



Friends of Acton Public Library

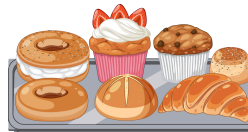
The Friends of Acton Library are happy to report another very successful year of raising funds and community support for the library. Thanks to the generous support of Friends members and donors throughout our community, we were able to meet our annual commitment of funds to the library which enabled them to:

- hold more than 20 unique programs for children , young adults and adults
- purchase an abundance of supplies, prizes and other incentives for exciting activities, including their annual Summer Reading Program
- provide 13 unique museum passes giving patrons free or discounted access to museums in a variety of locations

In addition, the Friends voted to provide some limited but much needed funds to support a Renewal Campaign Coordinator who is assisting the busy library staff in developing a strong and successful fundraising effort for the planned building project. For more information and timely updates about the building projects, don't forget to check here: <https://www.actonlibrary.org/library-building-project/> on the library website. We are beginning preparations for our great Fall Book and Bake Sale. Please mark your calendars now, for this popular event on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 downstairs in the library. While this is a somewhat smaller sale than our Big Summer Sale , we will have a large selection of books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles as well as a variety of delicious baked goods. We hope you will tell your friends and that you will stop by to show your support for all that the library does to make our community a welcoming place for everyone. For more information about how you can help or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact either of the co-presidents, Nancy Prescott, at nancyaprescott@gmail.com or Emily Miller at beacon137@aol.com.



Book and Bake Sale Fri. Nov. 22 - Sat. Nov. 23



Art & Collections

In the Gallery

November -Nautical Paintings - Susan Simler
December - Colored Pencil Drawings - Mary Lou Cooke

In the Display Case

November-Political Items- Robert Braunfeld
December- Sustainable CT - Lynette Wacker

In Children's

November - Presidential Memorabilia - James Meehan
December- Snow Globes - Rebecca Everett



The Beacon

November - December 2024

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10 - 8
 Friday - Saturday
10 - 5
 Sundays
1-5
 starting October 20

CLOSINGS

Veteran's Day
Mon. Nov. 11

Thanksgiving
Thurs. Nov. 28 & Fri. Nov 29

Christmas
Tues. Dec. 24 & Wed. Dec. 25

Register for library events on our website
www.actonlibrary.org
or call 860-395-3184

GIVING TUESDAY

by Amanda Brouwer

Giving Tuesday is December 3rd this year and this year the library will be asking for ourselves. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past nine years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

If you haven't heard, the library is fundraising for a renovation project. Our last renovation project was started in 1999 and things have changed in the way libraries support the community. The library wants to ensure that we meet the needs of our current and our future users.

We normally do not ask for additional funding, but a requirement of the two million dollar construction grant we won through the State of Connecticut requires us to raise a matching two million dollars. We hope that we can count on your help so that we can continue to expand our services for the whole community.

The Town of Old Saybrook is a political subdivision of the State of Connecticut and eligible to receive charitable donations for public purposes under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Help Us Turn the Page

<https://www.actonlibrary.org/renewal/>

Friday, November 8
from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

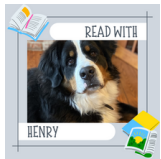
Join us to celebrate National STEM Day! Drop-in for STEM related activities.

Free and open to all.
No registration required.





All Ages Events



READ TO HENRY

1st Saturdays, November 2 & December 7 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

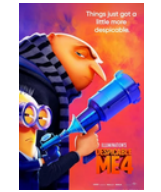
Read to our local therapy dog Henry, the Bernese Mountain Dog!
No registration.



OPEN MIC

Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a strum and a song. A poem or rant. Some comedy or read aloud? Karaoke? Hosted by YA librarian, Brian Story. Registration suggested.



POPCORN PALOOZA - FAMILY MOVIE

Tuesday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to enjoy popcorn and watch Despicable Me 4 on the big screen. Rated PG. Free and open to all. No registration required.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, November 20 & December 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Join YA librarian, Brian Story, for a fun evening of games. Try one of ours or bring your own. Registration suggested.



