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Easton Public Library's Quarterly Newsletter



Taking it Outdoors at the Library

Warmer weather is on its way, and the Easton Public Library is ready! We have upgraded our Wi-Fi system inside, and added Wi-Fi access outside the Library, so patrons can access the Internet from the parking lot, back patio, or side lawn.

Four brand new sets of outdoor tables and chairs will be set up on the back patio for patrons to enjoy a good book, get some work done, eat lunch, or simply spend time in the sunshine.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, the back patio will be refurbished by the end of April.



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A Space For All

Easton Public Library

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From the Director

Greetings! Spring is on the horizon, and with it comes hope and excitement for all that is new! As the weather gets warmer, I hope you will take advantage of our new outdoor Wi-Fi access and patio furniture. We are also looking forward to bringing back in-person programs, which we have greatly missed. And, we are excited about new collaborations with EDIT, the Center for Family Justice, and other community partners.

Happy Spring!

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. Homebound delivery is also available. Call the Library or email your request to Penelope at 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

Kerry Santoro resumed her Youth Services Programming Assistant position. We hope to have a new Circulation Assistant soon!

Kristine Oulman was interviewed twice for the Connecticut State Library's CT Pages. To watch, go to <https://bit.ly/3JxhVrS>.



Patron Voices: Gary Beane



If you have to get something done, do it in the Library! The Easton Public Library is a quiet and focused place to work, yet at the same time friendly and welcoming. I usually have too much to do to enjoy recreational reading there, but I look longingly at the comfortable chairs by the window and am sure I'd be happy there, time permitting, as well. I certainly would encourage you to browse for a new book and try out those high back chairs that I'm so envious of. The building is beautiful, the staff is fantastic, and the resources are modern and available. Did I mention reliable Wi-Fi, a copier, and printers? I am not daydreaming about a business center in a resort; remember, I am in the Library across from Town Hall.

