrialization was rampant, and major social change was underway. The styles of this era reflect the immense differences between the lives of upper-class & working-class white women, and the far greater disparity for women of color, as they navigated Reconstruction and other massive upheavals. Antonowicz will also discuss examples of trailblazing local women, as well as female characters from HBO's *The Gilded Age*, who pursued the American Dream in their own way. Through this multifaceted presentation, she will show how attire was used to express gender, class, race, ambition, and shifting social expectations for women during this time. A collection of vintage Gilded Age apparel will be on display throughout the program!



## The Magic of Spring Bird Migration

Tuesday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room

[Click to register](#)

What kinds of birds migrate through Connecticut? Where are they going? And how do they fly so far? Come explore the amazing journeys that migratory birds make twice every year through Connecticut just in time for peak spring bird migration (April 1-May 31). This interactive presentation

by Meredith Barges, Co-Chair of Lights Out CT, will teach you the rhythms of the natural world and the best practices for local birding as springtime approaches. You will also learn some easy steps you can take to help protect migratory birds on their journeys through your neighborhood and backyard, including dimming your lights, planting native gardens, and much more.




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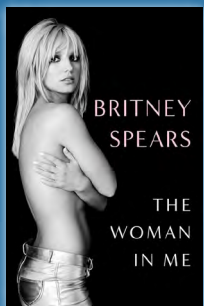
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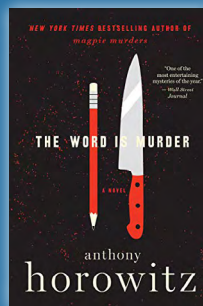
## Word of Mouth - Staff Picks!



*The Woman in Me*  
by Britney Spears  
Katie D.



*Buzzing*  
by Samuel Sattin  
Sarah E.



*The Word is Murder*  
by Anthony Horowitz  
Kayleigh S.

Spread the **Word...**

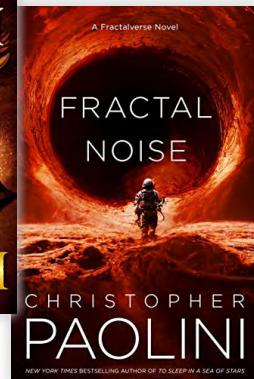
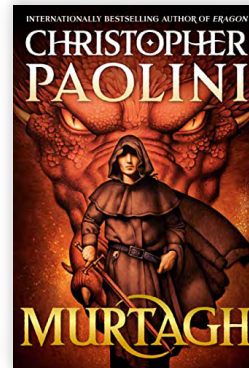
# Virtual Author Events

## 20 Years of Dragon Riding with YA Author Christopher Paolini

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



Christopher Paolini is the creator of the World of Eragon and the *Fractalverse*. His series *The Inheritance Cycle* (*Eragon*, *Eldest*, *Brisingr*, and *Inheritance*) has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide. First published at 19, he is the holder of the Guinness World Record for youngest author of a bestselling series. Paolini is also the author of two adult science fiction novels, *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* and the forthcoming *Fractal Noise*.



Join us as we chat with Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with *Murtagh*, a continuation of the epic fantasy.

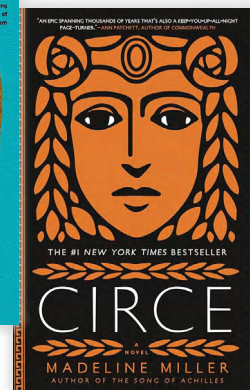
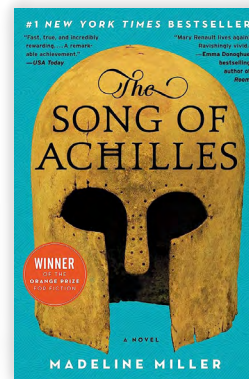
In *Murtagh*, the world is no longer safe for the Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon, Thorn. An evil king has been toppled, and they are left to face the consequences of the reluctant role they played in his reign of terror. Now they are hated and alone, exiled to the outskirts of society. So begins an epic journey into lands both familiar and untraveled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch.

## On Retelling Greek Classics with Madeline Miller

Thursday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup> | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)



Madeline Miller is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of two novels: *The Song of Achilles*, which won the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2012, and *Circe*, which was short-listed for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2019. Her books have been translated into more than 30 languages. Miller holds an MA in Classics from Brown University and studied at Yale School of Drama, where she focused on the adaptation of classical texts to modern forms. She has taught Latin, Greek and Shakespeare to high school students for over a decade.



Join us as we chat with Madeline Miller about her body of work and her process of turning Greek classics into modern epic works of fiction. In *The Song of Achilles*, when word comes

that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, all the heroes of Greece are called upon to lay siege to Troy in her name. Seduced by the promise of a glorious destiny, the great warrior Achilles joins their cause. Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus follows. Little do they know that the cruel Fates will test them both as never before and demand a terrible sacrifice. And in *Circe*, a daughter is born to Helios, god of the sun, and his wife Perse, one of the nymph daughters of Oceanos. Circe turns to mortals for companionship and discovers that she possesses the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. Threatened, Zeus banishes her to a deserted island, where she hones her occult craft, tames wild beasts and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures of mythology, including the Minotaur, Daedalus and his doomed son Icarus, Medea and, most famously, Odysseus.



