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**Understanding Native Animals and Cultures**



## Wild Turkeys of Connecticut

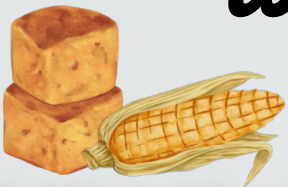
Tuesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#)

Wild turkeys were abundant when settlers first came to America. It is said their numbers throughout the original thirteen Colonies were in the millions. But they dwindled so rapidly as a result of game hunting, severe winters, and habitat loss that they were endangered by the mid-nineteenth century. Restoration efforts began in the 1970s, with the relocation of free-roaming wild turkeys from other areas of the U.S. to help replenish our wild turkey population. It is now commonplace to see turkeys while driving around New England. **Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple** will discuss the wild turkeys of Connecticut and their role in early America, as well as their habitats, eating habits, mating rituals and offspring. She will also debunk the rumor that Ben Franklin insisted our National Symbol be the wild turkey!

## Wallingford **TABLE**

### A Mohegan Harvest

Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm | Community Room | [Register](#)



Rachel Sayet, a Mohegan chef, anthropologist, and storyteller, will discuss the history of indigenous cuisine in southern New England, along with some of the key seasonal foods that Native people have been eating since time immemorial. During this demonstration, she will prepare a three sisters salad with apple cider vinaigrette and cornbread "Thanksgiving" sandwiches. The audience will have the chance to engage with Rachel and taste both dishes during the program. *The Wallingford Table series is sponsored by donations from The Great Give.*



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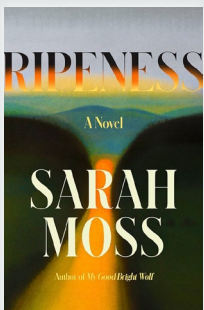
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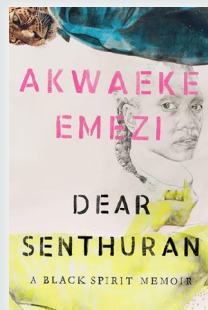
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## Staff Picks



**Cindy**  
*Ripeness*  
by Sarah Moss



**Dune**  
*Dear Senthuran*  
by Akwaeke Emezi



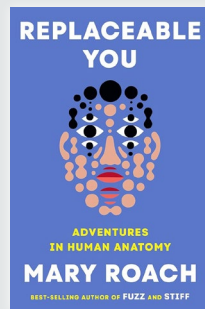
**Kaleb**  
*The Guncle Abroad*  
by Steven Rowley



**Caitlin**  
*Tales of the Shire*  
from Weta Workshop  
Game Studio



**Rachel**  
*Pieces of April*  
dir. by Peter Hedges



**Sam Lee**  
*Replaceable You*  
by Mary Roach

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# Virtual Author Visits

## Featuring Indigenous Voices

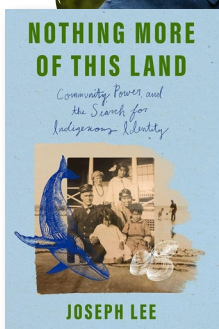


### Joseph Lee

**Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity**  
Wednesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 2-3pm | [Zoom](#) | [Register](#)

In *Nothing More of This Land: Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity*, Joseph Lee explores Indigenous identity near the “island paradise” of Martha’s Vineyard. Growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag, Joseph Lee grappled with what it means to be an Indigenous person in the world today, especially as tribal land, culture, and community face new threats. Starting with the story of his own tribe, which is from Martha’s Vineyard, Lee tackles key questions around Indigenous identity and the legacy of colonialism.

Joseph Lee is an Aquinnah Wampanoag writer based in New York City. He has an MFA from Columbia University and teaches creative writing at Mercy University.

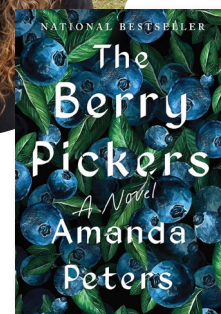


### Amanda Peters

**The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time**  
Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 7-8 pm | [Zoom](#) | [Register](#)

In July of 1962, a Mi’kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of a wealthy family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma realizes that there is something her parents aren’t telling her. *The Berry Pickers* is an intimate portrait of race, love, loneliness and the power of forgiveness.

Amanda Peters is a mixed-race woman of Mi’kmaq and European descent who was born and raised in Nova Scotia. *The Berry Pickers* is her debut novel. It won the Barnes and Noble Discover Prize and the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and has been translated into 16 languages.



See Page 10 for an additional Virtual Author Visit in November!

The Library Speakers Consortium is a community of libraries that strives to cultivate lifelong learning, cultural understanding and connection through a wide selection of literary experiences. These include several monthly virtual live conversations with bestselling authors and on-demand access to recordings of past events. Authors cover a wide range of perspectives and genres, including literary, contemporary and historical fiction, romance, fantasy, horror and science fiction and a broad range of nonfiction topics.

