MEET AUTHOR
YAA GYASI
Monday, Apr 4th | 6:30pm
Paul Mellon Arts Center
Choate Rosemary Hall
332 Christian Street
Meet Yaa Gyasi as she discusses her
award-winning book, *Transcendent Kingdom*. Books will be available for
purchase and signing. Stop by the
library to get your free ticket! Yaa Gyasi will be in conversation with Dr.
Donyelle McCray, Associate Professor
at Yale Divinity School. More Info:
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COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, Mar 31st | 7-8:30pm | Zoom & Collins Room
Join Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken as she leads community
discussion of Yaa Gyasi’s *Transcendent Kingdom*, the book selected
for 2022’s One Book, One Wallingford—

Gifty is a 28-year-old PhD candidate at Stanford University. Her obsessive focus on her research has been diverted
because her mother has come to stay, having had a relapse of the depression that she has struggled with
since the death of Gifty’s beloved older brother. This visit disrupts Gifty’s carefully calibrated world. Religion
has been her mother’s comfort, but Gifty has turned her back on it, nudged towards atheism by science,
and towards science by her high school biology teacher’s belief that Homo sapiens is “the most complex
animal, the only animal who believed he had transcended his Kingdom.”

To participate and for details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Cindy at chaiken@wallingfordlibrary.org

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Word of Mouth - Staff Picks!

One Night in Miami
dir. by Regina King
Teresa K.

Dial A for Aunties
by Jesse Q. Sutanto
Sarah E.

The Beautiful Ones
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Kristina G.

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Click “Register” under the event description to hold your place for an event. If the event is full, you may be able to put your name on the waiting list.

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14 Just for Teens
It’s hard to believe, but it’s been more than 14 years since the library completed its major renovation in 2008. Parts of the building have begun to show their age, which is why we will be refreshing library spaces over the coming year.

One of the first upgrades to the library was actually completed last year with the installation of energy-efficient LED lighting in the main part of the library. This spring brighter LED lights are being installed in the front Reading Room and the Children’s Room. This new, energy-efficient lighting will make it easier to browse and read in these areas.

Most recently we have removed the aging (and peeling!) pink wallpaper in many areas of the building in favor of a fresh coat of "library beige" paint.

The teen area has been updated to better distinguish it from the adult area. Indigo-colored signs have been placed in the area with an accent wall bearing a coat of “Sleepy Hollow” blue. To replace cracked and ripped upholstery, benches in the teen area were reupholstered to match this new aesthetic. We hope teens will find this space more modern, more inviting, and more of a place to call their own.

By the time you read this we will be just beginning a replacement of the aging and worn carpet in the adult area, as well as the vinyl flooring on the main stairwell. The library will close on March 29th in order to replace the flooring in highly-trafficked walking areas such as at the service desks and on the stairwell. Once these areas are completed on the 29th, we will section off additional areas of the library over the coming weeks to replace more carpet. We appreciate your patience as we know this will be a disruptive process, but the end result will be worth the inconvenience!

The last major undertaking of the library glow-up will be a replacement of the elevator. While we don’t have a specific date for this yet, we expect it will occur sometime in the summer. Although the library’s renovation was only 14 years ago, the elevator is original to the 1982 building and is now 40 years old! While it remains safe to use, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. Expect a shiny new elevator soon!

After all this work is complete, the library’s glow-up will continue in smaller ways! We will be replacing some signage to better match the new look of the library interior and hopefully reupholstering more of our stained and cracking furniture upholstery.

You can follow the hashtag #WPLGlowUp on Instagram for updates and pics!

In May and June, the library will celebrate the town’s 350th + 2 anniversary with a special community art project. Local artist Rashmi Talpade will lead the creation of a mural across from the Check Out Desk as a semi-permanent exhibition. Rashmi has taught numerous art programs at the library and is best known for the Wallingford Townscape Collage on display in our front hallway. For this anniversary mural, she will paint a giant tree and help residents create decorative “leaves” with images of themselves and their families. Most images will be photographs, but self-portraits in other mediums also will be accepted. As the leaf-shaped images are designed, participants will be able to see them affixed to the tree and watch the development of the mural, akin to a tree sprouting leaves.

Rashmi will conduct leaf-making sessions multiple times per week. Through The Great Give— a 36-hour, online giving event taking place on May 4th & 5th that supports local nonprofits and is sponsored by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven—the library is seeking to raise $5,000 to cover the cost of the artist’s time, materials, supplies, and photo printing.

We are excited to showcase this beautiful visual reflection of the people who make up our community. Though the library will be acting as host, the mural will be a collaborative effort as part of the town-wide celebration. Chip in a few dollars to make it happen, and add your likeness to the mural!
Drop-in to see these Friday Night Flicks playing this month on the big screen in the Community Room!