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## 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 free or discounted 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 Matt, as they teach beginner classes in computer topics and answer your most important questions.



#### **Dear It: The Cloud**

Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults | [Click to register](#)

What is the cloud? What is cloud storage? Come and learn about options for remote storage with Digital Navigator Matt. There will be time for Q&A.



#### **Dear It: iPhone Part 1**

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

Elijah will teach you the basics of the iPhone, including Apple IDs, basic phone settings, and navigation tips. There will be time for Q&A.



#### **InDesign Basics**

Saturday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> OR Monday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Collaboratory  
[Register for Saturday](#) | [Register for Monday](#)

Get started using Adobe InDesign, a publishing and page layout designing software used to create flyers, brochures, posters, booklets, and more!



#### **Cutting the Cord: Options for TV Without Cable**

Monday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup> OR Saturday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Adults | Board Room  
[Register for Monday](#) | [Register for Saturday](#)

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.



#### **One-on-One Computer Tutoring**

Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons  
4-4:45pm OR 4:45-5:30pm | Collaboratory | [Click for calendar](#)

Register for a one-on-one computer tutoring session with volunteers. Learn about keyboard and mouse skills, word processing, Internet searching, online job applications, or social media. You can bring your own device or the library can supply a laptop for your tutoring session.

# Meet Janelle! Our New Volunteer Coordinator

We're thrilled to welcome the newest member of the WPL Staff! Janelle Rosales is joining us as the library's new Volunteer Coordinator. Here's a little bit about Janelle and what they bring to the Wallingford Public Library—



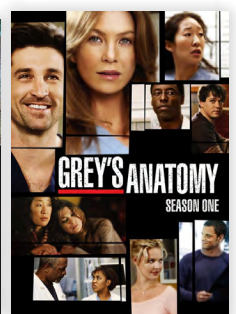
“ Hellooo All! My name is **Janelle Rosales** and I am your new **Volunteer Coordinator!** I am so excited to join the Wallingford Library family. This is truly such a beautiful town filled with the most caring people.

A little about me: I am a huge family person (I have 7 younger siblings!) and as the oldest, I have a big and fierce heart. I am engaged to the most charming and loving partner ever and we have a silly little gray cat named Winston. My favorite genre in books/media is dystopian romance because I find it comforting that love can thrive in even the harshest environments. Alongside this position, I am a Digital Navigator at the Hamden Public Library and a floor manager at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven. As you can probably guess, my life can be a bit busy but I love the chaos!

I am a big believer in being the change that you wish to see. I am dedicated to using my time and skills to help those around me and advocate for my community. I am here to serve you! Please never hesitant to reach out and let me know of any thoughts or comments. I look forward to working with you all. Together we make the world a better place <3



## Favorites



## FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

in the Community Room



**Wonka**  
**Friday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> | 6pm**  
**Drop in | Rated PG**  
 Armed with nothing but a hatful of dreams, young chocolatier Willy Wonka manages to change the world, one delectable bite at a time.



**The Color Purple**  
**Friday, Mar 15<sup>th</sup> | 6pm**  
**Drop in | Rated PG-13**  
 Torn apart from her sister and her children, Celie faces many hardships in life, including an abusive husband. With support from a sultry singer named Shug Avery, as well as her stand-her-ground stepdaughter, Celie ultimately finds extraordinary strength in the unbreakable bonds of a new kind of sisterhood.

## SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Registration opens four weeks prior to the program date at 9am.

### Homeschool Meetup

**Monday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup> | 1-3pm | All ages**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

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

### Gaming Club

**Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> | 10am-12pm | All Ages**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

Come connect with other gamers in our community! We will have plenty of games on hand to choose from, but feel free to bring your own board, tabletop, and card games from home. This is a drop-in event, but register if you'd like an email reminder.



### Pokémon Club

**Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm | All Ages**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

Come hang out and play/talk Pokémon with Mr. Josh! Whether you're a new trainer who wants to learn to play or you're a champion looking for a challenge, there is fun to be had at the Pokémon Club! This is a drop-in event, but register if you'd like an email reminder.

### Wallingford Library Drum Circle

**Tuesday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | Grades 2-5**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

Create a beautiful valentine for someone dear to you. Drop in to the Wonder Room anytime Saturday to make your card. This is a drop-in event, but register if you'd like an email reminder.

### Bluey Party!!!

**Wednesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> | 10:30am- 12:30pm**  
**Ages 1-8 | Community Room**  
[Click to register](#)

We love Bluey at the library. Join us for a morning of activities themed around our favorite Heeler family, such as Rug Island, Keepy Uppy, Flat Pack, and more. *Please Note: Wallingford Public Schools are closed for a PD Day on March 13th.*

### Stuffie Sleepover

Drop off: **Friday, Mar 15<sup>th</sup> | All day**  
 Pick up: **Saturday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup> | 9:30am**  
**Ages 3+ | Children's Program Room**  
[Click to register](#)

Bring your Stuffie in for an overnight adventure at the library! Drop your friend off anytime we are open on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and then come back on Saturday morning to find out what they were up to all night. After you've found your Stuffie, join us in the program room for story time!