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# 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 and 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: Windows 11 Basics**

**Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Board Room | Adults | [Register](#)**

Join Elijah for an introduction to Windows 11 and its exciting new features. This class will help you navigate the system with ease. Bring your Windows 11 laptop or device (if available) and get ready to explore the latest operating system from Microsoft! Topics include:

- Getting to Know the Interface
- Settings & Customization
- Microsoft Store & Apps
- New Features & Enhancements

## **Dear IT: Staying Private Online**

**Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Collins Room | Adults | [Register](#)**

In today's digital world, protecting your privacy online has never been more important. Join Connor for a practical session focused on keeping your personal information safe on all of your devices. We'll cover real-world examples and helpful tools that anyone can use. Please bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer to the class with the latest software updates installed. No prior tech knowledge is needed—just curiosity! Topics covered in this class include:

- Understanding online tracking and how to avoid it
- Managing your browser's privacy settings
- Learning the dangers of unprotected Wi-Fi networks
- Understanding the Privacy Spectrum
- Recognizing and avoiding scams and phishing attempts

## **Digitization Services**

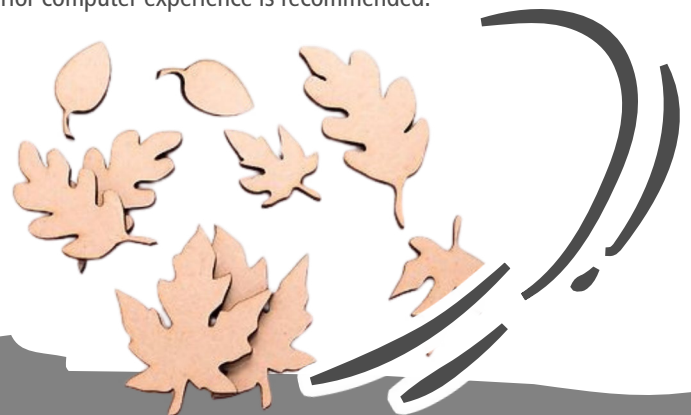
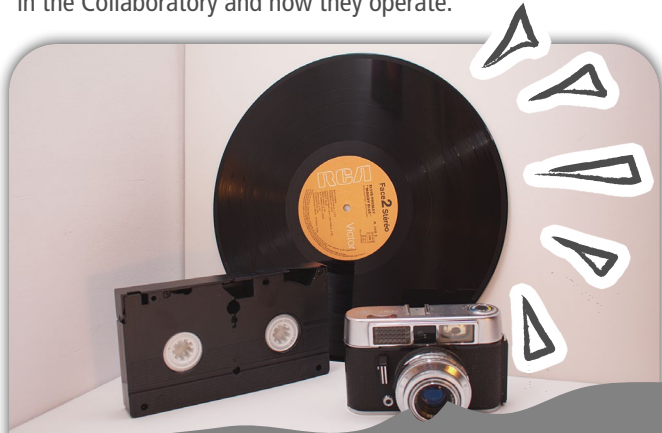
**Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> | 2-3:30pm OR**  
**Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 2pm-3:30pm**  
**Adults | Collaboratory Horseshoe Booth**  
[Register Mon](#) | [Register Sat](#)

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

## **Learn to Laser Cut**

**Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 2pm-3:30pm OR**  
**Monday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> | 2pm-3:30pm**  
**Adults | Collaboratory Horseshoe Booth**  
[Register Sat](#) | [Register Mon](#)

Get started designing your own laser cutter projects using CorelDRAW software. Participants will make a basic wood project. Prior computer experience is recommended.



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# Cardholder Perks for Scientists

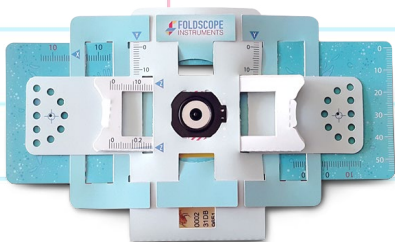
Do you enjoy exploring the natural world, gazing at the night sky, or discovering what makes things tick? If you love science but prefer hands-on learning over reading a book, you might be surprised to hear that the library has something for you too! **The Library of Things** offers a variety of equipment that can help you get started with your scientific discoveries! ([walpublib.org/LibraryofThings](http://walpublib.org/LibraryofThings))



If you find yourself looking up at the night sky and squinting to see if that bright light is a star or a planet (or maybe even a UFO), borrow the library's **telescope** so that you can get a closer look! For those whose stargazing adventures may require a more portable option, check out our **astronomy binoculars**! These binoculars are also perfect for daytime activities like birdwatching.

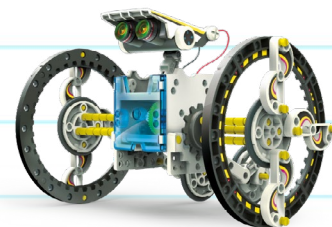


Are you more interested in getting an up-close view of things here on Earth? Borrow the library's **Foldscope microscope** to view tiny things like bacteria, blood cells, and single-celled organisms or get close up and personal with larger things like insects and tissue samples!



For budding scientists, the Children's Department has many STEM kits available to borrow, making learning fun and engaging for children. For students learning about physics, the Teen Library of Things offers a **Gravitrax Set** that allows users to build interactive tracks and learn about gravity, magnetism and kinetics. Is your teen thinking about a career in computer science or engineering? Borrow the library's **Solar Robot** or the **Mechanical Coding Robot** for a hands-on learning experience!

Stay informed about the latest developments in science with our collection of science magazines, including *Scientific American*, *Smithsonian*, *Discover*, *Natural History*, and *Sky & Telescope*. For those who enjoy watching science and nature documentaries, you will find many available to stream for free on Kanopy. ([walpublib.org/Kanopy](http://walpublib.org/Kanopy)).



The library offers **discount passes to a number of science museums** in the area including Children's Museum & Roaring Brook Nature Center, Everwonder Children's Museum, Sacred Heart University's Discovery Science Center & Planetarium, and Springfield Museums. These passes can be reserved up to 30 days in advance and most can be printed from home ([walpublib.org/DiscountPasses](http://walpublib.org/DiscountPasses)). The library also offers discount coupons to the Connecticut Science Center in Hartford. No reservation is needed for these coupons. Just stop by the Information Desk to pick one up.



