



MAY PROGRAMS

Adults

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:00AM - 11:15AM

Memory Café Program

The café will offer a weekly opportunity for social engagement for anyone experiencing changes in their memory or thinking, accompanied by their care partners. The cafe will be held at the Waterford Community Center at 24 Rope Ferry Road. Registration through Waterford Senior Services is required. Please call 860-444-5839 to register.

Fridays, 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Scrabble Club

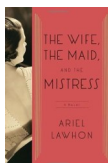
This club is open to all ages and abilities.



Wednesday, May 6, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Mystery Book Club

The Wife, the Maid and the Mistress by Ariel Lawhon (2014). Our facilitator is Melissa Behney, Waterford Public Library.

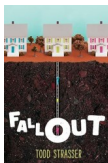


Monday, May 11, 7:00PM – 8:30PM ONLINE

Speculative Fiction Book Club*

Fallout by Todd Strasser (2013).

Our facilitator is Pam Bedore, Professor of English, UConn.



Monday, May 18, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Silent Book Club

Join us on the main floor where we have plenty of tables and comfy chairs to create a much warmer, more inviting atmosphere.



Tuesday, May 19, 1:00PM - 2:30PM

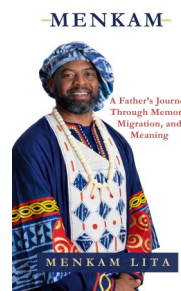
Introduction to Writing Workshop: don't let that blank piece of paper intimidate you!

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Menkam: a father's journey through memory, migration, and meaning - An Author Talk with Matt Lita*

From the red earth of a small Cameroonian village to the quiet mornings of life in America, this memoir follows a boy named Menkam who grows up learning that family, land, and memory can shape a life more deeply than anything money can buy.

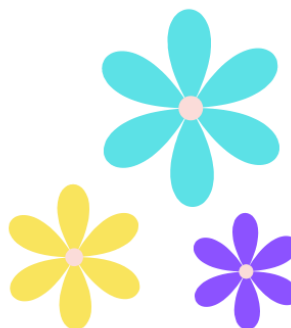
Join us for this fascinating talk with Maturin "Matt" Lita.



Friday, May 22, 1:00PM- 2:30PM

Friday Afternoon Book Club

Clear by Carys Davies (2024). Our facilitator is Laurie Wolfley.



FEATURED PROGRAM:

Saturday, May 2, 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Jewelry Fundraiser Sale

You are cordially invited to browse our Jewelry Fundraiser Sale, featuring an array of unique, donated pieces at exceptional values. From elegant Mother's Day gifts to personal keepsakes, our collection offers something for every style. For your convenience, we accept both cash and credit cards. Best of all, every purchase helps sustain the vital pro-



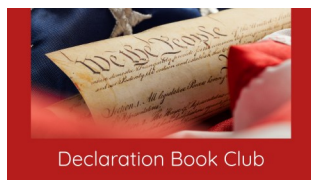
*All programs are free and open to the public. * Registration is suggested or required.
Access our online event calendar for more information and to register.*



AMERICA 250 CT PROGRAM:

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

Declaration Book Club

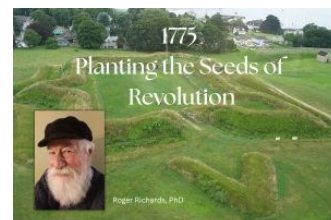


Part 2 of this 3-part discussion is designed to bring people together to read, discuss, and reflect on the Declaration of Independence. Designed by Monticello, the Declaration Book Club emphasizes close reading, thoughtful discussion, and shared inquiry. Participants will explore not only what the Declaration says, but how its ideas have been understood, challenged, and reinterpreted over time. Part 2 is held on Monday, May 4 and Part 3 on June 1, at 6:30 pm. Registration is required to secure your spot. A downloadable reading guide is available when you register. Moderated by Lawrence Zaccaro.

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

1775, Planting the Seeds of Revolution*

1775: After a hundred years of escalating frustration over oppressive trade restrictions and ever increasing taxation, Connecticut recognizes the black clouds of war and begins preparations with the construction of several new forts and the outfitting of Privateers as a substitute for the nonexistent Navy. Roger Richards, Ph.D. enjoyed a 40-year career developing and testing maritime acoustic equipment. Since retiring he has been able to renew his fascination with our country's history.



Saturday, May 23, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Women of '76: A Theatrical Tribute to Lesser Known Women of the American Revolution*

Actress Rita Parisi portrays the lesser known women of the era, including Mary Katherine Goddard, who was born in New London in 1739 and eventually served as printer and postmaster to the Second Continental Congress. We welcome back, Rita Parisi, Waterfall Productions. *Co-sponsored with the Waterford Historical Society.*

These programs are presented as part of the ongoing America 250th series. Waterford Public Library is a proud affiliate of the America 250 | CT Commission. Thank you to Eversource for funding these events.

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May Art Wall: Cristina Ruales and her children Kai and Sierra

Our May artist is Cristina Ruales former New York Fashion Week designer and founder of her eponymous brand, returns to exhibit alongside her twins, Kai and Sierra, in a deeply personal new collection celebrating the artistic evolution of a family united by creativity. Together, they offer a rare intergenerational exhibition that bridges fine art, design, and legacy through imagination and collaboration



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



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