**Belfast** [PG-13]  
**Friday, Apr 1st | 6-8pm**  
It is 1969 and 9-year-old Buddy finds his peaceful life disturbed as a national conflict is starting to brew in Northern Ireland. As tensions between republicans and loyalists escalate, he and his family must decide whether to stay, or move somewhere safe.

**West Side Story**  
[PG-13]  
**Friday, Apr 22nd | 6-8:30pm**  
An adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

If you are viewing this newsletter online, you can click the film posters above to view them in the catalog and place them on hold.

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**Introduction to Hoopla**  
**Monday, Apr 11th | 3-4:30pm | Adults | Collins Room | Click to register**  
Hoopla is the library’s service for borrowing digital movies, music, and audiobooks. Hoopla can be used on a computer, as well as most Android and iOS devices. In this class you will set up your hoopla account and learn how to search their catalog and borrow materials. Please bring your library card, your charged device, and any associated passwords to class. Note: hoopla is only available to Wallingford cardholders.

**Don’t Send it Off: Maintaining a Computer at Home**  
**Friday, Apr 15th | 6:30-7:30pm | Adults | Collins Room | Click to register**  
Don’t Send It Off: Maintaining a Computer at Home is a series of lectures hosted by the Computer Hardware Club from Choate Rosemary Hall aiming to teach the community how to fix basic tech issues and ways to keep a computer running smoothly. Come and learn about file management, screen cleaning, virus protection, and more!

**Coding Basics**  
**Monday, Apr 18th | 3-4:30pm | Adults | Collins Room | Click to register**  
This class will go over the basics of coding in HTML & CSS in a fun and relaxed way, by coding a recipe card! Basic computer skills are required, but prior coding experience is not.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays Afternoons | 4-4:45pm OR 4:45-5:30pm | Collaboratory | Registration required | Click for calendar**  
Register for a one-on-one computer tutoring session with volunteer students. Learn about keyboard or mouse skills, word processing, internet searching, online job applications, or social media. You can bring your own device or the library can supply a laptop for your tutoring session. Please register for a 45-minute time slot in advance by visiting the events calendar on our website or calling us at (203) 265-6754. Due to the one-on-one nature of our in-person programs, masks will be required for all participants.
Meet Richard Hyland

There are so many volunteers that work behind the scenes to make our library run smoothly. We are showcasing a volunteer each month so you can get to know these fantastic people a little better. This month we’re chatting with library volunteer Richard Hyland!

How long have you been a volunteer at Wallingford Public Library?
I have been a volunteer here for 3 years. I started as an online Book Seller volunteer in 2020. I continue to do that task and I am here multiple times a week helping to research, list books online and ship out the books that sell. One year ago, I also started volunteering with the “WPL at Your Doorstep” delivery program. I deliver materials to homebound patrons who aren’t able to come in to the library.

Tell me a little about yourself.
I am retired. I was a police officer in New Haven for 10 years and worked as a General Manager for a large retail oil company. I was used to working 60-75 hours a week. I like to keep busy and I enjoy helping others. Helping people helps to both build you up and also makes their lives better.

What is your favorite part of being a volunteer?
I am so happy to be able to volunteer my time. It provides me with something to do, it gives me social interaction and it has been an excellent learning experience for me. Learning how to research books in order to sell them online has built a wealth of knowledge for me. I am so grateful to have a place to go, especially in the winter.

What changes have you seen during your time here?
The amount and type of donated books have changed. We are also now selling withdrawn library books which there seems to be a big following for. I have fun discovering the worth of different books. Working in the Online Book Seller has been the perfect task to work on during the pandemic as our department is tucked away. I have learned so much while helping here. When it comes to listing the books to sell, the more knowledge you have, the easier it is to make decisions on the item.

What advice would you give to a new volunteer or for someone who is considering volunteering here?
The flexibility of hours is fantastic. For some tasks, the shift would only be an hour or two so it doesn’t take up the whole day. This is a great place to volunteer as it is not a big commitment but makes a big difference.

Do you feel fulfilled being a volunteer here?
Absolutely. Volunteering for a program such as the “WPL at Your Doorstep” delivery service is so rewarding. It makes me appreciate being mobile and seeing the smiles on the patrons faces when you bring them the materials they have been waiting for is really great.
Indoor Programs

Registration for all programs is required unless otherwise noted.

**LEGO Club**
Saturday, Apr 9th | 10:30am | Grades K-5
Wonder Room | [Click to register](#)
At this program, kids and her grown-ups will have a chance to show off their building skills with LEGO bricks provided by the library.