### LEGO Challenge Club with Choate Robotics

**Wednesday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> | 4-5:30pm | Grades 5-8**  
**Collins Room | [Click to register](#)**

Join Choate Robotics to learn more about FIRST LEGO League Challenge—an exciting LEGO—based robotics competition. Using LEGO SPIKE Prime robots and scratch-based coding software, students will learn how to create autonomous code routines as well as build robot mechanisms to complete tasks.

### Sign Language Club for Kids

**Wednesday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | Grades 2-5**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

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

### Reading Buddies

**Friday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> | 6:30pm | Grades K-2**  
**Children's Room | [Click to register](#)**

Spend a Friday evening reading with a high school buddy! Choate student 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. This is a drop-in event, but register if you'd like an email reminder.*

### Padawan Training

**Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 10am | Grades K-5**  
**Community Room | [Click to register](#)**

Attention younglings! Now is your time to learn about the ways of the Force and how to wield a lightsaber from real Jedi Masters! At the conclusion of the program, participants will be given the rank of Padawan!

### LEGO Club

**Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 2pm | Grades K-5**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

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

### Trading Card Battle Club

**Tuesday, Mar 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.

### LEGO Explorers with Choate Robotics

**Thursday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | Grades 1-4**  
**Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)**

Choate Robotics is excited to host the LEGO Explorers Club at the library! In this club, students will learn more about FIRST LEGO League Explore, a project-based robotics activity where students learn how to build and program their own LEGO creations. Students will also learn about renewable energy and how it relates to robotics!



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Registration opens four weeks prior to the program date at 9am

### Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

Tuesday, Mar 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, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 10:30am | Ages 0-5

Children's Program Room | [Click to register](#)

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

### Learn Infant Massage!

Thursdays, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>-Apr 25<sup>th</sup> | 10-11:30am

Ages 6 weeks-6 months | Community Room

[Click to register through UConn Health](#)

Infant Massage promotes attachment between infants and their caregivers. We will explore infant development and learn to read infant clues through nurturing touch. Please join us for this free, 5-session course from UConn Health Parenting and Wallingford Public Library. *Terri Ayala B.S., CEIM, IMH-E* ® of UConn Health will teach this course. Please register through UConn Health

## BILINGUAL HOMEWORK HELP

### Bilingual Homework Help

Wednesdays | 4-8pm

Grades K-5 | Children's Room | Drop-in

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

### Ayuda Bilingüe con las Tareas

Miércoles | 4-8pm | Grados K-5

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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.

## 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 mo | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room

Mondays, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>-Apr 29<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.

### Waddling Ones & Twos

Ages 18 mo - 35 mo | 10:30am | Community Room

Tuesdays, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>-Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>

This class is great for active toddlers. Songs, rhymes, movement, parachute play, books, and a whole lot of fun help children learn more about how language works. Includes play time afterwards.

### Happy Feet

Ages 2-3 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room

Wednesdays, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</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

Wednesdays, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>

This early literacy enriched story time will explore books, songs, and rhymes for all ages. Join Miss Kari in wearing PJs for extra fun!

### Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room

Thursdays, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</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.

## ONE BOOK ONE WALLINGFORD

## WEEKLY READ-ALOUDS

Grades K-5 | Children's Program Room

Mondays, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Mar 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm | [Register](#)

Wednesdays, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 27<sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | [Register](#)

Thursdays, Feb 29<sup>th</sup> - Mar 28<sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm | [Register](#)

This year's One Book, One Wallingford makes a great read-a-loud for families. Grab some popcorn and listen in as we read the book together each week. Each week we'll read a few chapters. Attend on the day and time that works best for you each week. This is a drop in event, but register if you'd like an email reminder.

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



### **Rescheduled Jimmy Carter: A Presidential Retrospective**

**Wednesday, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)**

Jimmy Carter has led a remarkable post-presidential career as a human rights advocate and diplomat. However, his 1977-1981 presidency remains controversial. Marc Lendler, a Wallingford resident & professor of political science at Smith College, will re-evaluate Carter's legacy, looking back at key issues of his administration such as inflation, health care, foreign affairs, and much more.



### **Sponsoring Refugees with IRIS New Haven**

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

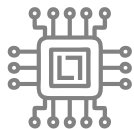
More than 110 million individuals have been forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. From the war in Ukraine to ongoing conflict in Syria, to climate shocks and economic turmoil in East Africa and Latin America—the need is greater than ever. If you'd like to learn about the three different ways YOU and your community can help refugee families restart their lives in towns across the state of Connecticut, join us for an information session. **Ann O'Brien**, Director of Sponsorship at Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) New Haven, will be speaking about the various ways to get involved in refugee sponsorship. Her talk will be followed by a Q&A.



### **"Transforming Corrections:" A Film Screening & Discussion**

**Wednesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Community Room | [Click to register](#)**

Join us for a one-year anniversary screening of "Transforming Corrections," a powerful 2023 documentary that follows Connecticut's political leaders as they explore Norway's progressive prison system. You'll hear from incarcerated individuals, policymakers, and Norwegians about what is and is not working. Discover how Norway's focus on rehabilitation and redemption has transformed its corrections system and reduced recidivism. This is a unique chance to rethink incarceration, examine policy gaps, and ignite meaningful debate on building a more just and humane system right here in our communities. Come curious, with an open mind, and a willingness to be part of solutions. The screening will be followed by a Q&A hosted by **Brittany Lamarr** and **Andrew Clark** from the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy.



### **Artificial Intelligence: Decoding the Ghost in Our Machine**

**Wednesday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Zoom | [Click to register](#)**

What exactly is Artificial Intelligence? How did it evolve? What is exciting about it and what are its positive outcomes? On the other hand, what ethical challenges does it present and how can we resolve them? What is the future of A.I. and how will it continue to shape our lives in the coming decades? Through models like ChatGPT, DeepFace, hiring algorithms, and much more, **Dr. Joe Johnson** of the UConn School of Computing will address these questions in an in-depth look at the role of Artificial Intelligence in our public and private worlds.



### **Job Interview Basics**

**Wednesday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)**

Are you looking for a job and confused on 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, and to learn how to plan answers for more challenging questions and 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 class to attend before a [one-on-one session](#) with Sarah for those who want to create a new resume.



### **Ask Attorney Allinson**

**Wednesday, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room | [Click to register](#)**

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





## Quiet Reading Party

**Monday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30 pm | Community Room | Registration required | [Click to register](#)**

Do you love to read and wish that you had more reading time in your busy schedule? Do you like the idea of sitting and reading in a quiet and companionable space with others who love to read? Then come join us for the library's first-ever Quiet Reading Party. Bring a book that you are currently reading (in hardcover, paperback, ebook or audio) and settle in for two 30-minute sessions of quiet reading. After each session, you'll turn to a person sitting near you, pick an idea from what you've just read and share your thoughts. Comfy reading chairs, hot and cold beverages, and dessert treats will be provided.



## Book Buzz Spring 2024

**Tuesday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> | The Library Wine Bar & Bistro | 60 North Main Street & Zoom**

**4-5:30pm (in-person ONLY) or 6:30-8pm (in-person & virtual)**

[Click to register for 4pm](#) | [Click to register for 6:30pm](#)

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

## Gatherings

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Literacy Volunteers

**Tuesdays | 11:30am-1pm | Board Room**

JoDenise Codianne-Calabrese from Literacy Volunteers will be available Tuesdays for literacy assistance. If you are an adult who needs help reading, writing, speaking or understanding English—or know someone who does—drop by the Board Room 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

**Monday, Mar 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, Mar 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

**Saturday, Mar 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).

### Beginners Ukulele Club

**Monday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup> | 10-11am | Collins Room**

Join our new Beginners' Ukulele Club which will meet the second Monday of the month at the Wallingford Public Library! Adult patrons who have not played before or who are just starting out are welcome to attend. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will lead and facilitate the club. *Please bring your own instruments.*

### Intermediate Ukulele Club

**Wednesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Collins Room**

Join our new Intermediate Ukulele Club which will meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Wallingford Public Library! Adult patrons with previous experience playing a ukulele are welcome to attend. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will lead and facilitate the club. *Please bring your own instruments.*

### Game Night!

**Tuesday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> | 4-8pm | Collins Room**

[Registration preferred](#)

Come play board games, video games, and trading card games at the library! We will have Super Smash Brothers, Magic the Gathering, and our collection of board games out for public use. Games from home are welcome as well. Bring some friends to game with or meet up with people at the library! The group meets the last Tuesday of the month.

# 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.

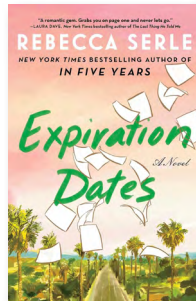
**In her novel *Death of the Heart***, Elizabeth Bowen writes: “Autumn arrives in the early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day.” As we segue into March, the shifting light is becoming more noticeable, and as daylight saving time approaches, you can almost feel spring in the air. March is also the month that ushers in the spring publication season, promising a fresh batch of new fiction for warmer weather reading. Here are some of the new novels scheduled for release over the next several weeks:



***American Spirits* by Russell Banks** — Three interlocking stories about people in a rural New York town, including two criminals and a man who is hounded on social media after selling his property to a stranger.

***Anita de Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez** — A first-generation Ivy League student discovers the work of a female artist several decades after the artist’s suspicious death.

***Annie Bot* by Sierra Greer** — A robot named Annie, the idealized girlfriend of her human owner, begins to learn and understand human emotions like curiosity and longing, with unsettling consequences.



***Expiration Dates* by Rebecca Serle** — Every time she meets a new man, a woman receives a piece of paper with his name and a number on it, indicating the period of time they will spend together. The information on the paper is never wrong. And then she gets a piece of paper with a name and no number.

***The Extinction of Irena Rey* by Jennifer Croft** — Eight translators search for a world-renowned author

who goes missing in a Polish forest.

