



Friends of Acton Public Library

The Friends of Acton Library work throughout the year to support the library in a variety of ways. In recent years the Friends have held three book sales during the year – November, March and late June, when we hold the Big Summer Book Sale. The Friends also sell books and puzzles on the A-frame bookshelf in the library lobby throughout the year. The books and puzzles that we sell have been donated by generous community members. We encourage people who are looking to declutter their supplies of books or puzzles to bring them to the circulation desk for the Friends. The one caveat is that we do not accept encyclopedias, text books or condensed books. Before offering donated books for sale, volunteers from the Friends sort through them to check that they are in good condition, clean them and organize them into categories. The proceeds from the sales and from membership donations are used to supplement library programming funds received from the town as well as to pay for the museum passes that provide free or reduced-price admission to a variety of area attractions. If you’re thinking of heading out to a local attraction that charges a fee for admission, check out the library website to learn whether it is one for which a museum pass is available at the circulation desk.
www.actonlibrary.org.

The next book and bake sale will be the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 21 from 10 to 4, and November 22 from 10 to 3. The sale will be held on the first floor of the library and will feature gently used books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and delicious baked goods made by volunteers. We hope to see you there!
Friends’ membership envelopes are available at the circulation desk. To learn more about becoming involved in our efforts, contact co-presidents Nancy Prescott at nancyaprescott@gmail.com or Emily Lebovitz-Miller at Emily.lebovitz@gmail.com.



The Beacon

November-December 2025

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

CLOSINGS

Veteran’s Day
Tues. Nov. 11

Thanksgiving
Thurs. Nov. 27
& Fri. Nov. 28

Christmas
Wed. Dec. 24
& Thurs Dec. 25

New Year’s Eve
closing early
at 5:00 p.m.

The Acton Public Library Foundation by Amanda Brouwer, Library Director

During our latest capital campaign, the Library Trustees and Renovation Committee recognized the need to have a Foundation with a 501c3 designation and the means to accept larger donations for big projects.

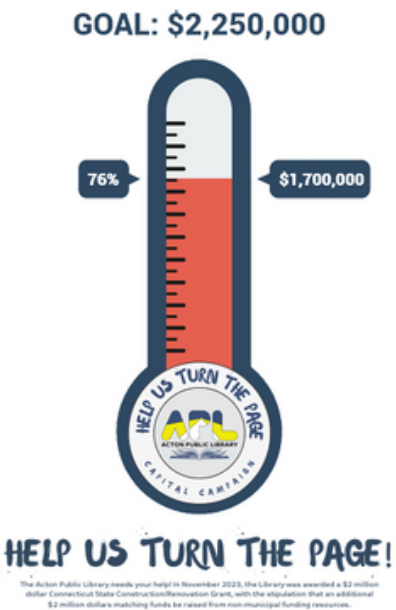
A library foundation is a separate legal entity formed for the purpose of enhancing and expanding library programs and services. Its primary function is to secure financial and in-kind donations for programs, services, collections, and capital projects. The foundation offers donors a familiar and reliable vehicle for tax-deductible contributions in support of the library.

As time progresses, the Foundation may be able to apply for grants, accept gifts, cash and stocks, and possibly invest funds for maximum benefits.

The ability to accept financial gifts helps remove the burden of bigger projects, such as the upcoming renovation, on the tax base.

The Foundation is starting out with some small scale fundraising efforts to be expanded upon when they hit their stride. All founding members of the Foundations Board are excited and brimming with ideas and a love for the library.

If you want to learn more about the Foundation, please visit <https://www.actonlibrary.org/acton-public-library-foundation/>



APL All Ages Events

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



IMAGINARY TAILS WITH IZZY

Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Come read your favorite book with Izzy, our friendly certified reading dog! Sign up at the Children's Desk for 10-minute reading spots.



STEM DAY

Tuesday, November 4 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate National STEM Day! Drop-in for STEM related activities. No registration.



FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an All Ages Pink and Green Paint and Craft Night with a Return to Oz theme. Registration suggested.



