

# The Page Turner

Easton Public Library's Quarterly Newsletter



**READ AROUND**

## Summer Reading 2022



### Get Ready for Summer Reading!

Summer's almost here, and you know what that means...It's time for Summer Reading! We'll be Reading Around Easton again, with Story Time on the Go, Easton Geocaching, and prizes. The Adult Summer Reading program begins on Monday, June 20th, and the Children's Summer Reading program begins on Tuesday, June 21st.

Summer programs will include a town-wide outdoor movie, EPL Book Buddies, Easton Geocaching, Grab & Go Crafts, exciting performers, our end-of-summer finale performance by John Higby, the Yo-Yo Guy, and more!

Check out pages 5 and 7 for more details on what's in store for Summer Reading 2022.



**Easton Public Library**

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<https://www.eastonlibrary.org>

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# From the Director

Happy Summer! It's been so great seeing all of you back in the Library for in-person programs! For those who haven't been here in a while, be sure to check out our study booth, newly renovated patio, and brand-new Family Fun Collection of board games and puzzles. And don't forget to participate in our Summer Reading program! Go to pages 5 and 7 for the details. Enjoy the warm weather and the lazy days!

Lynn



## Library Update

Curbside pickup is still available. Patrons can call the Library at 203-261-0134 or email a request to [eplnews@eastonlibrary.org](mailto:eplnews@eastonlibrary.org). Homebound delivery is also available. Call the Library or email your request to Penelope at [pjp@eastonlibrary.org](mailto:pjp@eastonlibrary.org).

Fines will not be incurred, at least through June 30, 2022. The issue will be reassessed at that time by the Library Board.

Meeting rooms are available for booking at full capacity. The Community Room has a maximum occupancy of 100, and the Conference Room has a maximum occupancy of 25.

## Staff News

Congratulations, Terry Calgreen! He celebrates 25 years working as custodian for Easton Public Library and the Town of Easton.

"It has been a pleasure to work at the Easton Public Library for 25 years. I have worked for two great directors and with a lot of great coworkers!"



# Patron Voices: Rebeca Fucci



My son was 1 month and 5 days old when he first visited the Easton Library. I know this because I have a picture of the day showing Alessio fast asleep in his carrier with his dog, Bobbie Joe, standing guard as I perused the shelves. I grew up in Vermont where the library was a cornerstone that provided community and allowed me to both lose and find myself among the literary stacks. When I moved to Easton it felt like home because of the trees, the farms, and the Easton Library. I was excited that I found a place that would give Alessio a glimpse of what my own childhood was like.

A big adjustment when I first became a mother was transitioning from the social corporate world to the solitary routine of raising a newborn. Fortunately, the Easton Library provided lots of opportunities to connect with other moms. I became a regular at the Be-Bop program and families would often meet before class to play. I felt more home than ever in Easton because of the connections I made through the library. There were countless times when I would run into people in town and a conversation would begin with, "Haven't I seen you at Be-Bop?"

Technically my infant son wasn't old enough for the toddler Be-Bop class but the library welcomed me and reacted to a need they saw in me and other moms by starting up a class specifically for babies. I appreciate how the Easton Library is always looking for ways to better support their patrons. This support was especially apparent a few years later when Covid hit. We decided to keep Alessio home rather than sending him to preschool so I embarked on a homeschooling journey that involved my son and one of his friends (that he first met at the Easton Library). Each month I would create activities around a different topic and I would call Ms. Mary Beth at the library who would put together a heap of books for the kids that reinforced our topic.

