

July & August

Let's Speak English Together!

Mondays, July 7 to August 11
7:00PM - 8:30PM



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. No registration is required. *This program is generously funded by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.*

Introduction to Writing: a workshop (don't let that blank piece of paper intimidate you!)

Tuesday, July 15, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Tuesday, August 19, 1:00PM - 2:00PM



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

Scrabble Club

Fridays, 11:00AM - 12:30PM
This club is open to all ages and abilities.



Visit the Calendar of Events on our website for a full list of programs.
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All programs are free and open to the public.

Silent Book Club

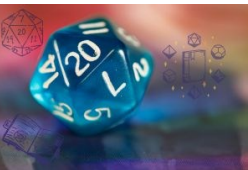
Monday, July 21, 6:30PM - 8:00PM
Monday, August 18, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

"Silent Book Club" is a global community of readers, with more than 1500 chapters in 54 countries around the world. 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!



Let's Roll! Tabletop Role-Playing Club

Wednesday, July 16, 6:00PM - 7:30PM
Wednesday, August 20, 6:00PM - 7:30PM



Join us for a friendly, inclusive, and accessible tabletop role playing game group for adults of 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 & up.

Waterford Day Parade!

Saturday, August 9

9-11AM - Music, children's activities & food trucks

11AM - Parade begins



2025 July & August Adult Programs and Summer Reading Challenge!

Level UP at the Waterford Public Library!

Take on a new hobby, sport or craft or take it to another level and become an expert - unlock adventure and happiness this summer!

Summer reading challenge begins Saturday, June 14 and continues through Monday, August 25th!



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Adult Summer Reading Challenge!

Pick up your reading log at the Information Desk or download it from our website. Read 5 books this summer to be entered to win a drawing for 3 prizes! Return your reading log by Monday, August 25.

July

Gratitude: A 2-part workshop

Part 1- Saturday, July 12, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Part 2- Saturday, July 19, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

This 2-part Gratitude Workshop is presented by Miosotys Santiago who will share her healing journey as a survivor of traumatic experiences, and reflect on her present gratefulness toward life and her walk in faith. This will provide a deeply personal perspective to inspire participants in their own paths to gratitude. An illustrated presentation will guide the session. Choose from 2 self-published gratitude journals available for purchase for \$15 and \$20 or bring your own writing materials. These journals will be a meaningful tool for each attendee to take home and continue their personal practice of gratitude. Attendance at both sessions is suggested. Registration is required as space is limited.



Summer Mushroom Hunting in CT

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

There are many types of mushrooms in our region. Some are poisonous, but their ecology is fun to learn about... and others are simply delicious! Ryan Bouchard and Emily Bouchard, New England's leading mushroom hunting teachers, will lead us into the forest for a close look at local fungi in their natural habitats. This class will show you inside a whole world of adventure that most people overlook.



Recommended for adults and mature kids. Registration is required. A waiver is required for all participants and will be available prior to the hike; for any student under 18, it must be signed by a parent or guardian. Participants should bring cameras, or phones (ringers off please). Meet at 5:30 pm at this location: Avery Farm Nature Preserve, Ledyard. We will meet at the entrance off of 184. Take a left on Lambtown Road (at Colonial Tire) and drive to the end of that road which becomes a dirt road and then to the parking area.

Co-sponsored by the Groton Public, Public Library of New London, Stonington Free Library, Wheeler Library of North Stonington, Bill Memorial and the Otis Library of Norwich!

August

Raising Backyard Chickens

Thursday, August 14, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Raising chickens can be a fun and rewarding experience for the whole family. Learn how to choose the chickens, feed and care for them and select and build the coop. We'll also go over local laws. For adults and children ages 10+. Registration is required. Our presenter is Indu Upadhyaya, DVM, MVSc., Ph.D., Food Safety Assistant Extension Educator, UConn Extension.



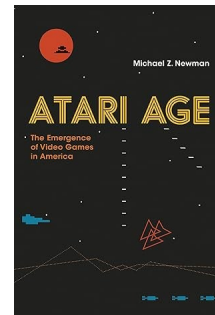
International Bestselling Author Amy Neff

Monday, August 4, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

In the summer of 1941, on the New England shores where they were raised, Evelyn and Joseph fell in love. Now, more than sixty years later, they have gathered their three grown children to share the staggering news: she has received a heartbreaking diagnosis, and he can't live without her. This is a timeless tale of unwavering devotion -- a moving tribute to the enduring power of love and a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is always hope and beauty to be found. INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER and A Today Show Pick.



Amy Neff's debut novel *The Days I Loved You Most* is a love letter to the seaside town where her family has spent summers since the early 1900s. Registration is required. Bank Square Books will be on site with books for sale.



ONLINE Atari Age: The Emergence of Video Games in America

Tuesday, August 5, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

A virtual talk with Professor Michael Z. Newman, author of *Atari Age: The Emergence of Video Games in America*. Michael Z. Newman is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He teaches and writes about media and popular culture.

This program is co-sponsored by Otis Library, Waterford Public Library, and New London Public Library.

Canvas & Coffee with Pam's Picassos!

Tuesday, August 12, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Bring your coffee and paint a beach sign.
Registration is required.



Guest Author Karen Warfield - The Emancipation of Hannah Faythe Winslow

Wednesday, August 20, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Karen Warfield's book *The Emancipation of Hannah Faythe Winslow: A Woman's Journey in Colonial America* is a work of literary fiction with historical facts woven throughout themes of deception and restoration. After the 1637 Mohegan and Pequot War, orphaned Hannah is left with a vile and amoral man who evades the local magistrates under the guise of establishing a plantation in southeastern Connecticut. She was a child bride, a woman captive, and finally, a woman triumphant. Registration is suggested.



Karen Warfield is a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Southern Illinois University. She is a founding member of the Norwich Historical Society. This book received the Betty Linsley Award for historical writing for best work on a significant aspect of Connecticut's history published or produced by, for, or on behalf of a Connecticut historical society or organization.