

# THE chronicle

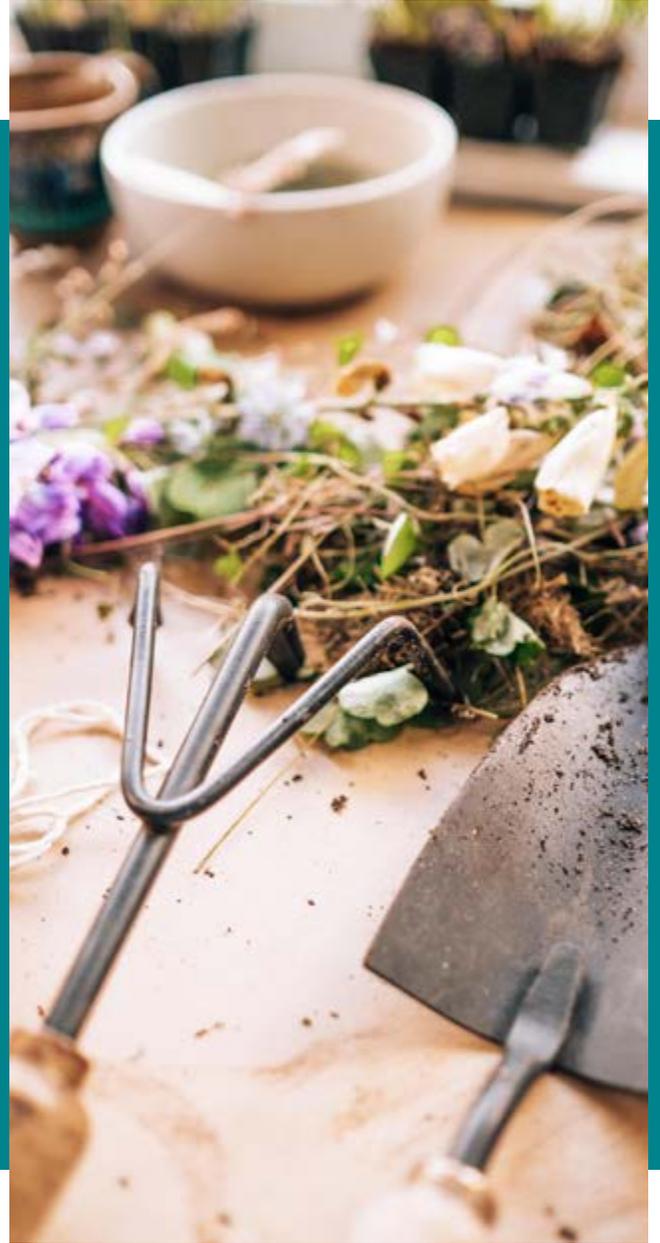
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## from the executive director

I am an avid e-book reader. Don't get me wrong, I swoon over physical books but there is something about always having a "book" on me that I find comforting. (Yes, I read on my phone. It's pretty big). Since e-books and recently, e-audiobooks, are my go-to I absolutely LOVE having free access to Libby and Hoopla through the library. That said, as a 2 books per week reader, I am frequently frustrated at the lack of e-books available and the long waits. And don't get me started about the number of incomplete series. Especially when Book #1 isn't even available. Being that I work in a library I know why this occurs, but many people do not. And it's something

that all libraries that offer e-books struggle with.

Libraries want to give their patrons what they want; we wish to fulfill every reader's needs but our hands (budgets) are tied.

There is no doubt that e-books offer convenience and accessibility, however, their availability through libraries is often fraught with restrictions imposed by publishers.

One major issue is cost. Unlike physical books, which libraries can purchase outright and lend indefinitely, e-books are often subject to pricey licensing agreements. Many publishers charge libraries significantly more for digital titles than consumers pay, and these licenses frequently expire after a set number of checkouts or a specific period—forcing libraries to repurchase popular books repeatedly.

Another issue is limited access. Some publishers refuse to sell new e-books to libraries immediately upon release, delaying availability by months. This frustrates library readers and diminishes the library's role in providing free and equitable access to information.

Usage restrictions also hinder libraries. Digital lending is governed by strict rules, often limiting the number of or not allowing simultaneous checkouts.

Finally, ownership concerns complicate matters. Libraries do not truly "own" e-books—they lease them under temporary contracts. If a publisher decides to pull a title from circulation, libraries lose access entirely. So while you may be discouraged with how long you have to wait or the limited amount of e-book titles we offer, it is not because we do not want to give our readers what they want. Paying significantly more for e-books than consumers and dealing with licenses that expire after a set time or number of checkouts presents us with many challenges, but our goal is to make digital content more accessible and the process less frustrating. And libraries are working hard to make digital content more accessible and affordable so that we can fulfill our mission of providing you free access to literature, information, technology, nature, and the arts.

Warmly,

Brigitte S. Hopkins  
Executive Director



# adult services

Have you ever wondered what a typical day in the Adult Services department entails? To be sure, things come up every day that can derail plans or ongoing projects, but there are essential tasks that get done every single day. Our Adult Services Associates are an integral part of the team who keep things moving. Each day, they run a holds list and pull books that are to be sent to patrons who have requested them from other libraries. Occasionally that list can be well over one hundred items! Another key responsibility is to reshelve the items that have been returned or have been reviewed by patrons in the library. Cataloging magazines so they are ready to be shelved is an additional routine duty performed by our associates.

These tasks are just a portion of our associates' responsibilities. