

The Librarian

Newspaper of the Stonington Free Library

Summer 2015 Issue

THROUGH THE RABBIT HOLE

By Margaret Victoria, Director

At 6pm on April 25th, 130 intrepid individuals fell through the rabbit hole at the front doors of the Library to enter Wonderland. They were greeted by all manner of strange characters and individuals who plied them with drinks and food while they learned at which mysterious place they were destined to dine for the evening. Thus began the 7th Annual Mystery Dinner celebrating the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.



At 7pm sharp, the lights flickered and guests were ushered out of the Library to the tune of "I'm late, I'm late" and off they went to spend a brisk Spring evening at one of our 18 host homes for dinner and conversation.



Endless thanks to the tremendous leadership of veteran Event Committee Chairs Anne Fix and Christine Turrentine. Many of the colorful costumes worn by servers, bartenders, and greeters were loaned to us by Pine Point School which had recently done a production of Alice in Wonderland. Guests, as well, came decked out in their Wonderland finest which made for a spirited evening.



A very special thanks to our dinner hosts who dedicated much time, effort, and expense to provide a memorable experience for each of the guests:

Shirley Beal
Anne Fix and Kevin Bowdler
Ann and Charlie Buffum
Kathy and Tig Conger
Nan and Ted Danforth
Dudley and Michael Del Balso



Denise and Richard Easton
Vivian Von Walstrom and Rick Farmer
Geraldine Griffin with
Josh and Alejandra Welch
Deb Norman and Chris Jussel
Alexa and Dan Pearson
Bev and Geoff Phillips
Julia and Mike Roberts
Heidi and Rob Simmons
Rae and Steve Singer



Deb Dodds and Greg Smith
Kim and Mark Spano with
Ed Falkman and Della Drees
Liz and Bob Wood with
Janet and Charlie Hatton



And we could not have put the event together without the tireless efforts of the Mystery Dinner Committee who began working in January to make sure no detail was overlooked:

Ann Buffum
Denise Collins
Nan Danforth
Melissa Floyd
Barbara Ginsberg



Allegra Griffiths
Janet Hatton
Sibby Lynch
Ruth Saunders
Clare Sheridan
Alejandra Welch
Margaret Victoria
Anne Fix (chair)
Chris Turrentine (chair)

Bold = Adult Activities 🏠 = Pre-registration Required. Please call.

JUNE

6	10:30 am	Junior Maker Space
		Building with LEGO® bricks
10	5:30 pm	TV (Teen Volunteer)
		Training for Summer Reading Program - Applications due before this date 🏠
11	4:30 pm	TV (Teen Volunteer) Training for Summer Reading Program - Applications due before this date 🏠
13	10:30 am	Minecraft Junior Maker Space
15	10:00 am	Registration OPENS for Summer Reading Program
17	6:30 pm	Frozen Family Concert with Anna & Elsa (All ages) 🏠
19	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
20	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
22	10:00 am	The SUPER Market OPENS
		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
23		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
24		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
	6:30 pm	PJ Story Time
25		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
26		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
27		Make a Plate Drop In (All ages) Material cost \$7.50
	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
29	10:30 am	<i>Little Blue Truck</i> Day – Story Time and a visit from an antique little blue truck
30	11:00 am	Bubbleology – Fun bubbles and the science behind them (Ages 5+) 🏠



