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WALLYWOOD FILM FESTIVAL DEBUTS!

Summer at the Library 2025

Welcome to Wallywood, the tinseltown of New England! We're rolling out the red carpet with a summer festival of films and events for all ages and audiences rated G and up. Every time you visit the library you will be walking onto a hot set lifted right out of the golden age of cinema. There are many productions to choose from! Visit our website (walpublib.org/SummerAtTheLibrary) to find the one for you and maybe you too can earn a star on our Wall of Fame or handprint in our Forecourt of Stars.

Makers, Filmmakers, and Paparazzi are welcome! Snap some shots or video during your visit and use the hashtag **#RedCarpetSummer** when sharing online. Our agents will reach out to you if they like what they see. If you think your content is ready for its theatrical debut send your summer video clips to **WPLSummerAtTheLibrary@gmail.com** for inclusion in our crowd-sourced film. Then join us at the conclusion of our summer festival for the world premiere of "Red Carpet Summer," a moving masterpiece starring... YOU!



Summer Movie Marathon

Monday, June 30th | 10am-8pm | Community Room | No registration required
Help us kick off our Summer at the Library with an all-day classic movie marathon!

LITTLE RASCALS

10-11:30am

THE SANDLOT

11:30am-1:30pm

THE GOONIES

1:30-3:30pm

GREASE

4-6pm

BACK TO THE FUTURE

6-8pm



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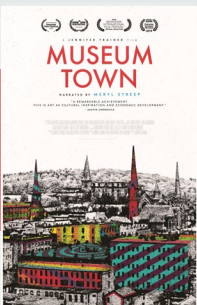
Register for events online through our digital calendar of events: walpublib.org/events. Join our email list to receive personalized emails so you never miss the events that interest you the most: walpublib.org/email.

The Wallingford Public Library relies on member contributions in addition to funding it receives from the Town of Wallingford. We hope you will support the Library by becoming a member of the Wallingford Public Library Association. Your support helps ensure that the Library will continue to be a dynamic hub that serves and inspires individuals and families throughout our community. To join the Wallingford Public Library Association, visit our website or request a membership envelope at the Library. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we are also eligible to accept a bequest from your estate plan.

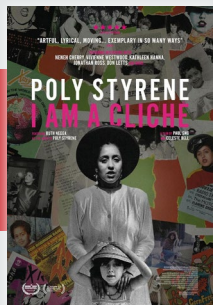
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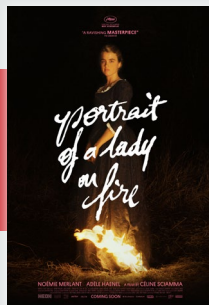
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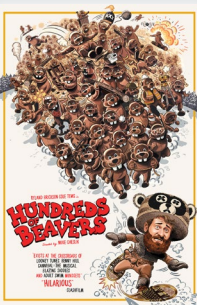
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Jennifer Trainer



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*Poly Styrene:
I Am a Cliche*
Paul Sng & Celeste Bell



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*Portrait of
a Lady on Fire*
Céline Sciamma



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Mike Cheslik



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View this newsletter online!

Wallywood Film Festival Monday Movie Nights

Join us on Monday nights this summer to enjoy a hit movie based on a book! In anticipation of our August 13th event “From Wizard to Wicked: The Greatest Film Adaptations of All Time,” we will screen four of the famous films that pop culture historian Marty Gitlin is highlighting in his presentation.

The WIZARD of OZ

July 14th
6-8pm

JAWS

July 21st
6-8pm



July 28th
6-8pm

Forrest
Gump

Aug 11th
6-8pm

The World Premiere of Red Carpet Summer

Participate in a crowd-sourced film throughout the summer!

Send photos and video clips of your Summer at the Library experiences to WPLSummerAtTheLibrary@gmail.com. We'll edit the clips together. Then on August 27th at 7pm join us in the Community Room for the world premiere of the film—**RED CARPET SUMMER!**—A stunning motion picture starring... YOU!



tech Training



Tech 
Connect 

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. You may have even 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 as well as assistance in signing up for low-cost home Internet as well as a long-term loan of your very own computer. Call us at **(203) 626-4774** to meet with a **digital navigator**.

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: Taking Great Photos on iPhone

Saturday, July 5th | 10-11:30am | Adults | Board Room | [Register](#)

Join Connor for a class on how to capture amazing photos and videos using your iPhone. You'll also learn how to navigate the Photos app to organize, recall, and edit your media effortlessly. Topics covered in this class include:

- How to take a great picture or video on your iPhone
- Understanding Live Photos and how they can rescue blurry shots
- How to adjust camera settings for the best photo
- Navigating the Photos app and editing your existing photos

Please bring your fully charged iPhone to the class, and make sure the device has been updated to iOS 18 or later. 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!

Dear IT: Facebook

Saturday, July 26th | 10-11:30am | Adults | Board Room | [Register](#)

Join Elijah to explore Facebook, one of the most popular social media sites. In this session we will:

- **Learn the Basics:** Set up your Facebook account, understand privacy settings, and navigate the platform confidently.
- **Stay Connected:** Discover how to find friends and family, join groups, and participate in community discussions.
- **Share Safely:** Post photos, updates, and events while managing who can see your content.
- **Avoid Scams & Stay Secure:** Recognize fake profiles and scams, and learn tips to keep your account safe and private.
- **Learn to video call, send photos, create and join groups and much more!**

Introduction to Cricut

Monday, July 14th | 2-3:30pm | Adults

Collaboratory | [Register](#)

This class will cover how to use Cricut Design Space, the software used to create custom designs with the Cricut Maker vinyl cutting machines.



