



Friends of Acton Public Library

The Friends of Acton Public Library will have their Big Summer Book Sale on three days at the beginning of the summer season, June 25, 26 and 27. The sale begins at 3 p.m. on the 25th and ends at 7:00 p.m. On both the 26th and 27th, the sale will begin at 10 a.m. It will close at 4 p.m. on the 26th, and at 3 p.m. on the 27th. The sale will be held on both floors of the library, and on the Friday and Saturday there will be a sale of delicious home baked goods made by our members and volunteers. The sale will feature thousands of books, both fiction and nonfiction in a wide variety of categories, as well as CDs, DVDs, and puzzles.

Proceeds raised by the Friends, by means of periodic book and bake sales, sales of books on the A frame in the front entrance, the annual membership drive and donations in general are used to fund, among other things, a wide variety of free programs at the library, as well as the museum passes that are available to library card holders and the kick-off and wind-up of the annual Summer Reading program. 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. To volunteer to work at the book sale, please reach out to Joanne Galli at jogalli731@gmail.com. To help with the bake sale, please contact Helen Fazzina at htfazzina@yahoo.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.

APL POETRY WRITING GROUP

First Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

May 6 & June 3

Writing in community creates community. Gather together with Old Saybrook's new poet laureate Sandra Yannone to write together and share your new creations monthly. All welcome regardless of writing experience. Bring your notebook or laptop or use our supplies.

WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Saturday, June 13 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

Please join us on the library patio for a drop-in knitting and crocheting event while enjoying some light refreshments. Share your passion for knitting in the company of others who knit and crochet! Bring along your own project or use our supplies to start a new project.



The Beacon

May-June 2026

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday

10 - 8

Friday - Saturday

10 - 5

Sundays

1-5 thru May 3

CLOSINGS

Staff Meeting

Fri. May 15

10am - 1 pm

Memorial Day

Mon. May 25

Juneteenth

Fri. June 19

Register for library events on our website

www.actonlibrary.org

or call 860-395-3184

Summer Reading

by Amanda Brouwer, director



While I write this, it is 50 degrees out and it is supposed to drop to a low of 27 degrees overnight, which is why I am excited to think of warmer weather and things to do this Summer! The most important thing here at the library is that our Summer Reading Programs for all ages kick off on June 4th at 3pm. Join us for music, lawn games, and ice cream, and sign up for Summer Reading and enter our raffle.

This year our raffle grand prize will be a Kobo Elipsa 2E; a combined eReader and notebook with stylus. Don't forget with each Summer Reading Program you sign up for, you also can get fun incentive prizes along the way for kids and teens or be entered for gift cards drawings for adults. You will be able to fill out your summer reading forms from June through August 21st at 11:30 when we will have our end of Summer Reading Pizza Party and pull the grand prize winner.

While you are at the Library, check out our Library of Things. We have a few new items and a new fun pool inflatable Tic-Tac-Toe game. We also have Giant Jenga, Corn Hole, Croquet, Giant Connect Four and Ladder Toss, so that you can enjoy the weather soon to come!



32nd Annual Poetry Presentation

Winning poets will read their poems and receive their awards at the Poetry Presentation, Saturday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library.

Registration suggested.

APL All Ages Events

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IMAGINARY TAILS WITH IZZY

Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



TABLETOP RPG GAME NIGHT

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

Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Gather the gang over a game of Zombicide? Run a one-shot TTPRG? Got MTG Cards? Want to plan your next campaign or perhaps run it here? All options on the table. Facilitated by DM and Librarian Brian Story.



PATRIOTIC JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION

SATURDAY May 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an ALL AGES Patriotic Jigsaw Puzzle Competition. You may join as a team (4 max.) or as an individual (to be added to a team with fewer than 4). Each team will receive the same 500-piece puzzle. Registration suggested.



ACOUSTIC ARTISTS STORYTELLER SERIES

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. - Crows in the Meadow

Stories and songs will be paired with pics and visuals. Each artist will bring something special to the experience. Registration suggested.



FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Wednesday, May 20 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.



KINDERGARTEN KICKBACK WITH LEGOS AND CARS

Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we race cars and compete for the tallest Lego tower in the room. Bring your favorite matchbox car to try on the track. Registration suggested.



SUMMER NIGHTS KARAOKE KICKOFF

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Kicking off those summer nights with a return to karaoke on the Acton Patio (weather permitting or we move it inside) Registration suggested.