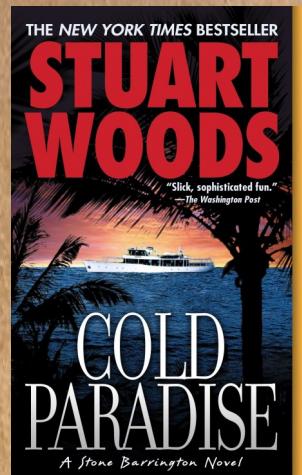
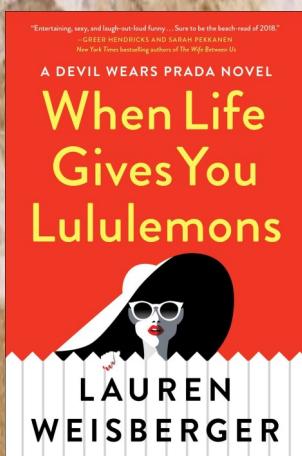
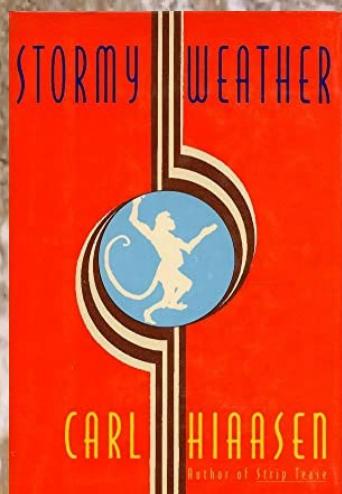
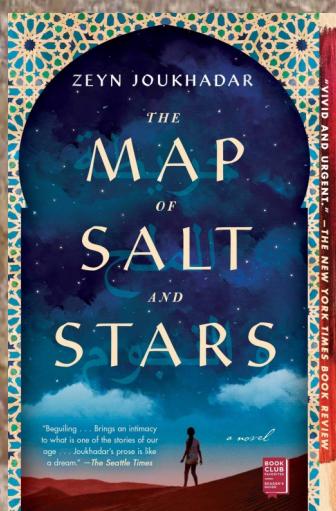
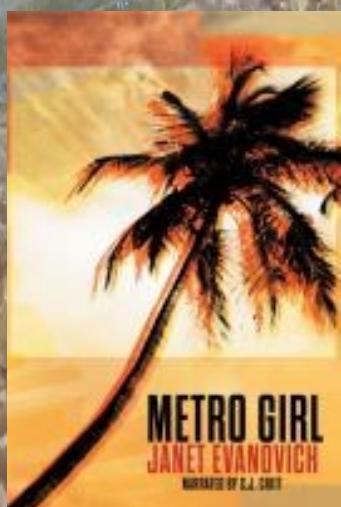
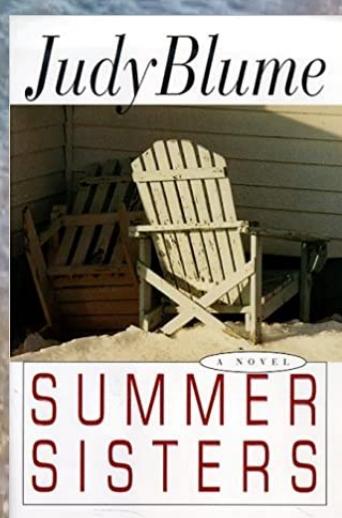
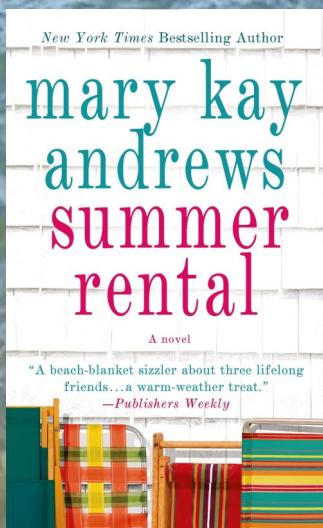
Now Alessio is five and the Easton Library is still one of our favorite places. Every other week we arrive with two Easton Library canvas bags that we fill with books. I love that Ms. Kristine and team pulls out books to put on display that they feel kids would especially enjoy or that highlight a theme such as the seasons. This makes it easy for me to quickly identify titles to pack into our bags. Although often Alessio has me read many of the books before they get packed away. He loves settling into different reading nooks throughout the library such as the study pod or the big chairs by the window.

The library has not only helped Alessio develop a love of books but it has also provided him opportunities to become more confident. As a toddler this confidence came from running up to grab his musical instrument for class and now as a preschooler he feels accomplished after approaching one of the children's librarians to ask for help finding books and he never leaves without asking for a sticker and a take home craft project. The Easton Library is a remarkable place that has been an invaluable part of my son's life and I look forward to seeing what role the library plays in the next chapters of his life.

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son's life!"*

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# Staff Picks: Beach Reads



## READ AROUND



Tuesday, June 21 to Thursday, August 11

<https://eastonlibrary.org/summer-reading-2022>

**Step 1** – When you sign up (in person or online) you will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Grand Prize! The drawing will happen on Monday, August 15th.

**Step 2** – Read! Try and make a goal of 20 minutes a day. We know you can do it!

**Step 3** – Log your books at the Easton Public Library or on our website (with a parent's help) until school begins.

**Step 4** – At the end of our Summer Reading Adventure, participants who meet the Library's reading goals will receive a free book.

