**Friends of Acton Public Library**

On November 17 & 18, the Friends of Acton Public Library held its third, and to date most successful, pre-holiday mini book and bake sale. The success of our November book sale is likely due to you if you are reading this article. There is a strong possibility that you are a fan of the library, a regular borrower of books, a participant in one of the many book clubs sponsored by the library, a member of the Friends, a volunteer with the Friends, a staff member of the library, a local baker, or a shopper at our book sales. The success of the book sales held by the Friends depends on the actions of all of those people, particularly, volunteers, donors, library staff and book sale shoppers. A sincere thank you to everyone!

The Friends exists to support and advocate for the library. The funds we raise by way of our periodic book sales, we give to the library to support programming and to pay for the museum passes. In order to hold the sales, we depend on donations of books from people like you in the community. If you have books that you no longer want, you can donate them to the Friends by bringing them to the library circulation desk. They just need to be clean and in good condition. The books that we do not accept for resale are condensed books, encyclopedias, text books, technology books and out of date travel guides.

Membership in the Friends is open to anyone, for an annual donation in an amount of the member’s choice. We are always looking for more people to become Friends and to serve on the friends board. The board meets quarterly, and every year we hold an annual meeting that is open to the community at large. If you love the library and all that it offers to the community, consider becoming a Friend, and joining our board. Membership envelopes are available at the library circulation desk. And if you have a bit of time to volunteer to help us in our mission to support the library, please consider becoming a Friend, and joining our board. Membership envelopes are available at the library circulation desk. And if you would like more specific information, please feel free to contact one of the co-presidents, Nancy Prescott at nancyaprescott@gmail.com or Emily Miller at beacon137@aol.com.

**Art & Collections**

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In the Children’s Room: Fiona Saunders will share her collection of animal teeth.

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In the Children’s Room: Audra Giugno will share her coin collection.

Contact Fiona: fsaunders@actonlibrary.org to display.

**CLOSINGS**

- New Year’s Day: Mon. Jan. 1
- MLK Day: Mon. Jan. 15
- President’s Day: Mon. Feb. 19

**LIBRARY HOURS**

- Monday - Thursday: 10 - 8
- Friday - Saturday: 10 - 5
- Sundays: 1 - 5

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**Library Director for a job. Unfortunately, it was not the right time, but I never gave up hope. Time went by then it happened. One day they said yes! If you have ever met me, I was flying like a kite I was so excited. I got the job all by myself. Since then there have been ups and downs. I have seen people come and go, I have been happy and sad times. But everyone is like family at the library. Sometimes going home is the worst part of my day. I just love working at the Acton Public Library, and I’m not going anywhere.**
All Ages Events

S’MORES & MOVIE DAY
Friday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to enjoy s'mores, make a small craft and watch a movie on the big screen. No registration.

READ TO HENRY
1st Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
January 6
February 3
Read to our local therapy dog Henry, the Bernese Mountain Dog! No registration.

OPEN MIC
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 10
February 14
Join us for a strum and a song. A poem or rant. Some comedy or read aloud? Karaoke? Hosted by YA librarian, Brian Story. Registration suggested.

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 24
February 7
Join YA librarian, Brian Story for fun evening of craft and conversation. Families are especially welcome. All paint supplies will be provided along with light refreshments. Registration suggested.

POKEMON DAY
Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a Pokemon themed party to celebrate Pokemon Day! Enjoy crafts, games, snacks and more! Space is limited and registration is required.
Sponsored by Friends of Acton Library.

Adult Events

TECH TIME WITH BRIAN
Mondays 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
by appointment
January 22 & February 26

TECH TIME WITH EMILY
Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
by appointment
January 10 & 31
February 14

MANAGING YOUR PASSWORDS
Wednesday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.

CUT THE CORD & START STREAMING
Wednesday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m.