**Spring Break with Sara: Explore Alexander Calder**
Tuesday, Apr 12th | Children’s Program Room
10am: Grades K-2 [Click to register](#)
11am: Grades 3-5 [Click to register](#)
Explore Alexander Calder, an American sculptor best known for his creative mobiles. Students will create a sculpture or a mobile in class.

**Drive-in Movie**
Friday, Apr 15th | 2pm | Ages 3 and up
Community Room | [Click to register](#)
Come to the library for a drive-in movie! First, decorate your “car,” then enjoy watching a short movie. All materials will be provided.

**Seed Gardening with the Wallingford Garden Club**
Tuesday, Apr 19th | 5pm | Grades K-5
Children’s Program Room | [Click to register](#)
Plant a seed and watch it grow with the Wallingford Garden Club! We will be planting seeds right here in the library as well as reading a story and doing other fun seed activities.

**Gaming Club**
Saturday, Apr 23rd | 10:30am | Grades K-5
Wonder Room | Registration encouraged | [Click to register](#)
Come connect with other gamers in our community! We will have plenty of games on hand to choose from, but feel free to bring your own board, tabletop, or card games.

**Pokémon Club**
Saturday, Apr 23rd | 2-4pm | Grades K-5
Children’s Program Room | Registration encouraged | [Click to register](#)
Come hang out and play/talk Pokémon with Mr. Josh! Whether you’re a new trainer who wants to learn to play or you’re a champion looking for a challenge there is fun to be had at the Pokémon Club!

**Take and Make Kit**
**Big Ideas Book Club: Activism & Advocacy**
Week of Monday, Apr 18th | Ages 0-8
Registration required | [Click to register](#)
This is an inclusive book club kit for families who want to introduce their kids to big ideas through developmentally appropriate books, discussion, and activities. Books included in kits will be checked out to your library card.

**Bilingual Homework Help**
Mondays & Wednesdays | 4-8pm
Grades K-5 | Children’s Room | Drop-in
The Wallingford Public Library offers FREE drop-in Homework Help! Homework Help is offered in English and Spanish and follows the public school calendar. The program is not offered on days that the public schools are closed. This program is made possible by generous support from The Latimer Group.

**Ayuda Bilingue con las Tareas**
Lunes Y Miércoles | De 4 a 8pm
Grados K-5 | Será en la sala de programas para niños | Drop-in
Tiene preguntas a cerca de las tareas de sus hijos? La Biblioteca Publica de Wallingford les ofrece ayuda GRATIS y conveniente. La ayuda con las tareas se ofrece en Ingles y Espanol durante el calendario escolar. Este programa se hizo posible gracias al generoso aporte de The Latimer Group.
**The Nature Corner**

The Nature Corner is totally hopping! This spring and summer, come check out our tadpole tank as we learn about pond ecosystems and how tadpoles turn into frogs! There will be froggy facts, activities, and coloring pages to complete. We are also looking for tadpole residents, so if you have tadpoles that live in or near your neighborhood you can bring one to the library to hang out in our tank for summer vacation! (All tadpoles will be released in local ponds once they become frogs.) Each month we will learn about a specific type of frog—April for Bullfrogs, May for Pickerel Frogs, and June for Green Frogs.

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**For Parents and Educators**

**Nailed It:** Pinterest-Inspired Crafts Made by Grown-ups for Their Littles

**Thursday, Apr 7th | 7pm | Adults | Wonder Room**

Click to register

Create a zipper busy board for your toddler. This program is intended for adults to craft something for the child in their lives. Come alone or with your little one, we will have toys and coloring sheets available while you craft.

**WECARE Workshop:**

**Discovering Ways to Foster Social Emotional Growth in Young Children**

**Thursday, Apr 28th | 6:30pm**

**Preschool Parents & Teachers**

**Hybrid: Community Room & Zoom | Click to register**

Find out about some ways you can help young children regulate their emotions through the use of mindfulness. Learn some easy tools, strategies, and picture books you can incorporate into your preschool classrooms to help promote more mindful behavior. When registering, you will be able to choose whether you’d like to attend the program in person or via Zoom. For those who select Zoom, the link will be sent out on the day of the program.

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**Story Times**

Registration is required for all story time classes and opens online at 9am weekly on the Sunday prior to the program. You may register your child for one program and/or time slot. Please ask us if you need help deciding which program is the best fit for your child.

**Click for Registration Calendar**

**Baby & Toddler Time**

**Ages 0-2 | 10:30am | Community Room**

**Tuesdays, Apr 5th-19th**

**Wednesdays, Apr 6th-20th**

This class introduces babies, toddlers, and their grown-ups to the library and each other while learning how to support their growth and development through songs, puppets, rhymes, and books.