ACOUSTIC ARTISTS STORYTELLER SERIES

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Harold Walker - Baseball: An Abbreviated History in Song

Wednesday, December 17

The Bards of Gungywamp return to Acton with a Celtic flair for the season and to help us celebrate our annual Giving Tree Reception. Registration suggested



DESIGN YOUR OWN MUG

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Create a mug, by drawing your own design using infusible ink markers. Materials provided. Registration suggested.



APL YA/Adult Events

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



APL Poetry Writing Group

First Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Writing in community creates community. Gather together with Old Saybrook's new poet laureate Sandra Yannone to write together and share your new creations monthly. All welcome regardless of writing experience. Registration suggested.



D&D Session for 16+

Wednesday, November 5 & December 10

This once monthly session is for sword slingers, spell casters and adventurers 16+ years old.

APL Adult Events

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



TECH TIME WITH BRIAN

Mondays by appointment

TECH TIME WITH REBECCA

Thursdays by appointment



MEET-UP MONDAYS

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



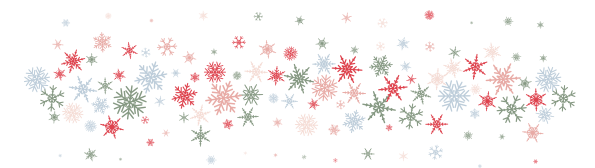
COMPASSION-KNITS

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.



SHORELINE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

1st Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.
November 4 & December 2



INDOOR WALKING GROUP

@ OS Park & Rec
Wednesdays November 12 -
December 17 at 11:15 a.m.



SATURDAY CINEMA

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

November 1

Superman

2025, PG-13, 122 min.



December 6

Karate Kid: Legends

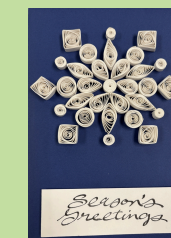
2025, PG, 118 min.



CRAFT NIGHT:

CRICUT APRON

Tuesday, November 18
at 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.



QUILLED SNOWFLAKE
CARD

Tuesday, December 16
at 6:00 p.m.



PAINT WITH PAM

Saturday, November 22
at 2:00 p.m.

Paint with Pam from Pam's
Picassos. Materials
provided.

Sponsored by the Friends
of Acton Public Library.



COOKBOOK CLUB:
FRIENDSGIVING

Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.
Make & share your favorite holiday
recipe.



Registration is suggested as space is limited for all adult programs.



Book and Bake Sale

Acton Public Library

60 Old Boston Post Road
Old Saybrook, CT

Friday November 21

10 AM – 4 PM

Saturday November 22

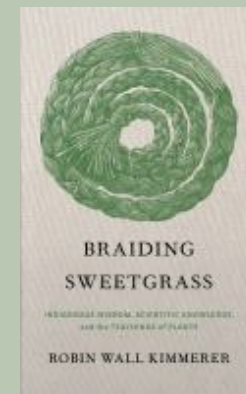
10 AM - 3 PM

Hundreds of carefully selected books,
puzzles and more in good condition
and delicious home baked treats!

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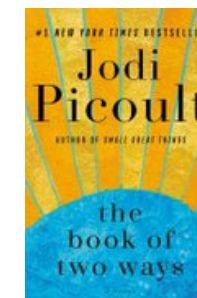
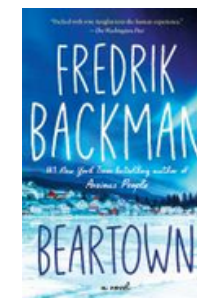
Adult Book Groups



HYBRID: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Braiding Sweetgrass: indigenous
wisdom, scientific knowledge and the
teachings of plants
by Robin Wall Kimmerer



WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

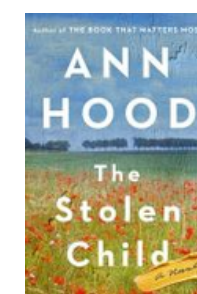
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

