

2023 Saxton B. Little Library Adult Summer Programs

Registration and sign-up required for most programs (unless noted).

Stop in to SBL or call 860-228-0350 to save your seat!

Email Cait at corlomoski@columbiactlibrary.org with questions.

JUNE

Mon. 26th: Summer Reading Begins! – Complete challenges on the adult program log to enter to win a new Kindle or gift certificates to local area coffee shops, restaurants, independent bookstores, and other businesses! Fill the whole sheet for ten extra tickets! Many thanks to East Willow Farm for donating one of our prizes!

Mon. 26th: Take-Home Craft: Poetry Kits – Take home a craft kit to create your own blackout poetry and magnetic poetry tiles at home. Limited quantity available starting 6/26. First-come, first-served. One kit per family, please.

Mon. 26th @ 3:00pm: Spice Club – Paprika(s) – In this program led by Cait, we'll talk about this month's spice, learning about its history, uses, and health benefits. Then we'll share information about our cooking adventures!

Tues. 27th @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group – We're reading *How to Invent Everything: A Survival Guide for the Stranded Time Traveler* by Ryan North. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Wed. 28th from 11:00am-4:00pm: Kindness Rocks – Paint a positive message or book-themed rock (or a few!) for the Library garden or to bring home! All supplies provided. [No sign-up required]

JULY

Mon. 3rd @ 2:00pm: Stitch-Craft: Cross-Stitch for Beginners – Find your voice while learning a new craft! You'll learn all about the materials you'll need, how to read a pattern, how to best secure your thread, and all the tips and tricks to have a neat, finished project. Choose from a variety of patterns! All supplies provided. Adults and teens 13+

Tues. 4th: Library closed – Happy Fourth of July! *Library closed on Saturdays 7/1/23 through Labor Day.*

Wed. 5th @ 6:30pm: "This Business of Fighting:" The WWII Letters of Lt. Anton Pritchard – A few years ago, Arnie Pritchard inherited the World War II army footlocker of his father, Anton (Tony) Pritchard. It turned out to contain hundreds of letters and other family papers from Tony's service in the Army and in the United Nations' refugee program in postwar Europe. From these letters Arnie has created a story focused on Tony's time in the front lines in Europe. It portrays a young man dealing with everything from raw fear to his role as a leader to his exposure to a world both wider and more brutal than he had known. Tony wonders how he will respond to his first combat, crawls through the freezing woods of the Ardennes under enemy fire, and sees crowds of escaping forced laborers wandering the roads of Germany as the Nazi regime was collapsing. Questions and discussion will follow the story.

Thurs. 6th @ 12:00pm: Picture This! Book Club – This month, this adult book group meets to discuss picture books around the "Find Your Voice" theme! Contact us for more information. [No sign-up required]

Mon. 10th @ 2:00pm: Flower Pot Decorating – Grow your artistic creativity and decorate a flower pot in a variety of styles for your garden. Replicate one of our samples, or go wild with the supplies provided! Adults and teens 13+

Tues. 11th @ 6:30pm: Fiction Book Group – We're reading *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Week of the 16th: Surprise Beach Book Giveaway! – Look for Cait and Megan on the beach at Columbia Lake sometime this week! [No sign-up required]

Mon. 17th @ 2:00pm: Any Book Book Club – Read any book of your choice and report back to the group about your reading – Did you love it or hate it? Who would you recommend the book to? Watch your to-be-read pile grow and connect with fellow readers. [No sign-up required]

Tues. 18th @ 6:30pm: Summer Foraging – The summer months are a bounty of ripe berries, nectar-laden edible flowers, amazing edible plants along the seashore, and edible mushrooms that can carpet the forest floor after warm, rainy days. Learn how to identify, sustainably harvest, and prepare the wild foods of summer, from beach plums to invasive wineberries, including some of the choice summer fungi like chanterelles and the myriad of pored Boletes. Join The 3 Foragers as they teach the edible plants and fungi of summer with their original photos and recipe ideas featured in an educational slideshow.