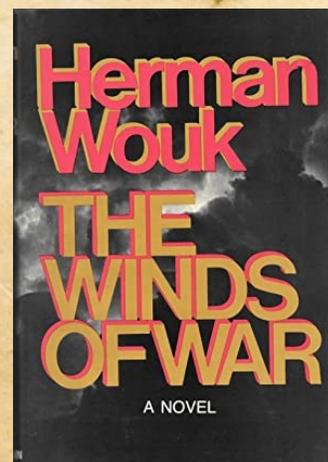
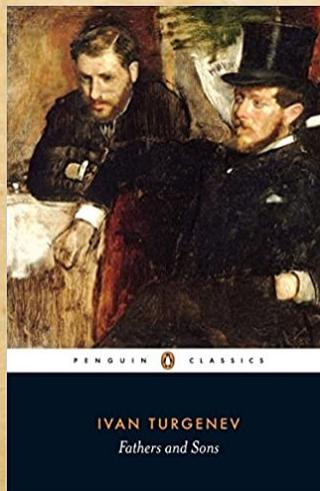
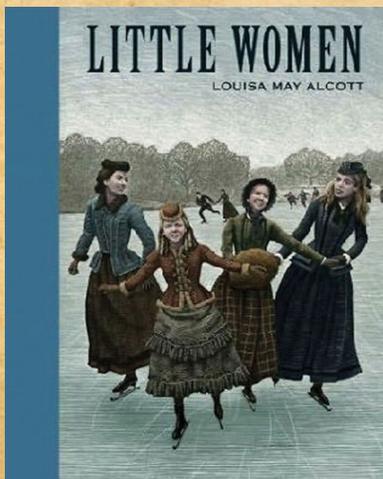
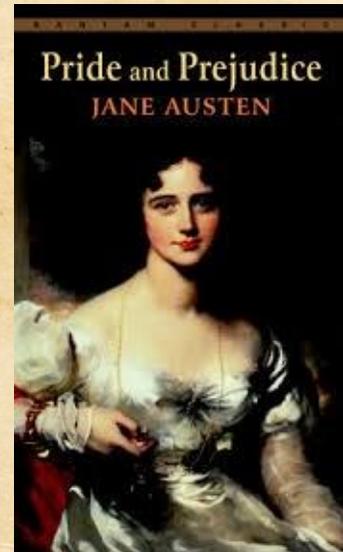
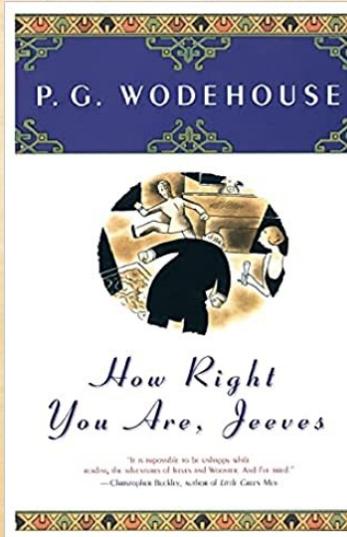
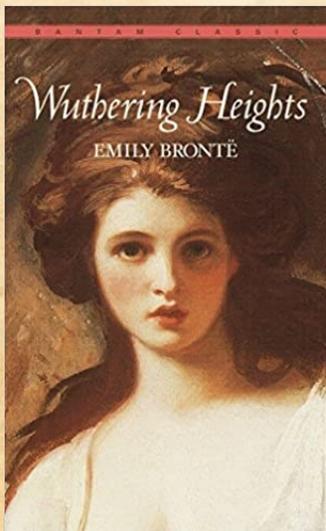
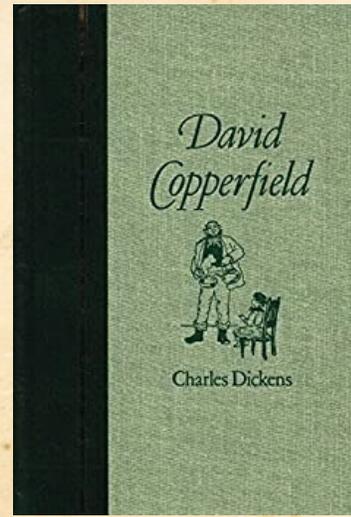
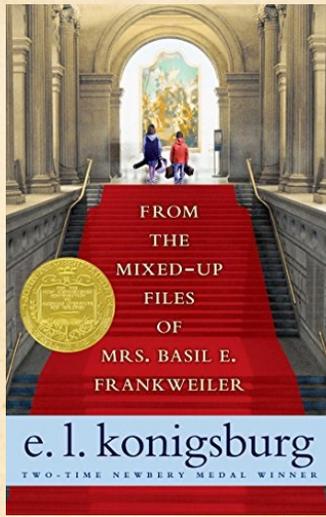
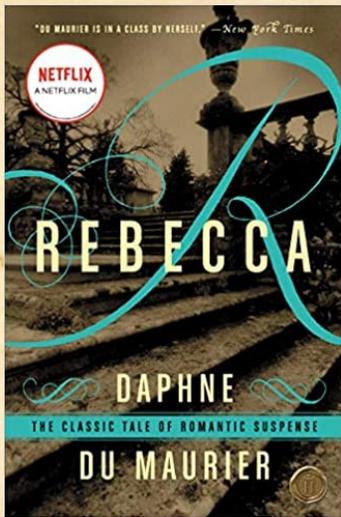
I especially like to sign up to use the futuristic looking self-contained glass study pod, power up my electronics in all the charging ports, set the fan and lights on high, and lose myself in some focused work time. I once told Lynn, the Director of the Library, that I really needed one of these at home during COVID... "Perhaps with thicker glass," I added with a smile. OK, I have gone on enough. Who am I and how do I know these things? I work for Lincoln Financial Advisors Corp., and I commute daily from Scarsdale, NY, to bring my eight-year-old daughter, Isabella, to the Easton Country Day School up the street from the Library on Morehouse Road. COVID has changed the lifestyle and working patterns of many people and my family is certainly included in that group. Remote work has caused me to refamiliarize myself with a great community that I had lived in twenty-five years ago. I am very thankful for all the resources that Easton has from the Library to the Senior Center and Community Center and all of its hiking trails in between. What a great place.

