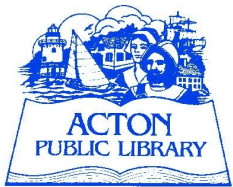


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Inner Lighthouse, oil and watercolor mural by Robert Childress. Collection of the Acton Public Library.

Acton Public Library

From the Director: Fine Free!

The Acton Public Library is 100% fine free!

We have been moving towards removing all fines since 2019. The last fiscal year that we collected fines on all items, fines accounted for less than .01% of our operating budget in 2018. Fines can create a barrier when it comes to utilizing all of the services at the library. The library card fine could impact not just borrowing physical items, but also accessing our public computers and online resources. The American Library Association released the *Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity*, where they stated:

- Whereas monetary fines present an economic barrier to access of library materials and services;
- Whereas there is mounting evidence that indicates eliminating fines increases library card adoption and library usage;
- Whereas monetary fines create a barrier in public relations, and absorb valuable staff time applying, collecting, and managing dues;

Yes, the Acton Public Library wants our items back in a timely manner so that the whole community can share them, but we don't feel anyone needs to be monetarily burdened. We have also begun to use the automatic renewal function, which means if no one else is on hold for an item, your time is automatically extended. Please feel free to come with your late items, we will clear your Acton fines!

Amanda Brouwer

Spotlight on: Picture Book Month

This November, Acton Public Library is celebrating Picture Book Month. This international literacy initiative celebrates print picture books and the critical role they play in developing early literacy skills. One of my most vivid childhood memories is of a picture book. I recall being curled up, cozy and warm with my mom while she read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. When she finished, I took the book and began "reading" it back to her from memory. Despite not knowing how to read, I was able to retell the story using the pictures and even copied her inflections on certain words. To this day, whenever I read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, I read it the way my mom read it to me. Picture books act as one of the first introductions children have to the written word. It is through the use of illustrations that children are able to visually recognize that writing has meaning. This November I encourage you to experience the joy of reading a picture book. Remember, the best picture book is one you read together.



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Children's Programs

Daily: Grab 'N Go Crafts—while supplies last

IN-PERSON

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Time ages 0-24 months

Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. After School Club grades 3-5

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Rise and Shine Story Time ages 2-5 on the Lawn

Sat. Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Stories



Young Adult Programs

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Tech Time with Teens

Mon. Nov. 8 at 3:00 p.m. Craft: Book Nook

Wed. Nov. 10 & 24 at 6:00 p.m. Those Autumn Nights—Open Mic Jam and Slams

Tues. Nov. 23 at 3:30 p.m. Y.A.L.L. Craft

HYBRID (in-person or virtual)

Tues. Nov. 2 & 16 at 3:00 p.m. Y.A.L.L. meeting

Thurs. Nov. 4 & 18 at 3:15 p.m. Kahoot!

Fri. Nov. 5, 12 & 19 at 2:45 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons

Mon. Nov. 29 at 4:00 p.m. Mindful Meditations

Adult Programs

VIRTUAL

Thurs. Nov. 4 & 18 at 10:30 a.m. Genealogy Interest Group

Thurs. Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Ultimate Pub Trivia

IN-PERSON

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

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Knitting Group

Tues. Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Shoreline Civil War Roundtable

Wed. Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. Wed. Book Club

Thurs. Nov. 4 & 18 12:00—5:00 p.m. Tech Time with Emily by appointment

Sat. Nov. 6 at 2:00 p.m. Shoreline Jazz Quartet

Mon. Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Women & War

Wed. Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Internet Basics

Sat. Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. 2nd Sat. Cinema

Mon. Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Living with Connecticut's Wildlife

Tues. Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m. Craft Night: Gather Sign

Wed. Nov. 17 at 1:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Wed. Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Game Night: Rummikub

Thurs. Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Books on Tap at 30 Mile Brewing Co.

Mon. Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Book Discussion

Tues. Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Cookbook Club



Holiday Book and Bake Sale

Lobby of Acton Library
60 Old Boston Post Road

Friday, November 19, 10 - 2
Saturday, November 20, 10 - 2

Holiday Books
Gift Books
Bake Sale
Gift Wrapping

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New Sunday Hours
1:00 p.m. —5:00 p.m.