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# Words

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**Snow is to Slush as March is to Mush**



## **Mush! Meet Iditarod Racer Karen Land and Her Sled Dog Sophia**

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm**  
**Community Room | [Register](#)**

What does it feel like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled through mountainous terrain, crossing the vast Alaskan tundra, hugging the shoreline of the great Bering Sea? What does it take to care for a team of Alaskan huskies? Join us as we welcome musher **Karen Land**, a three-time participant in the 1000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, and her Alaskan Husky **Sophia**! In honor of Women's History Month, Karen will give a once-in-a-lifetime presentation on her experiences racing in the Iditarod and the legacy of female mushers in this celebrated annual competition. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask her questions, meet Sophia, and see her mushing gear up close!

## **Modern Celtic Classics: A St. Patrick's Day Concert**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm**  
**Community Room & Facebook Live | [Register](#)**

Join us for a musical celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Local Irish-American musicians **Brian Nolan** and **Peter Brail** will cover modern hits like Ed Sheeran's "Galway Girl," Van Morrison classics ("Brown Eyed Girl," "Moondance," "Days Like This"), and timeless Irish standards ("Danny Boy," "Molly Malone," "Whiskey in the Jar") while sharing unique cultural insights into Irish life and tradition.



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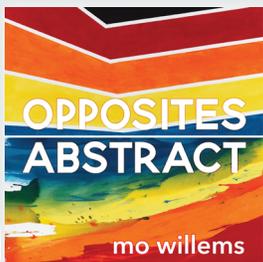
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**Chris**  
*Universal Language*  
directed by  
Matthew Rankin



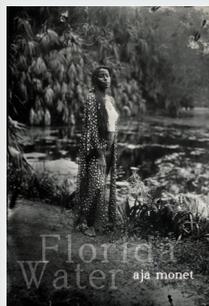
**Kaleb**  
*The AI Con*  
by Emily M. Bender  
& Alex Hanna



**Sam LeGrand**  
*Opposites Abstract*  
by Mo Willems



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by David Gordon



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Poems by Aja Monet

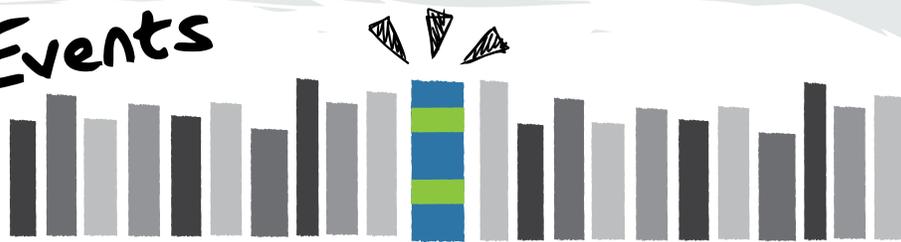
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# ONE BOOK **Events** ONE WALLINGFORD



The goal of One Book One Wallingford is to bring members of the community together by encouraging everyone to read a specific book, then gather to discuss the book and its themes. After a series of book discussions and events related to the title, we will come together for a visit with the author. [walpublib.org/obow](http://walpublib.org/obow)

## GLAMOROUS GIVING: A FORMAL WEAR CLOTHING DRIVE

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | All Library Hours

Lower Lobby | No registration required

Let's help everyone put their best foot forward! Throughout the month of March, we'll be hosting a formal wear clothing drive at the library in collaboration with **Creative Consignments CT** in Wallingford. We encourage our patrons to donate their gently-used formal attire in time for wedding season, prom season, graduation season, and all other special occasions.

## BUTTERCREAM BLOSSOMS: A CUPCAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> | 2-3pm | Community Room | [Register and more info](#)

Amber Kapoor of **The Cake Stand, LLC** will guide you through the creation of four buttercream floral cupcakes, which you will get to take home and enjoy with your loved ones! All materials and supplies will be provided. No previous experience is necessary!

## THE AGE OF AFFLUENCE: A HISTORY OF NEWPORT'S GILDED AGE MANSIONS

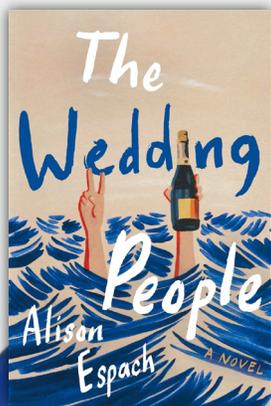
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room & Zoom | [Register and more info](#)

Take a look at Newport's famed Gilded Age mansions and the elite families who called them home! **Trudy Coxe**, CEO of **The Preservation Society of Newport County**, will guide you through an era of ambition, excess, and transformation in this talk on the far-reaching impact of America's belle époque.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: SUICIDE PREVENTION & THE STRATEGIES THAT IMPACT LIVES

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Community Room | [Register and more info](#)

Are you concerned that someone in your life might be at risk? In this interactive presentation, you will learn all about suicide prevention methods, including how to identify warning signs, the myths & misinformation surrounding suicidal ideation, and the most effective ways to communicate in order to help someone in need.



## MEET AUTHOR ALISON ESPACH TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> | 7PM | [Register](#) DAG HAMMARSKJOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet Alison Espach as she discusses her novel *The Wedding People*. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. This is a hybrid program. People will have the option of attending in person at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School or virtually on Zoom.

