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BOOK CLUBS

First Friday Book Discussion

First Friday of the month @ 12–1 pm

March 5: *The Queen's Gambit* by Walter Tevis

April 2: Title TBD

May 7: Title TBD

2nd Tuesday

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6:15–7:30 pm

March 13, April 13, May 11

Titles TBD. New members welcomed; books available for loan in advance of the discussion.

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Best Seller Book Club

Last Saturday of each month @ 3:30–4:30 pm

March 27: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab

April 24: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

May 29: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Books & Brews

Last Wednesday of the month @ 6–8 pm

March 31, April 28, May 26

Find us and register at [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com). Titles TBD.

TECH CLASSES

One-on-One Virtual Tech Help

Tuesday @ 2–4 pm | March 2 & 16

Get help with iPhones, iPads, and more! Sign up for one-on-one tech help with Christina via Zoom or telephone call — your choice! Email ckondziela@blackstonelibrary.org for more information and to a set up 25-minute time slot.

Intro to JobNow

Thursday, April 15 @ 2 pm–3 pm

Applying for a job but confused about where to start? Come to this class, where you'll learn about JobNow, a great resource the library has to offer. With JobNow, you can get free resume assistance, interview tips, live coaching and more. All you need is your library card.

Cutting the Cord: Saying Goodbye to Cable

Thursday, May 13 @ 2–3 pm

Dealing with cable can be a pain, but trying to find an alternative can be equally frustrating. If you've had enough of cable and need some guidance for making your next move, come to our class on cutting the cord! We'll discuss the most popular streaming services and devices so you can decide which one is right for you!

HAPPENING WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Virtual Knitting Group

Wednesdays @ 7–8 pm

Join us for a weekly knitting group! Beginners and experienced knitters are welcome. To register, contact Reference at 203-488-1441 x 318 or email programs@blackstonelibrary.org.

How to Eat a Poem: Discussion Group

Saturdays @ 11 am–12 pm

Learn to better understand and appreciate the wide world of poetry! Each week we'll read poems presented by group members. Contact Reference at 203-488-1441 x 318 or email programs@blackstonelibrary.org to register.

Virtual Branford Forum

Sundays @ 2–3:30 pm

March 14, April 11, May 16

The Branford Forum, a community organization that brings nationally renowned figures to the Shoreline, is returning to the Blackstone Library for a series of virtual conversations: March 14, the Covid-19 Vaccination; April 11, Recent Developments in Race Relations; May 16, The President and Immigration Law.

High School Diploma Information

Sessions: Presented by Shoreline

Adult Education

Second Thursday of the month

@ 11 am or 6 pm

March 11, April 8, May 13

Learn how Shoreline Adult Education can help you earn a high school diploma. These programs are free and designed to meet the needs of individuals in varying stages of life.

ONE-TIME EVENTS

Women on Opposite Sides of the Law

Saturday, March 20 @ 2–3 pm

Author Shayne Davidson will discuss three smart, independent women: Jessie Levy and Bess Robbins, criminal attorneys, and Sophie Lyons, a notorious criminal. They stood on opposite sides of the law, yet they confronted many of the same challenges and discrimination, persevering in a world where men made up the rules.

East Rock, West Rock, and the Triassic-Jurassic Extinction

Saturday, April 10 @ 2–3 pm

Join Sophie Westcott of the Yale Peabody Museum Speakers Bureau for a talk that will explore a tale of ancient climate change and mass extinction, and the formation of familiar places around New Haven.

After the Hunger: Local Author Talk

Saturday, April 17 @ 1–2 pm

MaryEllen Beveridge will discuss her short story collection, *After the Hunger*. Set mostly in New England, her stories explore the complexities of family life and its changing dynamics.

Branford Beginnings: a Follow-up Q&A with the Branford Historical Society

Wednesday, April 21 @ 7–8 pm

How did our town of Branford come to be? Mr. Joseph Naylor is returning to once again review the settling of Branford in 1644 from the perspective of his ancestor, Mr. William Swaine, and take questions on the early history of Branford.

House History (in Two Parts)

PART 1: Thursday, April 22 @ 6–7 pm

PART 2: Thursday, April 29 @ 6–7 pm

Bryna O'Sullivan of Charter Oak Genealogy will help you trace the history of your home. Part 1 will guide you through building a timeline of your home's ownership. Part 2 will help you discover your home's story through maps, photos, local histories, and more. Register for each part separately. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.**

The Midnight Call: Local Author Talk

Saturday, May 1 @ 2–3 pm

The Blackstone Library is pleased to host author Jodé Millman for a discussion of her book *The Midnight Call*, an exciting legal thriller featuring plenty of twists and turns.

