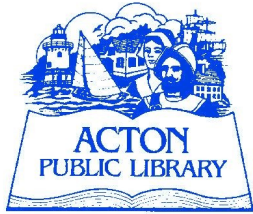


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Library appointments for browsing, computer use or children's room are now available.



# Acton Public Library

## From the Director:

I read an article that mentioned that it was harder to read a book (or really focus on anything due to increased anxiety) during COVID-19. It was something I experienced myself. This was a weird phenomenon for me as I can normally read a few books a week. But, in speaking with other people that have started coming back in to the library I found out I was not alone in this. I had a hard time focusing on anything longer than a few pages, so I actually started re-reading some of my favorites over, which is the beauty of the library. In the library you can borrow a book over and over, or if you don't like it, or are not in the mood for it after all, you can return it and grab something new.

As I mentioned above, we have started slowly seeing people come back in the library. We are doing 'Library by Appointment' and you can read all about what that means here: <http://actonlibrary.org/library-by-appointment/> While we are not open our normal hours yet, we have just expanded to Saturday mornings and doing our best to keep everything clean and safe for both our patrons and staff.

I have finally started to feel a bit more like reading some new materials, and I hope you all will find some solace and interest in reading again for it is one of life's great joys.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.actonlibrary.org](http://www.actonlibrary.org).

Stay Well.

*Amanda Brouwer*

## Spotlight on: Old Saybrook Life During COVID-19...So Far

We would like to know how you are making it through this historic time in Old Saybrook. We would like to document this time to make it available for future generations. Please answer as many of the questions that you can using this link: <http://actonlibrary.org/events/old-saybrook-life-during-covid-19/> or by clicking the link found on the library website [www.actonlibrary.org](http://www.actonlibrary.org).

If you have any questions email us at [actonlibrary@actonlibrary.org](mailto:actonlibrary@actonlibrary.org)

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**860-510-5072**

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## Children's Programs

Daily: Grab 'N Go Crafts: Contact the library to arrange curbside pick-up

Fri. Sept. 4 at 10:30 a.m. ABC Amigos on the Lawn

Fri. Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Rise and Shine Story Time on the Lawn

Fri. Sept. 11 at 4:00 p.m. Creative Dance on the Lawn  
Rain date Fri. Sept. 18

Fri. Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Music with Martha on the Lawn

Fri. Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Fantastic Fridays Story Time on the Lawn

**Registration is required for all programs.  
Programs may be held using Zoom in case of inclement weather.**

## Young Adult Programs

### VIRTUAL Ongoing:

Sept. 1–20 Opening Doors at the Library Art Project

Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons

Thurs. Sept. 10 Summer Reading ends

### VIRTUAL Coming up:

Tues. Sept. 8 at 3:30 p.m. Y.A.L.L Interest Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m. Kahoot Trivia

Fri. Sept. 18 at 12:00 p.m. Girls Who Code

Thurs. Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. Kahoot Trivia

Mon. Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m. Mindful Meditation

Tues. Sept. 29 at 3:30 Y.A.L.L Meeting

**Registration is required for all programs.**

## Adult Programs

### IN PERSON:

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. : Walking Group

Thurs. Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Books on Tap—on the Town Hall Green

### VIRTUAL Ongoing:

Mondays at 3:00 p.m. : Coffee and Conversation

Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. : CompassionKnits

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. : Game Day

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. : Genealogy Interest Group

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. : Writing Group

### VIRTUAL Coming up:

Tues. Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Shoreline Civil War

Wed. Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Ultimate Pub Trivia

Tues. Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. Craft Night: Map Basket

Thurs. Sept. 17 at 6:00 p.m. Grotesque 10

Tues. Sept. 22 at 6:00 p.m. Cookbook Club: Foodie Dice

Thurs. Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Decluttering

**Registration is required for all programs.**

## New Adult Items

### Fiction

*The Butterfly Lampshade* by Aimee Bender

*A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Murder* by Dianne Freeman

*Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

*Deadlock* by Catherine Coulter

*The Last Flight* By Julie Clark

*The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

*All the Devils are Here* by Louise Penny

*The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue

*The Lies that Bind* by Emily Giffin

### Non-fiction

*Hell and Other Destinations: A 21st-Century Memoir* by Madeleine Albright

*Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoir* by Natasha Trethewey

*Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days that Changed the World* by Chris Wallace

*The Lincoln Conspiracy: the Secret Plot to Kill America's 16th President—And Why It Failed* by Brad Meltzer

*Our Time is Now* by Stacey Abrams

*Fortitude: American Resilience in the Era of Outrage* by Dan Crenshaw

*Front Row at the Trump Show* by Jonathan Karl