# 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 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: Let's Talk About Batteries

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm OR

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> | 6-7:30pm

Board Room | Adults | [Register for Sat](#) | [Register for Mon](#)

Batteries are in everything now! From phones and laptops to earbuds, tablets, and smart home devices, batteries power our digital lives while we're on the go. They come in many shapes and sizes, and not all of them work the same way. In this class, Connor will break down the basics of modern batteries. You'll learn the differences between common battery types, how to charge them safely, what affects battery life, and how to spot signs that a battery may need to be replaced. We'll also cover simple tips to help your devices last longer and avoid common battery mistakes.



### Dear IT: Learn to Use our Digital Resources

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> | 2-3:30pm | Board Room | Adults | [Register](#)

WPL is more than just books and walls! Join Digital Navigator Elijah to discover all of the online resources that are free with your library card. We will briefly touch on each topic, including access to e-books and digital media with Libby and Hoopla, how to learn new skills with Universal Class, or a new language with Transparent Language, or how to craft a resume with JobNow. Our library has it covered, and you have access to it, all with your Wallingford Public Library Card! *Participants are encouraged to bring a charged device and their WPL card to class.*



### I Can Do That? With MY Logo?

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> OR

Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

2-3:30pm | Collaboratory

[Register for Mon](#) | [Register for Sat](#)

Do you have a logo for your business? If so, you are already halfway done with tons of different projects! In this class you will learn how you can use a logo to make stickers, pins/buttons, keychains, and more. *Please note we will not be designing logos in this class, just learning how to utilize them to make physical items.*



### Introduction to 3D Printing

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> | 2-3:30pm

Collaboratory | [Register](#)

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a beginner-friendly computer-aided design software, to make your own 3D models. We will also go over how to prepare these files for printing in Bambu Studio, a slicing software for our Bambu X1-C 3D printer.

## Ask IT:

Sundays, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
and April 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> | 12noon-3:30pm  
Information Desk | Drop-in

Do you have a quick question about your phone, tablet, or other device? Digital Navigators Elijah and Connor will be available to answer your questions during drop-in hours this winter and early spring. They can assist with tasks like setting up email, downloading apps, or accessing digital resources. Each visit will be brief so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. Assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



Connor



Elijah

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# Cardholder Perks for Information Seekers

Do you have an insatiable appetite for acquiring new information? You'll never go hungry when you have a Wallingford Library card! In a world full of informational junk food, the library offers a healthy selection of reliable information sources that will leave you feeling satisfied and well-informed!

• **News:** If you want access to the latest news without paying those ever-increasing subscription fees, the library has you covered!



• **NewsBank** offers a comprehensive collection of news sources including local papers like the *Hartford Courant*, *New Haven Register*, and *Record-Journal* as well as popular national publications including *The Atlantic* and *Newsweek*. ([walpublib.org/NewsBank](http://walpublib.org/NewsBank))

• **ResearchIT CT** provides online access (text only) to national newspapers including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. ([walpublib.org/ResearchITCT](http://walpublib.org/ResearchITCT))

• **Magazines and Newspapers**, for those who prefer to read the news in print, are available in the Adult section of the library. Enjoy our comfortable reading area and browse the *Record-Journal*, the *New Haven Register*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. The library also subscribes to popular news magazines including *The Atlantic*, *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, *Newsweek*, and *Time*, which can be borrowed for 3 weeks!



• **Research:** Students, scholars, and inquiring minds can find accurate, up-to-date information on virtually any topic imaginable by exploring the library's online research databases!

• **ResearchIT CT** isn't just for catching up on the news. Find the latest research on a variety of subjects by browsing ResearchIT CT's scholarly research databases, including *Academic Search Premier*, *Legal Information Source*, *MEDLINE*, and *Referencia Latina*. ([walpublib.org/ResearchITCT](http://walpublib.org/ResearchITCT))

• **The online catalog** is your portal to the vast resources available from nearly 30 libraries in the LION system! Search by keyword, title, author, or subject, or use the Advanced Search option to build a customized search query.



**New Episode!** Join Library Director Sunnie Scarpa and Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken on The Bookmark Podcast for quarterly conversations about books, authors, reading experiences, library happenings and what they love about their jobs and working together. On the newest episode of the podcast, they talk about the 2026 One Book One Wallingford title and all of the associated programs.

**Listen here:** [walpublib.org/TheBookmark](http://walpublib.org/TheBookmark)

## COMMUNITY Wedding ALBUM

Alison Espach's *The Wedding People* is centered around a week-long destination wedding. While the locales and itineraries vary from couple to couple, at their core weddings are a celebration of love. Throughout the months of February, March, and April we will be showcasing Wallingford community members' wedding photos on our whiteboard wall in a "Community Wedding Album." If you'd like your wedding photos to be included in the display, please bring a favorite photo to the Information Desk, and we will scan it for you and print a copy for inclusion. You can also email a digital image to Publicity and Publicity library Christopher Ciemniowski at [cciemniowski@wallingfordlibrary.org](mailto:cciemniowski@wallingfordlibrary.org).



# Children & Families

## Preschool Programs

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

### Toddler Yoga

Friday, March 6<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.

### Rhyme Time Engineers

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11:15am | 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.

### Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> | 9:30am OR 1:30pm

Ages 3-5 | Marcus Cooke Park

[Register for 9:30am](#) | [Register for 1:30pm](#)

Take a walk through nature and listen to a story! Join retired kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Stowe, to find hidden pages from a book along a trail through the woods and learn about nature along the way. Meet under the pavilion at Marcus Cooke Park in Wallingford.

### Silly Story Time

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> | 10:30-11am | Ages 0-5

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

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

### Learn Infant Massage

Thursdays, March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup> | 10-11:30am

Ages 6 Weeks - 6 Months | Community Room

[Register](#)

Infant Massage promotes attachment between infants and their caregivers. Please join us for this free, 5-session course taught by Terri Ayala B.S., CEIM, IMH-E ® of UConn Health.

## 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. See website for descriptions: [walpublib.org/storytimes](http://walpublib.org/storytimes)

### Bouncing Babies

Ages 0-18 months | 10:30am | Wonder Room

Mondays, March 16<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>

### Waddling Ones & Twos

Ages 15 mo-35 mo | 10am or 11am | Wonder Room

Tuesdays, March 17<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Happy Feet

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

Wednesdays, March 18<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Pajama Family Story Time

Ages 0-5 | 6:30pm | Community Room

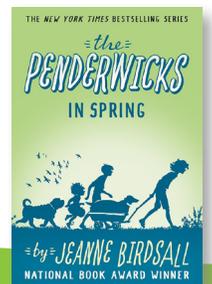
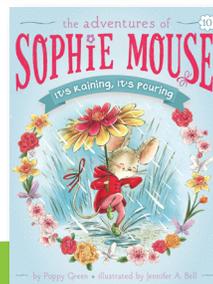
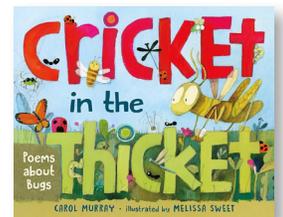
Wednesdays, March 18<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Preschool Story Time

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

Thursdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>

## Dreaming of Spring!



# School-Aged Programs

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

## Family Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6-8pm | Kids & Their Grown-Up  
Wonder Room | [Register](#)

In this program we provide all the materials and expertise needed for families to play Dungeons & Dragons together! Family D&D is ideal for curious new players, budding dungeon masters, and families who want to be able to play as a group.

## International Snack Attack

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:15pm | Grades 3-5  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Curious about what kids in other countries might snack on? Bring your spirit of adventure and try some out. You just might find a new favorite!

## Water Safety with The Goldfish Swim School

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> | 2-2:30pm | Ages 4-8 |  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Children will learn water safety in this interactive experience that will cover the importance of safety, avoidance of potential danger, different ways to handle a water crisis situation, and water safety techniques. *Please note, this is an early dismissal day for Wallingford Public Schools.*

## American Sign Language Club for Kids

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> | 4:30-5:30pm | Grades 2-5  
Wonder Room | [Register](#)

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

## LEGO Club

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</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.

## Cookie Decorating with The Tasty Sprinkle

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30pm | Grades 1-5  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

Decorate St. Patrick's Day-themed cookies with Danielle Monroe of The Tasty Sprinkle. By the end of the class, they'll have a set of beautifully decorated cookies to take home!

## Homeschool Meetup

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> | 1-3pm | All Ages  
Wonder Room | [Register for a Reminder](#)

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.

## Paws for Reading

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</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 four.

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

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> | 2-4pm | Grades PreK-8  
Wonder Room | [Register for a reminder](#)

Stop in to play Pokémon TCG, Super Smash Brothers on the Switch, and chess.

## Graffiti Group Art

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> | 6-7pm | Grades 3-7  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

In this program we will be creating a few group murals using some graffiti techniques. This program is perfect for both budding young artists and experienced taggers who want to throw some paint around.

## Astronomy Club

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30pm | Grades K-5  
Children's Program Room | [Register](#)

The night sky is vast and amazing! Come learn a little more about our stellar solar system and make a craft that's totally out of this world!

## Reading Buddies

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30pm | Grades K-2  
Children's Room | [Register for a reminder](#)

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

## Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | 4-7pm | Grades PreK-8  
Wonder Room | [Register for a reminder](#)

Come play Pokémon, Magic the Gathering, and other TCGs for tickets! Tickets won can be traded in for rare cards, sleeves, plushies, and more at our prize wall.



# Adult Events



## Night at the Oscars: A Three-Part Film Series!

**Mondays, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> | 6-8pm | Community Room | No registration required**

Join us to watch some of the year's best movies! For the first three Mondays in March, we'll screen one of the films nominated for the 2026 Academy Award for Best Picture.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> — *F1: The Movie* (PG-13 | 155 mins.)

March 9<sup>th</sup> — *Bugonia* (R | 118 mins.)

March 16<sup>th</sup> — *One Battle After Another* (R | 162 mins.)



## Full Bellies, Full Hearts: A Community Conversation on Food Justice

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Community Room | [Register](#)**

Join us for a community conversation on food insecurity—what it is, what resources are available, and how you can help. This discussion is part of our ongoing series of open and empathetic conversations about community and opportunities for change and healing. It will be co-facilitated by **Nancy Stockman**, Executive Director of Master's Manna Food Pantry, and **Nilvio Perez**, a local educator and member of our Wallingford Social Justice Team.



## Ask Attorney Allinson

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room | [Registration preferred](#)**

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



## Smartphone Portrait Photography

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> | 7-8pm | Community Room | [Register](#)**

This hands-on workshop will teach you how to photograph people looking their best using any camera or smartphone! We will emphasize practical methods, simple lighting, posing, and communication skills so participants will leave confident in their ability to shoot flattering photos in real-world settings. Join portrait photography hobbyist **Erin Ambler** as she demonstrates proven techniques using capture and play-back settings!



## THE Wallingford TABLE

Where everyone has a seat.



## The Wallingford Table Presents: Empty Bowls

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> | 12-2pm | Choate Rosemary Hall (Ruutz-Rees Commons Building)**

**104 Rosemary Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492 | [Register](#)**

Join us at **Choate Rosemary Hall** for a one-of-a-kind community experience! Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Guests are invited to share a simple but delicious meal of soup and bread alongside their neighbors. While dining, they will hear from a panel of local experts who will discuss the issue of food insecurity in Connecticut and what we can each do to help. There will be four delectable flavors of soup to choose from and assorted breads and rolls will be served on the side. (Dietary restrictions will be accounted for in the menu options.) Come and learn about how you can make a difference, while enjoying a deeply satisfying repast at Choate's Ruutz-Rees Commons Building! *The Wallingford Table series is sponsored by donations from The Great Give.*

# Library Groups

*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.

## 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**

Join us for a weekly program to forge new connections with folks you might otherwise never get to know! Come for the coffee, stay for the fun and engaging conversation facilitated by professional people person Linda Reilly-Blue.

## The Connection Corner

**Fridays | 11am-1pm | Board Room**

Drop-in for a one-on-one session with social worker **Katie Lynch**, Mental Health Clinician for Wallingford's Department of Youth and Social Services. These sessions are informal and designed to offer support, resources, and guidance to community members.

## Wallingford Ukulele Club

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> | 10-11:30am | Community Room**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room**

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Community Room**

Join our Wallingford Ukulele Club to practice and play with other uke enthusiasts! Every session starts with a few easy warm-ups for beginners, followed by songs at the intermediate level. Participants may bring their own ukuleles or borrow one at meetings.

## WPL Play Readers

**Wednesday, March 4<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.

The State of Connecticut encourages residents to file their income taxes electronically and no longer provides paper forms to Connecticut Libraries. **You can file your CT State Income Tax forms electronically here:** [rebrand.ly/CTefile](https://rebrand.ly/CTefile)  
**Or you can download and print paper forms here:** [rebrand.ly/CTtaxforms](https://rebrand.ly/CTtaxforms)

If you earned less than \$69,000 in 2025, you may be eligible for free tax preparation services from IRS-certified tax preparer volunteers through HRA of New Britain. In-person appointments at the library will take place on most Saturdays from 10am to 2pm starting Jan 24<sup>th</sup> until April 13<sup>th</sup>. You may call to make an appointment at **(860) 356-2000** or visit their website through this shortened link: [walpublib.org/VITA](https://walpublib.org/VITA)

Appointments fill up quickly, so we encourage you to make an appointment as soon as possible! While librarians can help you find the forms you need, library staff members are not involved in the tax preparation process. If you have questions about the preparation service, please contact HRA of New Britain at (860) 225-8601. We are proud to partner with VITA each year as one of their locations to provide this free, volunteer-run tax preparation service for Wallingford residents.

## ASL Conversation Group

**Wednesday, March 4<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](https://www.transparentlanguage.com), available through the library's website, before attending a meeting.

## Saturday Mornings with Poetry

**Saturdays, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

A meeting of people who love reading and writing poetry! To participate and for details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Karen Ciosek at [kjc73048@gmail.com](mailto:kjc73048@gmail.com).

## Wallingford Writers' Guild

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8pm | Collins Room**

Are you seeking a small, supportive writing community for adults? Look no further! In this new program that meets on the final Wednesday of each month, we'll write fun, short pieces in the form of blogs, diaries, micro-fiction, self-care journaling, zines, and much more. Each meeting will be a series of short exercises and prompts. As a group, we'll build creative practices for daily living. No previous writing experience is necessary.

This workshop series will be led by Kathleen Stewart, a cultural anthropologist and writer with over 30 years of experience teaching writing all over the world.

## Tax Season and Tax Assistance

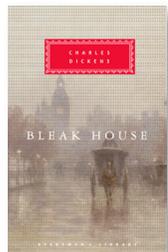


Tax filing season is around the corner and the library is ready to help in partnership with the **Human Resources Agency of New Britain**. Federal 1040 Income Tax Forms in both English and Spanish and 1040 Instruction Booklets are available in the lower lobby. **You can also find the forms (and schedules) available online to download and print:** [rebrand.ly/IRSforms](https://rebrand.ly/IRSforms)



# For Readers

## Book Clubs

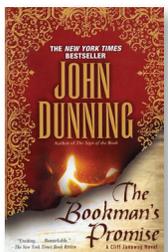


**Hibernation Book Club**  
**Bleak House** by Charles Dickens  
 Tuesdays, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30-7pm | Collins Room & Zoom  
 Discussion moderated by Readers  
 Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

Published serially in 1852–53 and in book form in 1853 and considered to be one of Dickens' best novels, *Bleak House* is the story of the Jarndyce

family, who wait (and wait and wait) to inherit money from a disputed fortune in the settlement of the extremely long-running lawsuit known as Jarndyce and Jarndyce. Filled with a large cast of memorable characters and told partly by the novel's heroine Esther Summerson and partly by an omniscient narrator, *Bleak House* helped lead to the enactment of legal reform in Britain in the 1870s. In this six-part program, we will read *Bleak House* in installments of approximately 160 pages each and meet every other week to discuss it.