November 5

Beartown
by Fredrik Backman

December 3

The Book of Two Ways
by Jodi Picoult



BOOKS ON TAP BOOK GROUP

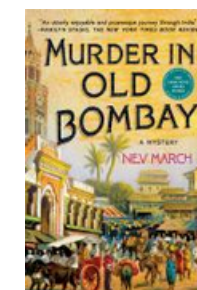
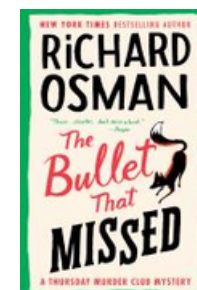
2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

November 12

The Story She Left Behind
by Patti Callahan Henry

December 10

The Stolen Child: A Novel
by Ann Hood



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

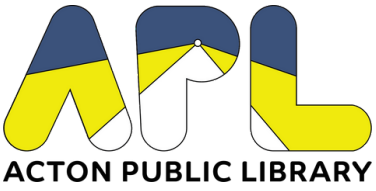
November 19

The Bullet that Missed
by Richard Osman

December 17

Murder in Old Bombay
by Nev March

Registration is suggested as space is limited for most adult programs.



Children's Events



PLAYGROUP
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
No registration.



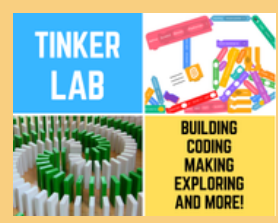
SING & STOMP
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
No class 11/28
No registration.



STORY TIME
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
No class 11/11.
Registration is suggested.



GRAB & GO CRAFTS
Fridays through Nov. 21
Available while supplies last.
No registration.



TINKER LAB
Mondays at 3:30 p.m.
Join us for Tinker Lab! We'll use problem-solving skills to imagine, explore, tinker, build, code, play, and design!
November: Time to explore coding! Dance Party from code.org and Scratch. For Grades 2 - 4. Registration required.
December: Code with robots! Let's get those Sphero robots rolling on the floor.



GRUB CLUB
Wednesdays, November 5 & 12 and Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Grub Club is an after-school cooking club. Learn basic cooking skills and fun new recipes to make for the family. All supplies are provided. Please disclose any allergies upon registering. 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.



SEASON OF BOOKS
December 1-31
Celebrate the richness and light of all the different seasonal celebrations with the gift of unwrapping a new bedtime story each night!



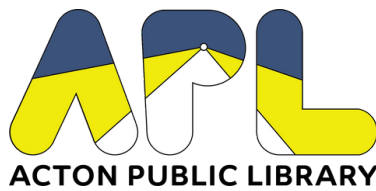
BIRDSEED WREATH
Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.
Join the Old Saybrook Garden Club to make a birdseed wreath for the winter birds! You will learn about the winter feeding habits of the birds of Old Saybrook! All supplies provided by the OS Garden Club. For Grades Kindergarten - Grade 4. Registration required.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING
Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for some gingerbread fun! Come build and decorate your own gingerbread house. Just bring your creativity and any candy you may want to share.
****ONE GINGERBREAD HOUSE PER FAMILY****
This program was made possible by the Friends of Acton Library. Registration required.



NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us to ring in the New Year in style with a very special Noon Year's Party! Enjoy crafts, snacks, and a bubble dance party. It all leads up to our famous balloon drop at noon!
Free and open to all. No registration required.



Young Adult Events



DROP-IN GAME DAY
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
November 6 & 13
December 4, 11 & 18



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
Fridays at 3:00 p.m.
November 7 & 14
None in Dec.



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday, November 4 & December 2 at 3:30 p.m.
First meeting of the year: Do you want to help at the library? Have a club you'd like to run? Help decide on games, displays, programs and collections? Join us!



HOLLYWOOD SCREEN TEST WORKSHOP
Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m.
Calling all future stars! Do you have what it takes to become a professional actor? Every attendee will be given a 30 second script in which to practice & 'audition' on camera for honest feedback during the workshop. In addition to experiencing a screen test, you will learn what it takes to begin a professional acting journey, from the tools needed to how to audition to how to get work on a movie set and more! Ages 12-18. Registration required.