**Preschool Story Time**

**Ages 3-5 | Thursdays, Apr 7th-21st | 10:30am**

**Children’s Program Room**

Books, puppets, and songs will reinforce your child’s pre-reading skills through repetition and rhyme. A craft is included that will help kids develop their fine motor skills.

**Virtual Family Story Time**

**Ages 0-5 | Fridays, Apr 8th-22nd | 10:30am | Zoom**

This early literacy enriched story time will explore books, songs, and rhymes for all ages from the comfort of your own home! A Zoom link will be sent via email the day of the program.

**Family Story Time**

**Ages 0-5 | Community Room**

**Wednesdays, Apr 6th & 13th | 6:30pm**

**Saturday, Apr 16th | 10:30am**

Join us for a fun interactive story time for all ages and stages.

**Movers and Shakers Story Time**

**Ages 3-5 | Wednesday, Apr 27th | 10:30am**

**Children’s Program Room | Click to register**

Come move, shake, jump, dance, and exercise with Mr. Josh as we read stories and sing songs.

**Virtual Programs**

Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email on the day of the program.

**Food Explorers:**

**Muffin Tin Pizzas**

**Monday, Apr 25th | 6:30pm | Grades K-5 | Zoom**

Registration required | Click to register

Join Food Explorers to make Muffin Tin Pizzas! You’ll make pizza crust from scratch to make these fun sized snacks. You’ll need the following ingredients: flour, sugar, active dry yeast, olive oil, pizza/marinara sauce, cheese and your choice of toppings. You will also need a muffin tin and rolling pin. A Zoom link will be emailed to registered families on the day of the program.

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**Outdoor Programs**

**Story Walk with Mrs. Stowe**

**Wednesday, Apr 13th | 9:30am OR 1:30pm | Ages 3-5**

**Marcus Cooke Park | Registration required**

Click to register

Take a walk in nature and listen to a story! Join retired kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Stowe, to find hidden pages from a book along a trail through the woods and learn about nature along the way! Meet under the pavilion at Marcus Cooke Park in Wallingford.

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## Adult Events

### Gatherings

#### Knit @ WPL
**Mondays, Apr 4th & 18th | 6-7:30pm**
Board Room* | No registration required

Knit @ WPL is a place where knitters and crocheters can practice their work in the company of others. Newcomers are welcome to join, but knitting experience is required.

#### WPL Play Readers
**Wednesday, Apr 6th | 6:30-8:30pm**
Collins Room | No registration required

The Wallingford Public Library Play Readers perform short plays, skits, scenes and monologues from long plays and movies. Comedy, tragicomedy, tragedy, melodrama and domestic scenes will be portrayed. The door is always open to newcomers. Stop by for a warm welcome by members of the troupe. And, of course, we hope you stay for our show!

#### Saturday Mornings with Poetry
**Saturday, Apr 12th & 26th | 9:45am-noon**
Zoom & Board Room | No registration required

A meeting of people who love reading and writing poetry. SMwP provides poetic opportunities for anyone to share their poetry, discuss the literary works of poets known and unknown, and expand skills in writing and editing poems in the shared camaraderie of comfortable, supportive members.

#### Wallingford Writers Community
**Saturday, Apr 16th | 2-4pm**
Zoom & Board Room

Join the Wallingford Writers Community and discover how the fellowship of other writers can help you pursue your writing goals! All meetings include dedicated writing time, craft techniques for fiction and literary nonfiction, and the opportunity to share work in a supportive, creative forum. To participate, contact Leah Farrell at lfarrell@wallingfordlibrary.org.

#### Spanish Conversation Group
**Thursdays | 4:30-5:30pm | Collins Room**
No registration required

Improve your Spanish in a friendly and non-judgmental space! All skill levels are welcome.

This program is made possible by generous support from The Latimer Group.

#### One-on-One Career Counseling
Sign up today to schedule your appointment with the library’s career specialist Sarah Eiseman!

Get personalized help with crafting a resume or cover letter or preparing for your big interview. Click here to get started or contact Leah Farrell at lfarrell@wallingfordlibrary.org. You will be contacted shortly to schedule your appointment.

Visit Connecticut Libraries between April 1st-30th for a chance to **Win a VISA gift card of up to $150!**

Nearly 140 Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association’s Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program.

Pick up your Passport at the Wallingford Public Library. We’ll give you your first stamp and a specially made gift! Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you their own unique gift.

Visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 6th. You’ll then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a $150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a $100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.
The Politics of Tea: The East India Company and British Tea Culture
Tuesday, Apr 12th | 7-8pm | Zoom & Community Room | Registration required | Click to register
For all its genteel connotations, the history of tea is steeped in espionage, rebellion, and the rise of an empire. Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans to explore the background of the most lucrative corporate venture the world has ever known and the product it brought to the West at any cost. With a nod to the popular “Bridgerton” series, learn how tea infused British society from top to bottom and what to expect should you ever find yourself at afternoon tea. Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer.