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



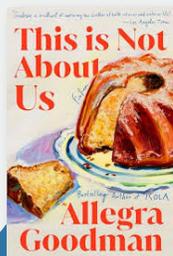
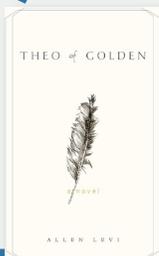
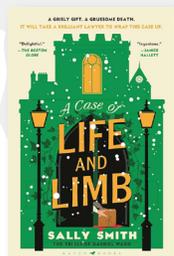
**Mystery Book Club**  
**The Bookman's Promise**  
 by John Dunning  
 Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
 3-4:15pm | Zoom  
 Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak

In this third installment in the Cliff Janeway series, 90-year-old Josephine Gallant persuades the

former Denver cop turned antiquarian bookseller to try to recover a rare collection of the works of Richard Burton ("the explorer, not the actor") that once belonged to her grandfather. Janeway begins an investigation that takes him to a seedy used bookshop and other strange haunts, where he runs into a shady writer and a gang of thugs on the hunt for the same literary treasures.

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

## Cindy's Picks



**Thursday Night Book Club**  
**The High House** by Jessie Greengrass  
 Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8 pm  
 Collins Room and Zoom  
 Discussion moderated by Readers  
 Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken

In the near future, an environmental scientist stocks a holiday home on high ground in a remote village with provisions, a water-driven electrical generator and a vegetable garden, then arranges for a local man and his daughter to be live-in caretakers and asks her stepdaughter and son to move there. Soon apocalyptic floods arrive, leaving the four inhabitants of the house to fend for themselves while they learn to live with each other as things are deteriorating around them.

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**Truth Be Told Nonfiction Book Club**  
**You Could Make This Place Beautiful** by Maggie Smith  
 Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8 pm  
 Collins Room and Zoom  
 Discussion moderated by Educator Susan Gomes

Smith, an award-winning American poet, explores the blindsiding end of her marriage and the renewal of selfhood. Through a series of lyrical vignettes, part memoir, part creative nonfiction, Smith offers nonlinear narrative fragments that add up to something greater: "I am not half of anything. What I am is singular. Whole."

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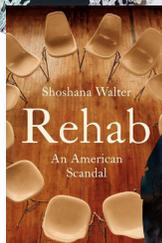


## Virtual Author Visit

**America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis with Author Shoshana Walter and Special Guest Host Barbara Kingsolver**

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> | 2-3 pm | Zoom | [Register](#)  
*In Rehab: An American Scandal*, Shoshana Walter exposes the country's failed response to the opioid crisis, and the corruption which blight the drug rehabilitation industry.

Today, more people have access to treatment than ever before. So why isn't it working? The answer is that in America—where anyone can get addicted—only certain people get a real chance to recover. In this book, you'll find the stories of four people who represent the failures of the rehab-industrial complex, and the ways our treatment system often prevents recovery.





# Novelty

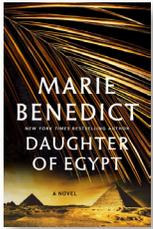
What's new in novels  
from Cindy Haiken



In *Anne of the Island*, the third book in the Anne of Green Gables series, L.M. Montgomery writes: "March came in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that were crisp and golden and tingling, each followed by a frosty pink twilight which gradually lost itself in an elfland of moonshine." After our proper New England winter, a mild March would be a lovely present. In the meantime, we'll need to be content with the gift of a slew of wonderful new novels scheduled for publication this month. Here is a sample:

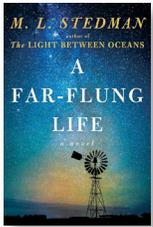
***The Beheading Game* by Rebecca Lehmann** — This debut novel tells the further adventures of Anne Boleyn, post her beheading.

***Celestial Lights* by Cecile Pin** — An astronaut looks back on his life during an unprecedented mission.



***Daughter of Egypt* by Marie Benedict** — A parallel narrative about the reign of Hatshepsut, the 2<sup>nd</sup> female Egyptian pharaoh, and the woman who discovered King Tut's tomb in 1922.

***A Far-Flung Life* by M.L. Stedman** — A car accident sets in motion a series of tragedies and moral dilemmas for the members of a family living in the Australian outback.



***Hooked* by Asako Yuzuki** — This follow-up to the bestselling *Butter* explores a fraught and complicated friendship between two extremely ambitious women.

***It Girl* by Allison Pataki** — In 1906, a 13-year-old girl is discovered in a Pittsburgh department store and becomes the "It Girl" of the Gilded Age.

***The Keeper* by Tana French** — The third book in the bestselling trilogy about a retired Chicago detective who moves to a small town in Ireland in search of a quieter life.

***Lake Effect* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney** — A man's affair with his neighbor's wife results in two divorces and an emotional ripple effect among the couples' four children.

***Life: A Love Story* by Elizabeth Berg** — A 92-year-old woman who has only weeks to live writes a letter to the person who will inherit her home that explains the significance of the objects in the house.

***Missing Sister* by Joshilyn Jackson** — After her twin sister dies from a drug overdose, a woman becomes a police officer and vows to avenge her sister's death.



***The Natural Way of Things* by Charlotte Wood** — A dystopian tale about a group of young women held prisoner in the Australian desert from the author of the Booker-shortlisted *Stone Yard Devotional*.

***The News from Dublin* by Colm Tóibín** — Stories about people who are living far from home while grappling with issues relating to family, grief and lives that are quietly tilting off course.



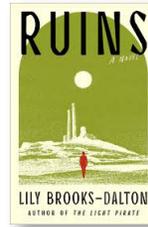
***The Night We Met* by Abby Jimenez** — A man believes that his best friend's girlfriend is his soulmate.