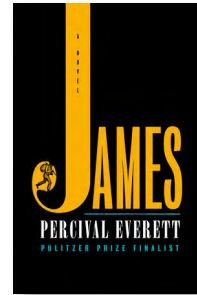
***Great Expectations* by Vinson Cunningham** — A young Black man ponders questions of history, art, race, religion and parenthood after he starts working for an Illinois senator who is trying to become the first Black president.



***Help Wanted* by Adelle Waldman** — A group of misfit employees who work the overnight shift in a small upstate New York town compete for a better job when their store manager announces that he is leaving.

***How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin** — A dead woman’s will states that she expected to be murdered and that the first person to solve the crime will inherit her assets and property.

***The Hunter* by Tana French** — In this sequel to the bestselling *The Searcher*, a divorced American detective tries to blend into his adopted town in rural Ireland.



***James* by Percival Everett** — A retelling of Mark Twain’s classic novel *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of Huck’s enslaved companion Jim.

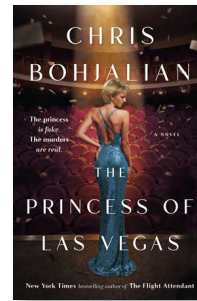
***Memory Piece* by Lisa Ko** — Three lifelong friends seek meaningful lives in a world that is radically different from the one they expected.



***The Morningside* by Tea Obreht** — A new resident of The Morningside, a crumbling luxury tower, becomes obsessed with the mysterious older woman who lives in the penthouse.

***The New Couple in 5B* by Lisa Unger** — After a couple inherit a luxury apartment, they start to suspect that there’s more to the place than meets the eye.

***Parasol against the Axe* by Helen Oyeyemi** — A woman unexpectedly accepts an invitation to a bachelorette weekend hosted by her estranged friend in Prague.



***The Princess of Las Vegas* by Chris Bohjalian** — A Princess Diana impersonator working in a casino is drawn into the world of crime after the owner of the casino is brutally murdered.

***Sylvia’s Second Act* by Hillary Yablon** — After divorcing her cheating husband, a 63-year-old woman and her best friend start new lives in Manhattan.

***The Trail of Lost Hearts* by Tracey Garvis Graves** — After her fiancé dies in a car crash, a woman discovers that he was already married, and to cope with her shock and grief she signs up for a week-long geocaching expedition.

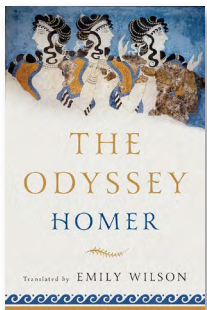
***Until August* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez** — In this rediscovered novel from the Nobel Prize-winning author, a happily-married woman travels to the island where her mother is buried every August and takes a new lover for one night.

***Wild Houses* by Colin Barrett** — In rural Ireland, two outsiders are caught in the crosshairs of a small-town revenge kidnapping gone awry.

Also of note this month are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Frankie Elkin thriller by Lisa Gardner (***Still See You Everywhere***), the 4<sup>th</sup> Finlay Donovan mystery by Elle Cosimano (***Finlay Donovan Rolls the Dice***), the 10<sup>th</sup> installment in the Tales of the City series by Armistead Maupin (***Mona of the Manor***) and new novels by James Patterson (***The #1 Lawyer***), Lisa Scottoline (***The Truth about the Devlins***) and Danielle Steel (***Never Too Late***).



# Book Discussions



## Hibernation Book Club: Long Reads for Short Days

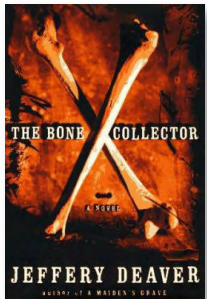
Homer's *The Odyssey* translated by Emily Wilson

Tuesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7 pm | Collins Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

The epic poem *The Odyssey* is told in 24 books and shares the story of Odysseus, king of Ithaca, who spends a long ten years trying to get home after the end of the Trojan War. Odysseus' journey takes him via Africa and southern Europe as he battles mystical creatures and faces the wrath of the gods. Meanwhile, his wife Penelope and his son Telemachus stave off the suitors who are vying for Penelope's hand and Ithaca's throne and continue to hope for Odysseus' return. Emily Wilson's 2017 translation of the oldest great adventure story in the Western canon is the first by a woman. In this six-part program, we will read *The Odyssey* in installments of four books each and meet every other week to talk about the poem and the story.

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



## Mystery Book Club

*The Bone Collector* by Jeffery Deaver

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

Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

Lincoln Rhyme was the country's foremost criminalist before an accident left him a quadriplegic. But when he sees a crime-scene report about a corpse found buried on a deserted West Side railroad track, he comes out of retirement to track down a killer whose ingenious clues hold the secret to saving his victims.

