

EVENTS CALENDAR

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9-9; Friday 9-5:30; Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5

Welcome Autumn!

Spice Club

Pick Up: **FRI., SEPT. 1**

Meet Up: **THURS., SEPT. 28, 6 PM**

Pick up a kit that includes the featured spice, available while supplies last. Experiment in the kitchen and bring dish that includes the spice to our Meet & Eat.

GPL Book Group

TUES., SEPT. 12, 6:30 PM

The Library will host a discussion of [*What the Eyes Don't See*](#) by **Mona Hanna-Attisha**. Laurie Wolfley, Professor of English at UConn Avery Point, will lead the event. Copies are available at the Library.



One Book One Region Author Visit

WED., SEPT. 20, 7 PM

AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha will visit the Palmer Auditorium to discuss her book and related themes with Julia Flagg, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies. Learn more at onebookoneregion.org.

Let's Cook Dinner!

THURS., SEPT. 21, 5:30 PM

September's Recipe: Corn Chowder

Join us for a new monthly cooking series led by food aficionado, Dana Parfitt. Each demonstration will walk you through recipes and include a tasting. [Registration required.](#)
Funded by the Circle of Friends.

Tri Town Trail Hike

SAT., SEPT. 23, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Join us for a guided hike on Phase 1 of the Tri Town Trail at the Preston-Ledyard line. The hike is 3.5 miles of easy to moderate terrain and includes the Spicer homestead ruins.

[Registration required](#); ages 14+.

Continuing the Conversation: Water Quality

THURS., SEPT. 28, 7 PM

AT THRIVE 55+ CENTER

Kevin Booker Jr. will moderate this panel discussion focusing on the themes of this year's One Book One Region selection.

Passport Awareness Month

Most people apply for their passport too late. Why wait? Submit an application in the fall and winter to take advantage of faster processing—even if you don't have a trip planned yet. For adults renewing their passport, the process can be done by mail. Check your passport's expiration date as many countries require a minimum of six months of validity. Visit travel.state.gov/passports for more information about obtaining a U.S. passport.

HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 4

SUNDAY HOURS

Sunday, Sept. 10, 1 - 5 PM

Bumpers & Books Planning Meeting

WED., SEPT. 13, 4 PM

The Junior Friends need your input to help make the 8th Annual Bumpers & Books event bigger and better than ever before. Attendees of all ages are welcome to attend our meeting.

COF Annual Meeting

SAT., SEPT. 16, 9:30 AM

Circle of Friends members will elect a Board of Directors and its officers, receive various reports, and enact other business. Light refreshments will be served.

Diaper Drive: Sept. 18-30

The Circle of Friends are collecting diapers in coordination with National Diaper Need Awareness Week. Drop off donations of any size diapers; new and opened packages welcome.

Circle of Friends' Swag Sale

TUES., SEPT. 26, 9AM-5 PM

Shop a wide selection of greeting cards, tote bags, water bottles, car magnets, key chains, and other Library logo merchandise. Grab these items before they're gone!

CHILDREN

Evening Grab & Go

MON., SEPT. 11

Follow the directions inside the bag for a special surprise! For ages 6+. One bag per family, while supplies last. *Funded by CT Humanities.*

Babies & Books

TUES., SEPT. 12, 19 & 26, 10 AM

Storytime for ages birth-2. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to the class.*

Outdoor Storytime

WED., SEPT. 13, 10 AM

Children of all ages and a caregiver are welcome to join us for stories, fingerplays, bounces, and more. This program will take place outside, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Preschool Story Art

THURS., SEPT. 14 & 28, 10 AM

Preschoolers ages 3-5 will create artwork inspired by a story. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to class. Generously funded by CT Humanities.*

Family Film & Fundraiser

SAT., SEPT. 16, 2:30 PM

The Junior Friends will present a showing of a family-friendly film. Refreshments will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the Library.

Little Explorers

WED., SEPT. 20, 10 AM

Explore art, science, and sensory materials at our learning tables in this child-focused program. For ages 2+.

Sing & Stomp

WED., SEPT. 27, 10 AM

Join us for a noisy half hour of songs, dance, and finger plays open to all.



Fairy Tale Engineering

TUES., SEPT. 26, 2 PM

Your challenge: Build a tower strong enough to hold Rapunzel's braid. Bring your imagination! For school-aged children and teens, ages 5-18.

TEENS

Teen Make & Take

MON., SEPT. 11, 3:30-9 PM

Pick up a bag of supplies to complete the mystery craft, available while supplies last.

Teen Crafternoon

TUES., SEPT. 12, 4 PM

CRAFT: CANDY SUSHI

Use various snacks and candies to design and create your own candy sushi, available while supplies last.

Teen Art

THURS., SEPT. 14, 4 PM

Using a seashell as your canvas create a work of art! All supplies will be provided.

Teen Crafternoon

TUES., SEPT. 19, 4 PM

CRAFT: WIND CHIMES

Design and create your own wind chimes, available while supplies last.

Teen Art

SAT., SEPT. 23, 11 AM

Create your very own painting with just one catch: no brush! We will provide mystery items to decorate your canvas. All supplies will be provided.

Teen Social Hour

THURS., SEPT. 28, 4 PM

Help us get ready for TeenTober by decorating the teen area with special guests Officer Heather and service dog Chase of the Town of Groton Police Department!

ADULTS

Fiber Arts Group

TUES., SEPT. 5, 6 PM

Bring a project to work on and join us for a relaxing and creative evening. All levels are welcome!

Morning Matinee

TUES., SEPT. 19, 9:30 AM

Book Club: The Next Chapter

Join us for a movie, freshly-popped popcorn, and ice-cold lemonade.

How to Steal a Masterpiece (VIRTUAL)

TUES., SEPT. 19, 7 PM

Enter the underworld of stolen art as we examine the little known stories of some of history's greatest art heists. Presented by Mallory Mortillaro.

Registration required.

Hosted by Waterford Public Library and funded by the Circle of Friends.

Not Your Mother's Book Group

WED., SEPT. 27, 6:30 PM

Theme: "Broaden Your Mind"

Meet up with other Millennials and Gen Z-ers (ages 21-40) to socialize, play games, and talk about books!

Library Speakers

Consortium Author Talks

Register for these events at

libraryc.org/grotonlibrary.

Sponsored by the Circle of Friends.

- **Sept. 7:** Lidia Bastianich, *From Our Family Table to Yours*
- **Sept. 20:** Adam Alter, *Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most*
- **Sept. 27:** Amor Towles, *The Lincoln Highway*