



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Adults

Wednesday, October 1, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Mystery Book Club

My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite (2018). Our facilitator is Jill Adams, Head of Adult Services, Waterford Public Library.

Fridays, 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Scrabble Club

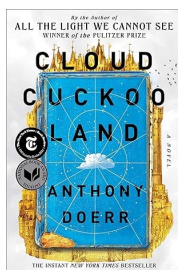


This club is open to all ages and abilities.

Monday, October 6, 7:00PM – 8:30PM ONLINE

Speculative Fiction Book Club*

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr (2021). Our facilitator is Pam Bedore, Associate Professor of English, UConn.



Tuesdays, October 14, 21, & 28,
7:00PM – 8:30PM

Let's Speak English Together!

All are invited to join us for an informal conversation group where you can practice speaking English in a supportive community of new language learners. Topics will be based on real life experiences such as food, cooking, holiday traditions, the outdoors, and using the library. Attend one or attend all sessions based on your availability. Our facilitator is Jeri DeSantis, a librarian and teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages at new London Adult Education. No registration is required for this event. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 15, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Let's Roll!: Tabletop Role-Playing Game Group for Adults

Join us for a friendly, inclusive, and accessible tabletop role-playing club for ALL experience levels! Whether you've never played a game in your life or you're a seasoned player, this group is for you. We are open to all players, game systems, and ideas, with a focus on creating a fun, welcoming, and safe gaming environment. Ages 18 and up.



Monday, October 20, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Silent Book Club

"Silent Book Club® is a global community of readers, with more than 1500 chapters in 54 countries around the world led by local volunteers. SBC members gather in public at bars, cafes, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie." All readers are welcome—ebooks or audiobooks, poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction . . . it's BYOBook. This book club is all about enjoying your reading, in whatever format works for you, in a laid-back, pressure-free setting!

Tuesday, October 21, 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Introduction to Writing Workshop: don't let that blank piece of paper intimidate you!

Join us for a new writing workshop. Local author Kathy Swope will lead this program. Please bring your own writing materials.

Friday, October 24, 1:00PM- 2:30PM

Friday Afternoon Book Club

This month we will discuss The Refugee Ocean by Pauls Toutonghi (2023). Our facilitator is Lynne Rogers, Professor of English, UConn, Avery Point.

*All programs are free and open to the public. * Registration is suggested or required.
Access our online event calendar for more information and to register.*

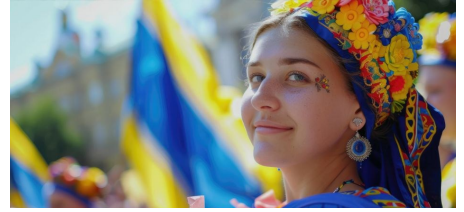


FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Saturday, October 25, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Vechornytsi: a celebration of Ukrainian culture

Join us as we celebrate the music and culture of Ukraine with Quaker Hill resident Kateryna Diachenko who will perform several traditional Ukrainian folk songs and share memories of her childhood. We will also be joined by Yevshan, a Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble conducted by Alexander Kuzma. Yevshan explores the cross-currents between Ukrainian music and the folk and sacred music of other East European communities. In their concerts and studies, they hope to establish common ground between the musical heritage of Ukraine and the heritage of other peoples around the world. There will be offerings of Ukrainian sweets and crafts for the children.



Tuesday, October 14, 6:30PM – 7:30PM

An Evening with Jane Barton Griffith: author, activist, preservationist*

Jane Barton Griffith was co-director from 1970 to 1973 of the American Friends Service Committee's humanitarian projects in South Vietnam. When Jane returned from Vietnam, Amnesty International sponsored her on a speaking tour in the US and Europe and her photographs were widely published nationally and internationally. In 2025 Jane wrote the book *Two Women, One War: an unlikely friendship during the Vietnam War* - Women have been overlooked in the history of the Vietnam War. The gap is now filled with this riveting, true memoir. *Two Women, One War* is a story of the insanity of war, the human capacity for resilience, the power of hope, and the strength of women.

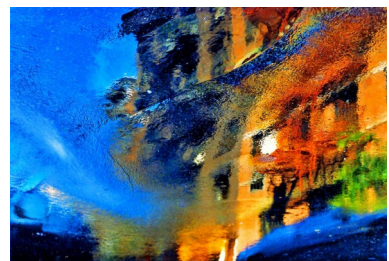


Jane has also held positions at the World Wildlife Fund, National Gallery of Art, National Trust for Historic Preservation, UNICEF, and the Center for International Policy, as well as the Asian Art Museum in Stockholm, Sweden. Jane was asked to create a national nonprofit for autism, now called Autism Speaks.

Registration is suggested.

October Art Wall:

Our October artist is Fred Verillo of Old Lyme, a self-taught photographer, exhibiting photographs of nature, water, and the urban landscape with an ever-changing palette of clouds and sky.



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All programs are in person unless *online* is specified.



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