JULY

1	6:30 pm	<i>A Chair for My Mother</i> PJ Story Time and Craft
2	11:00 am	Tutu Craft (Ages 3 – 8) 🏠
	3:30 pm	Sharpie Tie Dye Bring a clean white cotton tee shirt (Ages 10+) 🏠
3-4		Library Closed for Independence Day... See you at the July 4 Parade @ 10 am
6	10:30 am	Story Time
7	3:30 pm	Duck Tape Designers (Ages 10+) 🏠
8	6:30 pm	PJ Story Time
9	11:00 am	Sciencetellers Super Heroes @ the COMO (Ages 4+) 🏠
10	10:30 am	Bess Eaton Donut Day (All ages) 🏠
	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
11	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
13	10:30 am	Story Time
	4:00 pm	Jester Jim @ the High School Auditorium (Ages 4+) 🏠
	6:00 pm	Join us on the Connecticut Author Trail – the Stonington CAT stop features Charlotte Rogan speaking about her book <i>The Lifeboat</i>. For other stops, go to connecticutauthortrail.org/follow-the-trail/
14	3:00 pm	Kids Painting Party, a lesson with a professional (Ages 6 – 9) 🏠
15	6:30 pm	Lullabies at the Library with Bergin O’Malley
16	3:00 pm	Teen Painting Party, a lesson with a professional (Ages 10+) 🏠
17	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
18	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
19	5:00 pm	<i>Sunday Evening Lecture Series</i> with Fritz Schwarz <i>Democracy in the Dark: The Seduction of Government Secrecy</i> at The La Grua Center
20	10:30 am	Touch a Boat! @ the Town Dock Rain Date 7/27
21	11:00 am	Hula Hoop Heroes – Outside on the lawn (Ages 4+) Rain date 7/23 🏠
22	6:30 pm	PJ Story Time
23	4:00 pm	Candy Sushi (Ages 10+) 🏠
24	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
25	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
27	10:30 am	Story Time
28	10:30 am	Animals in Disguise (Ages 4 – 11) 🏠
29	6:00 pm	TV (Teen Volunteer) Pizza Party 🏠
31		LAST Day for Summer Reading Program 2015! SUPER Market closes! Bring in your logs!

AUGUST

3	6:00 pm	Prize Awards and After Hours
		Ice Cream Sundaes (All ages) 🏠
7	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
8	10:30 am	Minecraft Junior Maker Space
	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
14	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
15	10:30 am	Saturday in Stonington – Play Dough Day
	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
16	5:00 pm	<i>Sunday Evening Lecture Series</i> with Anthony Flint <i>Modern Man: The Life of Le Corbusier, Architect of Tomorrow</i> at The La Grua Center
21	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
22	10:30 am	Saturday in Stonington – Painting Day
	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
28	1:00 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)
29	10:30 am	Saturday in Stonington – Sidewalk Chalk Outside!
	12:30 pm	Teen Wii U Gaming (Ages 9 – 18)



Bookworms

By Maris Frey, Children’s Librarian



Summer Reading Program

With warmer weather arriving, thoughts turn to our popular Summer Reading Program, ready to kick off with registration opening on June 15. Our themes are **Little Superheroes** for our youngest group, children entering kindergarten and younger, **Every Hero Has a Story** for students entering grades one through five, and **Unmask** for students entering grades six and above. Students will earn Mighty Bucks for their reading time and will have the opportunity to spend them in our summer store, the SUPER Market, which will open on June 22. Please remember you must register in order to start counting your reading time. The **LAST** day to earn and spend Mighty Bucks will be July 31 and our traditional after hours Ice Cream Party and basket award ceremony will be held on August 3 at 6 pm. We have wonderful programs planned for all age groups and are again most grateful to the Dog Watch Café, for making our special programming possible.



Thanks to a generous grant from an anonymous family foundation, we will be able to take portions of our Summer Reading Program “on the road” this year. This will enable children in some of our area’s summer camps and community centers to enjoy performers, a selection of books and an opportunity to register for the Summer Reading Program at their locations.

We will be collaborating with the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center again with Read and Feed, our Outreach to those in need in our community. Summertime brings an increased demand for Food Pantry items at the PNC, but unfortunately, donations drop during the summer months. Each time a child brings in a food, health or beauty item for us to donate to the PNC, they will receive a free basket ticket. Our contributions were very much appreciated last year, so we have set a goal of donating 700 items this year. We can do it! We will begin accepting donations in the Children’s Room on June 15.

Wii U Gaming Available for Ages 9 – 18!!

A grant awarded from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT has made Wii U gaming available in our Teen Room! We also have some new furnishings made available through the generosity of the Rotary Club of the Stoningtons and the Chelsea Groton Foundation. Summer hours for gaming will be Fridays 1 - 4:30 and Saturdays 12:30 - 2:30. Stop in and check out the new 55” TV!