Children and the Library: What a great resource for a family. With the help of great staffers like Kristine, Mary Beth, Bob, and Kerry (to name a few), I've checked out great books and Isabella has become an avid reader. Talk about expertise and knowing what interests children—The Library has it and the staff's enthusiasm is infectious and spot on to help pick out favorites from the juvenile section. Take a drive with a laptop loaded with cool science stuff or fun puzzles and stop worrying about what your children are watching in the back seat. Try a playdate in the Library and watch your children assemble a craft, pick out ten books and yes, read. Yes, I am a regular at the Library and I am a raving fan!

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Read more about Debby on
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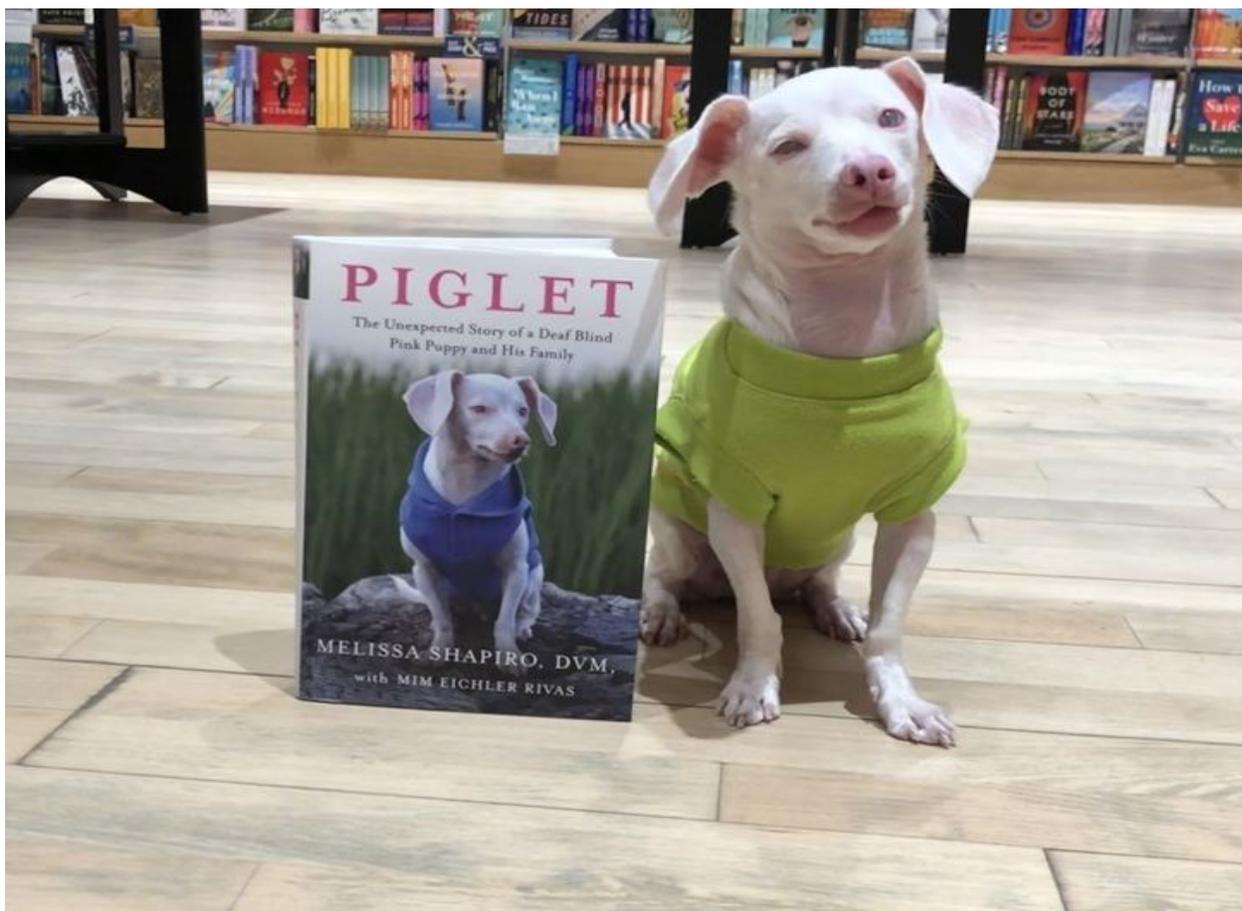
Staff Picks: Favorite Classics