***No Friend to This House* by Natalie Haynes** — A feminist retelling of the myth of Medea.

***Nonesuch* by Francis Spufford** — In 1939 pre-Blitz London, a woman is roped into a plot to stop an armed fascist from altering the course of history.

***Once and Again* by Rebecca Serle** — Each of the women in one family are born with the ability to turn back time just once.

***Python's Kiss* by Louise Erdrich** — A collection of 13 short stories that are set amidst the woodcut-like drawings created by author's daughter Aza Erdrich Abe.



***Ruby Falls* by Gin Phillips** — In 1932, a young woman gets caught up in a gruesome murder mystery when a publicity stunt in a deep underground cave goes dangerously awry.

***Ruins* by Lily Brooks-Dalton** — After her former student finds an artifact from a forgotten world, an archeologist goes on a hunt for clues to humanity's beginnings.

***The Sisters of Book Row* by Shelley Noble** — Three sisters in 1915 Manhattan are determined to stop a book censor who is threatening to prosecute anyone who owns or circulates "obscene, lewd, or lascivious" publications.



***Son of Nobody* by Yann Martel** — A contemporary scholar discovers a poem about the Trojan War that was written by a fallen warrior poet.

***Upward Bound* by Woody Brown** — A chronicle of the lives and inner thoughts of the disabled residents of an adult daycare center in Southern California.

***Wait for Me* by Amy Jo Burns** — A dual timeline narrative about a rising folk music star who vanishes in 1973 and an aspiring songwriter in the early 1990s.

***Whidbey* by T Kara Madden** — A man who abused three different women is murdered on a remote island.

Also of note this month are the sequel to *Story of My Life* by Lucy Score (*Mistakes Were Made*), the 25<sup>th</sup> installment in the Ian Rutledge mystery series by Charles Todd (*A Day of Judgment*) and new novels by Sandra Brown (*Bloodlust*), Susan Mallery (*The Bookstore Diaries*), Freida McFadden (*Want to Know a Secret*), James Patterson and Viola Davis (*Judge Stone*), Danielle Steel (*Felicia's Favorites*) and Lisa Unger (*Served Him Right*).



# Collaboratory

## Drop-In Programs



### Graphics Office Hours

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<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.



### Woven Together: A Fiber Arts Club for Adults

**Thursday, Mar 5<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 Chicosci, a local member of the American Sewing Guild. No registration required!



### Open Sew

Open Sew is currently on hiatus. We're sorting out some loose threads and looking for a new group facilitator. We hope to get the group spooled up again soon!



## COOL Laboratory



There is nothing quite like a book. Now you can put your own book together using our comb binder! This tool is great for organization and gift giving. In this video, we show you how to use it (and a few other tools in the Collaboratory) to put together a recipe book for a gift. What will your book be about?

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



# Lottery Programs

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

[walpublib.org/LotteryMar26](http://walpublib.org/LotteryMar26)

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)

## Sublimation Pickleball Paddle Covers

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

Pickleball is more popular than ever! In this class you will use our Sublimation Printer to decorate your own Pickleball paddle cover. If there is an image you would like to use, be sure to have it stored on a flash drive prior to class for easy access. Files can also be emailed in advance to [wplcollaboratory@gmail.com](mailto:wplcollaboratory@gmail.com).

## DIY Clock

Tuesday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> | 7-8:30pm OR Thursday, Mar 19<sup>th</sup> | 3-4:30pm | Collaboratory

One of the best things about our laser cutter is how useful it is to make parts for larger projects. In this program, we will be making our own custom clocks using our laser cutter to make the face, paints to decorate, and a clock kit for the mechanical parts. Each clock made in the class will be unique. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*



## Vintage Button Floral Bouquet

Monday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> | 6-8pm OR Wednesday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30pm | Collaboratory

Craft a timeless centerpiece to brighten your home. This program requires finger dexterity to thread a needle, sew, and twist wire. *Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.*

## Reusable Beeswax Wrappers

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> | 11am-12:30pm | Collaboratory  
Make your own reusable food wraps using beeswax and cotton cloth! They can be refreshed and used for years!

## Polymer Clay Decorative Egg

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | 6-8:30pm | Collaboratory  
Create a decorative egg from polymer clay to celebrate the spring holidays.

## Talking TED @ Home

Thursday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm | Zoom | [Register](#) (after the lottery period)

Join librarian Cindy Haiken on Zoom to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Once registered, you will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email on the day of the event. In March, we will watch and discuss Stephen Petranek's "Your Kids Might Live on Mars. Here's How They'll Survive."

It sounds like science fiction, but journalist Stephen Petranek considers it fact: within 20 years, humans will live on Mars. In this provocative talk, Petranek makes the case that humans will become a spacefaring species and describes in fascinating detail how we'll make Mars our next home. "Humans will survive no matter what happens on Earth," Petranek says. "We will never be the last of our kind."



# Just for Teens



## Registration Required



### Teen Cuisine: Chocolate Chip Banana Bread and Chai

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | 1:30-3:30pm

Community Room | Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Everyone should have a go-to dessert that they can bring to get-togethers, and this is a fan favorite! While the breads bake, participants will mix up a spiced chai mix, clean up, and then play a card or board game with any remaining time.