NE GHOST STORIES IN THE DARK

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

This New England Ghost Stories program is an overview of some of the most famous New England hauntings and the stories behind them, like some of the Warrens' cases, the Lizzie Borden house, a covered bridge in Vermont and more. Registration suggested.



RYAN MITTEN

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

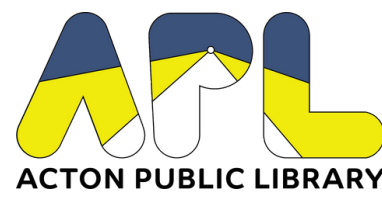
A lifelong cellist, Ryan Mitten has a unique perspective and style. He plays what you might expect to hear played on a cello (think: Bach and Mozart), but encourages his audience to think bigger. He transports listeners to Hogwarts with the Harry Potter soundtrack then sends them to a galaxy far, far away with a recognizable Star Wars repertoire. Registration suggested.



POPCORN PALOOZA - FAMILY MOVIE

Friday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to enjoy popcorn and watch Inside Out 2 on the big screen. Rated PG. Free and open to all. No registration required.



Adult Events



MEET-UP MONDAYS

Mondays at 1:30 p.m.



MEXICAN TRAIN

2nd Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

November 14 & December 12



RUMMIKUB

4th Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

None in November

December 26



SATURDAY CINEMA

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

November 23

Arthur the King

2024, PG-13, 90 min.



December 14

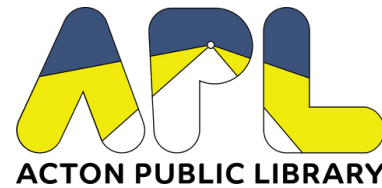
The Holdovers

2023, rated R, 133 min.



COMPASSION-KNITS

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.



Adult Special Events



SUSAN B. ANTHONY: FAILURE IS IMPOSSIBLE

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Susan B. Anthony was a women's rights activist. She played a prominent role in the women's suffrage movement and the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Presented by Sheryl Faye.



NATIVE AMERICAN STORIES OF SURVIVAL

Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Darlene Kascak (Schaghticoke Tribal Nation), from The Institute for American Indian Studies, will give an interactive presentation on the 12,000-year history of Life in the Eastern Woodlands. Darlene will share various visual and tactile resources to guide the discussion about how Eastern Woodlands Natives have adapted to their changing environment.



TASTE OF KOREA


Saturday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Members of Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will present a Korean cooking demonstration & home-cooked meal. They will demonstrate two Korean dishes, and then serve a full meal to those attending. They will provide complimentary Korean recipe books. After the demonstration they will show a few short films about Korea. Open to ages 14+.


Registration is suggested as space is limited for adult programs.




Adult Book Groups




WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
November 6
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn
December 4
Apeirogon by Colum McCann




BOOKS ON TAP BOOK GROUP
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 13
The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks- Dalton
December 11
Maame by Jessica George



FOODIE FICTION BOOK CLUB
3rd Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.
November 21
The Lost Art of Mixing by Erica Bauermeister
December 19
The Late Bloomer's Club by Louise Miller



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
3rd Wednesdays Nov. & Dec. at 1:00 p.m.
November 20
None of This is True by Lisa Jewell
December 18
The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny



HYBRID: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Indigenous Continent
by Pekka Hamalainen




Adult Events



TECH TIME WITH BRIAN
Mondays by appointment




TECH TIME WITH EMILY
Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
by appointment




STAYING SAFE ONLINE
Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.



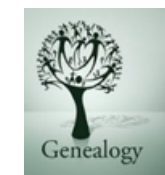
CRAFT NIGHTS
3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 19: Leather Bracelets



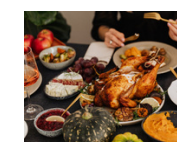
December 17: 3D Winter Scene Card



SHORELINE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
November 5 & December 3



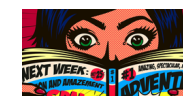
VIRTUAL- GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP
2nd Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
December 12
(November 14 cancelled)




FRIENDSGIVING
Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m.
Make & bring your holiday favorite & share your recipe.