LEARN TO MAKE MOVIES WITH ADOBE PREMIERE

Monday, July 21st | 2-3:30pm | Adults

Collins Room | [Register](#)

Want to make videos or even movies but don't know where to begin? Start here! We will cover the basics of Adobe Premiere (available on Collaboratory computers) and learn about other free resources the library offers.



From the
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Borrower Services
Department

Cardholder Perks for Vehicle Owners

Ahhh, summer is here and it's finally time to take that well-deserved beach vacation. The car is packed, you slide into the driver's seat, and...huh?...wait a minute...what's going on?...THE CAR WON'T START!! You call your trusted mechanic, but it turns out they're already away on vacation. Before you let car trouble ruin your weekend plans, the library might be able to help!

Not sure what's wrong with your vehicle? Borrow the **Auto Code Scanner** from our Library of Things to quickly diagnose the problem! This diagnostic device reads the fault codes in your vehicle and can detect problems with your airbags, brakes, ignition, transmission, or other aspects of the car. (walpublib.org/libraryofthings)

Once you've identified the source of the problem, take advantage of our online access to **Chilton Library** to find step-by-step repair procedures specific to your vehicle. Chilton Library also offers Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) for automobiles and light trucks, and a handy "Ask an Expert" feature where you can submit your questions to Chilton's experts. (walpublib.org/chilton)

If it turns out that your old clunker is beyond repair and it's time to start looking for a new car, don't forget that your library card also provides free access to Consumer Reports! With the online version of **Consumer Reports**, you can easily find detailed, trustworthy information for just about any make and model vehicle available on the market today. (walpublib.org/ConsumerReports)



Lucky thing Kaleb broke down in the library parking lot so he could borrow the auto scanner and use the Chilton database to get his car turned over.

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Paparazzi Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to the paparazzi! Word on the street is that a number of famous actors and actresses who starred in movies based on books have recently been spotted at the Wallingford Public Library. You've been hired by *The Wallingford Whispers* tabloid to catch these celebrities in the act as they browse the library stacks.

Here's your first lead: according to an anonymous—but highly credible—source, the actress who starred in a movie based on the life of Julia Child has been sighted perusing the cookbooks written by her real-life counterpart. As you search for your first star, keep your ears and eyes open for the tips and celebrity gossip that will lead you to your next VIP!

Stop by the Check-Out Desk to pick up a celebrity checklist and begin your paparazzi sleuthing!

Children & Families

School-Aged Programs

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Registration opens at 9am, 3 weeks before the program date.

Let's Play Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, July 1st | 2-5pm | Ages 7-13

Community Room | [Register](#)

Come play Dungeons and Dragons at the library! We will have an assortment of dungeon masters running an assortment of quests! This is a children's program but parents and older siblings are very much encouraged to play as well. All quests will use 5th edition Dungeons and Dragons and be with level five characters. The library has supplies for people who have never played or don't have all the stuff they may need, but bringing your own characters and accessories is also welcome.

Kindness Club: Seed Bombs

Thursday, July 3rd | 2-3pm | Ages 5-7

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Let's be kind to pollinators! We'll make seed bombs with native wildflower seeds which you can then gift to others or plant at your home.

THEATER WORKSHOP: THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT

Monday, July 7th | 4:15-5:15pm | Ages 5-10

Community Room | [Register](#)

Join us to act out the story of *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Dewart. Poor Duncan just wants to color, but when he opens his crayon box he finds letters from the different colors! Each child will dress as a crayon and voice his or her opinion on how they feel.

Virtual Author Talk: Raul the Third

Tuesday, July 8th | 4-4:30pm | Ages 3-7 | Zoom | [Register](#)

In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, we are excited to host a live, interactive, virtual talk with award-winning author Raúl the Third! He will be discussing his book *¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!*

Animal Masks

Thursday, July 10th | 2:30-3:30pm | Ages 5-8

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Have you ever wanted to be a fox, unicorn, or other animal? Now is your chance! Join us to make your own animal mask.

LET'S FILM A NATURE DOCUMENTARY WITH THE WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB

Friday, July 11th | 4-6pm | Ages 5-10

Orchard Glen Trail | [Register](#)

Come join us as we embark on a nature adventure with the Wallingford Garden Club! For this program we will read a brief story about nature, and then go on a nature walk in The Wallingford Land Trust's Orchard Glen Trail. We will also be recording a nature documentary about some of the plants, animals, and natural phenomena we encounter on our hike. Parents must attend the walk. Younger Siblings are welcome.

Glow in the Dark Art

Wednesday, July 16th | 3:30-4:30pm | Ages 8-12 |

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Use glow in the dark paint, gems, animal charms, and other fun odds and ends to decorate a wooden plaque.

Astronomy Club

Thursday, July 17th | 6:30-7:30pm | Ages 5-12

Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

The night sky is vast and amazing. Each club meeting focuses on a constellation and a scientist.

Hooked on Llamas

Friday, July 18th | 10:30-11:30am | All Ages

Community Room | [Register](#)

A llama from Country Quilt Llama Farm will visit the library! Owner Debbie Labbe will tell you all about llamas and read a llama story. THEN you will get a chance to pet the llama.

Game On! Pokémon, Board Games, Video Games, and More!

Friday, July 18th | 1-5pm | Ages 3-13

Community Room | [Register](#)

Come play a huge assortment of games in this special summer edition of Game On! We will have Pokémon, board games, Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, Magic the Gathering, and a tournament to crown the greatest gamer in Wallingford! Parents and older siblings are also encouraged to play.

Break It!

Wednesday, July 23rd | 2-4pm | Ages 6-10

Community Room | [Register](#)

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

Virtual Author Talk: Rex Ogle

Thursday, July 24th | 4-4:30pm | Ages 10-14

Zoom | [Register](#)

In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, we are excited to host a live, interactive, virtual talk with author Rex Ogle! He will be talking about his struggles to navigate sixth grade as written about in his book, *Free Lunch*.