Read Around Easton is for all ages and will highlight Easton destinations and community members. For every 100 books read, the Library will feature a different member of the community.

Check out our summer programs for all ages: a town-wide outdoor movie, EPL Book Buddies, Easton Geocaching, Grab & Go Crafts, exciting performers, and our end-of-summer finale performance by John Higby, the Yo-Yo Guy. Please see our website for program details.



# Community Partner Spotlight: Easton Pride



Easton Pride was formed in 2021 with the goal of creating a welcoming and supportive place for the LGBTQ+ community in Easton. We are partnered with Triangle Community Center, Fairfield County's leading provider of programming and resources to nurture growth and connection within the LGBTQ community.

Some of the things we aim to bring to Easton are:

- Raising and flying the Pride Flag in Easton in June (Pride Month), as it is such an important symbol of hope to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Holding a Pride Month Celebration to bring together neighbors, be joyful, and also display resources that exist to support the LGBTQ+ community in Easton.
- Bringing LGBTQ+ resources and programs to Easton throughout the year.

The Easton Public Library has been such a supportive partner from the very beginning. Last year, when we had our first Easton Pride Community Celebration, we reached out to the Library to see if they could display a flyer for the event. During our conversation, we got to talking about the Pride book display they had up for Pride Month. Not only did the Library agree to display a flyer for our event, they ended up being part of the event. The librarians curated a special Pride Book Display that Lynn Zaffino brought to our community celebration. She set up a booth and made it possible for anyone with an Easton Library card to check out any of the books right there at the celebration. We heard from so many people that they did not realize all the

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- Hilary Desmond

books the Library had that reflected families that looked like their families.

Every step of the way, the Library has been a wonderful resource and partner for us. When we grew so much we needed a larger place for our monthly meeting, the Library patiently showed us how to reserve the community room. We meet there monthly now. The Library is again partnering with us on the Pride Month Celebration. They will host a Pride Story Time for families, and they will also set up a Pride Book Display again at the Pride Community Celebration. The event will be held on the Library Lawn. In case of rain, it will take place in the Community Room. Later in June, the Library will also host the Visions of Pride Art Reception and Show. We really owe so much to the Easton Public Library, for helping us with questions, resources, support, and most importantly, being such a friendly, welcoming partner.





## Adult Summer Reading 2022

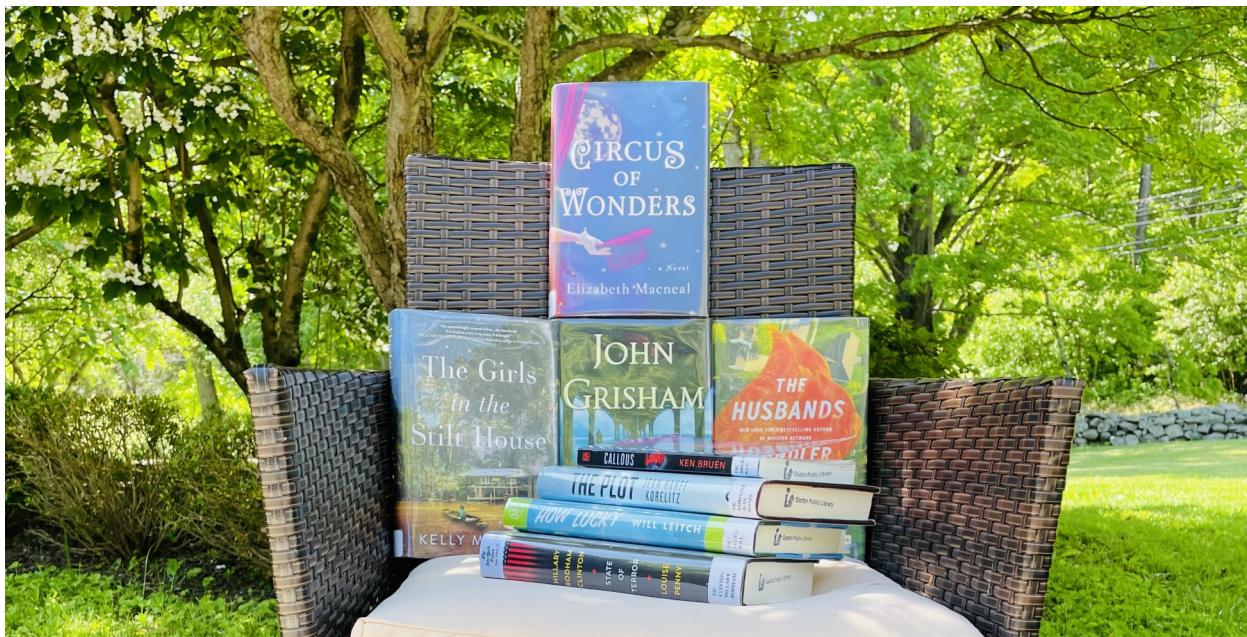
**Monday, June 20—Saturday, August 13**

For each book you read, fill out a Google form to be entered into our weekly raffle.  
Raffle prizes will be awarded every Monday, starting on June 27.

