

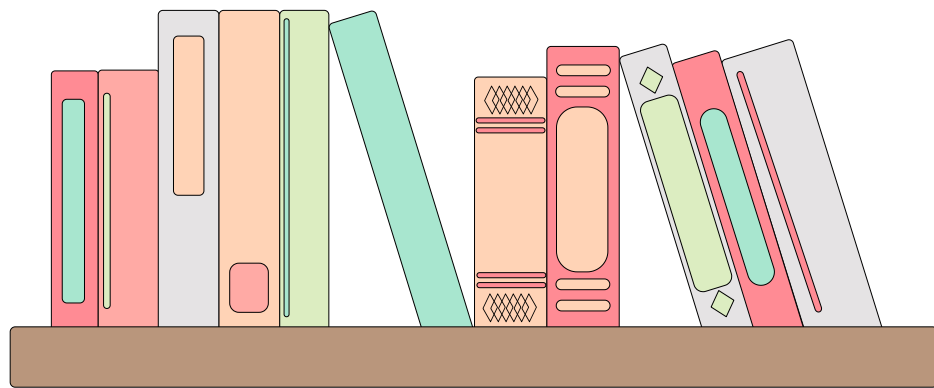


Friends of Acton Public Library

If you value the library, please consider becoming a member of the Friends of Acton Public Library. We are a non-profit auxiliary organization, tax exempt as provided by section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We exist to advocate for and provide funds to the library to supplement those budgeted by the town of Old Saybrook. For examples of the programs that we sponsor, check out the library's calendar. And we pay for, among other things, the museum passes available at the circulation desk. Membership envelopes are available at the circulation desk. If you haven't joined the Friends yet, please considering doing so. The price of membership is a donation in the amount of your choice, large or small, and we sincerely appreciate all.

In addition to providing a wide range of printed materials, the library provides access to e-books at no charge, and has a broad collection of DVDs to borrow. When there you can also get tech support, work on puzzles, attend regularly scheduled book clubs on distinct topics, meet-up with others to play board games, and attend a wide variety of programs at no charge. In addition to those for adults, there are wonderful programs for children and gatherings for teens. And for anyone who might have a need, there are personal hygiene supplies available at no charge in the restrooms. Acton Library is really one of the treasures of Old Saybrook.

For more information on becoming a member of the Friends, please contact Nancy Prescott at nancyaprescott@gmail.com or Emily Lebovitz-Miller at Emily.lebovitz@gmail.com.



SEED LIBRARY

While supplies last.

Several of the companies we request donations from have come through with lots of interesting seeds. You will be able to choose up to five different seed packets. This will be on a first come – first serve basis. Please visit the Seed Library page on the website under Services for more information.



The Beacon

July - August 2026

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday

10 - 8

Friday - Saturday

10 - 5

Sundays

closed thru Oct. 13

CLOSINGS

Fourth of July

Fri. July 3 &

Sat. July 4



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

Traveling Toys

by Amanda Brouwer, director

As a parent it can be frustrating to purchase a toy for your child, only for them to play with it for a couple of hours and then never pick it up again. Toys can be costly and, let's face it, sometimes annoying. Which is why the Acton Library's Toy Library is an amazing addition to the services we offer. Since 2022, the library has offered a variety of educational, engaging and fun toys for both children and teens.

The toy library was first introduced to Acton Library by Traveling Toys Inc, when co-founders Diana and Mary, reached out to the library. They wrote grants to establish funding for ours and dozens of other public library's toys in Connecticut. They also partnered with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to obtain funding. Once funding was established, both of Acton's children and teen librarians carefully picked toys and games for youth from babies to young adults, and everything in between. Recently, a local family recognized what a great idea this was and generously donated some additional funds to bring even more toys for the community to borrow. Currently we have over 60 toys and games to check out, and more are being added to the collection.

Come on by the library to browse the collection -they could be a great addition to family game night or for entertaining the kids on a rainy afternoon.



Tuesdays & Wednesdays, July 7th - 29th,
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This free lunch program provides nutritious meals to children and teens (ages 2-18) in the community.

No registration required. Meals donated by local restaurants.

This program was made possible by the Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board, with meals donated by local restaurants.