One Book/One Town Community Read 2022

PIGLET:

The Unexpected Story of a Deaf Blind Pink Puppy and His Family



Meet Melissa Shapiro, DVM & Piglet!

Author Presentation, Saturday, March 26, 2:00 p.m.

Shapiro will be joined (via Zoom) by Tricia Fregeau, a Massachusetts teacher who coined the term “Piglet Mindset” and began using it as a teaching tool with her third graders. Fregeau’s ideas paved the way for a formal Piglet Mindset curriculum.

To register, go to <https://eastonlibrary.org/calendar-list> or call us at 203-261-0134.

Books are available to purchase or to borrow.

Community Partner Spotlight: Easton Arts Council

The Easton Arts Council was founded about 25 years ago by a group of Easton citizens with the mission of fostering and encouraging the Arts in Easton. We have a very unique relationship with the Library in that they allow us to use their Community Room for the display of local artwork as well as our musical and theatrical performances. All of our events take place at the Library and we couldn't provide this community service without their support. We work closely with the staff, including Lynn Zaffino, Mary Beth Rassulo, and Shannon Bruchal.



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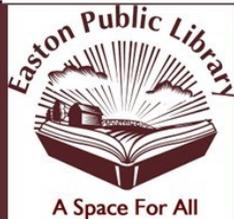
– Joanne Kant

During the pandemic, the Easton Arts Council has continued to be very busy, presenting art to the community in a variety of ways. We recently had our first live Photo Show and our first live Member Art Show in two years. The 23rd Annual Youth Art Show, which is also in person, opens on March 1, and runs through April 30 in the Community Room. There will be a reception to honor all the artists on Sunday, March 13 at 3pm. We usually draw our artists from the greater Easton/Redding area and the show is open to Grades K to 12. All the artists will receive Certificates of Participation, and we also usually receive a Proclamation from the Governor. The Easton Arts Council feels that all of our youth should have the opportunity to express themselves creatively and we are delighted to provide a venue for those artistic endeavors, no matter the level of expertise. Our new Arts Council Youth Art Director, Christina Sarno, will be featuring a Macramé class on Thursday March 24, from 4:30 to 5:30pm to teach middle schoolers about macramé. The class is free of charge and all materials are donated.

Readers Theatre began in the Spring of 1997 as a way to bring live theatre to Easton. Co-founder Geri Gould says, "These are not the kind of programs where the actors just sit on stools and read. They are polished productions with costumes, props and professional lighting. Everyone is surprised at how quickly they become absorbed in the play and forget that the actors are carrying scripts." Readers Theatre has been waiting two years to perform Rumors by Neil Simon and will do so on Saturday April 2nd at 8 pm in the Community Room. Director Kit Briner says, "This is an amateur project in the truest sense of the word, which means that we do it for the love of it! All participants, amateur and professional, volunteer their talents to make great theater." Admission is free of charge.

Finally, our Annual Juried Art Show, *Art in the Country* will be receiving artwork Saturday May 7, 2022. The festive reception will be Saturday, May 21st from 7 to 10pm in the Community Room. –Joanne Kant





Easton Public Library

Statistics from the Connecticut State Library



Our Library as a Great Collection

- ◆ Easton Public Library has 66,227 items in its collections.
- ◆ 56,666 total items were borrowed last year, or 7.5 per person.
- ◆ 8.9% were downloadable books, audio, and video.
- ◆ 44% of all items borrowed were for children.
- ◆ 3,903 library card holders can take advantage of millions of articles in the state-wide researchIT CT databases.



