

Book Chats, Wee Readers, Morning Meditations, Workshops, After-School Programs, and *SO Much More!*

OUR FUND DRIVE WRAPS UP JUNE 30TH. WE NEED YOU!

This year's BookWorm Bash was a great party and more successful than ever, but we're still just a little shy of our fundraising goal. Your help will ensure that all the cool stuff happening at the library keeps happening all summer long!

So why not donate? Every donation, no matter what size, makes a difference. Use the enclosed envelope or scan the QR code and be part of the generous team that takes us over the June 30th finish line.



THANK YOU!

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**Summer  
 2026**

**Phoebe Griffin**  
**Noyes**  **OLD LYME LIBRARY**

**Mark Your  
 Calendar**

- Saturday, June 20 & Wed., June 24** Phoebe's BookCellar 1/2 Price Sale
- Sunday, June 21, 5-7 pm** Make Music Day on Lyme Street
- Monday, June 22** Summer Reading Kickoff Pizza Party!
- Saturday, July 25, Noon** Midsummer Festival Family Concert featuring Michele Urban at RTPEC
- Saturday, Aug. 15** Summer Challenges Due
- Wed., Aug. 26** End of Summer Patio Party featuring *The Kenn Moor Band*

**So Much is Happening at The Phoebe!**

It's been another spectacular spring at the Library! In addition to our regular offerings, Spring Break Programs were overflowing with kids eager to have fun and learn together, our new tech-help sessions at the Lymes' Senior Center have been fully booked, and the Vegan Cookbook Club continues to engage and delight.

We're thrilled to report that the 2nd Annual BookWorm Bash was a huge hit! We sold over 150 tickets to the event on April 25th.



Party-goers brought amazing energy, incredible mystery-themed costumes, and lots of love for the Library! Be sure to save the date for the 2027 Bash on April 24th.

You may have noticed some changes along Lyme Street too. Last fall, Boy Scout Woody Goss began his Eagle Scout Project at the Library. He, along with members of Troup 26, spent a day removing the overgrown, invasive burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) from the side of the property. Then, during April break, they replanted the ledge with two native species: fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'*) and juniper (*Juniperus communis*) thanks to grant funding. We're so fortunate to have had their help with this enormous undertaking!

And of course, one of the best things about spring is that it is a harbinger of summer! Keep reading for all of the wonderful events we've planned for these magical months.

**Adult Events**

- BOOK CLUBS**  
 Phoebe's Book Chat: *July 9 & Aug. 13, 11 am*  
 Faraway Fiction: *July 15, 6:30 pm*  
 Dark Nonfiction: *June 17, Aug. 19, 6:30 pm*
- TIPS & TACTICS FOR THRIVING IN TODAY'S REAL ESTATE MARKET\*** *Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 pm*
- AMERICA 250 COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION—RISE TO REBELLION BY JEFF SHAARA\*** *Monday, July 6, 6:30 pm*
- BUILDING RESILIENT HABITATS WITH OLD LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION & ESTUARY MAGAZINE (HYBRID)\*** *Wednesday, July 8, 6 pm*
- AMERICA 250: CALLIGRAPHY AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE\*** *Thursday, July 9, 6:30 pm*
- OLD LYME LAND TRUST NATIVE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY** *Saturday, July 11, 11 am*
- SOUND HEALING\*** *Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 pm*
- BLUES 101 WITH RAMBLIN' DAN STEVENS\*** *Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 pm*

- POETRY HOUR\*** *Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6:30 pm*
- COMMUNITY YOGA WITH ISABELLE BARBOUR\*** *Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6 pm*
- QUARTERLY VEGAN COOKBOOK CLUB\*** *Friday, Aug. 14, 5:45 pm*
- 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL END OF SUMMER PATIO PARTY (21+)\*** *Wednesday, Aug. 26, 6 pm*
- HEALTHY QUESTIONS WITH THE TOWN NURSE** *Thursdays, July 9, Aug. 13, 9 am*
- MAHJONGG CLUB** *Every Wednesday, 1 pm*
- PHOEBE'S MORNING MEDITATION** *Every Friday, 10 am*
- WRITERS' STUDIO** *Select Tuesdays, see website for details*