See some of the high-tech equipment available from the library in action!  
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# Children & Families

## School-Aged Programs

*Registration is required unless otherwise noted.*

*Registration opens at 9am, 4 weeks before the program date.*

### **Saturday Morning Jam Session**

**Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 10:30-11:30am | Grades 1-3**

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

Come make some music at the library! We will be learning some instrument basics and then attempting to play some songs. Experienced musicians can bring their own instruments, but we also have plenty to lend out here at the library as well. This program is perfect for beginners who are just getting into music, or young musicians who are looking to learn to play as part of a group. Older siblings and grown-ups are welcome to join as well!

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

**Saturdays, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> | 1:30-4pm | Grades PreK-8**

**Wonder Room | [Register](#)**

Come enjoy an assortment of board games and video games at this all ages event! There will be video games like Smash and Mario Kart, tabletop games like Chess and Scrabble, and an entire area dedicated to playing and trading Pokémon! Gamers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Come get your game on!

### **The Whalemobile: Ultimate Humpback Whale Experience**

**Tuesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 10am-12noon**

**Grades K-5 + Their Caregivers | [Register](#)**

Sign up for a time slot to step inside a life-sized inflatable whale and learn how scientists study these amazing animals in the wild. Educators from The Whalemobile will also have real whale bones and teeth for participants to explore. *This program is made possible by a donation from Ulbrich.*

### **Family Dungeons and Dragons**

**Tuesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm | Kids & Their Grown-Up**

**Wonder Room | [Register](#)**

It's Dungeons and Dragons for the whole family! In this program we will be providing the space and materials for kids and their grown-ups to play D&D together! We have numerous premade quests and characters, as well as multiple experienced players/Dungeon Masters who can offer guidance on the rules or help run an adventure for you. Kids of any age can come play, as long as their grown-ups play with them! This is a perfect program for someone's first foray into D&D, or for more experienced players who want to test out characters they have built, or even practice being the Dungeon Master.

### **STEM Explorers: Oobleck Olympics**

**Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> | 5-6pm | Grades 3-7**

**Wonder Room | [Register](#)**

Join students from Choate Rosemary Hall for an evening of STEM-related fun! This month, we will be making Oobleck, and racing all kinds of fun objects against each other. Everyone will be able to take some Oobleck home. *This program is being held in conjunction with Choate Rosemary Hall.*

### **Astronomy Club: Star Gazing**

**Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 7-9pm | Grades K-5**

**Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Field | [Register](#)**

The Astronomy Club is finally going outside to gaze upon the vast and amazing night sky! The Astronomical Society of New Haven will meet us at Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Field in Wallingford with their telescopes. We'll look for planets and constellations. You do not need to have previously attended an astronomy club to join the fun. Remember to dress warmly!

### **Reading Buddies**

**Friday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30pm | Grades K-2**

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

Spend a Friday evening reading with a high school buddy! Choate volunteers will join us to do some group read-alouds, small group reading practice, and other fun activities. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like a reminder email. *This program is offered in conjunction with Choate Rosemary Hall and the Wallingford Rotary Interact Club.*

### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11:30am | Grades K-5**

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

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

### **Tabletop Adventures: Spidey Showdown**

**Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7pm | Grades 4-8**

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

An interdimensional super villain team-up from various comic continuities is wreaking havoc on New York City, causing mass chaos as wormholes open into alternate universes! Luckily, each of these universes has its own web slinging spider themed hero, and they all decide to team up to end the threat. Create your own spider-hero and swing into action in this Spiderman-inspired Dungeons & Dragons-esque adventure. This quest will be using a modified version of the Kids on Bikes tabletop RPG system, which is similar to Dungeons & Dragons. Players who are familiar with the Spiderman comics may have a distinct advantage.

### **Homeschool Meetup**

**Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 1-3pm | All ages**

**Wonder Room | [Register](#)**

Looking to connect with other homeschooling families? Stop by the library on the third Wednesday 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. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like a reminder email.



# School-Aged Programs (continued)

## Reading Fun with Moran's Promote Reading Club

Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 4-6pm | Grades PreK-2  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Celebrate fall with the Moran Promote Reading Club! Drop in any time between 4:00pm and 6:00pm to listen to a story from, or read a story to, a Moran Middle School student. Afterwards take part in some fall-related crafts and activities. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like a reminder email.

## Break It!

Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 4:30-6pm | Grades 1-5  
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!

## Preschool Programs

*Registration is required unless otherwise noted.*

*Registration opens at 9am, 4 weeks before the program date.*

## Toddler Yoga

Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> | 11-11:30am | Ages 2-4  
Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Marie Vitucci of Mindful Energy Yoga will introduce children to Yoga using movement, music, stories, and props. Please bring a Yoga mat if you already have one, but it is not required.

## Silly Story Time

Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11am | Ages 0-5  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Saturdays are for being silly! In this family story time we will sing goofy songs and read funny books.

## Rhyme Time Engineers

Friday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11:30am | Ages 3-5  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

When you combine early literacy, STEM, and retired kindergarten teacher, Adrienne Ferretti, you get Rhyme Time Engineers! Ms. Ferretti will lead preschoolers through a nursery rhyme and then guide them through rhyme-inspired STEM activities. *This program has been made possible by a donation from Ulbrich.*

## Music & Movement with Julie Stepanek

Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11:30am | Ages 0-5  
Community Room | [Register](#)

Join Julie for songs kids know and love. Stretch, move, sing, and dance all the while developing early literacy skills through music and rhythm.

## Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

Tuesday, Nov 18<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.

## LEGO Club

Saturday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> | 2-3pm | Grades K-5  
Wonder Room | [Register](#)

Bring your imagination and join us for an hour of fun with LEGO bricks! At this program, kids and their grown-up will have a chance to show off their building skills with LEGO bricks provided by the library. Participants must have an accompanying adult in the room during the program, and adults are encouraged to make their own creations.

## Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> | 4-7pm | Grades 4-8  
Wonder 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. This is a drop-in event, but register if you would like a reminder email.

## 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 | 10:30am | Wonder Room  
Mondays, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

This class introduces babies, toddlers, and their grownups to the library and each other while learning how to support their growth and development through songs, puppets, rhymes, and books. Includes playtime afterwards. This class is appropriate for infants, crawlers, and very early walkers.

## Waddling Ones & Twos

Ages 15 mo-35 mo | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room  
Tuesdays, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

A great program for active toddlers, now in the Wonder Room! In a smaller class size setting, children will learn more about how language works through 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, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

Full of music, movement, and stories, this program is perfect for children who are working on making the transition to Preschool Story Time.

## Pajama Family Story Time

Ages 0-5 | 6:30pm | Community Room  
Wednesdays, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 | 10:30am | Children's Program Room  
Thursdays, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

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

# Adult Events



## Happenings



### Make Your Own Ugly Holiday Sweater!

Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 1-2:30pm | Collins Room | [Register](#)

Do you have a sweater that's just not quite "festive" enough? Join us at this workshop led by Ashley Parker of Sew This Studios, where we will embellish old sweaters by hand with holiday-themed adornments such as appliques, sequins, trims and more. You'll be the life of every holiday party you attend in your tacky new trappings! Participants should bring their own sweaters to alter.



### Día de Muertos

Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-8pm | Community Room | No registration required

Celebrate Día de Muertos with the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) & the Wallingford Public Library! You will have the chance to learn about the customs of this traditional Mexican holiday and view our community-made altar. Dancers and musicians will put on live performances in authentic costume, while the SCOW School of Music singers serenade the audience. The Los Mariachis food truck will be stationed in the parking lot so you can grab dinner while you're here!



### Winter Seed Sowing: A Virtual Workshop

Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Zoom | [Register](#)

Growing native plants in your garden is an important way to provide food and habitat for our pollinators. You can affordably increase the amount of native flora in your yard by planting them yourself using seeds. In this virtual workshop led by certified Master Gardener Jim Sirch, we'll discuss the cultivation requirements for different plant species and get you fully equipped for the coming months. You'll learn how to prepare an upcycled milk jug filled with implanted seeds to germinate over the winter. You will also learn how to take proper care of your seedlings as they sprout and take root!



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

Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8:30pm | Collins Room | [Register](#)

Are you recovering from a recent loss and worried about what challenges the holidays may bring? You are not alone! Join Connecticut Hospice bereavement counselor Micheal Santangelo as she discusses how to cope with grief and find meaningful ways to honor our lost loved ones during the holiday season. The presentation will be followed with a craft session in which participants will have the opportunity to make their own ornaments.





# 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.

## English Conversation Group

**Mondays | 6:30-7:30pm | Board Room**

This is an informal gathering for people who wish to practice speaking English. There is no level of proficiency required to join. The group is facilitated by library staff member **Rebecca Paniagua**, who is a native speaker of English. *NOTE: This is not a formal English class. The purpose of these meetings is to give participants an opportunity to engage in discussions, participate in activities, and practice their English skills in a supportive environment.*

## 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**

Come join us for a weekly program to forge new connections with folks you might otherwise never get to know! 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.

## Wallingford Ukulele Club

**Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> | 10-11:30am | Community Room**

**Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room**

**Monday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Community 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!

## WPL Play Readers

**Wednesday, Nov 5<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.

## ASL Conversation Group

**Wednesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Board Room**

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to improve your American Sign Language skills in a friendly and non-judgmental space! **Jennifer Coyne**, an experienced sign language interpreter, will facilitate each session. Some knowledge of ASL is recommended; patrons with no previous experience should take a course through [Transparent Language Online](#), available through the library's website, before attending a meeting.

## Saturday Mornings with Poetry

**Saturdays, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:45am-12noon | Collins Room**

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).



## The Mitten Tree: A Holiday Clothing Drive

**Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

**All Library Hours | Main Desk**

Help us decorate the Mitten Tree! Donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens in both children's and adult sizes are welcome and will be delivered to local charitable organizations in December. You may also donate non-perishable grocery items such as cold cereal and canned fruit/applesauce, stews, soups, chili, and vegetables for our wonderful local food pantries. Join us in helping families in need this giving season!

## Talking TED @ Home

**Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 7pm-8pm | Zoom | [Register](#)**

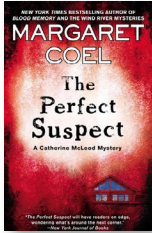
Join librarian Cindy Haiken on Zoom to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Once registered, you will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email on the day of the event. In November, we will watch and discuss Dr. Riley Moynes' "The 4 Phases of Retirement."

Imagine squeezing all the juice out of retirement! When interviewed on his research, Dr. Riley Moynes commented, "I wish I knew then what I know now about the psychological challenges that accompany retirement. It would have made things much clearer and easier." By interviewing hundreds of retirees, he has discovered a framework that can help make more sense of this challenging chapter of our lives...one that, for many, could last for 30 years or more. If you're retired, this talk will make things much clearer for you. If you're not, you'll have a better idea of what to expect when that time comes.



