

JUST \$2,000 SHORT!

We're just \$2,000 short of meeting the fundraising goal for our fiscal year ending June 30th. Won't you consider helping us get over the line? In addition to the incredible experiences awaiting in the pages of our books, your continued support allows us to offer the adult events listed below as well as the scores of special summer events for our younger patrons described in this missive.

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And thank you!



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Adult Events

KALEIDOSCOPE: SUDESHNA SIRKAR ARTIST RECEPTION*
Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 PM

TALK WITH LOCAL WRITER AMY GAMERMAN, AUTHOR OF THE CRAZIES*
Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30 PM

TURKISH COFFEE TASTING
Saturday, July 19th at 1 PM

TERRI LACHANCE: SONGS FROM HER WORLD TRAVELS*
Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 PM

RED SOX-YANKEES: THE GREATEST RIVALRY IN SPORTS*
Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30 PM

QUARTERLY VEGAN COOKBOOK CLUB*
Friday, August 8th at 5:45 PM

END OF SUMMER PATIO PARTY FEATURING THE BIRDWATCHERS*
Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM

Book Clubs & Groups

DARK NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, June 18 & August 13, 6:30 PM

PHOEBE'S MORNING BOOK CHAT
Thursday, July 10 & August 14, 11 AM

FARAWAY FICTION BOOK CHAT
Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 PM

MAHJONGG CLUB
Every Wednesday, 1 PM

PHOEBE'S MORNING MEDITATION
Every Friday, 10 AM

WRITERS' STUDIO*
Alternating Tuesdays, 4:30 or 5 PM

GARDEN HELPERS
Every Wednesday, 9 AM

Summer Challenge

Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Earn raffle tickets for reviewing a book, attending a program, or other special activities!

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Summer
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Mark Your Calendar

- Monday, June 16** Kid, Teen, & Adult Summer Programs Begin
- Saturday, June 21, 5-7 pm** Make Music Day on Lyme Street
- Sunday, June 22, 2 pm** Juneteenth Celebration at The Florence Griswold Museum
- Saturday, June 21 & Wed., June 25** Phoebe's BookCellar 1/2 Price Sale
- Saturday, July 26, 10 am** Midsummer Festival Family Concert featuring Michele Urban
- Friday, Aug. 15** Summer Challenges Due
- Wed, Aug. 27** End of Summer Patio Party featuring *The Birdwatchers*

Saturday, May 17th, A Night Unlike Any Other—The Bookworm Bash!

The weather? Gorgeous. The food? Delicious. The vibe? Joyful!

The Bookworm Ball from years ago re-emerged as the Bookworm Bash that Saturday night, and more than 100 people, from all walks of life, gathered for the fun. The wonderfully reimagined event saw people wearing costumes of their favorite literary characters, from *Where's Waldo*, to *Harry Potter*. The silent auction tables were busy with eager buyers, and the *Read Between the Wines* wine grab thrilled oenophiles with the quality a mere \$20 purchased.

Dancing quickly ensued, thanks to DJ Aaron and his wife Michelle playing just the right tunes at just the right volume for a sound that was enjoyed by both young and old.

Board and committee members, as well as staff, worked tirelessly and gave generously to make the Bookworm Bash live up to its name and by all accounts, it most certainly did.

A bash unlike any other!

Thank you to all who attended and made it such a success, and for those who missed it, be sure to get your tickets early for next year. It's a party you don't want to miss.

Meanwhile, check out the wonderful events we have in store for you this summer!



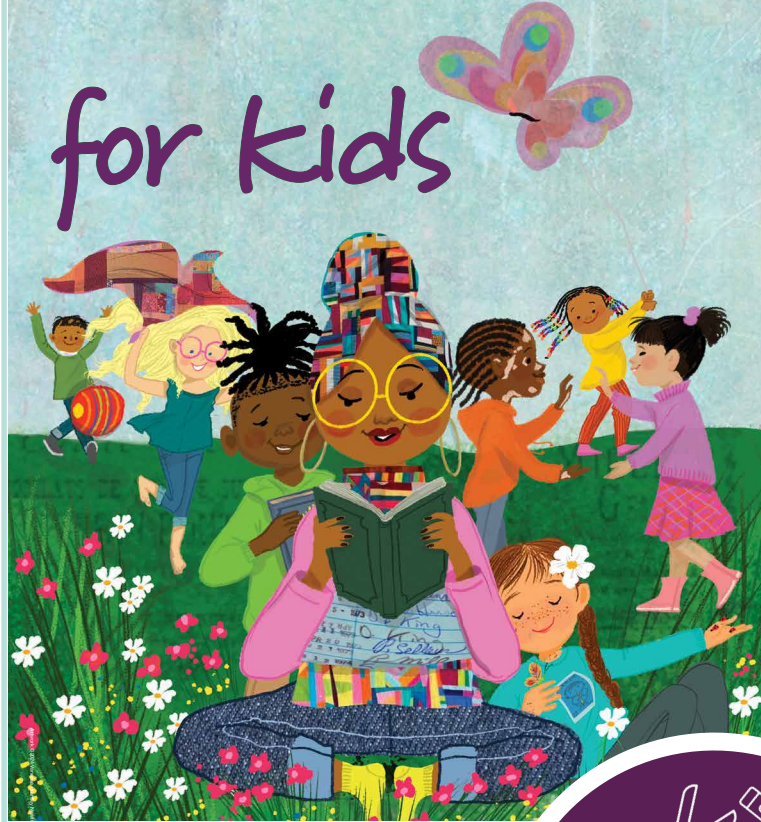
OUR MISSION is to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services. **OUR VISION** is to be the community's vibrant hub for engagement, discovery, and creativity.