Attend Virtually: The program will be streamed live from the library straight to your home through Zoom. Once registered, you will be contacted prior to the program with participation instructions.

Attend In Person: Face masks are recommended in the library.

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? Virtual Trivia Night
Tuesday, Apr 19th | 7-8pm | Zoom | Registration required | Click to register
Team up with family and friends or play alone! We will be accepting 15 teams, but individuals are welcome to play as their own team! Only one registration per team. Prior to the program you will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting along with instructions on how to play.

Poet Laureate Presents: Jason Koo
Tuesday, Apr 26th | 7-8pm | Zoom & Collins Room | Click to register
Jason Koo is a second-generation Korean-American poet, educator, editor and nonprofit director. Koo is the author of three full-length collections of poetry: More Than Mere Light, America’s Favorite Poem, and Man on Extremely Small Island, winner of the De Novo Poetry Prize and the Asian American Writers’ Workshop Members’ Choice Award for the best Asian American book of 2009. His work has been published or is forthcoming in the American Scholar, Best American Poetry, Missouri Review, Poetry Northwest, Village Voice, and Yale Review, among other places, and won fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Vermont Studio Center and New York State Writers Institute. He is the founder and executive director of Brooklyn Poets and creator of the Bridge, the world’s premier poetry network connecting poets and mentors. For his work with Brooklyn Poets, Koo was named one of the “100 Most Influential People in Brooklyn Culture” by Brooklyn Magazine.

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Watch The Recording: Can’t make it? All the above programs will be recorded and uploaded to the library’s YouTube soon after: youtube.com/user/wallingfordpublib

Registration for all programs is required unless otherwise noted.
In *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral*, the great Barbara Kingsolver wrote: “Every religious tradition from the northern hemisphere honors some form of April hallelujah, for this is the season of exquisite redemption, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts.” And as the ice and chills ease, we can rejoice not only in the arrival of spring but in all the new novels that are coming out to celebrate the new season. Here are some terrific titles to anticipate along with the warmer weather:

**Atomic Anna** by Rachel Barenbaum — During the Chernobyl meltdown in 1986, a renowned nuclear scientist goes forward in time to 1992 where her daughter asks her to go back through time and prevent the disaster.

**The Candy House** by Jennifer Egan — A tech genius develops “Own Your Unconscious,” a new technology that allows you to access every memory you’ve ever had and to share memories in exchange for access to the memories of others.

**Cover Story** by Susan Rigetti — During a summer internship at a magazine an aspiring writer strikes up a friendship with the contributing editor, who convinces her to drop out of school to become her ghostwriter.

**Delphine Jones Takes a Chance** by Beth Morrey — A single mother who never finished high school is given an opportunity to go back and try to graduate.

**End of the World House** by Adrienne Celt — Two best friends on vacation in Paris accept a private tour of the Louvre from a strange man and find themselves trapped alone in the museum on a day that keeps repeating itself.

**Hope and Glory** by Jendella Benson — When a woman leaves her glamorous life in Los Angeles and returns to London to mourn her father’s death, she discovers that her previously close-knit family has fallen apart.

**Insomnia** by Sarah Pinborough — A woman starts to be unable to sleep as she approaches her 40th birthday, a symptom of her mother’s insanity at the same age, making her wonder if the madness is in her blood or if she is slowly losing her mind.

**Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Gamus — A chemist and single mother becomes the reluctant star of America’s most beloved cooking show in the 1960s.

**Let’s Not Do That Again** by Grant Ginder — A woman who is running for the Senate tries to save her campaign after her daughter makes headlines as an extremist protestor in Paris.

**The Patron Saint of Second Chances** by Christine Simon — A town’s self-appointed mayor must raise funds to fix the town’s pipes and spreads a rumor that a famous actor will be filming his new movie nearby.

**Search** by Michelle Huneven — A restaurant critic, food writer and longtime member of a progressive Unitarian Universalist congregation who is on the church search committee secretly writes a memoir with recipes.

**Seven Steeples** by Sara Baume — A couple move into a remote house in the Irish countryside with their dogs and start to understand more about the small world around them.

**The Sign for Home** by Blair Fell — When a young, hearing-impaired man learns that the woman he thought he’d lost forever might still be out there, he and his misfit friends set out on a cross-country trip to find her.

**Young Mungo** by Douglas Stuart — In this follow-up to the Booker Prize-winning *Shuggie Bain*, two young men who should be enemies due to their religious backgrounds fall in love.

**The Younger Wife** by Sally Hepworth — A successful heart surgeon who wants to remarry must first divorce his current wife, who is in a care home suffering from dementia.