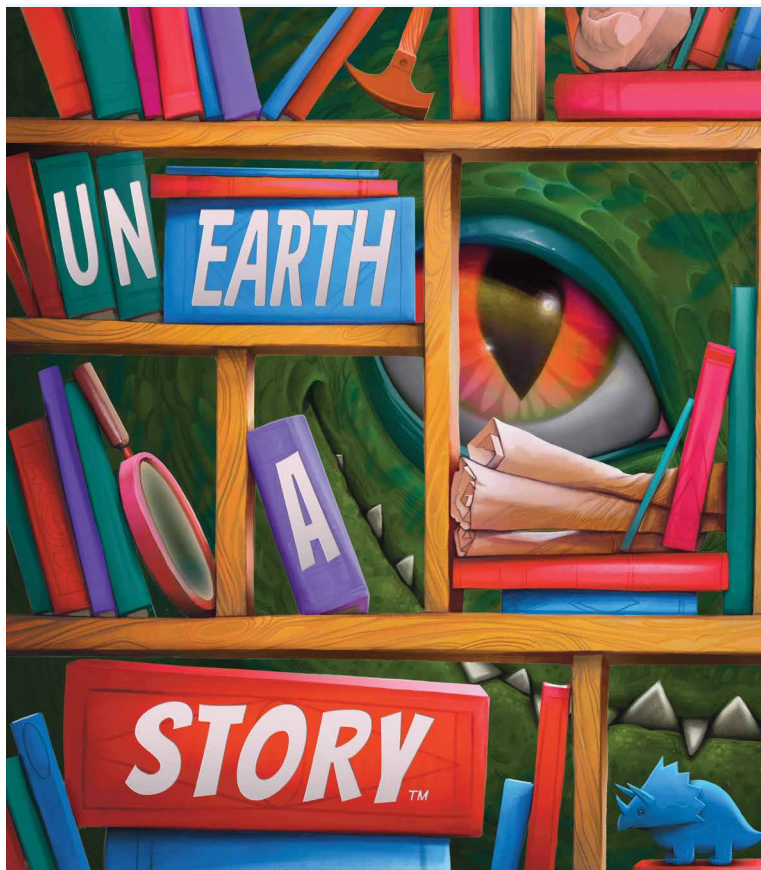
**Summer Challenge**

*June 22–Aug. 15* | Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Earn raffle tickets for reviewing a book, attending a program, or other special activities!

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**OUR MISSION** is to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services. **OUR VISION** is to be the community's vibrant hub for engagement, discovery, and creativity.

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# FOR TEENS

## TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE!

June 22–Aug. 15 | Gr 6-12

Complete activities to earn raffle tickets and choose between creepy, cool, or cozy prizes!

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF PIZZA PARTY!\*

Monday, June 22, 5:30 pm | All Ages

Enjoy pizza and drinks on us, plus handcrafted ice cream available for purchase from Moovin Scoops!

## TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, June 24, 4:30 pm | Gr 7-12

Help out this summer with a variety

of meaningful and fun projects; the schedule is flexible! At orientation, volunteers will schedule their weekly shift, meet their colleagues, and learn about upcoming volunteer projects.

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT + DINNER\*

Friday, June 26th; 5:45 pm | All Ages

Build a fort and watch *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Dinner provided!

## JUNK JOURNALING\*

Part 1: Tuesday, June 30, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Part 2: Tuesday, July 7, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Get started on your own junk journal with guidance from local creative expert Kirsten G!

**\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## POM POM CRITTERS WITH MS. TATE!\*

Tuesday, July 14, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Make pom pom critters with friends and special guest Ms. Tate!

## MARIO KART TOURNAMENT\*

Thursday, July 16, 2:30 pm | All Ages

Challenge your friends in our All Ages Mario Kart Tournament to see if you can win it all!

## NEEDLE FELTING\*

Tuesday, July 21, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Make a fuzzy friend to take home, and learn the cool technique of needle felting.

## SAY IT WITH A SHIRT\*

Tuesday, July 28, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Using an assortment of iron-on letters, personalize a shirt with a phrase or your name!

## PERCY JACKSON DEMIGOD TRAINING\*

Friday, July 31, 2:30 pm | Gr 3-7

Train like a demigod for the day with fun activities!

## COLLAGE & BOOKMARKS

Tuesday, August 4, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Make a bookmark for yourself and then a few more to share. We will send our creations to youth in detention who could use a message of hope and beauty.