# For Readers

## Book Clubs

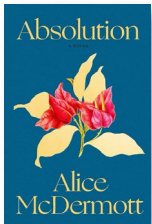


**Mystery Book Club**  
**The Perfect Suspect** by Margaret Coel  
Wednesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:15pm | Zoom

Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

The hottest story in Denver is the shooting death of gubernatorial hopeful David Matthews. Investigative journalist Catherine McLeod has been covering the campaign for the *Denver Journal*. A mysterious phone call from a woman who names the murderer launches McLeod into a tricky investigation. To uncover the truth, she must risk both her career and her life.

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**  
**Absolution** by Alice McDermott  
Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room & Zoom

Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

In 1963, Tricia Kelly is a shy newlywed and a kindergarten teacher who travels to Vietnam with her husband Peter, a civilian engineer "on loan" to Navy Intelligence. Once there, she meets Charlene, a corporate wife who talks Tricia into joining her volunteer army of do-gooders to perform charitable acts for the Vietnamese. McDermott's 2023 novel won the Mark Twain American Voice in Literature Award and was named a best book of the year by NPR, *TIME Magazine* and *Kirkus Review*.

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

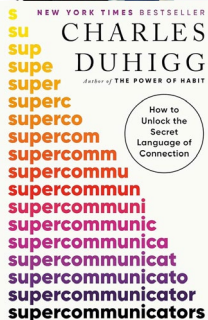
# Virtual Author Visit



**Charles Duhigg**  
**Unlock the Secret Language of Connection**  
Tuesday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 2-3pm | [Zoom](#) | [Register](#)

Charles Duhigg, author of the bestselling books *The Power of Habit* and *Smarter Faster Better*, offers ways to communicate and connect with anyone at work, home, and in life. In *Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection*, Duhigg unravels the secrets of the supercommunicators to reveal the art—and the science—of successful communication. He unpacks the different types of everyday conversation and pinpoints why some go smoothly while others fall apart. He reveals the conversational questions and gambits that bring people together. He shows how tricky encounters can be turned around. And he reveals the techniques we can all master to connect with others, however challenging the circumstances.

Charles Duhigg is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist for *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times Magazine*. A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School, he is a winner of the National Academies of Sciences, National Journalism, and George Polk awards.





# Novelty

What's new in novels  
from Cindy Haiken



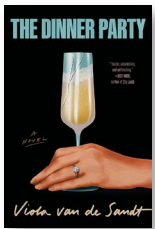
In her brilliant novel *I Capture the Castle*, Dodie Smith writes: "Why is summer mist romantic and autumn mist just sad?" Personally, I find autumn mist romantic and evocative, and November offers a final burst of falling leaves, along with the start of the holiday season. What better way to welcome it than with a slew of terrific new novels? Here is a sample of November new releases coming our way:



***The Burning Library*** by Gilly MacMillan — In St. Andrews, Scotland, rivaling secret orders of women battle one another in their efforts to find a medieval manuscript.

***A Case of Life and Limb*** by Sally Smith — In this sequel to *A Case of Mice and Murder*, the head of London's Inner Temple law court receives a package containing a severed hand on Christmas Eve.

***Cursed Daughters*** by Oyinkan Braithwaite — A woman contends with a family curse and her family's belief that she is the reincarnation of her cousin.



***Deeper than the Ocean*** by Mirta Ojito — A woman discovers that the grandmother her mother cherished was listed among the dead in a shipwreck that happened years before her mother was born.

***The Dinner Party*** by Viola van de Sandt — The story of a dinner party, from its careful preparation through its explosive finish, that includes the competing tensions of love, grief and female rage.

***The Eleventh Hour*** by Salman Rushdie — A short-story collection that explores death and living.

***Evensong*** by Stewart O'Nan — Emily Maxwell, the protagonist of three earlier O'Nan novels, is now a member of the Humpty Dumpty Club, a group of older women who help and support others through life's challenges.

***The Ferryman and His Wife*** by Frode Grytten — A ferry operator who knows that today will be his last day alive prepares his boat for its usual route along the fjords in Western Norway.

***Helm*** by Sarah Hall — A fictional history of Northern England and climate change told by a ferocious and mischievous wind.



***Her One Regret*** by Donna Freitas — A real estate agent vanishes from a Rhode Island supermarket parking lot, and her nine-month-old daughter is left crying in a shopping cart.

***Ladies in Waiting*** by Adriana Trigiani et. al. — Forgotten characters from Jane Austen's novels experience their own happy endings.



***The Land in Winter*** by Andrew Miller — During the harsh winter of 1962, the lives of two married couples start to unravel. Shortlisted for the 2025 Booker Prize for Fiction.

***Lucky Seed*** by Justinian Huang — The matriarch of a wealthy family pushes her gay nephew to produce an heir to carry on their lineage.

***Palaver*** by Bryan Washington — A mother arrives at her estranged son's Tokyo apartment for the first time in 12 years because his tone during their very sporadic phone calls worried her. Shortlisted for the National Book Award for Fiction.



***The Predicament*** by William Boyd — In this sequel to the bestselling *Gabriel's Moon*, a travel writer turned spy travels from Guatemala to the U.K. to Berlin while trying to stay ahead of political machinations.

***Queen Esther*** by John Irving — A young woman is taken in by a New England family after her father dies on their ship from Vienna to Maine and then her mother is murdered once they dock in the U.S.