### Paper Marbling

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm

Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Channel your inner artist and a bit of your inner scientist to make custom marbled paper. Try different combinations and techniques and walk away with paper that (once fully dry) can be used for cards, wrapping paper, origami, bookmarks, and so much more!

## Drop-in Events

### High School Trading Card Club

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> | 4-7pm | Collins Room

Grades 9-12 | [Register for a reminder](#)

Bring your own decks or use ours to play Magic the Gathering, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, or any other trading card game! Teen Librarian James Morrison will be around for gameplay pointers, rules questions, and deckbuilding advice as a veteran Magic player and a novice Pokémon player. All skill levels are welcome, and a continuous learning mindset is encouraged! *High School Trading Card Club meets the first Tuesday of each month.*

### Teen Craft Club

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm | Collaboratory

Grades 6-12 | [Register for a reminder](#)

Have a crafting hobby? Looking for a new one? Join us in a welcoming space to be creative and socialize at the same time! Feel free to bring along whatever project you're working on or use some of the Collaboratory's available supplies. Register if you want a reminder and know that you can stay as long as you want—you don't have to stay the whole time. *Teen Craft Club meets on early school dismissal days.*

### 3D Printing Basics for Teens

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> | 4:30-6pm

Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | [Register](#)

Ever wonder how 3D printing works? Join this introductory class to get a basic understanding of how 3D prints are designed, edited, and created!

### College Admissions and Financial Aid Planning Workshop

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:15-7:45pm

Community Room | High School and Adults

[Registration preferred](#)

Join returning presenter Lynn Verrilli for this workshop where you'll learn how to navigate college admissions with confidence and uncover strategies to maximize financial aid—regardless of income. This workshop is perfect for high school students and their parents!



### Teen Debate Club

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | 3-4:30pm | Collins Room

Grades 9-12 | [Registration Encouraged](#)

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. *Teen Debate Club meets the last Tuesday of each month.*

### Trading Card Battle Club

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | 4-7pm | Wonder Room

Grades 4-8 | [Registration Encouraged](#)

Calling all trading card sharks! If you have the urge to battle, come bring your Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, and Magic the Gathering cards down to the library to test your skills and compete for prizes. Premade decks can be provided by the library but bringing your own is encouraged. *Trading Card Battle Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.*

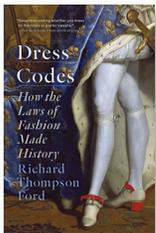
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## Wear, Wearing, Worn from Chris Ciemniewski

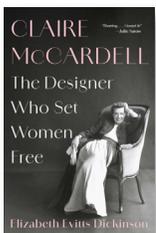
Did you know that Queen Victoria established the tradition of white wedding dresses? This is just one of the wedding facts I learned while on the planning committee for One Book One Wallingford. If it wasn't apparent from the title, this year's One Book One Wallingford selection, *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach, takes place during a week of wedding festivities. To coincide with this theme, throughout the month of March the library will be hosting a formal wear drive to help everyone dress their best in a sustainable way at whatever weddings or other formal events you might be attending this year (more info on page 3). Before Queen Victoria popularized white wedding dresses, brides would simply wear the best looking dress they owned! How do you know which dress is the best one you own? That's a matter of fashion—something I know nothing about! But let's see what the books have to say on the subject...



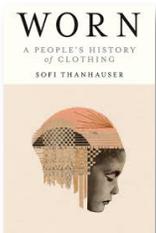
The most all-encompassing authoritative text on modern fashion that you can borrow from the library is probably *History of Fashion* by June Marsh. This book is organized chronologically and is perfect for anyone who wants to understand the progression of fashion trends from the 1940s to the present day. This coffee table book features plenty of illustrations and photographs, making it visually accessible for anyone without an existing formal knowledge of fashion.



How do we know what is fashionable and what is not? The laws of fashion can elude many of us. In *Dress Codes* author Richard Thompson Ford takes readers through the laws that governed fashion throughout history. Rather than simply telling readers what was a fashion *faux pas* and when, Ford examines what certain dress codes reveal about society at any given time. While it may seem that dress codes have been relaxed in our modern world, he discusses how there are still certain outfits and means of expression that are only acceptable in specific scenarios. Some companies will fire employees for not wearing a tie and some suit-wearing CEOs could be alienating half of their audience by not wearing approachable dress. In the end, Ford argues that context and intent of the outfit is more important than the rules.



I can't talk about fashion without touching on at least one fashion designer. One recent addition to the collection is *Claire McCardell: The Designer Who Set Women Free* by Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson. This is a timely read for anyone looking for a book to read in honor of Women's History Month. McCardell was one of the first fashion designers to prioritize comfort without sacrificing elegance in women's clothing. She threw out the corsets, added zippers, and insisted on pockets. Finally, a woman who designed clothing for women to wear and not just for men to look at!



If you're less interested in the trends and more interested in the craft of designing clothing you may prefer *Worn: A People's History of Clothing* by Sofi Thanhauser. The book is broken down into five chapters: Linen, Cotton, Silk, Synthetics, and Wool. Each chapter explores one of these five fabrics and its cultural significance around the world. Thanhauser highlights how clothing production has become one of the most exploitative industries in the world for workers, but also consoles readers by describing how many communities are rediscovering ancestral and ethical methods for making what we wear.