**The more you read, the better your chances of winning!**

Need book recommendations? Check out our Recommended Reading list, which includes fiction, mystery, sci-fi/fantasy, romance, non-fiction, biographies, and memoirs. To log your books, go to <https://eastonlibrary.org/adult-summer-reading-2022> starting on June 20.

**Happy Reading!**



# Art Exhibits



## Easton Arts Council

### *Art in the Country*

Through June 24

Community Room

This annual member show features works in a variety of mediums, including oil painting, watercolor, photography, and more. For more information, go to <http://www.eastonartscouncil.org/>.

## Vivian Adams

### *Into the Woods & Beyond*

Through June 30

Conference Room & Glass Display Case

Vivian Adams is originally from Greenwich and has lived in Fairfield County all of her life. After her retirement, she began taking non-degree art classes at Housatonic Community College as a pastime, but it quickly ignited a new passion for art. Vivian discovered a fondness for acrylics and ceramics, and was drawn to photographing the beautiful landscapes around her after traveling the world with her husband. When she began painting, she was even more drawn to capturing nature. She really loves birch and aspen trees, bright blue Colorado skies, California waterfalls, and the European countryside.



## Easton Pride

### *Visions of Pride*

June 25—July 29

Community Room

**Art Reception: Saturday, June 25, 4-6 pm**

A community art exhibition focused on inclusion, identity, and the freedom to be you!

# Art Exhibits



## Beth Bailey

### *Sunshine and Shadows*

July 1-July 31

Conference Room & Glass Display Case

Art Reception: Saturday, July 23, 4-7 pm

Beth Bailey's artwork includes paintings, printmaking, photography, and ceramics. Her art is influenced by nature, the changing light, and expressionism. She is a resident of Redding and has been an art teacher at Joel Barlow High School since 1998. Beth holds a Master's Degree in Art Education and recently completed a Master's Degree in Integrative Health and Healing. In addition to teaching at JBHS, Beth offers group art lessons for children of all ages and can organize and facilitate adult art-making gatherings for a variety of occasions.

## Alice Smith

### *Homage to the Collage*

August 1-August 31

Conference Room

Alice Smith's artwork is a unique formula of mixing happenstance with intention: a deliberate attempt to re-purpose materials she already has. Her background in publishing and graphic design developed Alice's keen eye for seeing shape and color in print material. Through the discipline of cutting shapes with scissors and then combining these shapes, she creates something completely new on canvas. Alice Smith helps people transform and edit their mass collections of things by converting them into a single artistic expression.



## Marcia Fitzgibbons

### *Beautiful Beasties & Happy Places*

August 1-August 31

Community Room

Art Reception: Thursday, August 18, 4-7 pm

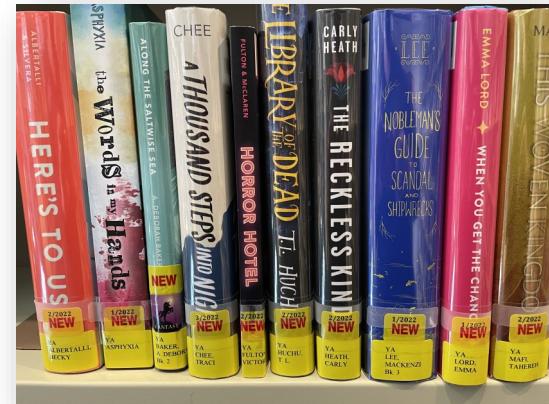
Marcia Fitzgibbons is a Monroe resident who began her artistic pursuits seven years ago. Her landscapes, seascapes, and animals reflect her travels and special love of the Northeast and Africa. She was trained in art at Gateway and Housatonic Community Colleges. There, she started drawing, painting, sculpting, and working with pastels, but painting became her true calling. Marcia has shown her work in Bridgeport, Monroe, and Easton.