***Revenge of Odessa*** by Frederick Forsyth and Tony Kent — The long-awaited sequel to the #1 bestselling spy thriller *The Odessa File*.



***Seascraper*** by Benjamin Wood — An American arrives in a small coastal English town and asks a young man to help him find the perfect location for his next movie. Shortlisted for the 2025 Booker Prize for Fiction.

***The Silver Book*** by Olivia Laing — A film designer and his apprentice-turned-lover travel through Italy working for Federico Fellini.

***Some Bright Nowhere*** by Ann Packer — A couple who have been married for almost 40 years confront the inevitable when one of them starts to lose her long battle with cancer.

***The Tortoise's Tale*** by Kendra Coulter — Over a century in the life of a giant tortoise named Magic who lives on an estate in Southern California.

Also of note this month are the third book in the Lost Bride trilogy by Nora Roberts (*The Seven Rings*), the 5<sup>th</sup> installment in the Her Majesty Investigates series by S.J. Bennett (*The Queen Who Came In from the Cold*), the 15<sup>th</sup> Charles Lenox mystery by Charles Finch (*The Hidden City*), the 24<sup>th</sup> installment in the Temperance Brennan series by Kathy Reichs (*Evil Bones*), the 30<sup>th</sup> Jack Reacher thriller by Lee Child (*Exit Strategy*), the 33<sup>rd</sup> Alex Cross thriller by James Patterson (*Return of the Spider*) and new novels by David Baldacci (*Nash Falls*), Richard Paul Evans (*The Christmas Stranger*), Susan Mallery (*Otherwise Engaged*) and Danielle Steel (*The Color of Hope*).





# Collaboratory

## Drop-In Programs

### Special Event: **Arts Council of Greater New Haven** **Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 10am–3pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Collaboratory**

Do you have a project that you want to think through? Want to know about all the things that the Arts Council has on the horizon? Meet with Program Director, **Rebekah Moore**, during in-person office hours. Use this link to register and please select **November 18<sup>th</sup>** for your appointment date: [AC Regional Tour Consult](#). Drop-ins are also welcome based on availability.



### **8-Bit Pixel Art Perler Bead Creations**

**Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 11am–12:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Collaboratory**

Drop in to make Perler Bead art of your favorite video game characters from the past. Whether you prefer NES or SNES or Sega or Atari, you'll meet fellow retro gaming enthusiasts while creating a fun project.

### **Graphics Office Hours**

**Mondays, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & Nov 17<sup>th</sup> | 2–4pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory**

Do you need dedicated one-on-one help with a graphics project? Our talented volunteer, Kate, will help you use Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, or Photoshop to turn your vision into reality. Stop by between 2-4pm on the first or third Monday of the month.

### **Open Sew**

**Tuesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 6-8:30pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory**

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

### **Woven Together**

**Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 6:30–8pm | Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Drop-in | Collaboratory**

Gather with fellow fiber arts enthusiasts on the first Thursday of the month! Whether you knit, crochet, embroider, cross-stitch, macrame, or create any other type of textile art, there's a place for you here. Bring your current project & supplies. Beginners are welcome. This club is facilitated by Mary Jane Chicoski, a local member of the American Sewing Guild. No registration required!

### **Maker Office Hours**

**Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 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 second and fourth Thursday of the month (only the second Thursday in November).

# Lottery Programs

Visit the November program lottery to register for the events below:  
[walpublib.org/LotteryNov25](http://walpublib.org/LotteryNov25)

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

## Polymer Clay Mushroom Pin

Tuesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> | 6–8:30pm | Collins Room  
Sculpt a polymer clay pin celebrating everyone's favorite fungus.

## Sublimation Puzzle

Wednesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> | 7–8:30pm OR  
Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 3–4:30pm  
Create your own beautiful 120-piece full-color jigsaw puzzle. If there is a specific photo you want to use, please bring the original to scan or save the digital file on a flash drive or cloud storage. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*

## Gratitude Cards

Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> | 6:30–8pm  
Learn some new techniques to make cards that can be given for Thanksgiving, a thank you, or showing gratitude. Each participant will stamp sayings, use embossing folders, use die cuts, and do some ink-blending. *Note: This is a repeat program. Do not register if you have attended previously.*

## Fall Glass Tumbler Painting

Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> | 11am–12:30pm  
Paint a tumbler with glass paint for a stained glass effect! Trace a fall scene for this beautiful, functional project.

## Sublimation Holiday Ornament

Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> | 7–8:30pm OR  
Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> | 3–4:30pm  
Use our sublimation printer to put your own images on a flat ceramic ornament. Be sure to bring your images on a flash drive or have access to them online.

## Vintage Button Floral Bouquet

Monday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> | 6:30–8:30pm OR  
Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> | 2:30–4:30pm  
Craft a timeless centerpiece to brighten your home. *This program requires finger dexterity to thread a needle, sew, and twist wire.*

## Introduction to Sewing: Pie Carrier

Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> | 7pm–8:30pm OR  
Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 3pm–4:30pm  
Use one of the Collaboratory's sewing machines to make a fabric carrier for transporting pies to your upcoming events. No prior sewing experience required.



# COOL Laboratory



This month in the Cool Laboratory we will be looking at a nice and relaxing low-tech activity we have here in the Collaboratory: Perler Beads! Perler Beads are small, colorful beads that are placed on a pegboard to make a design, and then fused together using an iron to make the design permanent. Projects can range in size from tiny to huge, and can be things like keychains, earrings, coasters, or just decorative. As you will see in the video we have everything you need to make a masterpiece!