COLORING & CONVERSATION
1st Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
January 8 & February 5

CRAFT NIGHT
3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 16: Tonalism vs. Impressionism with the Florence Griswold Museum
Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Library
February 20: Paint by Sticker

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

SATURDAY CINEMA
Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.
January 13:
Barbie 2023, rated PG-13, 116 min.
February 17
Theater Camp 2023, rated PG-13, 94 min.
Registration suggested.

Virtual-Genealogy Interest Group
4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
January 25 & February 22

Rummikub
Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
January 22 & February 26

Mexican Train
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
January 10 & 31
February 14

Shoreline Civil War Roundtable
1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
January 2 & February 6

Registration is suggested as space is limited for all adult programs.
WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
January 3
A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline
February 7
Ask Again, Yes
by Mary Beth Keane

BOOKS ON TAP BOOK GROUP
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 10
The Christie Affair
by Nina de Gramont
February 7 (special date)
The Golden Spoon
by Jessa Maxwell

FOODIE FICTION BOOK CLUB
3rd Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
January 17
Natalie Tan’s Book of Luck & Fortune
by Roselle Lim
February 21
The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris
by Jenny Colgan

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
4th Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
January 24
Among the Mad
by Jacqueline Winspear
February 28
The Lions of Fifth Avenue
by Fiona Davis

HYBRID - SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION
February 5 at 6:30 p.m.
The Undocumented Americans
by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

COOKBOOK CLUB
4th Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 23: Chinese cuisine
February 27: French cuisine
New format: Find your own recipe for the chosen cuisine. Make the dish and bring it to share with the group.

BREAD BAKING
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Participants will make a mini braided challah bread to take home to bake.
Presented by Eileen Unger-Pleines, The Bread Girl.

JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION
Saturday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for our 2nd Annual Puzzle Competition. You may join as a team (4 max.) or as an individual (to be added to a team with less than 4). Each team will receive the same 500 piece puzzle. The first team to finish the puzzle will receive a gift card to a local business.
Sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library.

FINDING YOUR MOTIVATION TO MOVE
Monday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.
Motivation is a bit of a mystery. Getting motivated for exercise can seem impossible. Workouts wind up on the bottom of the to-do list. We know physical activity is important, but we often put movement off until tomorrow. Gain tips that can be used in all parts of your life. This program will be presented by Maggie Downie, author of Keep Moving: Take Steps to Relieve Pain & Improve Your Life.

DAVID RUGGLES
Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m.
In the 1830s, there was no fiercer advocate for abolition and freedom than David Ruggles. He died in 1849 at the very young age of 39. Perhaps his early death explains why his contributions are often overlooked, depriving him of the credit he richly deserves. Presented by Tom Schuch.

Registration is suggested as space is limited for most adult programs.
Children's Events

GRAB & GO CRAFTS
Mondays starting January 8
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
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. starting January 8
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
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. starting January 9
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
Fridays at 10:30 a.m. starting January 12
A song and dance party for children of all ages and their grown ups. Sing & Stomp is a noisy half hour of songs, dances and fingerplays. Cool off afterwards with toys and music. Registration is suggested.

GRUB CLUB
Wednesdays, January 10 through February 7 from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Learn basic cooking skills and fun new recipes to make for the family. All supplies are provided. Open to children ages 8 and up. Space is limited, and registration is required. Funded by the Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board and presented by Kathy Cobb, MS, RDN, Public Health Nutritionist.

SNOW GLOBES WITH OS GARDEN CLUB
Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. (snow date Sun. Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m.)
Join members of the Old Saybrook Garden Club as they guide participants through making their own unique snow globe. Free and open to children ages 5 - 8 years old. Space is limited and registration is required. Sponsored by Old Saybrook Garden Club.

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.

January 11
- Cornbread & Poppy
- Mellybean and the Giant Monster

February 8
- Dear Earth...From Your Friends in Room 5
- Sir Ladybug

Young Adult Events

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

IN-HOUSE GAME DAY
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
January 4, 11 & 18
February 1, 8 & 15

HYBRID - KAHOOT
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
January 25
February 22

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 2.0
16+
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
January 17 & 31
February 21 & 28

HYBRID - DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
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