

2024 Saxton B. Little Library Adult Summer Programs

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

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

Tues. 18th @ 6:30pm: Connecticut Cryptids – Join writer Patrick Scalisi and artist Valerie Ruby-Omen as they present their definitive guide to Connecticut cryptids. Exhaustively researched and fully illustrated, this is the only book you'll ever need to undertake your own search for CT's mysterious and mythical creatures.

Mon. 24th: Summer Reading Begins! – Complete challenges on the adult program log to enter to win prizes!

Mon. 24th: Take-and-Make Kit: Culinary Mushrooms – Grow your own oyster mushrooms at home with this kit from SBL! By following the provided detailed instructions, you'll be able to harvest your own mushrooms in less than four weeks! First-come, first-served while supplies last. One kit per household.

Tues. 25th @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group – We're reading *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Wed. 26th from 1:30-3:00pm: 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: 6/27) [No sign-up required]

Thurs. 27th from 11:00am-6:00pm: Book Bricks & Kindness Rocks – Paint a brick to look like your favorite book or make some kindness rocks. Bring home for your garden or leave for ours! All supplies provided. [No sign-up required]

Fri. 28th – Mon. 7/1: Jigsaw Puzzle Swap – Bring your gently-used puzzles (no pieces missing, please!) and swap them out for something new to you! No registration required. See SBL Staff for full Puzzle Swap hours.

Sat. 29th @ 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! Adults, teens, and children age 10+ can compete. @ YEOMANS HALL

JULY

Thurs. 4th: Library closed – Happy Fourth of July! *Library open 10am-2pm on Saturdays 7/6/24 through Labor Day.*

Fri. 5th – Mon. 8th: Craft Supply & Yarn Swap – Do you have a closet full of craft materials that you're never going to use? Or do you want to try something new but don't want to invest a lot in new supplies? This is the event for you! We welcome crafting materials of all sorts — yarn, fabric, tools, paper-crafting goods, stickers, ribbon, beads, books and magazines, etc. All donated items must be in good, usable condition — nothing damaged or otherwise unusable. No open containers of paint, glue, or similar items. Any items left at the end of the swap will be used by the library, donated, or discarded. You can begin dropping off supplies at SBL on Tuesday, 7/2. See SBL Staff for full Swap hours.

Tues. 9th @ 6:30pm: Fiction Book Group – We're reading *The Cherry Robbers* by Sarai Walker. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Wed. 10th @ 11:00am: Tour of the Bushnell! – Look behind the curtain with a behind-the-scenes tour of The Bushnell in Hartford! Experience the glamour of the historic Mortensen Hall; marvel at the luxuriousness of the Belding Theater; gaze at the 14-foot sparkling Chihuly chandelier; and rub elbows with celebrities (well, almost) as you view a variety of backstage areas rarely seen by the public – including their famous autograph room and star's green room. No transportation provided to Hartford – see staff for details. @ THE BUSHNELL

Wed. 10th @ 6:30pm: The Ovation Guitar – The Ovation Guitar, built in New Hartford, CT, played a significant role in the singer/songwriter explosion of the late 60's and the 70's. The advancements in live sound systems led to ever increasing concert sizes requiring an acoustic guitar that was yet to be produced. The Ovation Guitar Company stepped up to fill that void and propelled the singer/songwriter to the forefront of the music scene in that era. In this presentation, Jim Lenn will not only explore the history of the Ovation guitar, but the role it played during this period. Through pictures, stories, and recorded music from artists such as Glen Campbell, Cat Stevens, Simon & Garfunkel, Bread, John Denver, along with live music from Jim, you will see how these artists used the Ovation guitar to push their songs and careers to the top of the charts.