# Focus on the YA Department



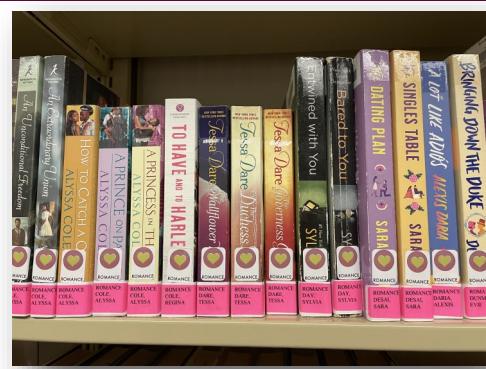
The Young Adult/Teen department at the Easton Public Library is a space for all teens to read, relax, recharge, and reconnect with friends. Our book collection is extensive and varied with fiction and nonfiction titles for everyone. Check out the displays to see all the exciting new books we receive every month. Our graphic novel section is full of your favorite titles and some new gems to discover. We have many Playaway audiobooks to listen to on the go. No account is necessary; just some earbuds or headphones and your imagination. We have lots of comfy seating and quiet tables to work or be creative. There will be fun

programming for teens all summer long and plenty of opportunities for volunteering. In the fall, high school students can join our Teen Library Council (TLC) for the chance to take a leadership role in creating fresh and unique projects at the Library. The Youth Services librarian, Kristine Oulman, is always happy to recommend some good reads and answer all your questions. We look forward to seeing you all in the Library soon!



## Collection Spotlight: Fiction

Are you a reader of fiction? If so, maybe you've noticed the changes we've made to the fiction section. For a number of years now, we've had a Mystery section, a Science Fiction/Fantasy section, and Fiction. Recently, we decided to add two additional genres to the mix: Romance and Short Stories. Our Fiction shelves are now beautifully organized and color-coded. By using color-coded spine labels, we hope that finding titles on the shelf will be a bit easier. Regular Fiction books have retained their white label. Mystery books are purple and Science Fiction/Fantasy are blue. Romance titles are pink and Short Stories are orange. Adult Graphic Novels have a gray spine color and all

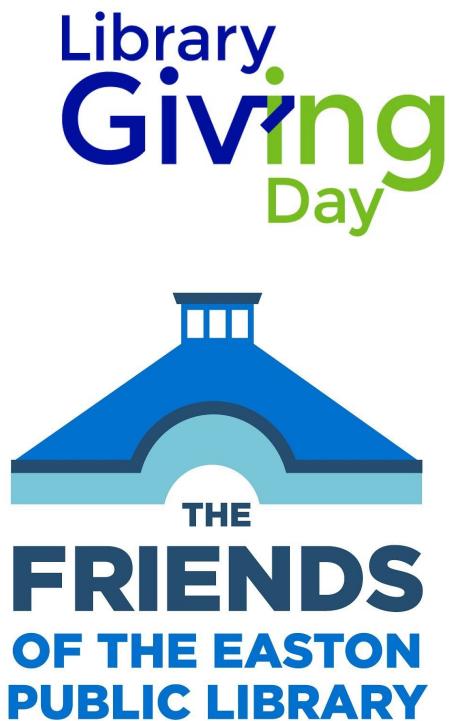


Large Print titles have a light purple one. Stop in to see our rainbow of titles! If you need help looking for something, please ask a friendly staff member. Our catalog has been updated to reflect the changes. Romance titles have ROMANCE in the call number as well as Adult Romance for shelving location. Short story titles contain STORIES in the call number and have Adult Short Stories as their shelving location.

# Friends of the Easton Public Library



Back by popular demand -The 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting, hosted by the Friends of Easton Public Library! Join us on Wednesday, June 15, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is limited seating available, so get your tickets now! Go to <http://eastonlibraryfriends.org> for complete information.



Thanks to all of your donations, the Friends raised over \$4500 as part of its Library Giving Day fundraiser! Many thanks to everyone for making a difference. Special shout-out to Trellis & Vine and our anonymous donor for providing bonus incentives.

Starting on June 1st, will be accepting your donations of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs (in good condition) for our fall book sale, which will be held the first weekend of October. Please drop them off at the Library during business hours. Thank you!

# Look What's New!



The  
Palace  
Project

## The Palace Project

The Palace Project app is now available! The app has replaced SimplyE and offers a wider variety of ebooks and eaudiobooks from sources like Amazon and Audible, in addition to what is available currently. Download The Palace Project now!