Young Adult Events



Y.A.L.L. DROP-IN SESSIONS
Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
No drop-in: Nov. 5,
Dec. 3, 24 & 31




DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 2.0 16+
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 13 & December 11




DROP-IN GAME DAY
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
No games Nov. 28 & Dec. 26




HYBRID - DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
Fridays at 3:00 p.m.
No club Nov. 1 & 29, Dec. 6 & 27



YA DROP-IN CINEMA: PRINCESS BRIDE
Tuesday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.
Join us this afternoon for a YA classic Film "The Princess Bride", rated PG.
Free and open to all ages 12-18.



YA DROP-IN CRAFT: HENNA
Tuesday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.
Today we learn about and decorate with henna featuring Jamilah Henna Creations.



SCREEN TEST WORKSHOP
Friday, December 6 at 3:15 p.m.
In addition to experiencing a screen test, you will learn what it takes to begin a professional acting journey, from the tools needed, to how to audition, to how to get work on a movie set and more! Ages 12-17.
Registration required.



YA DROP-IN HOLIDAY CRAFT
Tuesday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.
Today we decorate with a holiday theme.





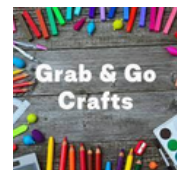
LEARN & PLAY PLAYGROUP
 Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
 November 4 - November 18
 (NO CLASS ON 11/11)
 No registration.



SING & STOMP
 Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
 November 1 - November 22
 (NO CLASS 11/8)
 No registration.



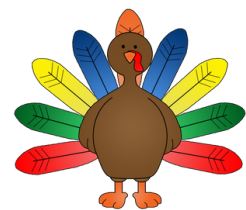
STORY TIME
 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
 November 5 - November 19
 Registration is required.



GRAB & GO CRAFTS
 Fridays November 1 - November 22
 Available while supplies last.
 No registration.



BIRDS GET HUNGRY TOO!
 Saturday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about winter bird feeding and create a suet feeder to attract birds to your yard. This hands-on program is perfect for kids ages 5 and up. Registration required. Presented by Old Saybrook Garden Club.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY STORYTIME
 Saturday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m.
 Storytime for all! Children and a caregiver are welcome to join Miss Emily for stories, fingerplays, bounces and so much more. Free and open to all. Registration is required.



SEASON OF BOOKS
 December 2 - 21
 Give the gift of reading this holiday season by registering for a stack of 5 individually wrapped library books. [Reserve online](#) or by calling the library. PLEASE NOTE: Wrapped books are borrowed from the library, and therefore will need to be returned at the end of the loan period.



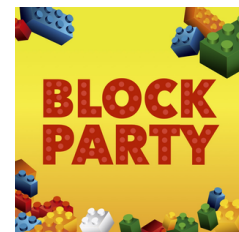
HOLIDAY GRUB CLUB
 Wednesday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m.
 Junior Chefs are invited to create holiday themed treats. Registration is required. Funded by the Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board and presented by Kathy Cobb, MS, RDN, Public Health Nutritionist.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING
 Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.
 Come build and decorate your own gingerbread house. Just bring your creativity and any candy you may want to share. Free and open for all. Registration is required. ****ONE GINGERBREAD HOUSE PER FAMILY****
 This program was made possible by the Friends of Acton Library.



HOLIDAY SING & STOMP
 Saturday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m.
 A song and dance party for children of all ages and their grown up. No registration.



BLOCK PARTY
 Mondays, December 23 & 30 at 10:30 a.m.
 Kiddos, come join us for a morning filled with building challenges. We will provide the supplies, you bring the creativity. Free and open to children ages 5 and up. Registration is suggested.



NOON YEAR'S EVE
 Tuesday, December 31 at 11:00 a.m.
 Have the kiddos ring in the New Year in style with a very special Noon Year's Party. Enjoy crafts, snacks and activities all leading up to our famous balloon drop at 12 PM. Free and open to all. No registration required.