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

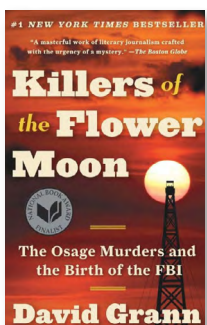
*We All Want Impossible Things* by Catherine Newman

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

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

Edi and Ash have been best friends for most of their lives. When Edi's ovarian cancer progresses to the point that treatment is no longer an option, she decides to go into hospice near Ash's home in Massachusetts, leaving her husband and young son in Brooklyn. But while Ash spends as much time as possible helping to take care of Edi, she also has her own chaotic life to worry about. Newman's 2022 novel captures the beauty and burden of caring for someone in their final weeks of life and the gift of a once-in-a-lifetime friendship.

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## Truth Be Told Nonfiction Book Club

*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

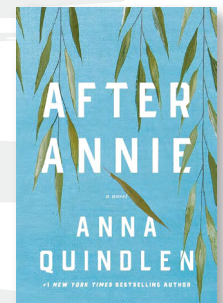
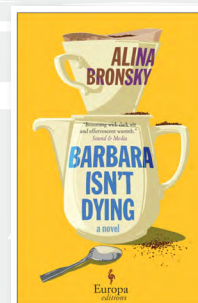
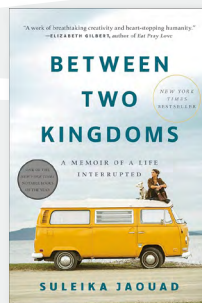
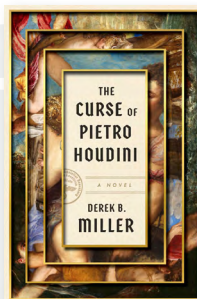
Thursday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30 pm | Collins Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Educator Susan Gomes

Grann follows Special Agent Tom White and his assistants as they track the killers of one extended Osage family in 1920s oil-rich Oklahoma through a closed local culture of greed, bigotry and lies in pursuit of protection for the survivors and justice for the dead. "This is a book that may significantly alter your view of American history." (*Slate*). Grann's bestseller was adapted into an Academy Award-nominated film in 2023.

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# Cindy's Picks



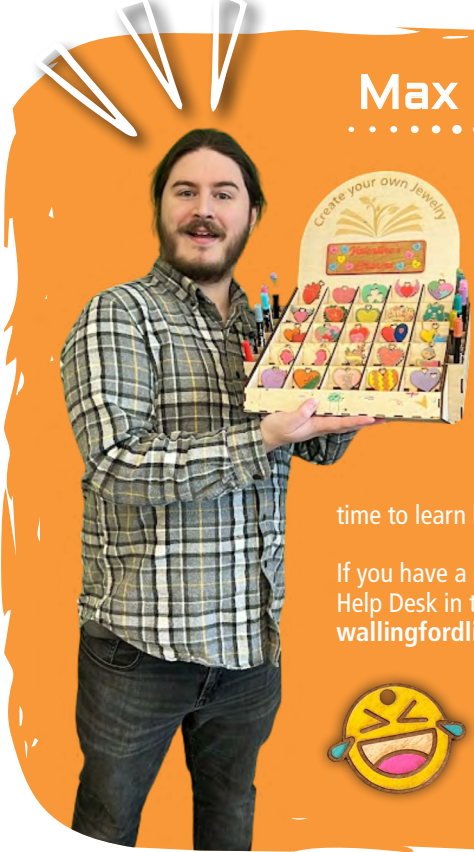
## Drop-In Programs



### Open Sew

Tuesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> | 6-8:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in

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



### Max FAQs from Max Spurr

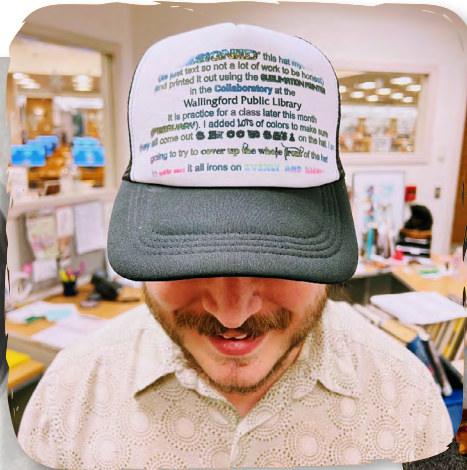
**Q:** I love those wooden charms that we decorate in the Collaboratory. Can I design my own??

**A:** Yes you can! We make all of our charms in house on our laser cutter, and we can show you how to design your own using the software on our computers. You aren't limited to their current size either. They can be resized to fit necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc., so there are lots of possibilities! There is no appointment needed, but you will want to budget about an hour or so of your time to learn how to use the software. We hope to see you soon!

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).



## What We Made in the Collaboratory



# Lottery Programs

Visit the March program lottery to register for the events below:  
[walpublib.org/MarLottery2024](http://walpublib.org/MarLottery2024)

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.



## Custom Gear Top Box

Saturday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> | 11am-12:30pm

Assemble a laser cut box which features a gear mechanism, enabling both sides of the box top to rotate open at the same time. You will have time to engrave a design of your choice on the side of the box.



## Heart-Shaped Hydrangea Plaque

Tuesday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a cluster of hydrangeas on a wooden heart-shaped plaque. *Note: this is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



## DIY Spring Lanterns

Tuesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:30pm

Decorate a lantern for spring using faux florals, ribbon, and an LED candle. This program will include different methods to tie the perfect bow!



