

# PLANT A SEED, READ

## Saxton B. Little Library Adult Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program made possible by a grant from the SBM Charitable Foundation – thank you!

**Sign-up required for most programs (unless noted).**

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

Email Cait at [corlomoski@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:corlomoski@columbiactlibrary.org) with questions.

**Is your home garden generating more produce than you can possibly eat?**

Consider donating it to SBL's Summer Produce Pantry in our lobby!

## JUNE

**Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Summer Reading Begins!** – Complete challenges on the adult reading log to enter to win prizes! You choose which prizes you'd like to try for, including over a dozen gift cards to local Columbia and CT businesses!

**Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group** – We're reading *Coming Up Short: My Memoir of America* by Robert Reich. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

**Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm: Beach Book Giveaway** – Join Cait and Megan on the beach at Columbia Lake to pick up a FREE book and register for summer programs! (Rain date: 6/25) [No sign-up required]

**Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-7:00pm: Collage Day!** – Stop in and create something fabulous with our wide array of collage materials. Fun for all ages. [No sign-up required]

**Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm: Reading Mouse Paint-Along** – Join Melina from SBL to work step-by-step through the process of making a cozy, cute painting you can take home! Adults and teens 13+.

**Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: The Art of Lost Rituals: Green Burials** – Join Kate Bagnati of Dancing Soul Deathcare to learn about green burials and alternatives. You'll leave with knowledge on body dispositions, costs, and information on CT hybrid cemeteries and natural burial preserves in nearby states.

## JULY

**Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>: Library closed** – Happy Fourth of July! *Library open 10am-2pm on Saturdays 7/11 through 8/29.*

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00-3:00pm: Cat Café!** – Enjoy some light refreshments and a cozy visit with feline friends from PAWS Cat Shelter! Information on fostering and adoption will be available. Donations of cat food, monetary donations, and gift card donations to the shelter are encouraged. You must register for one of our 30-minute sessions.

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm: Crash Course Cooking: Pizza!** – Everything you want to know about making pizza in just two hours! Join Matt from My Productions CT as we explore the world's most popular food and make some fabulous pies for ourselves, baking them in ovens in our parking lot at SBL! Limited to 15 workstations, with 1-2 adults per station.

**Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm: Shibori Indigo Tie Dye** – Learn this ancient Japanese indigo dyeing method from start to finish! We'll provide one item for you to dye; you may bring one other pre-washed white fabric item to dye (t-shirt, socks, etc.). Two sessions. Adults and kids ages 5+

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm: Adult Crafternoon: DIY Prize Ribbons** – Embrace your whimsy and craft your own felt prize ribbon! What will your ribbon say? See samples at SBL for ideas. Minimal hand-sewing experience needed (running & blanket stitches). Adults and teens 13+.

**Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: Fiction Book Group** – We're reading *Finding Grace* by Loretta Rothschild. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

**Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm: Herbal Mocktails: Sipping Stories from the Garden** – Discover how herbs can nourish both body and imagination as we explore the intersection of flavor, folklore, and plant medicine with Nora Toomey of

True Bloom Apothecary. In this hands-on class, participants will craft refreshing herbal mocktails while learning the foundations of herbal syrups, sugars, and vinegars, along with the traditional uses, stories, and folklore connected to each botanical ingredient. Leave with practical herbal skills, new recipes to try at home, and a deeper appreciation for the rich tradition of herbal drink making. Limited to 20 participants. [\[held in the Columbia Community Garden at 42 Szegda Road – rain location at SBL\]](#)

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm: Adult Crafternoon: Hammer Dyeing** – You'll learn the unique art of "flower pounding," a technique that uses a small hammer and natural pigments from flowers and leaves to create colorful, abstract designs on fabric. This eco-friendly and creative process is a fun way to "hammer out" feelings, connect with nature, and craft something beautiful. Adults and teens 13+

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 21<sup>st</sup>: Plant Swap** – Swap your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings, or seeds! All plants must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. See SBL Staff for times and more details. [No sign-up required]

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm: Mastering the Art of Preserving Your Harvest** – Get ready to say goodbye to wasted produce and hello to a pantry full of delicious, homemade preserves! In this class, taught by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm in Colchester, we'll teach you the ins and outs of pickling, canning, freezing, and drying so you can turn your bountiful harvest into long-lasting, flavorful treats. From cucumbers to tomatoes, and herbs to fruits, we'll show you how to keep your harvest fresh and delicious.

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm: Weird Book Club** – We're reading *Sky Daddy* by Kate Folk. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 25<sup>th</sup>: Jigsaw Puzzle Swap** – Bring your gently-used puzzles (no pieces missing, please!) and swap them out for something new to you! See SBL Staff for full Puzzle Swap hours. [No sign-up required]

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am: Jigsaw Puzzle Race** -- Bring your own team of up to six people, or join up with others at this competition. All teams will be provided with the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. The first team to finish wins! Prizes will be awarded to the first three teams! Adults, teens, and children age 10+ can compete. [@ YEOMANS HALL](#)

**Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group** – We're reading *Tunnel 29: The True Story of an Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall* by Helena Merriman. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

**Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm: Polymer Clay Succulent Garden Workshop** – Join award-winning polymer clay artist Debbie Jaffe to create three different realistic faux plants in this workshop suitable for all skill levels and abilities. No artistic talent needed! Adults and teens 13+. Limited to 15 participants.

## AUGUST

**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00pm: Classics Club** – We'll be discussing William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*. Should it still be considered a classic piece of American literature? We'll decide! Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

**Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm: Build Your Own Bouquet with Wilkinson Farm** – Learn the basics of putting together a floral bouquet using a variety of cut flowers and ornamental greens. Participants will take home their own bouquet! Please bring a vase of your choice. Limited to 15 participants.

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: Blues 101 w/ Ramblin' Dan Stevens** – Explore the history of blues music in America from its origins in the African American tradition of the deep south to the present! The program is a multi-media presentation of classic blues pieces played on authentic vintage instruments interspersed with historical images, video and educational material. The music is traced chronologically through its development in different regions of the south and follows the great African American migration to important centers like Memphis, Chicago, and beyond. The roots of rock and roll, jazz and even hip hop can be traced to this important form.

**Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>: Summer Reading officially ends today!** – Return your reading log to the Library between August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.