Minecraft Bobbleheads Craft

Thursday, July 24th | 4:30-6pm | Ages 8-12

Community Room | [Register](#)

Calling all young crafters and Minecraft fans! Sculpt your very own Minecraft-inspired bobblehead characters using air dry clay. Create a separate head and body so your character's head can swivel! Finish off your piece with acrylic paint before taking it home.

Royal-TEA Party

Friday, July 25th | 10:30-11:30am | Ages 3-5

Community Room | [Register](#)

Hear ye, hear ye! Calling all Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Dragons and Knights too! You are cordially invited to join our Royal-Tea Party! Listen to a royal story while enjoying some tea or lemonade and snacks. Costumes are welcome to make our tea party even more fun!

Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, July 29th | 4-7pm | Ages 9-13

Children's Room | [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.

Origami for Kids

Thursday, July 31st | 6:30-7:30pm | Ages 8-11

Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Using the Japanese art of paper folding, learn to create different animals and objects.

Weekly Story Times

Registration is required. Registration opens at 9am weekly on the Sunday prior to the program. You may register your child for one program and/or time slot. Please ask us if you need help deciding which program is the best fit for your child.

Bouncing Babies

**Ages 0-18 months | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room
Mondays, July 7th - July 28th**

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 mo-35 mo | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room
Tuesdays, July 1st - July 29th**

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 song, 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

**Ages 2-3 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Wednesdays, July 2nd - July 30th**

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, July 2nd - July 30th**

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

Preschool Story Time

**Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room
Thursdays, July 3rd - July 31st**

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

Preschool Programs

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

Maker Mornings

**Wednesdays, June 25th - Aug 13th | 10:30am-12pm
Ages 3-5 | Children's Room | Drop-in**

Put on your artist's hat and drop by to make a different craft each week.

Take Home Kits

Kits are available in the Children's Room on a first come, first served basis. Kits may be reserved by calling (203) 284-6436, beginning on the first day the kit is available.

Model Vehicles

Monday, July 7th | Recommended for ages 6-10

Stop by the children's desk to pick up a kit to make three model vehicles: a boat, a plane, and a car! Instructions and the majority of materials will be provided. From home, you will need tape, glue, and something to write with.

Giant Bubbles!

Monday, July 21st | Recommended for ages 3 and up

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a kit containing the materials to make a bubble wand for giant bubbles. The ingredients for the bubble solution will also be provided.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

A Summer Reading Program for Babies through Grade 6

Become a star reader this summer as we roll out the red carpet here in Wallywood! Older kids who read 600 minutes and preschoolers who read 60 books with their families will earn a coupon for a free book from our bookseller! Along the way, earn tokens for our prize machine, participate in library missions, and have a blast attending library programs. Looking for more details or ready to join the fun? Check out walpublib.org/SummerAtTheLibrary, or download the **Beanstack app** and search for Wallingford Public Library's program.



WALLYWOOD



Adult Events

Happenings



Old Glory: A History of the American Flag

Tuesday, July 1st | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Join us for a special presentation of "Old Glory," a stirring exploration of the history and enduring significance of the American flag. As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, this program offers a timely opportunity to reflect on the powerful symbolism, evolution, and stories woven into the stars and stripes. From our flag's revolutionary roots to its role as a unifying emblem through times of conflict and change, "Old Glory" invites us to deepen our appreciation for the banner that continues to represent freedom, resilience, and the American spirit. This program will be led by **Sahara Farrugio**, Officiant at the **B.C. Bailey Funeral Home**.



Living with Connecticut's Wildlife

Tuesday, July 8th | 6:30-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Connecticut's citizens are blessed with the rich diversity of wildlife in our state. **Paul Colburn**, a seasoned Master Wildlife Conservationist, will give a presentation on how to live with and enjoy our wild neighbors throughout the summer, as well as during other times of year. Species will include black bears, eastern coyotes, bobcats, fishers, raccoons, skunks, opossum, foxes, woodchucks, deer, birds, bats, reptiles, and amphibians. At the end of the program, Paul will lead a Q&A with the audience about the habitats in their own backyards!



Wallywood Film Festival Events

MONSTER MAKEUP 101 WITH DECIMATED DESIGNS

Thursday, July 10th | 7-8pm | Community Room | [Register](#)

Join us for a thrilling monster makeup demonstration with special effects company **Decimated Designs**! A cosmetic artist will demo 3-4 classic horror movie designs on volunteers from the audience. We'll also cover the do's and don'ts of silver screen makeup and discuss how to get started, how to stay sanitary, how professionals make monsters come to life, and some of the tricks you can use to improve your own costumes & cosplay at home.

HOLLYWOOD HITS: A MOVIE MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA!

Tuesday, July 15th | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Join us for a Hollywood movie music extravaganza! Musician **Ryan Mitten** will perform a wide variety of famous film tunes, from monster melodies to John Williams themes to iconic instrumentals like the theme from *The Godfather*. He will also invite the audience to sing along to Hans Zimmer hits and showtunes from *Wicked* and *The Sound of Music*. Skip the movie theater and come down for a one-of-a-kind musical experience at the library!

BASED ON A TRUE STORY: THE REAL-LIFE CASES BEHIND HOLLYWOOD HORROR

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

Join us for an intriguing event featuring chilling stories from the real cases behind some of Hollywood's most famous horror films! **Joe Franke**, a seasoned local paranormal expert, worked closely with world-renowned psychic researchers Ed and Lorraine Warren for over four decades. In this exclusive session, Joe will share several terrifying and accurate accounts of cases his mentors were hired to assist with. He will also clarify some of the popular myths surrounding these stories. Many of these cases inspired well-known films such as *The Conjuring*, *Annabelle*, *The Amityville Horror*, and *A Haunting in Connecticut*. Whether you're a dedicated horror fan or simply curious about the mysteries that lie beyond the everyday, this is an event you won't want to miss!