Wed. 19th @ 6:30pm: Songs to Sing with Rick & Dawn – Join us for a presentation of songs from between the mid-19th century right up to the 1960s. Some are familiar, others not so much. All have chorus parts or refrains that are easy to learn and sing. From old time sea chanteys to songs from the rock 'n roll era, Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle will present songs that will encourage you to "Find Your Voice." Interesting historical information on the songs and their origins will be included.

Mon. 24th @ 3:00pm: Spice Club – Mint – In this program led by Cait, we'll talk about this month's spice, learning about its history, uses, and health benefits. Then we'll share information about our cooking adventures!

Tues. 25th @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group – We're reading *Fox and I: An Uncommon Friendship* by Catherine Raven. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Thurs. 27th @ 6:00pm: Beyond the Breed: Exploring Dog DNA with the CT Humane Society – Test your knowledge of different dog breeds while learning about how they came to be. Learn why knowing the lineage of a dog can be important and how genetics contribute to pet health. For ages 10 through adult.

Mon. 31st @ 1:00pm: The Way Way Back Movie Screening – Join us to watch Cait's favorite summer movie, about an introverted teen finding his voice while working in a waterpark on the Cape over the summer. Starring Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Allison Janney, and Sam Rockwell. Rated PG-13. Snacks provided, subtitles on. Adults and older teens only, please. [No sign-up required]

AUGUST

Tues. 1st @ 6:30pm: The Civil War Search for a New National Anthem w/ Walt Woodward & the Band of Steady Habits – This lecture and live musical performance details the incredible contest for a new Union national anthem at the start of the American Civil War, and the outpouring of patriotic music that ensued. In this presentation, created in part to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Walt Woodward combines historical analysis with his extensive background in professional songwriting and musical performance to bring new perspective to the Civil War music and patriotic anthems with the Band of Steady Habits. This is a toe-tapping, thought-provoking account of a little-known but important Civil War story. Come ready to sing!

Wed. 2nd @ 6:30pm: Voices in the Garden: A Nature Poetry Workshop – Join Poet and Herbalist, Nora Toomey, for a plants and poetry workshop in the community garden at Szegda Farms. Using prompts and free flow exercises, we will remember how to observe, find inspiration in our surroundings, and how to connect with ourselves through the world around us. This will be a fun, welcoming, generative workshop for anyone looking to connect to the plants and to their writing practice more deeply. In addition to writing our own poetry, participants will receive a packet of nature poetry from some of our most beloved poets. Together we will read, write, and connect to the plants around us! Bring a journal, pen, water, sunhat, and something to sit on!

Thurs. 3rd @ 12:00pm: Picture This! Book Club – This month, this adult book group meets to discuss picture books around the "Find Your Voice" theme! Contact us for more information. [No sign-up required]

Mon. 7th @ 2:00pm: Trace & Transfer Monoprints – Learn to create one-of-a-kind prints at home from your own photographs, drawings, or flat, found objects. In this two-hour session, artist Mike Sweeney will demonstrate techniques for developing one-of-a-kind monoprint images. This workshop includes the opportunity to print on a portable etching press while learning alternative methods for home printing. Each workshop participant will be guided through pulling one impression from the press. All tools and materials supplied. Participants will carry home their own original print in black ink and a printing plate to continue creating at home. Ink does stain; please dress accordingly. Adults and kids 12+

Wed. 9th from 12:00-1:00pm: D.E.A.R. on the Lawn! – Drop Everything And Read when you bring a book and grab a seat on the lawn at Yeomans Hall! Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. [No sign-up required]

Fri. 11th: Summer Reading officially ends today! – Return your reading log to the Library from August 15th to August 26th to be entered in our prize drawing! You will be contacted at the phone number you provide on the front of the log if you win one of our prizes.

Plus, coming on Saturday, 9/9 @ 11:00am: How to Get Your Book Published with Jan Yager, Ph.D. – In this interactive session you will hear about the various ways to get your book published, including commercial and hybrid publishers as well as self-publishing. Limited seating – registration available now!