Thurs. 11th @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm: Shibori Indigo Tie Dye – Learn this ancient Japanese indigo dyeing method from start to finish! We'll provide a choice of pillowcase or tea towel for you to dye; you may bring one other pre-washed white fabric item to dye (t-shirt, socks, etc.). Two sessions, limited to 12 participants each. Adults and kids ages 5+

Mon. 15th @ 2:00pm: Add Magic to Your Wardrobe with Embroidery – Take inspiration from designs by @flynn_and_mabel on Instagram, and bring new life to an older piece of clothing. Bring along a sweatshirt, jeans, a denim jacket, or a bucket hat; choose a color palette and design; and get stitching! See examples at SBL beforehand. Basic sewing skills required. Adults and teens 14+

Tues. 16th @ 6:30pm: Botanical Beauty Class – Ready to ditch your store-bought beauty products? In this one-hour class led by Nora Toomey, we will explore the many applications plants have for glowing, vibrant, healthy skin! You will learn about a handful of skin-loving plants and discover how to use plant medicine both internally and externally for ultimate radiance. We will then go over a variety of botanical beauty recipes and make a brown sugar scrub and botanical bath soak together! Adults and teens 15+

Wed. 17th @ 6:30pm: Cookbook Club – We're discussing *Eat Better, Feel Better: My Recipes for Wellness and Healing, Inside and Out* by Giada De Laurentiis! Join us to discuss our experiences with the book – the good and the bad, the delicious, the disappointing – it's all up for discussion. If you'd like to bring a sample of something you've made from the book, feel free – but it's not required, and neither is tasting. [no registration required]

Mon. 22nd @ 2:00pm: Book Binding Workshop w/ Hartford Press Co-op – In this workshop with book artist Krista Narciso, participants will learn how to make their own softcover books from scratch. Fold, sew, and create books that can be used as journals, sketchbooks, or notepads. Sewing schemes for 3-hole, 5-hole, and chain stitch pamphlet books will be shown. Participants can expect to have time to make 1-2 books and will go home with bookbinding instructions, so you can continue to make more books on your own! Adults and teens 15+

Tues. 23rd @ 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Group – We're reading *Islands of Abandonment: Nature Rebounding in the Post-Human Landscape* by Cal Flyn. Check out a copy from SBL, and join us! [No sign-up required]

Mon. 29th – Tues. 30th: Plant Swap – Swap your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings, or seeds in our annual Swap. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. Plants can be in soil or as rooted cuttings in water – please only bring pots that you are willing to part with! Bring your own bags and/or containers to carry your new green friends home. Consider joining us on Tuesday's Repotting Clinic, too! No registration required for the Plant Swap. See SBL Staff for full Plant Swap hours.

Tues. 30th @ 6:30pm: Repotting Clinic w/ Logee's Greenhouse – Repotting your indoor plants can sound tricky, but proper potting is key to set your plant up for success. Join Mike Jordan, Curator of Plants at Logee's Greenhouse, who will demonstrate how to repot your plants using the proper soil composition for your plant type. We encourage you to bring your own plants and pots with drainage holes (1-2" bigger than the pot your plant is currently in) – soil will be provided. Leave with a newly-repotted plant and the confidence to tackle the rest of your houseplant jungle!

AUGUST

Fri. 2nd @ 2:00pm: Forest Bathing – Spending as little as 120 minutes a week in nature has been shown to improve your health and sense of well-being. Join us for a session of *shinrin yoku* led by Sue Hudd, Certified Forest Therapy Guide, to learn more about the Japanese art of forest bathing. We won't be swimming, but you will experience the restorative power of nature for yourself. See SBL Staff for location.

Mon. 5th @ 2:00pm: Linoleum Printmaking w/ Hartford Press Co-op. – Learn how to design, carve, and print your own linoleum block for custom relief prints with print artist Krista Narciso. Relief printing is the perfect introduction to printmaking, using soft linoleum, ink, and paper to create multiples of a work of art. Participants will go home with their linoleum blocks, so you will be able to continue to print more on your own. Adults and teens 15+

Tues. 6th @ 6:30pm: Edible Wild Mushrooms of Connecticut – Wild mushroom hunting for culinary purposes is a satisfying and delicious hobby, and CT has an abundance of tasty fungi to find. The diversity of species can be amazing as well as overwhelming – join The 3 Foragers to talk about the best edible mushrooms of each season. Photos of each mushroom are accompanied by appetizing images of dishes that feature the wild mushroom cooked in original recipes.

Fri. 9th: Summer Reading officially ends today! – Return your reading log to the Library between August 12th and August 24th 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.