Welcome to WALLYWOOD

Summer Program for Adults ages 18+

Welcome to Wallywood! We invite you to embark on an adventure full of movies, monsters, and magic. You'll have the chance to win fabulous prizes by completing challenges in a commemorative scrapbook available to pick up at the Information Desk. Starting on **June 30th and continuing through August 23rd**, you will keep track of your progress one task at a time. We will provide "Wallywood" stickers that you can use to mark your completed tasks! (Special stickers will be distributed separately at events to mark attendance.)

There are five series of challenges: Wallywood, Events, Community, Reading, and Library Card. Each series includes four challenges. Every time you complete a challenge, you will earn a ticket into our summer prize drawing. For every four challenges you complete, you will earn one of our limited-edition Wallywood swag items! You are welcome to complete as many challenges as you would like.

The four lucky winners of the summer prize drawing will each receive a **\$50 gift card to the local business of their choice!** You must turn in your scrapbook to the Information Desk or mail it to the library by **Saturday, August 23rd**. We will announce the results of the prize drawing on **Friday, August 29th** and the four winners will be contacted individually. Please reach out to Rachel Taylor, Head of Adult Programming, at rtaylor@wallingfordlibrary.org with any questions. Lights, camera, action!

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.

Coffee & Connections

Fridays | 11am-12noon | Collins Room

Stop by for a warm drink and some conversation, hosted by **Linda Reilly-Blue (LRB)** a former radio host and producer, passionate birth doula, parent educator, and reiki practitioner. With degrees in Counseling, Psychology, and Human Service Administration, LRB's professional and personal experiences blend to create a holistic approach to supporting others.

WPL Play Readers

Wednesday, July 2nd | 6:30-8:30pm | Collins Room

The Wallingford Public Library Play Readers bring and share poetry, prose, famous speeches and documents, monologues, and original material! Come check us out. All are welcome to read and/or listen.

Wallingford Ukulele Club

Monday, July 7th | 10-11:30am

**Wednesday, July 9th & Monday, July 28th | 6:30-8pm
Collins Room**

Join our Wallingford Ukulele Club to practice and play with other uke enthusiasts! Participants may bring their own ukuleles or borrow one at meetings. Every session starts with a few easy warm-ups for beginners, followed by songs at the intermediate level. You are welcome to attend any and all sessions to observe, sing along and strum as you are able!

Knit @ WPL

Mondays, July 7th & 21st | 6-7:30pm | Board Room

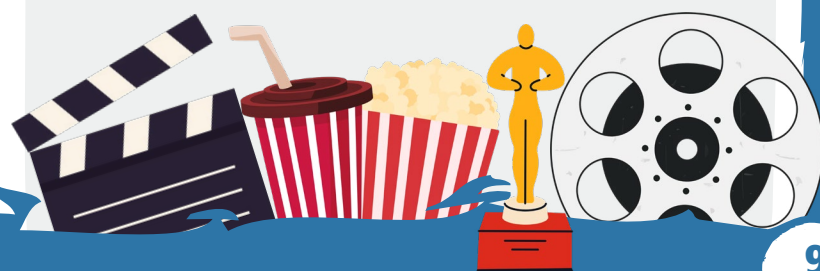
Knit @ WPL is a place where knitters and crocheters can practice their work in the company of others. Newcomers are welcome to join, but knitting experience is required.

Tap & Trivia HOLLYWOOD EDITION

Tuesday, July 29th | 7:30-9pm

Tap & Vine | Registration preferred

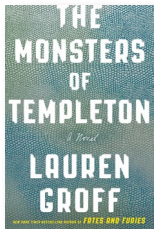
Join us on July 29th for our monthly trivia night at Tap & Vine! In honor of our "Red Carpet" Summer at the Library, Quizmaster Rich Steeves will test your wits with five rounds of questions on Hollywood-themed topics. Your team of 2-6 players will compete with other teams for exciting prizes and, of 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.**





For Readers

Book Club



Thursday Night Book Club

The Monsters of Templeton by Lauren Groff

Thursday, July 24th | 6:30-8 pm | Collins Room and Zoom

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

On the same day that Willie Upton returns home to Templeton, NY (a thinly-disguised Cooperstown) in disgrace after a catastrophic affair with her PhD supervisor, a prehistoric monster surfaces from the depths of the nearby lake, bringing chaos to the town. Willie's single mother then tells her that her father is not, as she had thought, a nameless one-night stand from San Francisco, but is instead someone from Templeton. In her quest to uncover his identity, Willie discovers some surprising things about the town's past.

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

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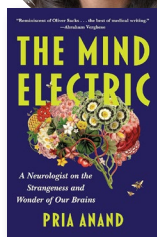