## BOAT BUILDING WITH NEW LONDON COMMUNITY BOATWORKS\*

Thursday, August 6, 2:30 pm | Gr 8-12

Join Ben from New London Community Boatworks to build your own model boat.

## CHARCUTERIE LANDSCAPE ART\*

Tuesday, August 11, 2:30 pm | Gr 6-10

Make your own edible scene made with fruits, veggies, cheese... and maybe a little candy!

## PAPER ENGINEERING & ORIGAMI TESSELLATIONS WORKSHOP WITH BEN PARKER\*

Saturday, August 15, 10 am - 1 pm | Gr 7-12 + Adults

Artist and educator Ben Parker offers an opportunity to experience the magical combination of math, engineering, ancient Japanese art, and the humble material of paper.

## DIY "I SPY" ANTHOLOGY

Thursdays, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, 4:45 pm | All Ages

Want to doodle, collage, and get off the screen? Join us once a month to create a page for a collaborative "I-Spy" themed zine.

# FOR KIDS

## KIDS' SUMMER CHALLENGE!

June 22–Aug. 15 | Gr K-6

Dig deep into your summer with our summer challenge game card! Participate in activities, log your reading, and attend programs to earn prizes!

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF PIZZA PARTY!\*

Monday, June 22, 5:30 pm | All Ages

Enjoy pizza and drinks on us, plus handcrafted ice cream available for purchase from Moovin Scoops!

## WEE READERS: SENSORY STORYTIME\*

Thurs., June 25 + July 23, 10 am | Ages 0-4

Join us for stories, songs, and a sensory activity!

## READ TO A THERAPY DOG\*

Fri., June 26, July 24, Aug. 7, 2:30 pm | Gr 1-5

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT + DINNER\*

Friday, June 26th; 5:45 pm | All Ages

Build a fort and watch *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Dinner provided!

## STEAM ACTIVITIES\*

Mondays, June 29, July 13, July 27, 2:30 pm | Varies

Join us for STEAM-based activities. Allow your kids to have fun with science! See calendar for details.

## PHOEBE'S WRITERS\*

Tuesdays, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, 3:30 pm | Gr 3-6

Explore your creativity at our student-led writing club!

## OLD LYME FIRE DEPARTMENT STORYTIME\*

Wednesday, July 1, 10 am | All Ages

Join us at the Old Lyme Fire Department for a storytime and a tour of the fire trucks!

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CRAFT: SALT PAINTING!\*

Thursday, July 2, 11:30 am | Gr K-5

Celebrate America's 250th with this firework craft!

## GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB\*

Tuesdays, July 7, Aug. 4, 3:30 pm | Gr 3-6

Enjoy snacks, friends, and talking about a great graphic novel!

**\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## MAKE A MESS!\*

Wednesdays, July 8–Aug. 5, 2:30 pm | Gr K-2

Join us weekly for fun, messy play outdoors!

## WEE READERS

### REPRESENT! WITH LAA

Thursdays, July 9, Aug. 6, 10 am

Enjoy special story times and art activities with our friends from the Lyme Art Association!

## SCIENCE HEROES\*

Friday, July 10, 1 pm | Gr K-5

Explore STEM with crazy science experiments from Science Heroes!

## BEGINNER CROCHET WITH ABI RIVENELLI\*

Saturday, July 11, 10 am | Gr 3-6

Come learn the basics of crochet!

## SOIL EROSION WITH RTPEC\*

Tuesday, July 14, 1 pm | Gr 3-5

Have fun learning outdoors with a dirt activity with our friends from Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center!

## MARIO KART TOURNAMENT\*

Thursday, July 16, 2:30 pm | All Ages

Challenge your friends in our all-ages Mario Kart Tournament to see if you can win it all!

## SNACKTIVITIES: EDIBLE DIRT CUPS\*

Monday, July 20, 2:30 pm | Gr 1-6

Enjoy making a tasty snack while learning about dirt and soil.

## AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES\*

Tuesday, July 21, 10 am | All Ages

Learn about various amphibians and reptiles with live animals from the Amphibian Reptile Center!

## MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL WITH MICHELLE URBAN

Saturday, July 25, 12 pm | All Ages

Celebrate at the Midsummer Festival with a performance from Michele Urban at the RTPEC!

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