Word’s out that Cryptids have been sighted at the Wallingford Public Library

by Roz W. LeNess (“Big Ness”)

WALLINGFORD, CT — Summer is the busiest season for the Library, and this year the staff has something extra to contend with. As summer planning got underway, the librarians began to notice strange sightings and occurrences throughout the library. Staff have reported sightings of aliens, cryptids, bats, and even a headless horseman roaming the stacks, while pirate ghosts have been spotted plundering the children’s room. Nobody has been unable to find the root cause of these experiences. When they tried to intervene, a vengeful spirit pulled all of the seed out of the seed library, covered everything in slime, and then transformed into a shrieking banshee. Who you gonna call, Digital Navigators?

As the busy season approaches, the librarians have decided to accept these encounters as part of their new normal and will put off finding a solution until the fall. They have gone so far as to theme their annual summer program “Eerie Encounters,” highlighting some of the encounters they have had.

Programs begin below the fold. Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Paranormal Tales with Joe Franke of the Warren Legacy Foundation

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH | 6:30-8PM COMMUNITY ROOM | CLICK TO REGISTER — Joe Franke, a paranormal researcher & Wallingford resident, is an esteemed figure in the paranormal community, with over 38 years of experience in researching and investigating the unknown. He embarked on his journey in 1986 as an apprentice to the renowned psychic researchers Ed and Lorraine Warren. Since then, he has helped numerous families face their fears and overcome their paranormal afflictions. Through this presentation, Joe will share real-life cases of hauntings, poltergeist activity, and demonic infestations, both past and present, and educate the audience about the serious dangers associated with the paranormal realm.

Connecticut’s Headless Horseman: The True Story of Sleepy Hollow

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH | 7-8PM COMMUNITY ROOM | CLICK TO REGISTER — Did you know that Connecticut has its own ‘Headless Horseman’ legend—a tale that pre-dates “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” by 40 years? Emeritus Professor of English Kara LaBella will discuss Washington Irving’s famous work in relation to our own Farmington Valley story, revealing the similarities and differences between the two. Did our state’s little-known tale actually influence one of the most beloved American ghost stories of all time? Come and decide for yourself!

From 6-7pm on the same evening, The Wallingford Krampus will be making a special guest appearance at the library! Attendees are welcome to arrive early to take photos and pose with him.
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**Cryptid CrossWords Clues**

**Down**
1. This cryptid has a taste for human blood. It can be warded off using garlic and killed by a wooden stake to the heart.

2. This deadly serpent has a gaze that can turn its prey into stone. It is deathly afraid of weasels.

6. This massive serpent is sometimes said to have multiple heads. It is unimaginably large and is rumored to have impenetrable scales.

11. People often report being abducted into these strange flying machines. What their pilots could want from us is currently unknown.

**Across**
3. This massive octopus-like creature is infamous for dragging sailors to their doom. The librarians of the children's department fell victim to such a beast recently.

4. This famously elusive creature from Scotland is hardly ever seen despite being the focus of many tourists and monster hunters.

5. First sighted by explorers in 1609, this beast was supposedly heard by scientists as recently as 2003 when they recorded sounds from a Vermont lake.

7. This monster is said to pass as a regular human most of the time, but when the full moon arises it transforms into a wolf and goes on a bloody rampage.

8. This creature was first discovered by the Algonquin people. It is said to corrupt humans into fits of violence.

9. This elusive beast from the forests of North America was the star of a 1967 film that some still claim to be a hoax even today.

10. This cryptid from Central America is said to drink the blood of goats, sheep, and other livestock.

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**Preschool Programs**
Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Registration opens at 9am, 3 weeks before the program date.

**Maker Mornings**
**WEDNESDAYS JULY 3RD – AUG 7TH 10:30-11:30AM | AGES 3-5 | CHILDREN’S ROOM**
- Put on your artist’s hat and join us to make a different craft each week.