Pria Anand: On the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains

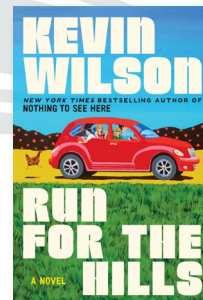
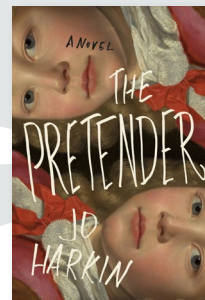
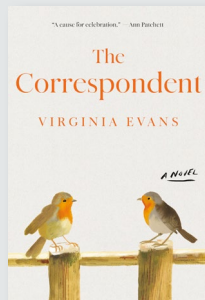
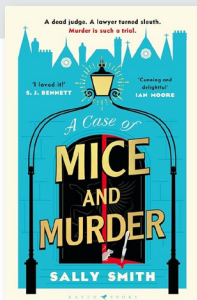
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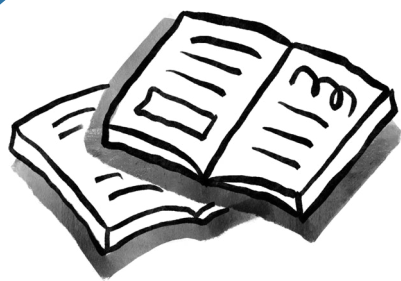
A girl believes she has been struck blind for stealing a kiss. A mother watches while each of her children is replaced by a changeling. A woman is haunted each month by the same four chords of a single song. In neurology, illness is inextricably linked with narrative, and the clues to unraveling these mysteries are hidden in both the details of a patient's story and the tells of their body. Stories are etched into the very structure of our brains, coded so deeply that the impulse for storytelling survives and even surges after the most devastating injuries. But our brains are also porous—the stories they concoct are shaped by cultural narratives about bodies and illness that permeate the minds of doctors and patients alike. In *The Mind Electric*, neurologist Pria Anand reveals the complexity and wonder of brains in health and in extremis, and the vast gray area between sanity and insanity, doctor and patient, and illness and wellness, each separated from the next by the thin veneer of a different story.

Pria Anand is a neurologist at the Boston Medical Center and an Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Medical School, and she trained in neurology, neuro-infectious diseases and neuroimmunology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital.



Cindy's Picks





Novelty

What's new in novels
from Cindy Haiken



In his bestselling novel *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, Benjamin Alire Sáenz writes: "Summer was here again. Summer, summer, summer. I loved and hated summers. Summers had a logic all their own and they always brought something out in me. Summer was supposed to be about freedom and youth and no school and possibilities and adventure and exploration. Summer was a book of hope. That's why I loved and hated summers. Because they made me want to believe." Books, like summer, are about adventure and exploration and possibilities. And new books are being published this summer by the bucketful. How great is that? Here are some novels scheduled for publication in July to feed your summer mindset:

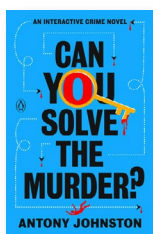


All the Men I've Loved Again by Christine Pride — A woman who is approaching 40 realizes that she is in love with the same two men she dated when she was in her early 20s.

The Art of Vanishing by Morgan Pager — A museum employee falls in love with a man in one of the paintings hanging on the wall.

The Banned Books of Berlin by Daisy Wood — Horrified by the rise of fascism in 1933, a law-abiding young woman in Berlin decides to do what she can to save the lives of others.

Bring the House Down by Charlotte Runcie — A theater critic at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival writes a vicious one-star review of a struggling actress with whom he had a one-night stand.



Can You Solve the Murder? by Antony Johnston — A murder takes place at a wellness retreat center, and everyone there is a suspect.

Cheesecake by Mark Kurlansky — An ancient recipe for cheesecake spreads throughout the Upper West Side, from the restaurant of a conniving landlord to the kitchens of the old-school New Yorkers he's trying to force out.

Darling Beasts by Michelle Gable — The heirs to a publishing fortune are forced into the spotlight for their father's political campaign.

The Frozen People by Elly Griffiths — A team investigating cold cases travels back in time to search for evidence.

The Goldens by Lauren Wilson — A young woman is swept into a glamorous world of fascinating influencers, glittering parties and murder.



Greenwich by Kate Broad — A teenager spends the summer living with her aunt and uncle at their mansion in Greenwich.

Ink Ribbon Red by Alex Pavesi — A group of friends plays a game where everyone chooses two players at random and then writes a short story in which one kills the other.



Love Forms by Claire Adam — A woman searches for the daughter she gave up for adoption when she was a teenager growing up in the Caribbean.

Maggie: Or, a Man and a Woman Walk into a Bar by Katie Yee — A woman receives a cancer diagnosis and learns that her husband is having an affair.

Mean Moms by Emma Rosenblum — A group of wealthy Manhattan private school moms start getting a taste of exactly what they deserve, instead of what they can pay for.

The Midnight Estate by Kelly Rimmer — A woman discovers a mysterious book in her uncle's rundown mansion and is unnerved by how much the story echoes her life.



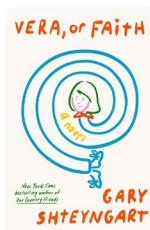
Not Quite Dead Yet by Holly Jackson — A young woman is dying of injuries she sustained during an attack and is determined to figure out who is responsible before she passes away.

The Original by Nell Stevens — In a grand English country house in 1899, an aspiring art forger must decide whether the man claiming to be her long-lost cousin is an imposter.



These Summer Storms by Sarah MacLean — The estranged members of a wealthy New England family spend a week together on their private island off the coast of Rhode Island.

Typewriter Beach by Meg Waite Clayton — An Oscar-nominated screenwriter and a young actress hoping to become Alfred Hitchcock's new star strike up an unlikely friendship in 1957 Hollywood.



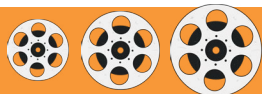
Vera, or Faith by Gary Shteyngart — The story of a family that is struggling to stay together in a country rapidly coming apart, told from the perspective of their ten-year-old daughter.

Wayward Girls by Susan Wiggs — In 1968, six teens are confined at the Good Shepherd, an institution controlled by the Sisters of Charity nuns, for being gay, pregnant or unruly.

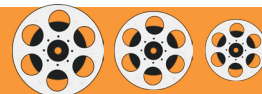
Also of note this month are the 25th Gabriel Allon thriller by Daniel Silva (*An Inside Job*), the 26th Richard Jury mystery by Martha Grimes (*The Red Queen*) and new novels by Stacey Abrams (*Coded Justice*), Shari LaPená (*She Didn't See It Coming*), Alexander McCall Smith (*The Winds from Further West*), Denise Mina (*The Good Liar*), Lisa Scottoline (*The Unraveling of Julia*), Adriana Trigiani (*The View from Lake Como*) and Ruth Ware (*The Woman in Suite 11*).