Our Library as a Valued Destination

- ◆ 11,381 people visited Easton Public Library last year.
- ◆ 1.5 visits per person.
- ◆ 2,177 people attended 270 programs.
- ◆ 787 curbside pickup appointments.
- ◆ Our 20 recorded programs were watched 1,091 times.
- ◆ We provided access to 6 internet computers.



Support for Our Library

- ◆ Operating income for Easton Public Library was \$802,695.
- ◆ That's just \$105.58 per resident (or \$0.29 per resident per day).
- ◆ Funding from the town totaled just \$101.84 per resident.
- ◆ Only 1.76% of municipal revenue goes to support the library.



What We Did During the Pandemic

- ◆ Offered curbside service 5/20-present.
- ◆ Offered Library To Go, a homebound delivery service.
- ◆ Expanded online library card registration.
- ◆ Expanded digital resource offerings.
- ◆ The Library has been fine-free since March 2020. The policy continues to be reviewed periodically.

*Statistics from "Connecticut's Public Libraries,
A Statistical Profile, 2020-2021" covering Fiscal Year 2021*



Art Exhibits



Tom Savard & Family

Creativity Runs Deep

Through March 30

Conference Room & Glass Display Case

Art Reception: Saturday, March 12, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Artist Talk in Community Room, directly after reception

Tom Savard-Tom studied Graphic Art and Photography, specializing in alternative photographic processes and hand-coloring while receiving his MBA from the University of Connecticut. He is the recipient of numerous Photography and Art-related awards. **Sister Judith Savard**-A Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary for 45 years, Judith was Head of the Art Department and Professor of Art and Art History at Marymount Manhattan College. She was always fascinated by the state-of-the-art technologies available at the time and was a pioneer in that field. **Missy Savard**-Fairfield resident Missy Savard is an accomplished professional who works in watercolors, oils, and printmaking. She has been an exhibiting Artist Guild Member of Silvermine Arts Center for the past twenty years. **Harold Savard**-Father to Tom and Missy, and brother of Judith, Harold was a 60-year Easton resident. A lifelong artist with exceptional drawing skills, Harold created thoughtful paintings and sculptures.

The Center for Family Justice Unfinished Lives Project

Messages from Lives Lost, We Hear You

March 1—April 30

Front of Library

The Unfinished Lives Project is a traveling domestic violence exhibit and memorial that was designed to honor the victims who lost their lives each year in Connecticut to domestic violence. The displays inspire viewers to reflect on the humanity, love, and unfinished lives of the victims who are no longer here to participate in our collective futures.

- The Center for Family Justice, Bridgeport, CT.



Holly Hawthorn

Porcelain, Printworks, Painting, Plein Air

April 1—May 15

Conference Room & Glass Display Case

Art Reception: Saturday, April 30, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Holly Hawthorn is a ceramic artist and printmaker who lives in Redding, Connecticut. She studied art in the United States and abroad. Her porcelain sculptures reflect her love of the ocean and beaches. Her monoprints evoke the serenity of calm water scenes. They have been shown in international art competitions. For many years, she instructed students in drawing, ceramics, and sculpture. She fostered their creative spirit and helped them along their personal journey of creative exploration. Her acrylic paintings are lightly textured and often have water and ocean themes. In the tradition of the pursuit of artistic venues, Hawthorn journals with watercolors done 'plein air' fashion, accompanied by writings. Hawthorn maintains a studio at the American Fabrics Building in Bridgeport, CT. Her work is shown in galleries in the Northeast and at her studio.



Easton Arts Council

Youth Art Show

March 1-April 30

Community Room

Art Reception: Sunday, March 13, 3:00 p.m.

The 23rd Annual Youth Art Show is open to Grades K to 12, and draws artists from the greater Easton/Redding area. All the artists will receive a Certificate of Participation. For more information, go to <http://www.eastonartscouncil.org/>.

Easton Arts Council

Art in the Country

Receiving Date: Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

May 10—June 24

Community Room

Art Reception: Saturday, May 21, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

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/>.