APL Adult Events

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



TECH TIME WITH BRIAN

Mondays by appointment

May 4 & 18, June 8 & 29



TECH TIME WITH REBECCA

Thursdays by appointment

MEET-UP MONDAYS

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



COMPASSION-KNITS

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.



THE WEB THEY WOVE (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

The Web They Wove: Women & Their Wardrobes During New England's Revolution will be presented by Amanda Flynn Rumney & Rebecca Bayreuther Donohue. Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library



CRAFT NIGHT: BASKET WEAVING (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Create a berry basket. Materials provided.

Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library



AMERICAN TRIVIA (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Each team will be asked 50 questions in 10 different categories, and the team with the most correct answers wins. Play as a team (4 max) or individual.



CRAFT NIGHT: PATRIOTIC PAINTING (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pam of Pam's Picassos to create a patriotic painting.

Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library



ABIGAIL ADAMS: AMERICA'S FIRST, SECOND LADY (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Sheryl Faye returns to portray Abigail Adams.

Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library

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

PLANT A SEED, READ

Save the Date!

Monday, June 1: Summer Reading Registration begins for all ages!

Thursday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m.: Summer Reading Kickoff with ice cream & lawn games.

Thursday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.: Our Founding Mothers - with storyteller Monica Peterson (AMERICA 250 EVENT)

Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.: BubbleMania with Casey Carle

Thursday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.: TBD

Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.: Matt Matthews Magic!

Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.: Xen's Critters

Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.: R.I. The Pirate Guy!

Friday, August 21 at 11:30 p.m.: Summer Celebration with pizza & lawn games.

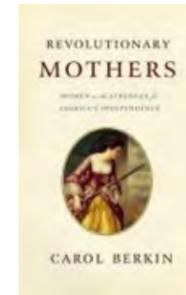


WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

May 6
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
by Mark Twain



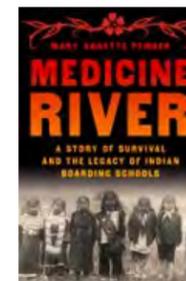
June 3
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon



HYBRID: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION (AMERICA 250 EVENT)
Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence
by Carol Berkin
Registration suggested.



BOOKS ON TAP
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
May 13
The Collected Regrets of Clover
by Mikki Brammer

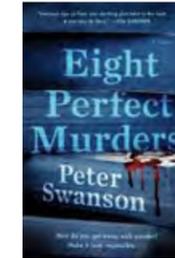


June 10
Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools
by Mary Annette Pember
Registration suggested.



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

May 27
The Long Way Home
by Louise Penny



June 24
Eight Perfect Murders
by Peter Swanson



COOKBOOK CLUB
Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m.
This month's cookbook is The Essential New York Times Cook Book : Classic Recipes for a New Century by Amanda Hesser.

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



Children's Events



PLAYGROUP
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
(Closed 5/25)
No registration.



SING & STOMP
(No class 5/15 & 6/19)
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
No registration.



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



GRAB & GO CRAFTS
(No craft 6/19)
Available while supplies last.
No registration.



TINKER LAB
Mondays through May 18 at 3:30 p.m.
Join us for Tinker Lab! We'll use problem-solving skills to imagine, explore, tinker, build, code, play, and design!
May - Ever wanted to make your own video game? Let's explore the Scratch Coding Platform to design and create your own digital game!
For Grades 2 - 4. Registration required.



CUPCAKE DECORATING
Saturday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Come decorate cupcakes with us! We will have cupcakes, frosting and some candy for decorating. Feel free to bring additional items to share. Free and open to children ages 0-11. Registration required.
This program was made possible by the Friends of Acton Library.



POKEMON CLUB @ APL!
Saturday, May 23 & June 20 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.



AMERICA 250 STORYTIME - READING IS REVOLUTIONARY!
Tuesdays, June 2 - 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.



Young Adult Events



DROP-IN GAME DAY
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
Fridays at 3:00 p.m.
May 15 & 29
June 12 & 26



YA LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday, May 12 & June 9 at 3:30 p.m.
Do you want to help at the library? Have a club you'd like to run? Help decide on games, displays, programs and collections? Join us!



All Ages Design a Bookmark Contest



Entries accepted through May 11.

Calling Artists of all ages to design an original bookmark for this year's summer reading program!

The theme this year is "Plant a Seed, Read!"

A winner will be chosen for each age group: 0-5, 6-11, 12-18, and Adults (19+).

Design the bookmark and return it to the library for a chance to have your design chosen as this summer's bookmark.

Winners will be announced at our Summer Reading Kickoff Party. Forms available in the library and on the website.