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LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY



for kids



Weekly Programs

STEAM STORY TIME

Tuesdays, June 24–July 29, 10 AM
Join Miss Meg for stories and hands-on STEAM fun! All ages welcome!

WEDNESDAY CLUBS FOR GRADES 2-6, 4-5:30 PM

Pokémon Club: July 2
LEGO Club: July 9
Chocolate & Chapters: July 16
Chess Club: July 23

WEE READERS

Thursdays, June 26–July 31, 11 AM
Join Miss Meg for stories, songs, and play time with friends! For children ages 3 and under.

HOUR OF PLAY

Fridays, June 20–August 15, 11 AM
Beat the heat with an hour of indoor play at the library! Each week we will provide an open play space with a selection of toys in the Community Room for friends to gather. All ages welcome!



Stop by for daily fun:
Scavenger hunt! Crafts!
Guessing jar! And so
much MORE!

Summer Challenge

JUNE 16–AUGUST 15

Pick up a game card and start playing! Every completed challenge = one game piece to add to our window AND a raffle ticket. Prize winners will be drawn after August 15th!

Special Events

KICK-OFF SUMMER PATIO PARTY

Monday, June 16, 5:30 PM

Join us for pizza, games and live music from Joy Blooms!

EAST LYME PUPPETRY WORKSHOP*

Wednesday, June 25, 4 PM

Create your very own puppet! East Lyme Puppetry Project will walk kids through the steps it takes to create an original puppet.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER STORY TIME

Monday, June 30, 5:30 PM

Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Drop off your stuffed animal friend at 5:30 and pick them back up the next day after 12 pm.

R.I. PIRATE GUY*

Monday, July 14, 4 PM

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

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL MICHELE URBAN CONCERT

Saturday, July 26, 10 AM

Join us over on the grounds of the RTPEC as we kick off the 2025 Midsummer Festival with a family concert by Michele Urban!

FOOD WORKS: TACO CHALLENGE!*

Wednesday, July 30, 5:30 PM

Level up your cooking! Take part in a real "Chopped" experience and compete to create the best taco with friends!

COOL-OLGY*

Tuesday, August 5, 10 AM

Have fun exploring STEM with Cool-ology!

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Kids' events are intended for all ages unless otherwise indicated. Please note, young patrons must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.

The Library's 2025 iREAD® Summer Reading Program is funded by the State of Connecticut and the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Connecticut State Library.



BLOCK BLAST [BOOK BLAST]

June 16–August 15

Complete activities and choose blocks to build your *Tetris* tower. The higher you build, the more raffle tickets you earn! Use your tickets to win your choice of prizes.

KICK-OFF SUMMER PATIO PARTY

Monday, June 16, 5:30 PM

Swing by for a slice of pizza, play some games with your friends, and take home your Level Up Summer 2025 Challenge.

ORIENTATION FOR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS*

Monday, June 30, 4 PM

Interested teens are invited to sign up for their summer volunteer schedule, meet their colleagues, and learn about upcoming volunteer projects. For incoming, returning, and current volunteers.

LEVEL UP YOUR ARTS AND CRAFTS*

Every Tuesday, July 1–August 12, 3:30 PM

Six weeks, six activities! Join us for one, or all! We'll level up with: crochet, faux stained glass, orizome-gami, sewing, printmaking, and charcuterie landscape art!

PARALLEL PLAY

Every Friday, July 11–August 8, 3:30 PM

Bring a project, make some progress! Meet people, chill, & show us what you're working on. If you don't have a project, the library has plenty of fun and easy things to try!

WOODEN BOAT BUILDING WORKSHOP*

Wednesday, July 16, 4 PM; Thursday, July 17, 4 PM; & Friday, July 18, 3 PM (ages 13-18)

Level up your boat building skills! Use plywood and simple hand tools to create a life-size, traditionally shaped, and seaworthy boat. Ben Ellcome from

New London Boatworks will lead folks through the build while teaching about the history of boat making. Limited to 6 participants. Must be able to attend all three sessions.

FOOD FEAR FACTOR*

Friday, August 15, 3:30 PM

Level up your fear factor with an afternoon of challenges for your taste buds. We've got a full menu of wild appetizers; can you stomach each of the mystery foods and taste victory?

WEIRD WEAVING*

Saturday, August 30, 11 AM–1:30 PM

Learn how to do a basic basket weave on a box loom using found and reclaimed materials with visiting artist Janelle R. Abbott! Bring in your old cords, jewelry, charging cables, rope, clothes, yarn, and other textiles to use and share. This program is for those interested in fiber arts, weaving, upcycling, and zero waste practices.

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VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Tune in to a variety of exciting virtual talks & interviews featuring authors for all ages!

ADULTS: Pria Anand

TEENS: Marie Lu & Rex Ogle

CHILDREN: Katherine Applegate
& Raúl The Third

Complete details, including dates & times, can be found at oldlymelibrary.org.