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CLOSINGS
Mon. Sept. 5 Labor Day
Mon. Oct. 10 Columbus Day

The Library will be open on Sundays 1:00-5:00 p.m. starting October 16

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From the Director:
Learning Languages Through Our Resources
by Amanda Brouwer

According to the data collected by Data Haven, ctdatahaven.org, linguistic isolation is characterized as speaking English less than “very well.” People who struggle with English proficiency may have difficulty in school, seeking health care, accessing social services, or finding work in a largely English-speaking community. As of 2019, 472 Old Saybrook residents, or 5 percent of the population aged 5 and older, were linguistically isolated. The library offers a few opportunities for foreign language speakers or those struggling with proficiency to either read materials in their native language or practice learning their English. We currently are expanding our fiction and nonfiction offering in a variety of languages; most recently we have some new offerings in Spanish and Polish. We also offer a database called Transparent Language that offers hundreds of languages to learn and full modules of those learning the English Language depending on their native language. You can give it a try yourself here: https://www.transparent.com/
We also have a great study room/meeting space for Literacy Volunteers with some dedicated books/resources that can aid in the tutoring sessions. We also have some great audiobooks if you want to learn as you drive. So, depending on how you learn best, we can help!
**OPEN MIC JAMS & SLAMS**

**Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**
**September 14 & October 12**

Join us for a strum and a song. A poem or rant. Some comedy or read-alouds? Karaoke? Hosted by YA librarian, performer and percussionist, Brian Story for a sunset Open Mic.

**READ WITH ME**

**First Saturday each month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Stop by the library for a chance to read to our local therapy dog Henry, the Bernese Mountain Dog! Reading times are available on a first come, first served basis.

**ACTON COMPASSION-KNITS**

**Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.**

This group, led by Acton Public Library staff members, will knit and/or crochet items to be donated to a cause. Needles, yarn & patterns will be provided for charity projects. You may also bring your own supplies to work on a project of your own.

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**Library Card Sign-up Month**

by Lisa Mendes

September is the beginning of the school year and also Library Card Sign-Up Month. This year the American Library Association has enlisted the help of singer-songwriter Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator, Cara, honorary chairs, to share their message. They want to remind everyone to “find your voice” at your local library with the theme “Let your imagination sing at the library”. We welcome you to visit Acton Public Library to get a new library card and receive a free gift, or update your expiring library card. We recently updated our logo and our library cards to represent our motto which is a “Beacon to Ideas”. While you’re here, explore all that the library has to offer from our Library of Things to our Cookbook Club to our Open Mic Nights, or stop by the library during scheduled visits to read to our local therapy dog Henry, the Bernese Mountain dog.

"It's a little card that goes a loud way. Let your imagination sing at the library."
— Idina Menzel

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**Registration is suggested as seating is limited.**

**YOUNG ADULT EVENTS**

**YALL DROP-IN SESSIONS**

Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
Starting Sept. 13
Games, crafts and fun!

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 12+**

Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 16+**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**KAHOOT!**

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 & 29, Oct. 13 & 27

**OPEN GAMES DAY**

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 8 & Oct. 6

**BE PREPARED**

Saturday September 17 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a great session on simple hacks and tips to be better prepared for the storms, accidents and calamities that interrupt our lives.

**INTRO TO D&D**

Saturday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Join our Dungeon Master and YA librarian as he and a few of his seasoned adventurers introduce you to the basics of game play, mechanics and rules to help you create a character and jump into your own role-playing sessions armed with all you need to thrive in these fantasy worlds. This event is focusing on younger players aged 9-14 and their parents or guardians who would like to run their own games.

**THOSE STRANGER NIGHTS PARTY**

Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.
Youths 11 or older can join us for a night of food and fun. Trivia and crafts, celebrating all things Strange Things.
CHILDREN'S EVENTS

No registration required. Free and open to children of all ages unless specified.

