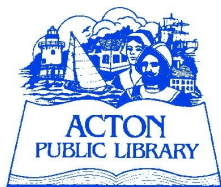


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*Inner Lighthouse*, oil and watercolor mural by Robert Childress. Collection of the Acton Public Library.

# Acton Public Library

## From the Director: **Liz Petry to speak after Friends Annual Meeting**

After the Annual Friends of Acton Library meeting on May 27, the Friends invite all to join in while we listen to Liz Petry speak about the Lane and James families and how they came to live in Old Saybrook and what their experiences were. The Friends of Acton's business meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. to elect officers and to review the highlights of the year, and Liz Petry will speak at 6:00 p.m. Liz Petry's mother was Ann Petry, who wrote two very significant novels, one about Harlem in the 1930s (*The Street*) and one about life in a town somewhat like Old Saybrook (*Country Place*). *The Street* was the first novel by an African American woman to sell more than 1 million copies. Liz Petry herself has written two biographical works. If you are interested in being a member of the Friends, the 501c3 fundraising group for the Acton Public Library, please email [Amanda abrouwer@actonlibrary.org](mailto:Abrouwer@actonlibrary.org) To register to see Liz Petry, please visit the virtual calendar on <https://actonlibrary.org/events/virtual-programs/>

## Spotlight on: **27th Annual Poetry Night**

Join us Thursday, May 20th, through Zoom, for the presentation of the winners of the 27th Annual Poetry Competition.

This year, 69 poems were submitted from 35 participants from 12 towns in the following categories: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult & Sonnet.

Final judges, Old Saybrook Poet Laureate, Pat O'Brien and Nan Meneely will present the winners who will then read their poems.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

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## Children's Programs

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

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

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

**Registration is required for all programs.**

May 1–29 UConn Kids Activity Bag and UConn Kids Autism-Friendly Activity Bag sponsored by UConn KIDS (Kids in Developmental Science.) Activity Kits include: crayons, bubbles, coloring sheets, and activity instructions. Autism-Friendly Kits include: stickers, crayons, play dough, pom poms, coloring sheets, and activity instructions. No registration is required but supplies are limited.

## 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

Sat. May 1 at 2:00 p.m. Lotus Lanterns

Thurs. May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Backyard Birding

Wed. May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Ultimate Pub Trivia

Tues. May 18 at 6:00 p.m. Craft Night: Mandala Panel

Wed. May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Arlington Cemetery

Tues. May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Cookbook Club:

On a Roll: Sushi Demonstration

Wed. May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Game Day:

Blank Slate

Thurs. May 27 at 5:30 p.m. Friends Annual Meeting

Thurs. May 27 at 6:00 p.m. Liz Petry: The James Family Letters

**IN-PERSON**

Saturdays May 1 –May 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Walking Group

Wed. May 5 at 10:30 a.m. Wed. Book Club

Thurs. May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Books on Tap

Wed. May 26 at 1:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

**Registration is required for all programs.**

## Young Adult Programs

**VIRTUAL**

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

Tues. May 4 & 18 at 3:30 p.m. Y.A.L.L. Meeting

Thurs. May 6 & 20 at 3:15 p.m. Kahoot!

Thurs. May 6 & 20 at 4:30 p.m. Check In Chat and Book Club

Thurs. Apr. May 13 & 27 at 3:30 p.m. Girls Who Code

Mon. May 24 at 4:05 p.m. Mindful Meditations

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## All Ages Program



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## Adult Program



### Virtual Liz Petry: *The James Family Letters*

Following the Friends Annual Meeting at 5:30, Liz Petry will discuss, *The James Family Letters*, followed by a 10-minute clip of the documentary. There will also be some time for questions.