Happy Summer!
Watch out for new programs and returning favorites by following us on Facebook or our webpage: www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org
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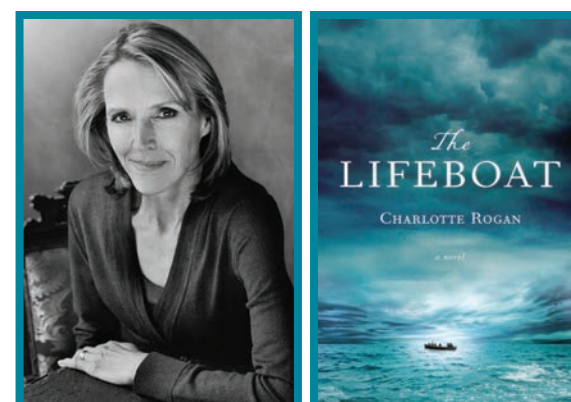
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Connecticut Authors Trail

Starting its seventh year, the Connecticut Authors Trail continues to grow, adding new libraries each year. The kickoff event on July 7, 2015 is at the Janet Carlson Calvert Library in Franklin, CT. The trail ends on Thursday, September 10, 2015, 6:15 – 9:00 pm at the Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre with special guest Rob Landolphi, author of *Gluten Free Everyday Cookbook*, *Quick Fix Gluten Free Cookbook*, and *Cooking Light-The Gluten Free Baking Book*.

The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Eastern Connecticut Libraries who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. At each Connecticut Authors Trail event, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories.

Stonington Free Library's Connecticut Authors Trail event features Charlotte Rogan, author of *The Lifeboat* on **Monday, July 13 at 6 pm at the Library**. Ms. Rogan graduated from Princeton University in 1975. She worked at various jobs, mostly in the fields of architecture and engineering, before teaching herself to write and staying home to bring up triplets. An old criminal law text and her childhood experiences among a family of sailors provided inspiration for *The Lifeboat*, her first novel. After many years in Dallas and a year in Johannesburg, she and her husband now live in Westport, Connecticut.



We invite you to follow the 7th Annual CAT by picking up a **free** passport, your guide to the author events, available at participating libraries throughout the summer. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a themed basket. You must attend the finale on September 10 to be entered in the drawing for themed baskets.

Events are also listed on the website: <http://connecticutauthorstrail.org/follow-the-trail/>. If you miss an event during the summer, you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale. The doors to The Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre open at 6:15 pm.

Thank You!

Your voice was heard in Hartford! Thanks to your letters and emails to your elected officials, some funding for state funded library services was restored to the proposed state budget.

TEMPORARY CHANGE TO INTER LIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS

As a way to control costs, the State Library has selected a different vendor for the statewide reQuest catalog, the service used to borrow books from other libraries. There will be a period of time where you will need to either **call** 860-535-0658 or **email** stonlib@stoningtonfreelibrary.org to request items not owned by the Stonington Free Library; the current reQuest catalog will be unavailable for use. We will process your requests and notify you when the items are here for you to pick up. When the new reQuest catalog is available in Fall 2015, we will share it.

Be Homeful

Thank you to the *be homeful* project and the CT Coalition to End Homelessness for inviting us to partner with them to work to end family homelessness!



Kids around Connecticut have been joining Paddington and the *be homeful* project in making a difference in the lives of families in our state. You can do your part to make sure families can stay in the comfort of their home this year. It's easy— simply empty out a marmalade jar, decorate it with pictures that remind you of home, and hang a

be homeful tag around the neck. Then try to be clever like Paddington and figure out how you can fill your jar with change.

At the Library, we had a special Story Time that started with Micayla Hall reading Paddington followed by the chance for everyone to make their own “marmalade” jars to collect coins. Peoples Bank branches all over the state will collect the jars between Mother's Day and Father's Day. We will keep the information and jar materials available here at the Library so you can get involved with this great cause!



Help Us Reach Our 2014- 2015 Goal!

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year on June 30th. Thanks to many of you, we have made great progress toward our goal of \$175,000.00, but we are not quite there yet. If you have not yet donated to our Annual Fund, we ask that you help us in any way you can. We rely on private donations for a substantial portion of our budget. Every bit helps!

You can send a donation by mail to P.O. Box 232, Stonington, CT 06378, in person, at 20 High Street, or on our website at www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org/support

Thank you!!

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