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





# Just for Teens



## Registration Required

### Clay Foods: Thanksgiving Leftovers

Monday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm | Collins Room

Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Make your favorite Thanksgiving leftovers out of polymer clay! Artist Deb Jaffe will teach you how to make a miniature meal.

### Painted Mood Boards

Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> | 3:15-4:45pm | Collaboratory

Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Create an analog mood board using single-color (monochrome) painting techniques. No painting experience required.



## Drop-in Teen Clubs

### 8-Bit Pixel Art Perler Bead Creations

Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> | 11am-12:30pm | Collaboratory

Grades 9-12 & Adults | Drop-in | [Register](#)

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### Teen Debate Club

Last Tuesday of the month | 3-4:30pm | Collins Room

Grades 9-12 | Registration encouraged | [Register](#)

Do you like to debate? Do you want to participate in something bigger than you? Are you a committed and dedicated teen? Then the WPL Debate Club is for you! Each session, we will introduce a new debate topic. Then, each team will have time to research and devise an argument. We will then have an entire debate discussion with a judge who will award points. Overall, this will be a fun and competitive activity for all local high school students.

### Trading Card Battle Club

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

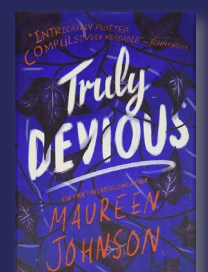
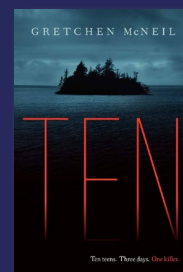
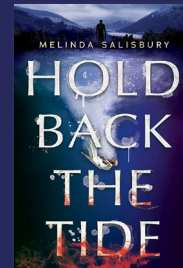
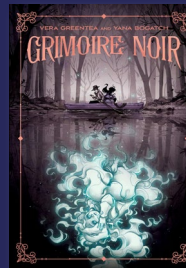
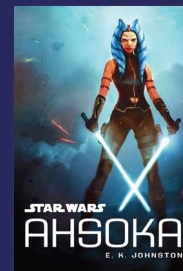
Grades 4-8 | Registration encouraged | [Register](#)

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.



## Kayleigh's Favorites

Congratulations to former Teen Services Librarian Kayleigh Sprague on her new role at Wallingford Public Library as Head of Technology. We are thankful Kayleigh won't be leaving us—but our teen programming will be in a transition state until we find our next Teen Services Librarian. As Kayleigh prepares for her new role, let's take a look back at some of her favorite Young Adult books!

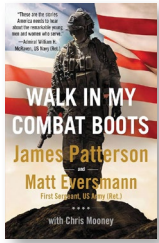




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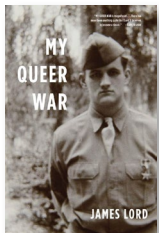
## Thank You for Your Service from Chris Ciemniewski

While we civilians sometimes take Veterans Day for granted as another holiday off from work, the day serves as a moment to remind ourselves of the experiences that service members have endured to secure American liberties across generations. It's a duty that many of us thankfully will never have to know firsthand, but through the books and writings of those who served their country, we can better understand what it means for these individuals to have fought for their country.



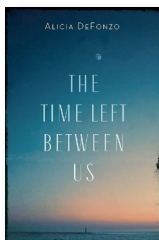
**Walk in my Combat Boots** is a collection of interviews with service members compiled by First Sergeant Matt Eversmann and bestselling author James Patterson in 2021. The book contains nearly a hundred stories from different service members, each beginning with a brief biographical sketch of the person before they provide a personal war story, from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Most of the stories are succinct and can be read in a few minutes, but their content

is no less powerful for their short length. Eversmann and Patterson set out to educate readers on what we are thanking our military personnel for when we thank them for their service. A similar collection of stories can be found in **Voices of War**, published by National Geographic in 2004. This collection of first-hand accounts, heightened by the inclusion of photographs, aims to bring the personal experiences of war to readers in one of the first books of its kind. And for those seeking the most raw emotions that interviews cannot provide, try **Grace Under Fire** edited by Andrew Carroll, a collection of letters from soldiers about faith during times of war.

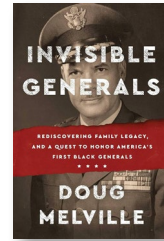


It's important to remember that members of the armed forces are just as diverse as the civilian population: they don't just fight for us; they represent us on the battlefield. **My Queer War** by James Lord is a war story, but also a love story, about a twenty-one year old soldier who experiences the thrill of first love and the chill of disillusionment with his fellow man while fighting for the United States

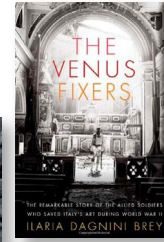
during World War II. When the United States entered the war in 1941, it was the first time the government actively sought out women to serve. **The Women with Silver Wings** by Katherine Sharp Landdeck is a comprehensive account of those women airforce pilots who served during World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Each chapter is dedicated to a different pilot who tells her unique story. **Half American** by Matthew F. Delmont explores the complicated situation of Black service members during World War II fighting for a country where Black civilians did not all have the right to vote. The book touches on the segregation of Black infantrymen, the hypocrisy of fighting fascism while racist infrastructures still existed in the United States, and the civil rights heroes who advocated for Black soldiers, veterans, and their families.