**Virtual Author Talk: A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson & Kate DiCamillo**
**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH | 2PM | GRADES PREK-2 | CLICK TO REGISTER**
- In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, we are excited to host a live, interactive, virtual talk with award-winning author, Kate DiCamillo. Join us for a visit to Deckawoo Drive with everyone’s favorite adventure-loving pig, Mercy Watson! Newbery Medal winning author, Kate DiCamillo will be sharing the stories behind the creation of her early chapter book series, the original Mercy Watson, and the follow up series, Tales from Deckawoo Drive. We will also be celebrating the publication of the final book in the Mercy Watson series!

**Spooky Campfire Stories**
**MONDAY, JULY 1ST | 7PM | AGES 8-12 COMMUNITY ROOM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER — This story time is not for the faint of heart! Gather around our library campfire, have a s’more, and see if you can handle these spooky stories! Participants are welcome to bring a comfy blanket to sit on for this program.

**Astronomy Club**
**THURSDAY, JULY 18TH | 6:30PM | AGES 5-11 CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER — The night sky is vast and amazing. Each club meeting focuses on a constellation and a scientist.

**Soap Bar Boats**
**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH | 10:30AM | AGES 6-9 CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER — Come race boats made from soap bars! We will be performing a science experiment where we race our boats through various challenges. We will make a hypothesis and try and find the fastest boats we can make!

**Turtle Time**
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH | 10AM | AGES 4-6 | 1-3:45PM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER
- AGES 7-11 | 4-4:45PM
- CLICK TO REGISTER
- Shannon Pierlioni from The Turtle Room will demonstrate the differences between turtles and tortoises, and share all about how to help with their conservation. You will have the opportunity to meet turtles and tortoises from around the world.

**Make Your Own Rain Stick**
**FRIYDAY, JULY 15TH | 3PM | AGES 7-11 COMMUNITY ROOM | CLICK TO REGISTER**
- Get ready to make your own rain stick! We will decorate the rain sticks and learn a song to use them with.

**Pajama Family Story Time**
**WEDNESDAYS, JULY 3RD – AUG 7TH AGES 0-18 MONTHS | 10AM OR 11AM WONDER ROOM**

**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.

**Spooktacular Campfire Story**
**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH | 2PM | AGES 3-11 CHILIDERNS PROGRAM ROOM**

**Make A Hypothesis And Experiment**
**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH | 2PM | AGES 3-11 CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER
- FRIDAY, JULY 26TH: WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP
- CLICK TO REGISTER
- Enjoy air conditioning and a fun family movie. Feel free to bring pillows to relax on. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like a reminder email.

**Make Your Own Rain Stick**
**TUESDAY, JULY 30TH | 3PM | AGES 5-7 COMMUNITY ROOM | CLICK TO REGISTER**
- Come join music educator, Ralene Goff, to make your own rain stick rhythm instrument. We will decorate the rain sticks and then learn a song to use them with.

**Trading Card Battle Club**
**TUESDAY, JULY 30TH | 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. Pramedeck cans be provided by the library, but bringing your own is encouraged.

**Doodle + Comics for Kids**
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST | 4PM AGES 8-11 | COMMUNITY ROOM**
- CLICK TO REGISTER — Time to let your imagination come to life! We’ll start with a conversation about the unique mechanics of how comics can tell stories. Then we’ll cover how to come up with a storyline and develop a character. Doodle exercises will help us to generate ideas and by the end of the program you will be quickly filling panels with narration and imagery.

**Program Details:**
A long time ago the pirate librarians were on a great quest when their ship was destroyed by a Kraken. Their ship wrecked and they have been haunting the waters ever since. Legend says, that if the children of Wallington read over 375,000 minutes this summer, the ghost librarians will be set free! Visit the library’s READsquared page for info on how to register and log your hours: waunablib.org/SummerLog
**Adult Events**

**Ghostbusters Marathon!**

**MONDAY, JULY 8TH | 10:30AM-8:30PM | COMMUNITY ROOM | ALL AGES NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED** — To celebrate our “Eerie Encounters” summer reading theme, we’re showing the cult classic Ghostbusters [PG], starring Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver, on repeat throughout the day! This 1984 supernatural comedy follows a team of scientists who, after losing their cushy positions at a university in New York City, become “ghostbusters” to wage a high-tech battle with the supernatural for money. Drop by the library on July 8th to catch the flick!