Collaboratory



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED



Our summer maker contest Some Assembly Required is back for its 6th year—and this time, we're rolling out the red carpet for Wallywood! Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults are all invited to show off their creativity in the following categories: Art, DIY, Photography, Textile Arts, Upcycling, and Videography. Since 2025 is the Red Carpet Summer, we're giving special attention to the Videography category—with an increased \$50 prize for the top video! Winners in all other categories will receive a \$25 gift card to the Wallingford business of your choice. The best overall entry will take home a \$100 gift card.



Submissions open: June 30th – July 26th
Voting runs: August 4th – August 16th
Winners announced: August 18th



Ready to create your masterpiece? Visit the Some Assembly Required page for full details. We can't wait to see what you make!

walpublib.org/SomeAssemblyRequired

Drop-In Programs

Open Sew

Tuesday, July 1st | 6-8:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory

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

Maker Office Hours

Thursdays, July 10th & 24th | 6:30-8:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory

Are you looking for in-depth guidance on your latest project idea? Our skilled volunteer, Andrew, will help you figure out how to use Collaboratory equipment to bring your idea to life. Stop by between 6:30-8:30pm on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month.



COOLaboratory



Thanks to a very generous donation, we have recently obtained a new professional-quality embroidery machine! Our Babylock Array has 6 needles, so it can hold many colors at once for more complex projects. It also is much easier to embroider on clothing and hats due to the design of the machine. Since the Array is quite different from our previous single-needle version, all users must first attend an hour-long training session.

To schedule training, you may speak to staff at the Help Desk, call us at (203)284-6452, or email us at wplcollaboratory@gmail.com. Here is a sneak preview of how the machine works!



walpublib.org/CEmbroidery

Lottery Programs

Visit the July program lottery to register for the events below: walpublib.org/LotteryJuly25

Unless otherwise noted, **registration is required and programs are open to adults and teens in grades 9+.** You may enter the Collaboratory program registration lottery from the 20th to the 22nd of the month prior. Participants will be selected via random drawing on the following business day. All others will be placed on the waitlist. Due to high demand, we may limit individual participants to one program per month. If there are available seats after the lottery, registration will be directly through our online calendar. Project photos can be found at walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory

HOLLYWOOD TERRARIUM

**Tuesday, July 1st | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, July 3rd | 3-4:30pm**

Make your own tiny replica of the Hollywood Hills and Hollywood Sign, safely encased in a glass jar. This sealed terrarium will form its own self-sustaining ecosystem.

POLYMER CLAY RED CARPET STATUETTE

Tuesday, July 8th, 6-8:30pm | Collins Room

Build a glamorous red carpet statuette from polymer clay. Your customization choices include hair and skin tone as well as attire (gown or suit).

MONSTER MAKEUP 101 WITH DECIMATED DESIGNS

Thursday, July 10th | 7-8pm | Community Room
[Register](#)

Join us for a thrilling monster makeup demonstration with special effects company Decimated Designs! A cosmetic artist will demo 3-4 classic horror movie designs on volunteers from the audience. We'll also cover the do's and don'ts of silver screen makeup and discuss how to get started, how to stay sanitary, how professionals make monsters come to life, and some of the tricks you can use to improve your own costumes & cosplay at home.

Pinecone Art

Saturday, July 12th | 10am-12pm | Community Room
Create a custom design with pinecones and paint on canvas.

Daisy Wine Bottle

**Monday, July 14th | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, July 16th | 2:30-4:30pm**

Celebrate summer by painting daisies on a wine bottle. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*

Sublimation Can Coolers

**Tuesday, July 15th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, July 17th | 3-4:30pm**

Create a custom design in CorelDRAW to sublimate onto a can cooler, perfect to use on a hot summer day or at your next outdoor movie night.

Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, July 10th | 7-8pm | Adults | Zoom | [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 Sophie Scott's "Why We Laugh."

Did you know that you're 30 times more likely to laugh if you're with somebody else than if you're alone? Cognitive neuroscientist Sophie Scott shares this and other surprising facts about laughter in this fast-paced, action-packed and, yes, hilarious dash through the science of the topic.

Sunset Silhouettes

Saturday, July 19th, 11am-12:30pm

Paint a sunset or sunrise over a silhouette of your choice! Wear clothes that you are comfortable getting paint on.

MAKE YOUR OWN OSCAR

**Tuesday, July 22nd | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, July 24th | 3-4:30pm**

And the Oscar goes to.... you! Using both laser cut and 3D printed parts, create your own Oscar award with a wooden base. We will take pictures in front of the green screen to appear as if you are accepting the award on stage or posing with it on the red carpet!

Laser Etched Wall Plate Cover

Saturday, July 26th | 11am-12:30pm

Learn how to prepare a job for the laser cutter in CorelDRAW using royalty-free images found on Pixabay to create your own beautiful wall plate cover. (Finger)Painting the covers after they are laser etched also will be an option! *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*

NEEDLE FELTED MOVIE CHARACTERS

**Tuesday, July 29th | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, July 31st | 3-4:30pm**

Learn how to needle felt by hand to create your favorite movie character! Needle felting uses a barbed needle to mat fibers together, typically in wool.

Starry Night Doodle

Thursday, July 31st 7-8:30pm

Let's get inspired by Van Gogh's famous painting, Starry Night, and create a doodle doppelganger with lines, patterns and color.



**Craft Supply Swap
Coming Soon**

Are you an avid crafter with too many neglected supplies?
Or an aspiring artist who would rather try before you buy?
Then our craft supply swap is for you!