Birdscaping: Home Sweet Habitat

Saturday, May 22 @ 2–3 pm

Explore the importance of creating welcoming habitats for birds through thoughtful landscape choices, including native plants vital for food and nesting sites. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.**





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Babies & Kids

HAPPENING WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Weekly Live Storytime

(ages 5 and under)

Mondays @ 10:30–11 am

Wednesdays @ 10:30–11 am

Join Miss Mary and Miss Carly for a virtual storytime with songs, hand rhymes, and stories. **Storytime kits (one per child) are available for pickup once you register.**

Weekly Picture Books Live

(ages 5 and under)

Fridays @ 11–11:30 am

Miss Mary and Miss Carly bring your favorite book characters to the big screen! Songs, hand rhymes, dancing, and books will be included.

Cooking with You: a Meal-Sharing Book Club

(grades K–4 and family)

Third Monday of the Month @ 4–5 pm

March 15, April 19, May 17

A cookbook club for families. Download the selected cookbook through Hoopla, review the recipes with your kids, test a few out and then the afternoon of our virtual meeting show off something you've made! Go online to register and find out book details.

Take & Make: Hands-on Activity to Pick Up in Person

(grades K–4)

Wednesdays @ 10 am–7 pm

March 17, April 28, May 26

(while supplies last!)

Drop by the library to pick up all the necessary materials to do a different activity each month. **Kits available for contactless pick up while supplies last, 10 am–7 pm. No registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.**

Rick Riordan Presents: Book Club

(grades 3–6)

Fourth Tuesday of the month @ 4-5 pm

March 25, April 22, May 27

Join us once a month for a virtual book club featuring titles from Rick Riordan Presents, which share cultures and backgrounds through stories inspired by their mythology, folklore, and heritage.

ONE-TIME EVENTS

BreakOUT of This: a

Weeklong Virtual Challenge

(for families)
Monday–Friday, April 12–16 @ 11 am

Jump on the BreakoutEdu game train! Questions will test reading, mathematics, sciences, and logic all in an effort to stretch your brain.

Challenges will be released daily throughout spring break and will get harder as we go! Complete them with your family one by one or save them all for the end of the week. All games should be completed by Monday April 19 to crown the next puzzle master. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.**

All the Way to the Ocean: Learning About the Watershed

(grades 2–4)

Tuesday, April 20 @ 4–5 pm

Learn about water drainage in an interactive storytime. We'll read **All the Way to the Ocean** by Joel Harper, discuss watershed, and identify ways pollutants that can affect vegetation, animals, and people. Hands-on activities will be included, and participants will receive their own copy of **All the Way to the Ocean**. **This program was made possible by the Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund.**

Let's Celebrate: a Storytime Meant for Moms, Gmoms, Aunties and Caregivers

(ages 5 and under)

Saturday, May 8 @ 10:30–11 am

Join us virtually for a morning filled with stories, songs, and activities that celebrate all the special women in our lives. Space is limited since "care packages" will be available for contactless pickup prior to the event. Registration is required to receive meeting link and package pickup specifics. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.**

Spring Waters, Gathering Places: Learning about Water Conservation

(grades 2–4)

Tuesday, May 18 @ 4–5 pm

Learn about the power of water and how it has been used to create myths, legends, and games. You'll hear stories from **Spring Waters: Gathering Places** by Sandra DeYonge, discuss how water was represented in the past, and brainstorm ways to keep it clean for the future. Hands-on activities will be included, and participants will receive their own copy of **Spring Waters**. **This program was made possible by the Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund.**



Teens



HAPPENING MONTHLY

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

(grades 6–12)

First & third Thursday of the month

@ 3:30–4:30 pm

March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20

Join us in our virtual teen space (on discord) for a club where we review new books for the library to purchase & choose upcoming events. Meetings count as community service!

Virtual Teen Game Night

(grades 6–12)

Second Monday of the month @ 5–7 pm

March 8, April 12, May 10

Once a month, we're using our virtual teen space (on discord) to meet for game night! We'll explore the viral game sensations Among Us, Jackbox Games, and more! Space is limited & registration is required to receive instructions on how to join!

Teen Take & Make

(grades 5–12)

Wednesday @ 10 am–7 pm

March 17, April 28, May 26 (while supplies last!)

We're putting together bags with a craft, just for you. Drop by the library, pick one up, take it & make it! Each month is a different activity. **Kits available for contactless pickup while supplies last, 10 am–7 pm. No registration is required! Sponsored by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation.**

ONE-TIME EVENTS

Backyard Bird Challenge

(grades 5–12)

Monday, March 22 @ 4:30–5:30 pm

Paint your own cedar birdhouse to hang in your yard and invite feathered friends to visit. Materials provided for contactless pickup, space is limited. **Sponsored by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation.**

After Dinner Gardening: Grow Stuff You Can Eat

(grades 5–12)

Monday, April 26 @ 4:30–5:30 pm

We're putting together kits with everything you need to start a windowsill garden of edible plants, all your own. Plus we'll learn to turn table scraps into new food you can grow and eat. Space is limited. **Sponsored by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation.**

Nailed It: a Teen Cooking Club

(grades 5–12)

Monday, May 24 @ 4:30–6 pm

Gather your own ingredients and join Miss Sarah in our virtual teen space (on discord) for a chance to cook and eat together. No cooking experience needed. Just get your caregiver's permission and bring your creativity!