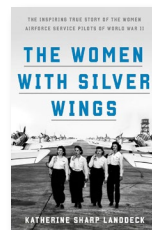
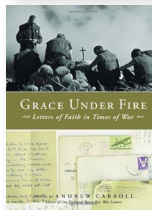
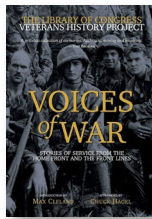
For some service members, the armed forces are part of their family history. For others it is a matter of uncovering the history of our grandparents or great-grandparents who fought in the wars. **The Time Left Between Us** by Alicia DeFonzo "bridges the gap between the generation who fought in World War II and the generation who has forgotten it." DeFonzo traces the steps of her grandfather's



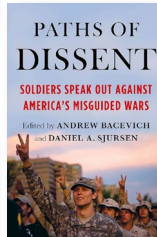
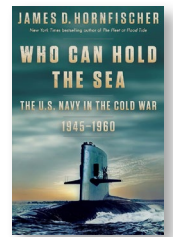
tour through World War II in Europe. She even inherits a Nazi journal from her grandfather and visits Germany to confront the diary owner's family. Similarly, in **Invisible Generals**, author Doug Melville begins exploring his own family's military history across five generations from post-Civil War America to the American wars in Asia. Along the way he discovers inspiring stories of some of America's first Black generals and realizes that if he doesn't tell their stories, they would be lost forever.



Ilaria Dagnini Brey's **The Venus Fixers** reminds readers that soldiers in World War II weren't just fighting against fascism but were also fighting to preserve a cultural legacy. The book recounts the story of soldiers who partnered with historians, architects, and artists to preserve priceless masterworks as the Nazis pillaged and looted Europe. Without these brave soldiers many of Europe's greatest treasures may have been lost forever. In **Who Can Hold the Sea**, author James D. Hornfischer

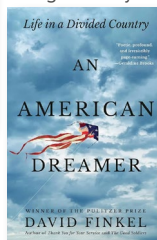
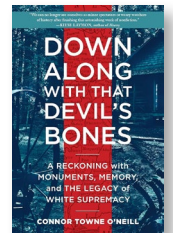


discusses how, even as World War II drew to a close, enlistment in the United States Navy grew as the realization set in that controlling the oceans would be instrumental in securing global peace. What began as a peacetime expansion quickly turned into a Cold War as former Soviet allies began to antagonize the United States, in turn creating the need for an even more powerful navy. The book is a comprehensive look at the United States Navy at its height between 1945 and 1960.



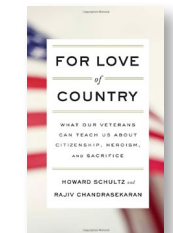
Today many veterans look back upon the wars they fought in with mixed sentiments. **Paths of Dissent**, compiled by Andrew Bacevish, is a collection of fifteen essays from soldiers of a variety of ranks speaking out against America's misguided wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A common theme in all these essays is a description of their aspirational motivations for serving, followed by a slow disillusionment. **Down Along with that Devil's Bones** by Connor Towne

O'Neill offers a critique of Civil War monuments. While visiting Selma, Alabama, O'Neill came across a group of white supremacists attempting to erect a monument to a notorious Confederate War general in remembrance of their heritage. He goes on to describe how these monuments only memorialize hatred, not heritage, and comes to the realization that the Civil War is still being fought today through these monuments. In **An American**



**Dreamer**, Iraq War veteran David Finkel addresses his feelings on a divided nation and attempts to get to the core of what he fights for and his values of American fairness, honesty, and respect. The book is a lament of frustration that everything he fought for may be for naught. **For Love of Country** by Howard Schultz and Rajiv Chandrasekaran offers a look at what Veterans' experiences can teach us about "citizenship, heroism, and sacrifice."

Rather than examining their past experiences during wars, the book looks at the present day lives of veterans and what they are doing to help communities after they return from service. Whether on the battlefield or providing aid at home after a natural disaster, the book shows that in their best moments a soldier is not only a fighter, but is also someone who provides exceptional service to anyone in need.





# Join us in welcoming WPL's new Cataloging Librarian, Mickey!

## Nov Hours

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

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

## Scheduled Closings

**Veterans Day**  
Tue, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving**  
Close at 6pm on Wed, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thu, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>  
Fri, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

### Hi again, everyone!

As many of you may already know from the months I've spent working at the Information Desk, my name is Mickey, and I'm excited to announce that I've joined the Wallingford Public Library full-time as the new Cataloging Librarian!

I recently earned my Master of Library and Information Science from Simmons University, and I'm thrilled to bring my background in archival cataloging to this new role. While I won't be at the Information Desk quite as often as I was before, you'll still see me around, and I will probably sneak in a bit of cataloging at the Information Desk from time to time!

Outside of the library, I enjoy playing video games with friends. Some of my favorite genres include RPGs, horror, and strategy games. I'm also passionate about fashion and love thrifting, especially when I come across fun vintage pieces. A few of my favorite designers are Vivienne Westwood and vintage Chanel.

I'm really looking forward to this new chapter and continuing to be part of this amazing library community. Please stop and say hi if you see me around.

—Mickey

## Check out some of Mickey's Favorite Titles...



**Monday**  
10am - 2pm

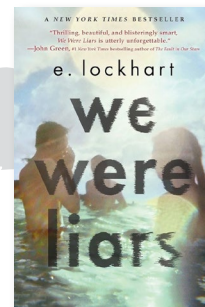
**Tuesday**  
10am - 12noon  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

**Wednesday**  
10am - 2pm

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

**Friday**  
10am - 2pm

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



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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.

## IN OTHERS' Words...



Life is a constant struggle between being an individual and being a member of the community.



— Sherman Alexie, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*