How It Works:

- Donate unwanted craft or art supplies between **Thursday, July 17th and Thursday, July 31st.**
- Stop by on **Saturday, August 2nd** between 10am and noon to "shop" for new-to-you supplies. Please bring bags for your finds.

You do not need to donate in order to "shop" at the swap event, and you may donate without intending to attend the swap. Leftover supplies may be used by the library or donated to other organizations. **Please contact the Collaboratory if you have questions about the event.**

Just for Teens

Registration Required

Teen Summer Kickoff: Rubber Duck Cosplay

Monday, June 30th | 11am-4pm | Teen Area
Grades 6-12 | Drop-in | [Register](#)

What better way to get ready for a Red Carpet Summer than to dress up a rubber duck and make them runway-ready! Drop by the teen area on the first day of Summer at the Library and get creative. No registration required, but supplies are limited and are first-come, first-served.

Needle Felted Totoro

Wednesday, July 2nd | 2-4pm | Collaboratory
Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Felt your own little Totoro or your other favorite character! Needle felting is a craft that uses a barbed needle to mat together fibers, typically wool, allowing you to create a wide variety of 2D and 3D objects.

MONSTER MAKEUP 101 WITH DECIMATED DESIGNS

Thursday, July 10th | 7-8pm | Community Room
Teens & Adults | Registration opens June 20th
[Register](#)

Join us for a thrilling monster makeup demonstration with **Decimated Designs**! A cosmetic artist will demo 3-4 classic horror movie designs on volunteers from the audience. We'll also cover the do's and don'ts of silver screen makeup and discuss how to get started, how to stay sanitary, how professionals make monsters come to life, and some of the tricks you can use to improve your own costumes & cosplay at home.

Upcycled Denim Tote Bags

Friday, July 11th | 11am-1pm | Collaboratory | [Register](#)

Join sewist and instructor **Sia, of SiaDezigns**, to learn how to transform an old pair of jeans into a custom tote bag! Bring a pair along if you have one, but fabric will be available for those who need it. Sia will teach participants how to deconstruct the jeans so nothing goes to waste. Then Sia will show you how to follow patterns and templates to turn it all back into a usable bag!

POPCORN TASTING

Wednesday, July 16th | 3-4pm
Community Room | [Register](#)

Nothing goes with a movie quite like popcorn, but which popcorn is the best? Let's find out! Blind taste test a variety of flavors and popping methods to find out which popcorn makes your perfect movie snack.

Discerning the Truth: A Virtual Conversation with Author Marie Lu

Thursday, July 17th | 4-5pm | Zoom | [Register](#)

Explore the intricate world of Legend with Marie Lu as she encourages readers to look beyond the surface and reveal hidden secrets. Explore the depths of deceit, battle for power, and the lengths characters will go to unmask the Truth.

Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship: A Virtual Conversation with Author Rex Ogle

Wednesday, July 23rd | 4-5pm | Zoom | [Register](#)

You're invited to join us online with award-winning author Rex Ogle as he talks to viewers about his struggles to navigate sixth grade as written about in his book *Free Lunch*.

Clay Fantasy Books

Tuesday, July 29th | 5:30-8pm | Collins Room | [Register](#)

Clay artist Deb Jaffe will lead participants in this creative workshop where you will create a book from polymer clay that opens into a fantasy.

Embroidered Bookmarks

Wednesday, July 30th | 2-4pm | Collaboratory | [Register](#)

It's World Embroidery Day and what better way to celebrate at a library than by making a custom bookmark! We'll start with felt and embroider basic designs or borders.

TAKE THE STAGE: AN ACTING WORKSHOP

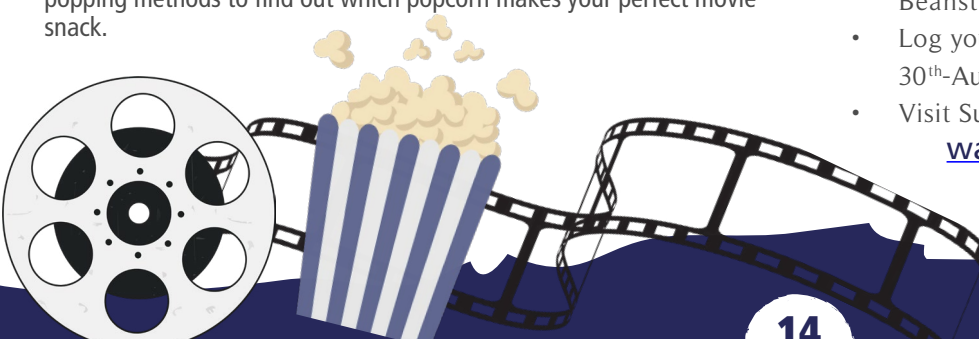
Monday, July 31st | 2:30-4pm
Community Room | [Register](#)

Students participating in this workshop will have the opportunity to try their hands at theatre games, improv, and acting exercises. Everyone will participate in this exciting exploration without feeling put on the spot. The workshop will begin with some fun and inviting warm-up games that gradually build their way to more challenging improvisations.

REEL READS

**Challenge Yourself to Read This Summer
for a Chance to Win!** The More You Read the
More Prize Entries You Receive!

- Reel Reads is open to all entering grades 6-12 in the fall.
- Create a program account on Beanstack or download the Beanstack app.
- Log your reading and activities using Beanstack from June 30th-Aug 16th
- Visit Summer at the Library webpage for more info:
walpublib.org/SummerAtTheLibrary



Last Words:

AFTER THE CREDITS from Chris Ciemniewski

Have your own film festival this summer with Kanopy! Kanopy is a free streaming service accessible with a Wallingford library card. Tired of filtering through endless content on other streaming sites? Kanopy's library is curated by a staff of film lovers who make it easy to find something good to watch. Discover critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, and award-winning foreign films. There are even plenty of films about filmmaking to supplement our Wallywood Film Festival here at the library! Click the images below to view each film on Kanopy.