ABC AMIGOS
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Starting September 12
It's never too early to expose your child to a new language! Join Miss Aimee for an interactive bilingual story time for children ages 0-5

BABY TIME
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Starting September 13
Story time just for babies! Babies from 0 - 24 months and a caregiver are welcome to join Miss Emily for stories, fingerplays, bounces and so much more.

CRAFTERNOON
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Starting September 15
Drop by the library to get creative. Crafts are designed for children ages 5 and up. Available while supplies last.

BABY SIGN LANGUAGE
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Starting October 1
You and your child will learn sign language through songs, stories, games, play and more. For infants and toddlers, five months through pre-verbal.

MOVIE SIGN-ALONG
Sing (PG)
Friday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m.
Do you love musicals? Here's your chance to burst into song at the library. Popcorn, drinks and on-screen lyrics will be provided.

FOODIE FICTION
Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
September 26
Arsenic and Adobo
by Mia P. Manansala
October 17
The Chicken Sisters
by K.J. Dell’Antonia

COOKBOOK CLUB
4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
September 27
Dinner for Everyone: 100 Iconic Dishes Made 3 Ways - Easy, Vegan, or Perfect for Company by Mark Bittman.
October 25
Lidia’s a Pot, a Pan and a Bowl by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich

WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
September 7
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
October 5
What We Become by Arturo Perez-Reverte.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
4th Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
September 28
The Blessing Way
by Tony Hillerman
October 26
An Incomplete Revenge
by Jacqueline Winspear

BOOKS ON TAP BOOK CLUB
Meet at Myrcene Ale Co. (Ages 21+)
2nd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
September 8
Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking
by Susan Cain
October 13
Hamnet: a novel of the plague
by Maggie O’Farrell

ALL CT READS BOOK GROUP
Thursday, Sept. 22 at 2:00 p.m.
Transcendent Kingdom.
“This is about complex human problems: racial injustice, mental illness, religion, and addiction. What causes what? What feeds what, positively or negatively? Are there physiological solutions to human problems hidden in the brain? Author Yaa Gyasi takes her time setting the stage for an intricate interweaving of the characters with these issues and suddenly *pow* the intent and messages become clear. This is a really interesting story of scientific and spiritual reflection, based in reality. So well done!”
Books are available at the Circulation Desk.
From discussion leader, Claudia.
**ADULT EVENTS**

Registration is suggested as seating is limited and is available one month prior to the event for all adult programs.

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**DO YOU SUDOKU?**
Friday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.
Have you wanted to learn how to do a Sudoku puzzle? Do you already know how? Join Cindy on International Sudoku Day to learn & enjoy Sudoku puzzles.

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**WALKING GROUP**
Saturdays, September 10 - October 22
Join Cindy for a 45 min. walk around the neighborhood near the library. Please wear comfortable shoes.

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**RARE BOOK SPECIALIST: KEN GLOSS**
Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Ken Gloss, a rare book specialist and appraiser who is frequently seen on national TV, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop. There will be a Q&A session at the conclusion of his talk and Ken will give some free verbal appraisals of books participants have on hand.

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**CT WINERIES WITH THE NUTMEG NOSE**
Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Take a virtual ride through Connecticut's wine country and learn about our state's 40+ wineries. Our wine guide is Michelle Griffis, an enthusiast of Connecticut's wineries, nicknamed by friends as “The Nutmeg Nose.”

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Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m.
Julie Harris and Stephen Roane will present Witchcraft, a bewitching performance of your favorite songs of fall, from September to Halloween.

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**COLORING AND CONVERSATION**
Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 12 & October 3

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**SHORELINE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE**
1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
No registration.
September 6
Chuck Fischer will discuss The Irish Brigade.
October 4
Mark Dunkelman will discuss Adventures of a Civil War Historian

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**KNITTING GROUP**
No registration.
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

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**CRAFT NIGHT**
3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
September 20
Paper Mandala
October 18
Clay Pot Scarecrow

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**MONDAY MUSICAL MATINEE**
Monday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m.
Sing along with the movie!
Grease
1978, rated PG, 110 min.
Light refreshments will be provided.