**Interviewing Basics**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH | 7-8:30PM | 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 learn how to plan answers for more challenging questions and how to prepare for different types of interview settings. We’ll also learn how to access some free library resources that can help you land the job! A Wallingford library card (or card from another subscribing library) is recommended. This is a great session to attend before a one-on-one session with Sarah for those who want to create a new resume. Non-WPL participants are welcome. Please check with your home library to see if they subscribe to JobNow! before registering.

**WPL Presents: Tap & Trivia!**

**TUESDAY, JULY 30TH | 7:30-9PM | TAP & VINE, 171 QUINNIPIAC STREET REGISTRATION PREFERRED** — Join us the last Tuesday of each month for our new trivia night at Tap & Vine! Quizmaster Rich Steeves will test your wits with five rounds of questions on a variety of topics, from General Knowledge to Science & Nature and a whole lot more. Your team of 2-6 players will compete with other groups 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.

**Program Details:**

This summer, WPL invites adults to embark on **Eerie Encounters**, a series of challenges designed to enliven the mind and feed the soul! Stop by the library to pick up your **Summer Scrapbook**, where you will keep track of your progress one task at a time. Log your reading and activities from **July 1st-August 17th**.

There are five series of challenges: Events, Photos, Sustainability, Reading, and Enrichment. Each series includes four challenges worth ten points each. Every time you earn ten points, you will get a ticket for our summer prize drawing. Every time you earn 50 points, you will receive one of our limited-edition Eerie Encounters bookmarks or other spooky collectibles! Complete as many challenges as you want. You can earn a total of 25 tickets. The four lucky winners of the summer prize drawing will each receive a $50 gift card to the local business of their choice!

**Gatherings No Registration Required**

**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 | 1:30AM-4PM | BOARD ROOM** — Denise Codianne-Calabrese from Literacy Volunteers will be available Tuesdays for literacy assistance. If you are an adult who needs help reading, writing, speaking or understanding English—or know someone who does—drop by the library during Denise’s visiting hours for literacy support.

**Spanish Conversation Group**

**WEDNESDAYS [IN JULY] | 4:30-5:30PM | BOARD ROOM** — Improve your Spanish in a friendly and non-judgmental space! Some knowledge of Spanish recommended.

**Morning Ukulele Club**

**MONDAY, JULY 17TH | 10-11:30AM | COLLINS ROOM** — Join our new morning Ukulele Club on the first Monday of each month at the Wallingford Public Library! The first hour of each session will be dedicated to more experienced players, while the last half-hour will be focused on beginners. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will teach and facilitate the club. Please bring your own instruments!

**WPL Play Readers**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD | 6:30-8:30PM | COLLINS ROOM** — The Wallingford Public Library Play Readers bring and share poetry, prose, famous speeches and documents, monologues, as well as original material! Come check us out. All are welcome to read and/or listen.

**Evening Ukulele Club**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH | 6:30-8:30PM | COLLINS ROOM** — Join our new evening Ukulele Club on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wallingford Public Library! The first hour of each session will be dedicated to more experienced players, while the last half-hour will be focused on beginners. Local Ukulelist Steven Lazarus will teach and facilitate the club. Please bring your own instruments!

**Saturday Mornings with Poetry**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13TH & 27TH | 9:45AM - 12NOON | COLLINS ROOM** — A gathering 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. No registration required. To participate and for details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Karen Ciosek at kc73048@gmail.com.

**Spanish Conversation Group**

**WEDNESDAYS [IN JULY] | 4:30-5:30PM | BOARD ROOM** — Improve your Spanish in a friendly and non-judgmental space! Some knowledge of Spanish recommended.
Create Your Own Clay Bigfoot  
**TUESDAY, JULY 2ND | 5:30-8PM**  
**COLLINS ROOM**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Create your own custom-designed Bigfoot out of polymer clay. Deb Jaffe will lead you to create the basic design, but all of the details will be up to you!  

