**Book Sale**

**Friends of Acton Public Library**

**Friday, November 17**
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 18**
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Emily Miller, beacon137@aol.com or Nancy Prescott, nancyaprescott@gmail.com.

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**Art & Collections**

**November**

- In the gallery: acrylic paintings by Kristine Schiavi
- In the display case: Friends of Acton Library history & information
- In the Children's Room: cat collection of Lynn Steeves

**December**

- In the gallery: Christmas quilts of Joan Pollock
- In the display case: painted rocks & shells of Courtney Labriola
- In the Children's Room: Japanese puzzle erasers of Audra Giugno

Contact Fiona fsaunders@actonlibrary.org to display

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**The Beacon**

November-December 2023

**Acton Compassion-Knits**

by Amanda Brouwer, Director

The Acton Public Library hosts an amazing group of knitters (and crocheters), the Compassion-Knits. This group of dedicated crafters meets each Wednesday at 4pm in our conference room and works while they chat. Throughout the year, they donate their hand-made goods to various groups in need. Last year, although most items were distributed to local shelters and the food bank, the extras found their way to Knots of Love (for NICU babies) and to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

This year, they continue to spread their knitted & crocheted items throughout the community, but in new places. In November and December these items will be dispersed around the Town Green in bags for anyone who is in need of a hat or scarf. Those bagged items will also be placed in the entryway of the library. In December, there are some items set aside for our friends at the Estuary. Multiple boxes of items were given to the OSYFS for their Giving Tree. Because our group is so amazing there are even extra items to give to The Hole in the Wall Gang in Ashford which helps children with serious illnesses and their families.

To say that we are lucky to have such a caring and crafty group is an understatement. We love to check in on Wednesdays to see what is being created. If you, or anyone you know would like to join our group, please drop by on Wednesdays at 4!

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**YA Caught Studying Cards**

by Brian Story, YA Librarian

Any Acton librarian that finds a young adult student, studying, doing homework, or maybe just consumed in a book, can offer them a Caught Studying Card and give them a punch towards a goal of a $5 gift card for ice cream. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Acton Library, Sweet Lunas, & DQ.
All Ages Events

READ TO HENRY
1st Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
November 4 & December 2
Read to our local therapy dog Henry, the Bernese Mountain Dog! No registration.

STEM DAY
Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.
Celebrate National STEM Day early! Drop-in for STEM related activities. Check out 3-D printer demonstrations, try your hand at deconstructing every day tech, have a snack and make a craft. No registration.

SATURDAY CINEMA
Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m.
The Flash (2023) rated PG-13, 144 min.
Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.
Prancer (2022) rated PG, 90 min.
Registration suggested.

S’MORES & MOVIE DAY
Friday, December 1 at 1:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to enjoy s’mores, make a small craft and watch a movie on the big screen. Elemental (2023) rated PG, 101 min. No registration.

GIVING TREE DECOR & EXCHANGE
December 1- 20
Make or bring an ornament to exchange on our Giving Tree. No registration.

BUILD WITH KEVA PLANKS
Wednesdays in December at 3:30 p.m.
Up for a challenge? Drop by the library and test your engineering know-how with Keva Planks. No registration.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATION
Saturday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m.
Come build and decorate your own gingerbread house. Just bring your creativity and any candy you may want to share. Space is limited to one gingerbread house per family. Registration is required.

Adult Events

BACKGAMMON
3rd Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
November 20 & December 18

MEXICAN TRAIN
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
November 8 & 29
December 13

SHORELINE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
November 7 & December 5

VIRTUAL - GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP
4th Thursdays at 10:30
November 16 (date change) December 28

TECH TIME WITH BRIAN
Mondays 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
by appointment

TECH TIME WITH EMILY
Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
by appointment

CUT THE CORD & START STREAMING
Wednesday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.

COLORING & CONVERSATION
1st Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
November 6 & December 4

CRAFT NIGHT
3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 21: Paper Leaf Garland
December 19: Cricut Designed Mugs

COMPASSION-KNITS
Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

AMELIA EARHART - PIONEER IN AVIATION
Tuesday November 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Amelia Earhart is enthralled with the wonders of the new “flying machines”. She pays a pilot $1.00 to take her up for a short “hop” in his plane. From then on, the science of aviation becomes her passion as flying becomes her career. This one-woman show about Amelia Earhart will be presented by Sheryl Faye.

HISTORY OF MARITIME KNITTING
Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Rich with origin mythology and salty with sailor’s yarns, garments like nipper, half-handers, and the infamous fisherman’s sweater each hold a romantic yet real place in our coastal history. Presented by Rebecca Bayreuther Donohue, historian & knitter.

Registration is suggested as space is limited for all adult programs.
Adult Book Groups

COOKBOOK CLUB
4th Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 28
Friends giving - make a favorite recipe
No December meeting.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
4th Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
November 15 (special date)
The Silent Patient
by Alex Michaelides.
December 27
The Woman in the Library
by Sulari Gentill

HYBRID - SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.
She/He/They/Me: An Interactive Guide to the Gender Binary
by Robyn Ryle

BOOKS ON TAP BOOK GROUP
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
November 16 (special date)
The Echo Wife
by Sarah Gailey
December 13
The Winter Soldier
by Daniel Mason

Y.A.L.L. DROP-IN SESSIONS
Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL - KAHOOT
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
November 2 & 16
December 7

IN-HOUSE GAME DAY
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
November 9
December 14 & 28

GIVING TREE RECEPTION
Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Join us for live cello music played by Ryan Mitten. Light refreshments will be served.
No registration

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN A BAG
Saturday, December 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bring in the New Year in style! Stop by the library for you very own Noon Year's Eve Party in a Bag. Available while supplies last.

Young Adult Events

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Children's Events

GRAB & GO CRAFTS
Mondays through November 13
Stop by the library each week to pick up one of Miss Rebecca's Grab & Go craft kits. Available while supplies last. No registration required.

LEARN & PLAY PLAYGROUP
Monday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m.
This child-focused playgroup is for young children and their caregivers. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with others, make new friends, and learn by playing in a literacy-enriched environment. Each session will include activities, sensory materials, and toys. Registration is suggested.

STORY TIME
Tuesday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Story time for all! Children and a caregiver are welcome to join Miss Emily for stories, fingerplays, songs, and so much more. Registration is suggested.

SING & STOMP
Friday, November 3 & 17 at 10:30 a.m.
A song and dance party for children of all ages and their grown up. Sing & Stomp is a noisy half hour of songs, dances and fingerplays. Cool down afterwards with toys and music. Registration is suggested.

TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER
Thursday, December 28 at 5:30 p.m.
Have you ever wondered what Teddy Bears/Dolls would do if they slept overnight at the Library? Bring in your teddy (or another stuffed friend) and join us for stories and a snack. Then, we'll tuck our friends into bed for a sleepover at the library! Pick up your friend the next morning after our sleepover fun is done and see pictures of them and their antics! Donuts and juice will be served.
** Please note that the overnight portion is for toys only **
Drop off: Thursday, December 28 5:30 PM
Pick up: Friday, December 29 10 AM – 4:30 PM
Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Library.

PIZZA & PAGES BOOK CLUB
2nd Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Join Miss Emily every month for pizza and to discuss two of the Nutmeg Book Award Nominees. We will be reading from the Elementary Nominee list which contains books geared towards children reading at a 2nd - 3rd grade reading level. Space is limited and registration is suggested. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

November 9
- All the Way to the Top: how one girl’s fight for Americans with disabilities changed everything by Annette Bay Pimentel
- It Fell from the Sky by Eric Fan

December 14
- Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack by Stacy McAnulty
- The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld

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