*To Dye For* by Alden Wicker is a deep dive into the many malpractices of the fashion industry. Wicker thoroughly describes the inhumane labor practices, the toxic chemicals used in our clothing, and the negative effects both the production and the disposal of our clothing are having on the environment. Wicker takes a look at how it is worse than many people imagine and explains how more regulation and oversight can help save us from the clothes we wear. What can we do in the meantime? While we wait on regulations, *What to Wear and Why* by Tiffanie Darke offers a guide for consumers to make more sustainable and healthy choices in choosing their outfits. She admits that thinking about the clothing industry for too long can lead to feelings of guilt and aims to make getting dressed joyful again with some easy tips. She shines a light on artisans and fashion brands with sustainable and ethical practices and encourages a smaller wardrobe with quality outfits in lieu of owning many cheap and synthetic outfits. Even for those who may not be able to implement some of her suggested practices, this book will change the way readers think about clothing shopping and motivate readers to become more mindful about where they buy their clothes from.



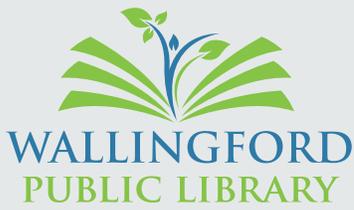
In some cases, dressing up isn't just about looking nice, but it is an art form itself! *The Art of Drag* by Jake Hall is a fabulously illustrated history of the drag scene from the time of Shakespeare and Kabuki to the present day, highlighting specific movements and notable individuals in pages full of psychedelic drawings from a diverse group of queer artists.



While cosplay (dressing up elaborately as pop culture characters) is more popular than ever, casual cosplay is a more subtle variation in which fans emulate the look of favorite characters using everyday clothing, color, and material choices rather than dressing as the character outright. *Casual Cosplay* by Krystal Everdeen provides ideas for *Disneybounding* or wearing clothing with the aesthetics of popular Disney, Star Wars, and Marvel characters. Even if you do not partake in this niche style of fashion, the photos and the simple creativity behind these outfits makes this a book worth flipping through for Disney fans.



My favorite find in compiling this list was *Yes, You Can Wear That* by Abby Hoy. Abby is a plus-size fashion influencer who looks stunning in everything she wears, from sundresses and business attire to swimsuits and athletic wear. Through her vibrant photos and encouraging words, her confidence is contagious. I was touched by some of her "sound bites" such as "If you love it, buy it in every color" and "If they make a bikini in your size, then you have a bikini body." Each chapter focuses on dressing for a particular occasion—including a section on weddings—and includes similar empowering exclamations followed by a further explanation. Hoy throws out the antiquated rules of fashion etiquette and dress codes and explains humbly how to dress in a way that highlights your own personality. After flipping through all of these books, Hoy's message on fashion is what stuck with me the most: as long as the way you dress is making you happy, that is all that matters. A smile completes the outfit.



## March Hours

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

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

**Sunday** (thru April)  
12noon - 4pm

## Scheduled Closings

**No Scheduled Closings**



**Monday**  
10am - 2pm

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

**Wednesday**  
10am - 2pm

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

**Friday**  
10am - 2pm

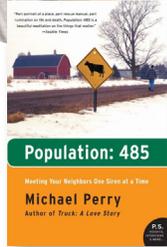
**Saturday**  
10am - 12:30pm

**March Specials**  
James Patterson  
& Danielle Steel  
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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.

# Virtual Author Visits

See page 10 for one more! Our partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium is funded by **The Book Seller**. Thank you for your continued support of our used book store! See all upcoming virtual author events here: [walpublib.org/upcomingLSC](http://walpublib.org/upcomingLSC)



## Michael Perry

**Humor, Heart, and Reflective Rural Stories**

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> | 2-3pm | Zoom | [Register](#)**

Michael Perry's works capture the experiences of rural town communities and the people who live in them. In his memoir, *Population: 485*, the local vigilante is a farmer's wife armed with a pistol and a Bible, the most senior member of the volunteer fire department is a cross-eyed butcher with one kidney and two ex-wives, and the back roads are haunted by the ghosts of children and farmers.

## Kate Quinn

**Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> | 7-8 pm | Zoom | [Register](#)**

Join us for a virtual conversation with bestselling author **Kate Quinn** about her new novel *The Astral Library*. Alix Watson believes that, unlike people, books will never let you down. She takes nightly refuge in the reading room at the Boston Public Library, escaping into her favorite fantasy novels. One day she stumbles through a hidden door and meets the Librarian: the ageless guardian of a hidden library where people escape to new lives inside their favorite books.



## BOOK BUZZ Spring/Summer 2026

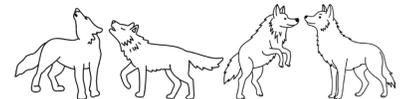


**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> | The Library Wine Bar  
60 North Main Street & Zoom  
12:30-2pm (in-person ONLY) | [Register](#)  
3:30-5pm (in-person ONLY) | [Register](#)  
OR 6:30-8pm (in-person & virtual) | [Register](#)**

Do you love to read? Are you always looking for your next great book? Sip some wine or a soft drink and snack on some delectable small bites and sweet treats while you join Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken at The Library Wine Bar to hear about the books coming out this spring and summer that are getting the most pre-publication buzz!

*This program is made possible by generous donations from the Axtmayer family in memory of their mother Pat Axtmayer and from Lorraine and Marilyn Russo in memory of Joseph Russo.*

## IN OTHERS' Words...



Now this is the Law of the Jungle—as old and as true as the sky;  
And the Wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the Wolf that shall break it must die.  
As the creeper that girdles the tree-trunk the Law runneth forward and back—  
For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.



— Rudyard Kipling, *The Second Jungle Book*