## Laser Cut Spring Scene

Tuesday, Mar 19<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR Thursday,  
Mar 21<sup>st</sup> | 3-4:30pm

Paint and assemble a 3D scene of a lovely spring day!



## Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, Mar 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 March, we will watch and discuss Anne Curzan's "What Makes a Word 'Real'?"

One could argue that slang words like 'hangry,' 'defriend' and 'adorkable' fill crucial meaning gaps in the English language, even if they don't appear in the dictionary. After all, who actually decides which words make it into those pages? Language historian Anne Curzan gives a charming look at the humans behind dictionaries, and the choices they make.



## Restocked for Spring 2024

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



## Registration Required

### Make Your Own Dice Set!

Thursday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> | 6-7:30pm OR  
Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 2-3:30pm  
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12  
[Register for a reminder](#)

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. *Please note: due to the time resin needs to cure, you will need to pick up your dice the following week. Please register for only one session and due to high demand, please do not register if you have attended previously.*

### Virtual Author Visit: Christopher Paolini

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

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with *Murtagh*, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy. *Murtagh* is the perfect book to enter the World of Eragon for the first time... or to joyfully return. Register now to join the fun! This event includes a live, interactive Q&A session with the author!

### Teen Cuisine: Irish Soda Bread

Wednesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> | 2:30-4pm |  
Community Room | Grades 6-12  
[Click to register](#)

It's almost St. Patrick's Day so let's learn how to make a simple (but delicious!) Irish Soda Bread. All ingredients are provided, but feel free to bring your own mix-ins. *Please Note: Wallingford Public Schools are closed for a PD Day on March 13<sup>th</sup>.*



### Wildflower Seed Bombs

Thursday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup> | 3-4pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | [Click to register](#)

Welcome spring by learning how to make wildflower seed bombs. We'll use a few simple materials to create the seed bombs, and once they dry you can "plant" them by tossing them outside, no digging required! They will germinate and begin to grow naturally, creating beautiful flowers that will also benefit pollinators.

### Padawan Training for Teens

Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 11am-12noon  
Community Room | Grades 6-12  
[Click to register](#)

Begin your Padawan training by learning the ways of the Force and how to wield a lightsaber from real Jedi Masters! Padawan training can be intense so please wear loose clothing and bring a water bottle!

### Create Your Own Stickers

Wednesday, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> | 3:15-4:30pm  
Collaboratory | Grades 6-12  
[Click to register](#)

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



## 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.

*\*April's meeting will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### Game Night!

Last Tuesday of the month | 4-8pm  
Collins Room | Teens & Adults  
[Register for a reminder](#)

Come play board games, video games, and trading card games at the library! We will have Super Smash Brothers, Magic the Gathering, and our collection of board games out for public use. Games from home are welcome as well. Bring some friends to game with or meet up with people at the library!

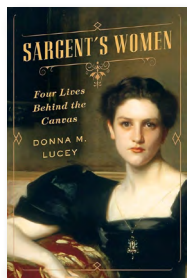
### Fandom Club

First Thursday every other month  
6-7:30pm | Community Room  
Grades 6-12 | [Register for a reminder](#)

Come hang out, share your passion, and meet others who might have the same fandom. We'll also do some simple fandom crafts and maybe play a few rounds of Smash!

# All That Glitters is Not Gold by Chris Ciemniewski

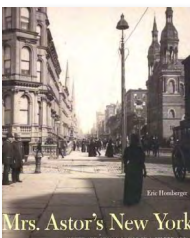
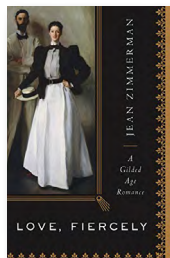
Thanks in part to the HBO series *The Gilded Age*, there is a renewed interest in this brief but storied period of American history. Following the Reconstruction Era, the final decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century were a time marked by great wealth disparity between the privileged and working classes. When we reflect on the Gilded Age, we find stories of opulence and grandeur, but also struggles of inequality and social injustice. In researching this topic I found a variety of library books that take a look at this time period from surprising perspectives.



One way to appreciate the decadence of the Gilded Age is through the paintings of John Singer Sargent. Sargent's works include many famous paintings of women in the fashionable clothing of the period. In her book ***Sargent's Women*** (920.72 LUC) Donna M. Lucey takes a look at the lives of four of Sargent's models. Lucey's book brings these painted women to life, revealing their dramas, affairs, and aspirations. Most of the women Sargent painted were movers

and shakers of their time, courageously challenging the restrictions of the established institutions.

Another of John Singer Sargent's subjects was Edith Minturn, who he painted alongside her husband Isaac Newton Phelps. Contemporaries of the Astors and the Vanderbilts, the Minturn and Phelps' life and romance is chronicled in ***Love, Fiercely*** (974.7041 ZIM) by Jean Zimmerman. In the book Zimmerman reveals that while the couple was among the Gilded Age elite, they battled on behalf of the poor and powerless, seeking reform of the institutions that made them so well off. With a focus on their marriage, the book follows the couple through the Chicago Exposition, the cottages of the Berkshires, and 1890s Paris.



