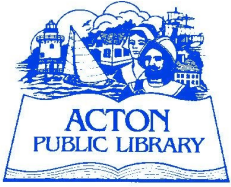


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*Inner Lighthouse*, oil and watercolor mural by Robert Childress. Collection of the Acton Public Library.

# Acton Public Library

## From the Director:

As a person who has killed a cactus, it humors me to write about January being *National Houseplant Appreciation Month* (there really is a day for everything!). I am not saying I don't appreciate houseplants, but I don't think they appreciate my type of care. Could I possibly remedy this problem with the dozens of books we have here at the library on indoor gardening, succulents, cacti, and houseplants? Possibly. Although, my black thumb gets in the way of flipping pages, occasionally. We do have other very knowledgeable houseplant caretakers and gardeners on staff though! On Saturday, January 22nd at 11am, the library will be presenting **Adventures in Seed Saving**. This hands-on workshop, presented by Donna Tappin, will introduce you to seed saving. It will detail what kinds of plants you can collect seeds from, when to collect them, and how to store them.

You will also get a first look at Acton's community seed library. This could be a great time to see if you are in possession of a green thumb!

Amanda Brouwer

## Spotlight on: 28th Annual Poetry Competition

Entries will be accepted from Monday, January 24, 2022 through Saturday, February 12, 2022 at the library.

Entry forms are available at the library & on the library's website.

Rules for all participants:

- Poems must be original and unpublished
- Author must be a resident of Connecticut
- One poem per letter size page (one side of page only)
- No more than 40 lines per poem
- All poems must have titles
- Author's name, address, phone number and division should appear on the back of the poem (Poet's name is not given to the judges)

No more than three entries per person

Open to all ages in the following divisions:

Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult

Winners will be notified by phone beginning March 31, 2022, and will be recognized during the library's annual Poetry Night on Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Awards will be provided by the Friends of Acton Public Library.

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## Children's Programs

### TAKE HOME

Week of Jan. 3 Grab 'N Go Crafts—while supplies last

Week of Jan. 10 Book Bundles

Week of Jan. 18 DIY Origami

Week of Jan. 24 STEM-2-GO –while supplies last

### IN-PERSON

Fri. Jan. 7 at 1:00 p.m. Game On!

## Adult Programs

### VIRTUAL

Thurs. Dec Jan. 13 & 27 at 10:30 a.m. Genealogy Interest Group

### IN-PERSON

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Compassion-Knits

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tech Time with Brian

Thursdays 12:00p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Tech Time with Emily by appointment

Tues. Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Shoreline Civil War Roundtable

Wed. Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Wed. Book Club

Thur. Jan. 6 at 4:00 p.m. Memoir Writing

Workshop Series (also Jan. 20 & Feb. 6)

Thur. Jan 6 & 20 at 5:30 p.m. Knitting Group

Sat. Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m. 2nd Sat. Cinema: *Final Account* 2020, rated PG-13, 110 min.

Mon. Jan. 10 at 2:00 p.m. Cocoa & Coloring

Mon. Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Discussion

Wed. Jan. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Cut the Cord & Start Streaming

Wed. Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Waking Up to the Earth: poetry readings

Thurs. Jan 13 & 27 at 3:00 p.m. Knitting Group

Thurs. Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Books on Tap at 30 Mile Brewing Co.

Tues. Jan. 18 at 6:00 p.m. Craft Night: No-Sew Fox Coffee Cozy

Thurs. Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Estate Planning 101

Sat. Jan. 22 at 11:00 a.m. Adventures in Seed Saving

Mon. Jan. 24 at 6:30 Hiding in Plain Sight

Tues. Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Cookbook Club

Wed. Jan. 26 at 1:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Mon. Jan. 31 at 3:30 p.m. Foodie Fiction Book Club

## Young Adult Programs

### IN-PERSON

Wed. Jan. 5 & 19 at 5:30 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons **ages 16+**

Tues. Jan. 11 at 3:00 p.m. Y.A.L.L. meeting: Games

Thurs. Jan. 13 & 27 at 3:00 p.m. In-house Game Day

Tues. Jan. 18 at 3:00 p.m. Y.A.L.L. meeting: Craft

Tues. Jan. 25 at 3:00 p.m. Y.A.L.L. meeting: General Meeting

Wed. Jan. 26 at 6:00 p.m. Open Mic Jam and Slams

### HYBRID (in-person or virtual)

Fridays at 2:45 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons

Tues. Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. YA Paint Night

Thurs. Jan. 6 & 20 at 3:15 p.m. Kahoot!

Mon. Jan. 31 at 4:00 p.m. Mindful Meditations

### HYBRID - All Ages Beginner's Chess



Players of **all ages** and skill levels are invited to join DIG USA Chess for a monthly interactive chess program. Designed for beginners, participants will learn the basics and then gradually develop tactics and strategies. This hybrid program is offered in person, or via Zoom. Masks are required for all in person participants. Free and open to all. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be provided to all virtual participants prior to the program.

Acton Public Library  
will be closed on  
Monday, January 17, 2022  
for  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

We will reopen on  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
at 10:00 a.m.