Focus on the Circulation Department

The Easton Public Library Circulation Department, as the name implies, coordinates the coming and going of Library materials. It is also much more. As the inceptive interaction between patron and staff, it is the gateway to the Library's resources. Working in conjunction with the other departments, Circulation is the first step to fulfilling the patron's needs. Along with the other staff, we continually provide a welcoming atmosphere for patrons. This is especially true during the pandemic, where patrons have sought out the Library as a place of comfort and support.

We help patrons find resources that we own here in the Library, and assist them in obtaining materials from other Libraries across the state. When their items arrive, we let the patrons know via email, phone call, or text message that they have come in. Returned materials are checked in, put on a cart, and then shelved, so they are available for the next reader. The Community Room, Conference Room, and the Study Pod can all be booked at the Circulation Desk. The Circulation Department also helps remove outdated material from the collection, and assists with promotional activities such as working on signs and handouts.

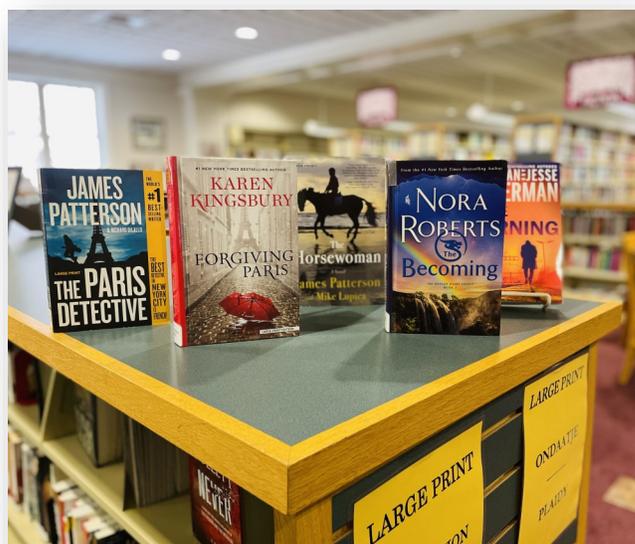
Additionally, we provide patrons with suggestions on books and media, demonstrate how to use the online catalog, work on special projects for other departments, and offer take-home crafts to families as a fun activity to share with their children.

As of March 1st, Kerry will return to the Youth Services Programming Assistant position she held before it was furloughed. We hope to welcome a new person in the Circulation Department soon!

- Bob Knapik & Kerry Santoro



Collection Spotlight: Large Print



Have you visited the Large Print section of the Library recently? You may not realize that we have both fiction and non-fiction titles available. Popular authors such as James Patterson, Danielle Steel, Lee Child, and Debbie Macomber are just some of the names that you will find on the shelves. Check the Large Print collection for that popular fiction or non-fiction book you're looking for. You just might find it there!

Though Large Print materials are designed for those who need a larger font size, anyone can read them. Our Large Print collection is located adjacent to Adult Fiction near the computers. If you need help finding something, don't forget to ask a friendly staff member for assistance.

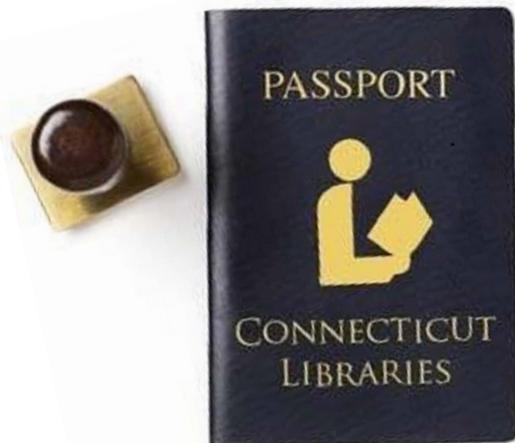
Coming Soon!



Saturday, September 10, 1:00 p.m.

Save the date for a dynamic, interactive, and thought-provoking program!
Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

Passport to Connecticut Libraries



During the month of April, explore the diversity of libraries all over Connecticut! This program is based on the CT Wine Trail Passport Program. Pick up your passport at the first library you visit, then try to visit as many libraries as possible. You will receive a small gift at each one you visit. Don't forget to get your passport stamped! Visit at least 5 libraries to be eligible for a raffle prize.



