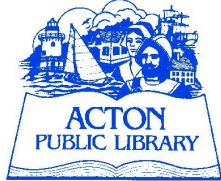


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Inner Lighthouse, oil and watercolor mural by Robert Childress. Collection of the Acton Public Library.

Acton Public Library



Karen Giugno, Assistant Director and Head of Children's Retires

The Acton Public Library wishes Karen Giugno, the happiest of retirements from the library! Karen grew up in Old Saybrook and graduated from Old Saybrook High School. After high school, Karen went on to gain her B.S. in Elementary Education and her Master's Degree in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University.

Before coming to Acton Library, Karen Giugno worked at the Wethersfield Public Library, the Avery Point UCONN University Library, and PGN Library. Directly before working at Acton she worked at Cragin Memorial Library for seven years, first as the Adult Services Librarian, then as the Children's and Young Adult Services Librarian. After several years of creating innovative programs for adults and teenagers, she transformed the Library's children's programming, increasing attendance with a wide variety of engaging programs. She spearheaded a re-design of the Library's children's space with funds from an Every Child Ready to Read grant. Karen came to Acton in 2015, ready to create new initiatives for the children's room. Karen updated the organizational structure of the picture books to make it easier for families to find materials by subject. She revamped the Summer Reading Program for children by introducing a store inside the Children's Library where kids can redeem their Acton Reading Bucks for fun prizes.

Twice over the course of her six years here, she assumed the role of interim director to provide steady and strong guidance. During COVID, Karen's bubbly personality helped keep staff's morale up, and her themed weekly staff meetings kept us all a little more connected. With her guidance the children's programs became even more creative; with STEM kits, 'Make' & 'Take' crafts, virtual and outdoor storytimes, to help the children of Old Saybrook weather over a year of uncertainty and boredom.

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman, said of Karen; 'On behalf of those who love our library and the Town of Old Saybrook, I want to thank Karen for her years of dedication to the library. She has been a model town employee both with her competency on the job and putting our patrons first. In a customer driven business, Karen has seen fit to make the library the best it can be. I wish her happiness and health in retirement.'

Please join us in wishing Karen a healthy and active retirement, we will miss her!

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Children's Programs

Daily: Grab 'N Go Crafts: Contact the library to arrange **curbside pickup**

Daily: Grab 'N Go Origami: Contact the library to arrange **curbside pickup**

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Rise and Shine Story Time **Zoom** ages 2-5

Special Monthly Grab 'N Go: Toad House and Village Registration starts April 26. Ages 5-9.

Registration is required for all programs.



Young Adult Programs

VIRTUAL

Fridays at 2:45 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons

Thurs. Apr. 1 & 15 at 3:30 p.m. Girls Who Code

Tues. Apr. 6 & 20 at 3:30 p.m. Y.A.L.L

Meeting

Thurs. Apr. 8 & 22 at 3:15 p.m. Kahoot!

Thurs. Apr. 8 & 22 at 4:30 p.m. Check In Chat and Book Club

Mon. Apr. 26 at 4:05 p.m. Mindful Meditations

Registration is required for all programs.



Adult Programs

VIRTUAL

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

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

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

Fri. Apr. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine

Mon. Apr. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Comprehensive Retirement Class

Wed. Apr. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Ultimate Pub Trivia

Tues. Apr. 20 at 6:00 p.m. Craft Night: Macramé Tree

Wed. Apr. 21 at 6:00 p.m. Wildlife and CT's Changing Landscape

Tues. Apr. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Cookbook Club: Breakfast Smoothies

Wed. Apr. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Game Day: Scattergories

IN-PERSON

Saturdays Apr. 10 – May 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Walking Group

Wed. Apr. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Wed. Book Club

Thurs. Apr. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Books on Tap

Wed. Apr. 28 at 1:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Registration is required for all programs.