Needle Felted Nessie  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD | 2-4PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Let’s feel a cute Nessie! Or whichever cryptid you prefer! Needle felting is a craft that uses a barbed needle to mat wool fibers together.  

Animal Encounters with Furry Scaly Friends  
**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH | 3-4PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Come and interact with a variety of furry and scaly animals! The animals will be out in play pens ready to be loved. Pens will contain facts about the animals. Animals may include: hedgehogs, bunnies, prairie dogs, chinchillas, snakes, a tortoise, gecko, maybe even an axolotl! Register to find out and experience these animals!  

Screenprinted T-Shirts  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH | 2-4PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Learn to screenprint your own shirt using simple materials. You’ll get to create your own custom design which we’ll turn into a stencil before inking your shirt! Some t-shirts will be available for use, but bringing your own shirt is encouraged!  

Teen Paint Afternoon: Mystical Forest  
**MONDAY, JULY 15TH | 1-4:30PM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Pam Halligan of Pam’s Picassos will lead participants step-by-step to paint a mystical, colorful forest with a bright white tree as the focus.  

Sew Your Own Bat Plush  
**THURSDAY, JULY 18TH | 5:30-7:30PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Sew your own adorable, soft bat plush! We’ll use “cut and sew” fabric that has the templates and cut lines marked for easier assembly and will go through the process step-by-step. Some experience with a sewing machine is preferred, but not required.  

Scrimshaw Workshop with Mystic Seaport  
**FRIDAY, JULY 19TH | 2-3PM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Learn about the sailor’s art of scrimshaw in this hands-on program. Scrimshaw is an art form developed by 19th-century whalers as a pastime. These whalers would create decorative and elaborate carvings on materials they had readily available—whale bones and teeth. A Mystic Seaport Museum educator will showcase examples of scrimshaw and then you’ll have the opportunity to try your hand at creating scrimshaw art.  

Elizabeth Acevedo Author Visit  
**TUESDAY, JULY 23RD | 2-3PM**  
**ZOOM**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — You’re invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! In this author conversation and Q&A, Acevedo will provide a short reading from her National Book Award winning and New York Times bestselling novel-in-verse, *The Poet X* which will serve as the backdrop to this amazing chat!  

JJK’s Summah Readin’ Roadtrip  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH | 3-4:30PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Make slime into your own creepy creature!  

LED Embroidered Zodiac Constellation  
**FRIDAY, JULY 26TH | 2-4PM**  
**COLLABORATORY**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Learn how to hand embroider your zodiac constellation then use LEDs and conductive thread to make it light up!  

Doodle+ Comics  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST | 2-3:30PM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER** — Would you like an easy access point for making a comic? Do you want to incorporate simple imagery for storytelling? Are you interested in inventing characters? The Doodle + Comics Workshop will have you quickly filling panels with narration and imagery that will let your imagination come to life!
**In the Collaboratory**

**Registration Required**

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required and is open to adults and teens in grades 9+. You may enter the Collaboratory program registration lottery from the 20th to the 22nd of the month prior. Participants will be selected via random drawing on the following business day. All others will be placed on the wait list. 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.

July Lottery Link: walpublib.org/JulyLottery2024

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**Mandala Rock**

**MONDAY, JULY 1ST | 6:30-8:30PM OR TUESDAY, JULY 2ND | 2:30-4:30PM** — Learn the art of mandala dotting on a smooth cut stone.

**DIY Soaps**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH | 7-8:30PM OR THURSDAY, JULY 11TH | 3-4:30PM** — Learn the basics of soap making to create either a lavender or vanilla oatmeal scented bar soap.

**Laser Cut Jackalope Wall Hanging**

**TUESDAY, JULY 16TH | 7-8:30PM OR THURSDAY, JULY 18TH | 3-4:30PM** — The majestic Jackalope roams the deserts of the American West. Bring this icon of the frontier into your own home with a layered wooden Jackalope laser cut wall hanging!