Among the most prominent socialites of the Gilded Age was "The Mrs." Caroline Astor, leader of New York's elite aristocratic society known as "The Four Hundred." Eric Homberger's ***Mrs. Astor's New York*** (974.7 HOM) portrays the life of this legendary figure and the exclusive circles over which she held influence. The book is a medium sized coffee table book chronicling Mrs. Astor's life with biographical stories, photographs

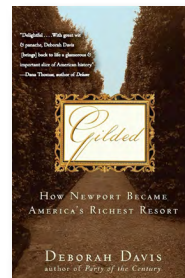
and illustrations. As much as the book is about Mrs. Astor, it is also a window onto the city itself during the Gilded Age.

A less well-known but no less influential woman from the Gilded Age was Miriam Leslie. After the death of her husband Frank Leslie, she inherited his indebted publishing company, Frank Leslie Publishing. Miriam took her husband's name and began running the publishing business herself. She turned a profit, became a multi-millionaire, and oversaw the largest publishing company in the United States at the time. As told in the book ***Diamonds and Deadlines*** (070.5092 PRI) by Betsy Prioleau, Leslie was known for eschewing traditional feminine culture by creating multiple personas, taking on lovers, and marrying four times.



As her final act, she left her entire estate to the Women's Suffrage movement upon her death, leading in part to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment.

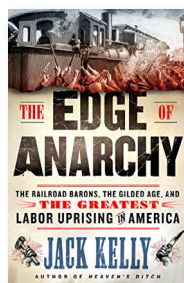
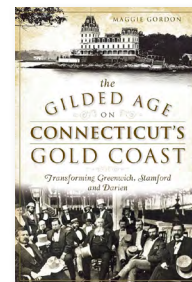
With so much happening in the city, the social elites of the Gilded Age needed a place to escape. ***Gilded*** (974.57 DAV) by Deborah Davis examines "How Newport Became America's Richest Resort." Rather than focusing on any notable individuals, Davis provides a biography of the city of Newport, RI itself. She begins during the colonial period and traces the decades of aristocrats that built the city into what it is through the Gilded Age and into the present day. The city of Newport is a time capsule for the age of elitist luxury.



Although Newport is famous for its mansions, the Biltmore Estate, a European-style chateau located in the mountains of North Carolina, remains the largest private home in America. Still owned by the descendants of George Vanderbilt, the story of the house is told in Denise Kiernan's book, ***The Last Castle*** (975.688 KIE). After the passing of her husband George and the establishment of a Federal Income Tax, George's widow Edith sold portions of the 125,000 acre

estate to the government, but kept the mansion itself intact. The mansion survived the Depression and the World Wars, welcoming many notable figures such as Thomas Wolfe, Edith Wharton, Teddy Roosevelt, John Singer Sargent, and Henry James. As described by Kiernan, "it is a story of excess, tragedy, and endurance."

Between New York and Newport, Connecticut was also a setting on the gilded stage. ***The Gilded Age on Connecticut's Gold Coast*** (974.69 GOR) by Maggie Gordon is an historical look back on the role Greenwich, Stamford, and Darien played as retreats for New York's wealthy. Beginning with the arrival of the railroads, the book showcases the many large, but long-gone manors that dotted the countryside and dominated the harbors.



The Gilded Age came about in part through America's (then) robust railroad system and its ability to transport people, materials, and goods from coast to coast efficiently. But amid all the grandeur of the Gilded Age was the struggle of the working class. Jack Kelly's ***The Edge of Anarchy*** (331.8928 KEL) recounts "the greatest labor uprising in America" when Eugene Debs, founder of the nation's first industrial union, organized two large strikes against railroad car manufacturer, The Pullman Company. These strikes were so

devastating to the functioning of the railroads and the aristocracy's way of life that President Grover Cleveland sent the U.S. Army to deal with the uprising. Ultimately, these strikes were the beginning of the end for the Gilded Age. Further labor movements and social unrest from the working classes led to social reform including antitrust laws and the establishment of Federal Income Tax.

## March Hours

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

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

**Sunday**  
12noon - 4pm  
(through the end of April)

## Scheduled Closings

**Easter**  
Sunday, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>



**Monday**  
10am - 12noon

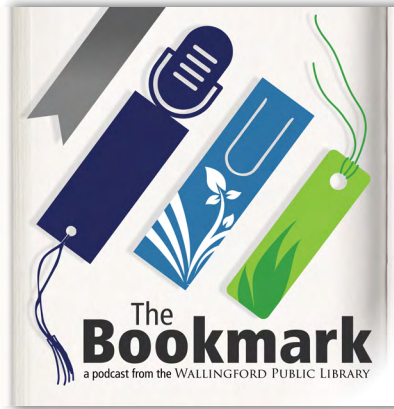
**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
10am - 12noon  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

**Thursday**  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

**Friday**  
10am - 2pm

**Sat**  
10am - 12:30pm

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—Jojo Moyes, *Me Before You*



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