Also of note this month are the 3rd Archer thriller by David Baldacci (*Dream Town*), the 5th Daniel Pitt mystery by Anne Perry (*Three Debts Paid*), the 16th installment in the Sigma Force series by James Rollins (*Kingdom of Bones*) and new novels by Heather Graham (*Crimson Summer*), Jane Green (*Sister Stardust*), James Patterson (*Death of the Black Widow*), John Sandford (*The Investigator*), Danielle Steel (*Beautiful*) and Adriana Trigiani (*The Good Left Undone*).
Mystery Book Group
Water Like a Stone by Deborah Crombie
Wednesday, Apr 6th | 3-4:15pm | Zoom & Community Room
Discussion moderated by Professor and Author Carole Shmurak
In this 11th installment in the Duncan Kincaid and Emma James series, the two detectives spend what should be an idyllic Christmas holiday at Kincaid’s parents’ home in the English countryside. But after a teenager drowns in a local canal, the remains of an infant are found in a nearby dairy barn. And then a third, more violent death, occurs. The detectives soon realize that all three deaths are intertwined and that it’s time for old wrongs to be made right.

To participate, contact Carole at cshmurak@gmail.com and put “Wallingford Mystery Book Club” in the subject line.

Thursday Night Book Club
Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner
Thursday, Apr 21st | 6:30-8pm | Zoom & Collins Room
Discussion moderated by Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken
Two couples meet during the Depression on a college campus in Madison, Wisconsin. The men, one a wealthy poet and the other a poor but a talented novelist, are instructors in the English department. Their pregnant wives instantly become friends and the four begin a 40-year close friendship. Pulitzer Prize-winning Stegner’s final novel is about the passage of time, inevitable loss, memories and love.

To participate and for details about meeting virtually or in-person, contact Cindy at chaiken@wallingfordlibrary.org

Cindy’s Picks!

In Love by Amy Bloom
Silverview by John Le Carré
Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan

Book Seller Hours
Mon, Tue, Fri, & Sat
10am - 12noon
Wed
10am - 12noon & 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Thu
2:30pm - 4:30pm

April Specials:
Self-Help, Inspiration & Religion, DVDs, CDs, & Audiobooks
Buy One, Get One Free
In the Collaboratory

Registration Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Registration begins at 7am on the 22nd of the month prior. Collaboratory programs are open to adults and teens in grades 9+ unless otherwise noted. Due to the one-on-one nature of our in-person programs, masks will be required for all participants.

Waterfall Jars
Monday, Apr 4th | 3-4:30pm OR Tuesday, Apr 5th | 7-8:30pm
Register for Monday | Register for Tuesday
Bring a little spring into your home this April as we create tiny water features in jars! All supplies are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring additional materials (such as rocks, fake plants, shells, garden ornaments and aquarium decorations) to personalize their projects.

Needle Felted Rabbits
Wednesday, Apr 6th | 7-8:30pm OR Thursday, Apr 7th | 3-4:30pm
Register for Wednesday | Register for Thursday
Learn how to needle felt by hand and create a small, decorative rabbit. Needle felting uses a barbed needle to mat fibers together, typically in wool.

Painted Flowers in Bloom Garden Rock
Tuesday, Apr 12th | 6:30-8:30pm OR Wednesday, Apr 13th | 6:30-8:30pm
Register for Tuesday | Register for Thursday
Paint a yellow daisy, forget me nots and a small lilac sprig on a garden rock.

Talking TED @ Home
Thursday, Apr 14th | 7-8pm | Adults | Zoom | Click to register
Join librarian Cindy Haiken on Zoom to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Once registered, you will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email on the day of the event. In April, we will watch and discuss Kate Bowler’s “Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved.”

In life’s toughest moments, how do you go on living? Kate Bowler has been exploring this question ever since she was diagnosed with stage IV cancer at age 35. In a profound, heartbreaking and unexpectedly funny talk, she offers some answers—challenging the idea that “everything happens for a reason” and sharing hard-won wisdom about how to make sense of the world after your life is suddenly, completely changed. “I believe that in the darkness, even there, there will be beauty and there will be love,” she says.

Monogrammed Faux Leather Key Fobs
Wednesday, Apr 20th | 7-8:30pm OR Thursday, Apr 21st | 3-4:30pm
Register for Wednesday | Register for Thursday
Did you know that you can use our Cricut Maker machine to do leather work? We will be using it to make monogrammed key chains in this class. If you are concerned about animal products don’t worry; we will be using faux leather. Note: this is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously.