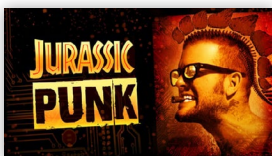


If you recently attended our *Rocky Horror Picture Show* Shadow Cast event, you might want to follow it up with *Time Warp*, a three-part documentary featuring films like *Rocky Horror*, *The Big Lebowski*, *This is Spinal Tap*, and more, in an effort to

uncover what makes a film resonant with an audience to the point where it becomes a cult classic. [\[Trailer\]](#)



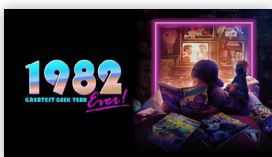
Kanopy you can find *Lynch/Oz* a documentary about the life of director David Lynch and the way *The Wizard of Oz* influenced him to become a filmmaker. [\[Trailer\]](#)



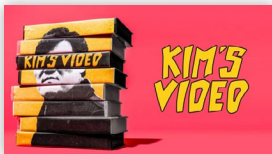
Punk, chronicles the behind-the-scenes story of computer animator Steve Williams who brought the iconic dinosaurs to life and paved the way for the future of CGI in film. [\[Trailer\]](#)



tone. They also reflect on why King's works seem to resonate with so many people, even those who may not typically like horror or thriller films. [\[Trailer\]](#)



released one blockbuster movie after another, including influential titles like *E.T.*, *Blade Runner*, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, *Poltergeist*, and *Tron*. [\[Trailer\]](#)



If you remember the 80s, you also might have fond memories of VHS tapes and rental stories. *Kim's Video* is a nostalgic look back at a legendary video rental store in New York City. In researching the history of how the store accumulated a vast collection of films, the documentary uncovers a conspiracy to privately digitize every film ever made, straddling the line between film preservation and copyright law. [\[Trailer\]](#)



As a follow up to *Kim's Video*, *VHS Massacre* offers a look back at the transition years from physical media to streaming. Film lovers and industry experts reminisce on the loss of physical media and how many obscure films have been forgotten in the streaming age as studios weed and curate their digital collections to include fewer films. [\[Trailer\]](#)



The Movie Man introduces audiences to Keith Stata, a movie lover who, in seeking to recapture the magic of the movie theatre experience, opens a five-theatre multiplex and film museum out of his house in the rural forests of Ontario. The documentary showcases how Stata's theatre complex recaptures a movie going experience lost to time. Far from being a tourist trap, it ought to be a destination for cinephiles everywhere! [\[Trailer\]](#)



It's difficult to remember a time when films did not have the pop culture impact that they do today. After wrapping a film, many early studios would discard sets and props, which would never be seen again. But today, avid film lovers pay exorbitant amounts of money at auctions to own pieces of their favorite films. *Mad Props* is a documentary that explores the history of prop collecting and the wild nuances behind how it all works, along the way showing viewers some of the most iconic film props of all time. [\[Trailer\]](#)



Festival in Cannes gives audiences an amusing taste of what it might be like to attend the Cannes Film Festival as a celebrity. Filmed in the style of a mockumentary, it follows an actress hoping to raise money for her first film as she inserts herself into the glamorously absurd politics of the show business industry. [\[Trailer\]](#)



In some cases, the stories that occur off screen can match the amusement of those on screen. After achieving fame by starring in *Sunset Boulevard*, Gloria Swanson came to the realization that Hollywood was done with the aging actress. In response, she pitched an idea to adapt *Sunset Boulevard* as a musical to young screenwriters Dickson Hughes and Richard Stapley, who were romantically involved with each other at the time. However, this didn't stop the Gloria from developing feelings for and pursuing Richard as work began on her musical. In *Boulevard: A Hollywood Story* life imitates art, and hilarious chaos ensues. [\[Trailer\]](#)



Thom Andersen's *Los Angeles Plays Itself* is a look at how the city of Los Angeles first gave rise to the film industry, but in turn has become cannibalized by it. Andersen searches for the true heart of his home city by contrasting what it is really like to live there with how it is portrayed on film and the feedback loop this dissonance creates for film audiences. He even takes moments to compare the differences in the film personas of Los Angeles and New York City. The documentary is a celebrated attempt to distinguish Los Angeles the place from Los Angeles the setting, the biggest star of them all. [\[Trailer\]](#)



July Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 9pm

Friday
9:30am - 6pm

Saturday
9:30am - 1pm

Scheduled Closings

Independence Day
Friday, July 4th



Monday
10am - 2pm

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

Wednesday
10am - 2pm

Thursday
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday
10am - 2pm

Saturday
10am - 12:30pm

July Specials
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If the Book Seller is closed, you can shop anytime at the Book Seller Annex upstairs across from the Children's Room.

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Treat yourself to a Red Carpet Experience by grabbing a popcorn bag or an Oscar award and snapping a selfie on the director's chair in front of our Wallywood mural located just across from the Check-Out Desk. The mural was painted by local artist **Rola Ramadan** and provides an opportunity for all of Wallingford's rising stars to shine! You can also visit the front garden to snap a pic in front of the "historic" Wallywood sign! Send all pics and videos from your Summer at the Library to WPLSummerAtTheLibrary@gmail.com for inclusion in our crowd-sourced film, **Red Carpet Summer!**

IN OTHERS' Words...



I believe that each reader creates their own film inside their head, gives faces to the characters, constructs every scene, hears the voices, smells the smells. And that is why, whenever a reader goes to see a film based on a novel that they like, they leave feeling disappointed, saying: 'the book is so much better than the film.'



— Paulo Coelho, *The Zahir*