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Look What's New!



The Palace Project

The Palace Project app will be available for Easton Public Library in the coming months. It will replace the SimplyE app and offers a wider variety of ebooks and eaudiobooks from sources like Amazon and Audible, in addition to what is available currently. We will let you know when it's time to make the switch.



Museum Passes

Spring is a wonderful time to get out and explore the many parks and museums in Connecticut. The Library has several museum passes that offer discounts and can be checked out for free, using your library card. We've added or renewed the Sacred Heart University Discovery Museum, Earthplace, Everwonder, and Stepping Stones Museum. We will also be adding Storm King Art Center, an open-air museum in New York State, in the near future.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Resources

A Place For All

Diversity Resources Webpage

These specially curated resources and materials reflect our varied life experiences. We hope they will be helpful to those who need them and that they will foster a greater understanding of each other and how we live our lives. Go to <https://eastonlibrary.org/diversity-resources> to check it out!

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.

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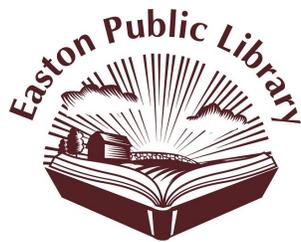
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Upcoming Spring Programs



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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 spring.

Easton Yarnsmiths, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Virtual College Admissions Program (Gr. 9-11 & Parents), 3/1, 7pm; 3/30, 8pm

Graphic Novel Book Club (Gr. 4-5), 3/7, 4/4, 4:30pm

Year of Wonders Book Discussion, 3/10, 4/21, 5/12, 10:30 a.m.

DIY Candle Making (Ages 18 and Up), 3/10, 7pm

Savard Family *Creativity Runs Deep* Art Reception, 3/12, 12-3pm

Easton Arts Council (EAC) Youth Art Show Reception, 3/13, 3pm

Irish Dancing Program, 3/15, 4:30pm

Classic Film with Jon Sonneborn & Peter McCrea: *Wells Fargo*, 3/17, 7pm

Beyond Reading Virtual Book Discussion, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 7pm

TLC: Teen Library Council (Gr. 9-12), 3/18, 4/22, 3:30pm

Chess Workshop & Tournament (Gr. 6-12), 3/19, 1-4pm

Neurodiversity Celebration Week Community Collage, 3/21-3/27

Book Brigade (Gr. 2-3), 3/21, 4/18, 4:30pm

Neurodiversity Week Sensory Story Time (Pre-K – Gr. 1), 3/22, 4:30pm

Virtual AAA Retire Program, 3/23, 6pm

Career Coaching with Cathy Alfandre, 3/24, 10am-12:00pm; 4/28, 5-7pm

EAC Macramé Jewelry Workshop (Ages 8-14), 3/24, 4:30 pm

One Book/One Town Author Presentation with Piglet!, 3/26, 2pm

Neurodiversity Week Movie: *Temple Grandin* (TV-PG), 3/27, 2pm

Bookworm Crafters (Gr. K-1), 3/28, 4/25, 4:30pm

Lego Master Builders (Gr. K-5), 3/31, 4/28, 4:30pm

Author Talk: Jillian Celentano, 4/7, 7pm

C2 Education's SAT/ACT Practice Test (Gr. 9-11), 4/23, 11am-2pm; Results 4/26, 6-7:30pm

Fun & Games Kahoot! Trivia (All Ages), 4/29, 7pm

Holly Hawthorn Art Reception, 4/30, 4-7pm

Red Cross Blood Drive, 5/5, 11:30am-4:30pm

May the Four...Tenth Be With You: Padawan Training (Gr. K-5), 5/14, 11:00am

Newspaper Planter Pots (Gr. 2-5), 5/19, 4:30pm

EAC Art in the Country Art Reception, 5/21, 7-10pm

Sidewalk Chalk Art Show, 5/26, 4:30-6pm