Decorative Books
Wednesday Apr 27th | 7-8:30pm OR Thursday, Apr 28th | 3-4:30pm
Register for Wednesday | Register for Thursday
In this class we will make two different styles of decorative books: a flag book and a blossom book. Both styles are made by cutting, folding, and gluing paper.
Open Sew
Tuesday, Apr 5th (first Tuesday of the month) | 5:30-8:30pm
Adults & Teens in Grades 9+ | Collaboratory | Drop-in
Do you like to sew? Join people who enjoy quilting and sewing at a casual “drop in” program. Bring your unfinished projects, either hand sewing or machine. There are 4 portable sewing machines (or bring your own) and lots of sewing supplies and tools provided by the library for your use.

We’re leaving the winter behind! Here’s a look at some of the projects we made in the Collaboratory during the snowy months! Check out the Collaboratory’s quarterly programs flyer to see everything happening this spring: walpublib.org/3tT0Gve

Seed Library
It’s planting season! Thanks to a number of generous donors, we are able to offer a robust selection of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds for the 2022 growing season. Stop by the library to choose your favorites. Please limit yourself to 10 packets per household from the indoor Seed Library to ensure an abundant supply for the entire community.

On fair weather days, the Mini Seed Library will return to the outdoor tables by the rear entrance for those unable to enter the building.

Max Facts from Max Spurr
We have another BIG addition to the Collaboratory! I am excited to announce that we are now the proud owners of a Canon imagePrograf TA-20 poster printer. We don’t design or edit the posters for you, but for anyone who wants to be able to print their own posters or banners at a professional quality, this is an amazing machine. The pricing is $3 per linear foot (for example, a standard 36” x 24” poster would cost $9 at this rate). 24 inches is the maximum width the poster can print, and the length is variable. The poster printer is a little more complicated than using the other printers we have in the Collaboratory. In order to have the posters come out correctly, images must be at least 300 DPI and be sized correctly for the desired printed dimensions. For clarification and more information on the policies/use of the poster printer, see the Collaboratory website or talk to the staff!

Submit Poster Printer Requests Here
Just for Teens

Registration for all programs is required unless otherwise noted.

Laser Etched Suncatchers
Wednesdays, Apr 6th & 20th | 3-4:30pm | Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | Click to register
Make your own custom suncatcher by creating a design to be cut and etched on the laser cutter. During the second session, you’ll be able to add paint to your design to give it a stained glass look.

Wizard of Oz Drama Workshop
Tuesday, Apr 12th | 2-3:30pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | Click to register
Join returning instructor Ingrid Schaeffer in this interactive drama workshop. Participants will begin with some fun thematic games and improvisations that lead into the reading of a short one-act play of The Wizard of Oz. Then we will rehearse a scene from the play and perform it! No pressure to memorize lines, just a fun way to bring this classic story to life.

Teen Spring Break Movie
Wednesday, Apr 13th | 2-4:30pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | Drop-in
Let’s get together and watch a movie during spring break!

Vote on what to watch here: bit.ly/35X4rHo
Movie choices: Encanto, Twilight, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, Pride and Prejudice (2005), or Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings. The winning title will be announced in late March.

Anime Night
Thursday, Apr 14th | 6-8pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12
Registration appreciated | Click to register
You get to decide what we watch next Anime Night. The winning title will be announced in late March. Be sure to vote early for your selection!

Vote on what to watch here: bit.ly/3JdYBQf
Anime choices: Konosuba: Legend of Crimson, The Promised Neverland, JoJo’s Bizarre Adventure, or Re:Zero- Starting Life in Another World.

Make Your Own Terrarium
Tuesday, Apr 19th | 6-7pm | Collaboratory | Grades 6-12 | Click to register
Join Jill from PlantHer Garden Coaching to create your own unique terrarium. Jill will also offer tips on maintaining your terrarium.

Clay Succulents
Saturday, Apr 23rd | 10:30am-1:30pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | Click to register
Join artist Deb Jaffe to learn to make a variety of realistic succulent plants using polymer clay.

Teen Gaming Club
Tuesday, Apr 26th | 6-8pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | Click to register
Come jam some board games, trading card games, and video games at the library! Whether you’re looking to learn a new board game, trying to test out a new Magic the Gathering Deck, or seeking to assert your dominance in classic Mario Kart you’ll find something fun here!

Teen Movie: Spider-Man: No Way Home [PG-13]
Thursday, Apr 28th | 2-4:30pm | Community Room | Grades 6-12 | Drop-in
School’s out early so let’s get together and watch a movie! This month, we’ll watch Spider-Man: No Way Home, just in time to recap before Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness comes out next week. Snacks will be served.