All Ages Events



IMAGINARY TAILS WITH IZZY

Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **New time for Summer!**

Come read your favorite book with Izzy, our friendly certified reading dog! Sign up at the Children's Desk for 10-minute reading spots.



Origami Peace Crane

PEACE CRANE FOLDING

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Join us each week to fold Origami Peace Cranes. The purpose is to bring people together and find inner peace while folding the cranes. Directions and materials provided. No experience needed.



OUR FOUNDING MOTHERS WITH STORYTELLER MONICA PETERSON

Thursday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Monica transports audiences back in time to hear about: "Sybil Ludington" - an account of the burning of Danbury during the Revolutionary War and how a teenage girl's midnight ride to warn the countryside that the British were coming to attack resulted in an American victory at Ridgefield, Connecticut. "An Army of Two" - two young sisters save their New England town from the British Navy during the War of 1812. This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library. Registration suggested.



LEGO HAPPY PLANTS

Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Each participant will make & take one LEGO plant. Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library. Registration suggested.



FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Join YA librarian, Brian Story, for a fun evening of craft and conversation. Families are especially welcome. All paint supplies will be provided along with light refreshments. Registration suggested.



BUBBLEMANIA WITH CASEY CARLE

Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.

From giant bubbles to bubble art, you'll discover all the fun and fascinating ways bubbles can surprise and delight! This event will be held indoors, where we'll have plenty of space to create the biggest, most epic bubbles ever! Bring your family and get ready for a bubbly good time! This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library. Registration suggested.



Adult Events



BOOK A LIBRARIAN
We can help.

TECH TIME WITH BRIAN

Mondays by appointment

TECH TIME WITH REBECCA

Thursdays by appointment



MEET-UP MONDAYS

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

.Meet up with your friends or make new ones. Play one of our games (Rummikub, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Cribbage & more) or bring your own (Mahjong?).



COMPASSION-KNITS

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

This group will knit and/or crochet items to be donated to a cause. Needles, yarn & patterns will be provided for charity projects.



MEDIUM: PARICIA GRIFFIN

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Patricia is an evidential medium. She gives messages to audience members from their loved ones in spirit as she receives them. These messages help to bring us peace, closure and comfort and let us know that even though we leave our physical body, our spirit, our essence, our soul live on. Ages 18+.



CRAFT NIGHT: TRUCKER HAT

Tuesday, July 21 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Create a Cricut designed trucker hat. Materials provided.



YOGA

Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to yoga. Suitable for beginners and all levels. Please bring your own mat & wear comfortable clothes.



HENNA

Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m.

This program by henna artist Jamilah includes a PowerPoint presentation detailing the history, origin and traditions of henna. Each participant will get a professionally applied henna design.



CRAFT NIGHT: CRICUT TUMBLER

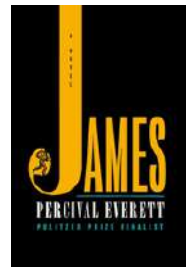
Tuesday, August 18 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Create your own design using the Cricut to decorate a tumbler. Materials provided.

Registration is suggested as space is limited for all adult programs.

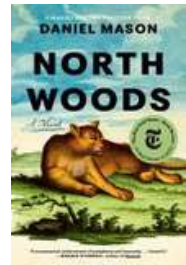


Adult Book Groups



WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

July 1
James
by Percival Everett



August 5
North Woods
by Daniel Mason

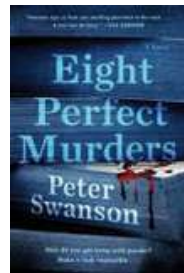


BOOKS ON TAP
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

July 8
A Guardian and a Thief
by Megha Majumdar

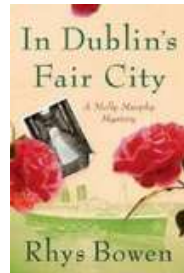
Registration suggested.

No group in August.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
4th Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

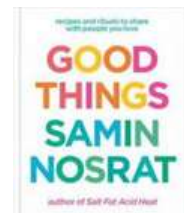
July 22
Eight Perfect Murders
by Peter Swanson



August 26
In Dublin's Fair City
by Rhys Bowen



COOKBOOK CLUB
Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m.
The Wishbone Kitchen Seasonal Recipes for Everyday Luxury and Elevated Entertaining
by Meredith Hayden.



Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m.
Good Things: Recipes and Rituals to Share With People You Love
by Samin Nosrat

Make a recipe within the cookbook & bring it to the meeting for members to sample.
Registration suggested.



All Ages Events



HAMILTON KARAOKE

Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us on the Acton Patio (weather permitting) or in our Grady Thomas Room to belt out the hit tunes of Hamilton. No registration.



PLAYFUL ENGINEERS: CHAIN REACTIONS AND CREATIVE CONTRAPTIONS

Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m.

A hands-on, Rube-Goldberg style workshop where kids and families build simple contraptions that trigger one another in sequence. All materials provided - expect satisfying success, and spectacular failures! This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library. Registration required.



MATT MATTHEWS MAGIC!

Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.

You'll be amazed as objects disappear, reappear, and transform before your very eyes. During the show, Matt Matthews will teach you one of his favorite magic tricks, and several audience members will have the chance to join Matt Matthews on stage to help with the magic themselves! This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library. Registration required.



DENISON PEQUOTSEPOS NATURE CENTER: PLANT A SEED, READ!

Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m.

From a tiny acorn to a towering tree, seeds grow into the plants that create food and shelter for wildlife. Discover how seeds become habitats, and how plants grow in return. Meet live animals, explore the seed journey, and create a craft to help plant a native habitat in your own community!

This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library. Registration required.



TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Wednesdays, August 5-19 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for tabletop games for all ages. A time to gather and gab, eat and play. Card games, RPG's, board or console games and more. Design your night or join others in their fun and competition. Light refreshments available. Registration suggested.



All Ages Events



XEN'S CRITTERS

Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Get up close with a mix of adorable, cuddly animals and some fascinating (and maybe a little creepy!) crawlers. You'll have the chance to learn all about each unique creature, from their habitats to their quirks, and even meet them in person!

This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library.
Registration required.



R.I. THE PIRATE GUY

Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Set sail on an adventure to recover Luca the Pirate Guy's wrongfully gained treasure while learning pirate skills along the way.

Dress like pirates with eyepatches, temporary tattoos, and bandanas. Create your very own pirate flags, just like the real pirates used to. Engage in a few pirate games, including relay races and team-building activities. Followed by learning real-life navigational skills with compasses to locate and uncover the pirate treasure! As with all good pirate adventures, storytelling throughout!

This event was made possible by Friends of Acton Library.
Registration required.



SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Friday, August 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for our Summer Reading Celebration with lawn games & pizza! While supplies last.

Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library.



Children's Events



SENSORY STORYTIME

Mondays July 6 - August 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a welcoming, small-group Sensory Storytime ideal for any child who may benefit from a modified storytime experience (especially those on the autism spectrum, who have sensory processing difficulties, or who struggle in large groups). Includes softer lighting, reduced noise, additional visual aids, and sensory objects. After the storytime, families are welcome to stay for playtime at four different sensory stations! This program is designed for children ages 3-11 who are functioning at a preschool-to-early-elementary developmental level.



AMERICA 250 STORYTIME - READING IS REVOLUTIONARY!

Tuesdays, through July 28 at 10:30 a.m.

During the month of June & July, join us for America 250 - Reading is Revolutionary! We'll read stories that highlight the bold and brave individuals who helped shape our nation, then and now.

Story time for all! Children and caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, fingerplays, bounces, and so much more. Enjoy free play after the stories and songs.



POKEMON CLUB @ APL!

Saturday, July 18 & August 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a Pokémon Master? Come learn to play Pokémon, hang out with your friends, and try some fun Pokémon activities.

Free and open to ages 6-11. Registration required.



Young Adult Events



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
NEW DAY & TIME FOR SUMMER
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.



DROP-IN GAME DAY
NEW TIME FOR SUMMER
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.



SING & STOMP
(No class 7/3, 7/24 & 8/21)
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
No registration.



STORY TIME
Returns August 4
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Registration is suggested.



GRAB & GO CRAFTS
Fridays
Available while supplies last.
No registration.