## Family Fun Section

The Library is kicking off a Library of Things collection with a variety of board games and jigsaw puzzles that can be checked out for seven days. The Family Fun collection is located in a glass display case in front of the large decorative window across from the Circulation Desk.



## Image Edition Newspapers

We now have access to full-color digital editions of the following Connecticut newspapers through NewsBank: *Connecticut Post, Greenwich Time, The Stamford Advocate, The Bulletin (Norwich), and The Hour (Norwalk)*. You'll find them in our Digital Library by clicking the America's News icon.



## Videos on Channel 79

Catch our videos on Channel 79! We create a monthly programming digest that highlights all the upcoming events and programs for all ages. The videos can be accessed on cable channel 79 or from our Video Library, which is on our website under the Digital Library tab.

## Connect with us!



Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, keep up with our events on Burbio, find out about items coming soon with Wowbrary, and receive updates via email regarding programs, offerings, and Library news!

# **Thank You!**

**The Library Board of Trustees and the staff of the Easton Public Library  
are so grateful for the donations we receive throughout the year.**

**We would especially like to thank:**

**Josephine Von Ancken**

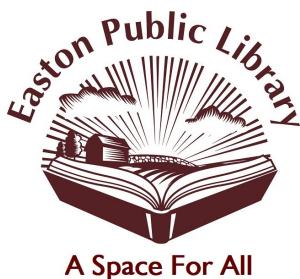
**Jane Kondratovich**



**We would also like to thank the Friends of the Easton Public Library for  
helping us refurbish the back patio and for the umbrellas, and the Easton  
Historical Society for their donation towards the umbrellas.**

**Thank you for helping us create a truly wonderful outdoor space!**

# Upcoming Summer Programs



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## Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 10-6  
Thursday: 10-7  
Friday: 10-5  
Saturday: 10 – 3  
Sunday: Closed

### Color Key

Adults—Blue

Teens—Green

Kids—Red

Intergenerational—Purple

For more information, call us at 203-261-0134. Click here to register for any of these programs: <http://www.eastonlibrary.org/calendar-list>. For virtual programs, registrants will receive a Zoom link the day of the program. Events subject to change due to COVID.

Our regular programs, including Little Ones Programs and adult Book groups, are also running through the summer.

- In-Person/Virtual Toddler Be-Bop, (Walkers-Age 3), Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am
- Babies Boogie (Birth-Walkers), Wednesdays, 1:00 pm
- Pre-School Story Time (Ages 3-5), Thursdays, 2:15 pm
- Easton Yarnsmiths, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Pride Story Time (All Ages), 6/1, 4:30 pm
- Faces of Pride Collage, 6/21
- Pride Celebration with Easton Pride, 6/1, 6 pm
- Pride Book Discussion, 6/7, 7pm
- Year of Wonders Book Discussion, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 10:30 am
- Friends of the Library Wine & Cheese Tasting, 6/15, 6-8 pm (Rain Date 6/16)
- Beyond Reading Book Discussion, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 7 pm
- Adult Summer Reading Begins, 6/20
- Children's/Teen Summer Reading Begins, 6/21
- Easton Geocaching Begins, 6/21
- Sensory Story Time (Pre-K-1st Grade), 6/21, 4:30 pm
- Lego Master Builders (Grades K-5), 6/23, 7/21, 8/25, 4:30 pm
- Story Time on the Go (Ages 2-6), 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 10:30 am
- Summer Reading Adventure Kick-Off Movie (with Easton Park & Rec.), 6/24, 7:30 pm
- Easton Pride Art Reception, 6/25, 4-6 pm
- Newspaper Pot Planting (Grades K-5), 7/12, 4:30 pm
- AAA Retire Program - Women + Finance, 7/13, 6 pm
- Camp-Out in the Library (All Ages), 7/13, 6-8 pm
- Sport Stacking with Glen Costello (Grades 3 and Up), 7/14, 4:30 pm
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 7/18, 11:00 am-4:00 pm
- Beth Bailey Art Reception, 7/23, 4-7 pm
- Crochet Workshop (Grades 4-8), Date & Time TBA
- Build a Home for a Rock (Grades K-5), 8/1, 10:30 am
- Teen Candle Making (Grades 8-12), 8/1, 6:30 pm
- Beaded Macramé (Grades 6-8), 8/10, 4:30 pm
- Summer Reading Finale w/John Higby, Yo-Yo Guy (All Ages), 8/11, 4:30 pm
- Paint Night on the Patio, 8/12, 6:30 pm