Peter Parker is now unmasked, his identity as Spider-Man known to the world. In a way, he likes it that his girl MJ knows his true identity, the same with his best friend Ned and Aunt May. However, problems follow this reveal. Thus, Peter approaches Doctor Strange to help him resolve the situation by performing a specific time-altering ritual. But that also bears some unintended and problematic consequences.
After Transcendent Kingdom

by Chris Ciemniowski

Have you finished reading Yaa Gyasi’s Transcendent Kingdom? Are you looking for books that explore similar themes? WPL’s Readers Advisory Librarian Cindy Haiken helped me create this list of read-alikes by topic!

One of the major themes throughout the book is the idea that faith and science are not at odds with one another, but are each important to a fulfilling existence. Alistair McGrath’s book The Big Question (201.65 ALI) seeks to make peace between these often conflicting concepts. He discusses how scientists and theologians both seek answers to the big questions of existence and how both approaches have value and even overlap from time to time.

Darwin’s Pious Idea

(231.7652 CUN) by Conor Cunningham similarly argues that faith and science are compatible, specifically using the concepts of evolution and creationism to prove his point.

In his book, The Science of God (261.55 SCH), physicist and Biblical scholar Gerald Schroeder takes a more philosophical approach. He writes about concepts such as freewill, the creation of the universe, the theory of relativity, and the passage of time from both a theological and a scientific perspective, often finding that the explanations for these concepts are more similar than they are different.

Early on in Transcendent Kingdom, readers find out that Gifty’s brother Nana has died from a heroin overdose. With America currently facing an opioid epidemic, the library has a number of books about this issue. American Fix (362.293 HAM) by Ryan Hampton is a good primer on the topic. Ryan recalls his personal struggle with addiction, while also illuminating the many factors that contribute to the ongoing crisis.

For a more investigative approach to the opioid epidemic, you may prefer Dreamland (362.293 QUI) by journalist Sam Quinones. Quinones begins his book by describing how many once-prosperous 1930s rural communities have been devastated by drugs and addiction and seeks to answer the question “How did this happen?” The journey reveals that there is not one single factor that led to the present-day social devastation, but instead a perfect storm of drug cartels, big pharma, narcotics investigators, and capitalism run amuck.

In Transcendent Kingdom, readers learn that Gifty’s mother suffers from clinical depression. In today’s ever-more strained society, depression is increasingly common. Reading about others’ battles with depression can be a comfort, letting you know you are not alone.

It’s OK that You’re Not OK (155.93 DEV) by Megan Devine examines grief incurred after a loss, from her perspective as both a therapist and someone who has experienced such grief after loss. She deconstructs the myths many of us are familiar with such as the stages of grief, overcoming your pain, and the negative affects of other well-meaning advice. She explains that grief is not something to “overcome,” but just another emotion we will all experience at some point.

Lori Gottlieb offers a more upbeat, but no less insightful approach to the therapeutic process in Maybe You Should Talk to Someone (616.89 GOT). With quirky humor, Gottlieb describes her experiences talking to her therapist about her grief and to her own clients as a therapist herself. While discovering that we all have insecurities, anxieties, and guilt, she demonstrates the importance of talking with others and how helpful it has been to learn that we are all messed up in our own ways.

In Reasons to Stay Alive (B HAI), author Matt Haig recalls his own battle with mental illness. At the age of 24, Matt was nearly incapacitated by intense social anxiety and a desire to cease existing. While not a self-help book per se, Matt explains the ways in which he found joy and purpose in life again through non-clinical means.

In the month of Women's History Month, the library has a number of books about the history of women in science. The Glass Universe (522.1974 THE) by Dava Sobel, 19th-century women observers at Harvard were employed to interpret the findings of their male counterparts. Soon, however, this group of women began making discoveries of their own, becoming one of the most influential groups of astronomers. The Glass Universe is a collection of their findings and memoirs from the group’s inception to the present day, revealing as much about the stars as it does about the history of women in science.

Mary Anning was also a young girl when she discovered a love of science. The Fossil Hunter (560.92 EML) by Shelley Emling recalls how at the age of 11, Mary discovered the first dinosaur skeleton in 1811. The book explores her rise from hobby fossil hunter into academic researcher. Her research eventually inspired Charles Darwin to form his theory of evolution.

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—Yaa Gyasi, Transcendent Kingdom

April Hours

Main Library
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 9pm
Saturday
9:30am - 5pm
Sunday
12noon - 4pm

Scheduled Closings
Library Carpet Replacement
Tuesday, March 29th

Easter
Sunday, April 17th

Yalesville Branch
Closed

#CaughtReadingTK
Let’s see how many Wallingford residents get caught reading Transcendent Kingdom!

If you’re reading Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi as part of One Book One Wallingford, snap a selfie of yourself with the book and post it to social media with the hashtag #CaughtReadingTK. Every person who posts a photo, tags the library, and uses the hashtag will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win both a copy of Transcendent Kingdom AND Homegoing, each signed by the author.

In Others’ Words...

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