**Mothman Plush**

**TUESDAY, JULY 23RD | 7-8:30PM OR THURSDAY, JULY 25TH | 3-4:30PM** — Use one of the Collaboratory’s sewing machines to sew a plush Mothman.

**Herbal Aperitifs: A Summer Mocktail Workshop**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH | 6:30-8:30PM | ADULTS | REGISTRATION REQUIRED | COLLINS ROOM** — Join folk herbalist Hilarie Elaine for a delicious and refreshing evening of herbal beverages! You will learn to make your own herbal mocktails at home using special herbal tinctures. Herbal mocktails are a great alternative to alcoholic beverages for those who are looking to support their health and reduce their toxic burden overall. Attendees will be able to craft drinks to target their specific needs using delicious organic juices!

**Pet Ghost**

**TUESDAY, JULY 30TH | 7-8:30PM OR THURSDAY, AUG 1ST | 3-4:30PM** — If you think about it, ghosts make perfect pets. They take up no room, need no food, you don’t have to clean up after them, and they are always around! The ghosts we will be making can float or stand on their own so they can haunt any space in your home.

**Talking TED**

**THURSDAY, JULY 11TH | 7-8PM | ZOOM | CLICK TO REGISTER** — 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 July, we will watch and discuss Kathryn Schulz’s “On Being Wrong.”

Most of us will do anything to avoid being wrong. But what if we’re wrong about that? “Wrongologist” Kathryn Schulz makes a compelling case for not just admitting but embracing our fallibility.

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**Registration Required is for you! Some Assembly Required is for you!**

**Program Details:**

Are you creative? If so, Some Assembly Required is for you! Some Assembly Required is the Collaboratory’s annual summer maker contest, with great prizes and cool categories for all sorts of artists, makers, and crafters. We are very excited to announce that the contest is now open to middle schoolers, as well as high schoolers and adults! Categories include: Art, Best Cryptid, Best Looking Food, B&W Photography, Color Photography, DIY, Textile Arts, Upcycling, and Videography. Submissions will be made by email and will be collected July 1st through July 27th. Voting will take place August 1st-17th, and winners will be announced on August 19th. The best of each category gets a $25 gift card to the Wallingford business of their choice, and the best overall entry gets an additional $100 gift card! For more info, check out the Some Assembly Required page in the Collaboratory section of the web site.

**Open Sew**

**TUESDAY, JULY 2ND | 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 6:00pm to 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!
In her classic novel The House of Mirth, Edith Wharton conjures up a 4° of July fireworks celebration in lyrical prose: “Overhead hung a sunny sky furrowed with the rush of rockets, and from the east a late moon, pushing up beyond the left end of the coast, sent across the clear sky its faint white light, like tidied ashes in the red glitter of the illuminated boats.” The Independence Day holiday seems always to signify the start of the country’s summer vacation; schools are out, vacationers crowd beach camps and (library summer reading programs) have been started, and publishers are urging you to stay for a while. And publishing houses know this, as they say so much of their summer reading season to release in July. Here is a sampling of upcoming fiction books to bring to the beach or read on vacation or to read on your porch or in front of your air-conditioner.

### 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.

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**The Extinction of Irena Rey** by Jennifer Croft partly in response to the question of how to translate Olga Tokarczuk’s Polish language novel Flights: “The Extinction of Irena Rey is a group of translators and reporters. Irena Rey is a person and a place and a ripple of events and countries and meets for a retreat with the National Polish author Irena Rey on the border of primeval Białowieża Forest to discuss her summer 2019 book, Flights. (You can look up how to pronounce the forest’s name) In Flights, Olga Tokarczuk writes: ‘...from the language of the forest’s name translates to a poetic, more poetic, poetic, poetic, poetic, poetic, poetic...’”

**The Bright Sword** by Kate Quinn — During the McCarthy

**Mycelium Mediators** Part II of III: Listening suggestion: Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage

**The Land of You Juliet** by Amy Neff — When the wife of a couple

**The Wedding People** by Alison Espach — A sociologist and a

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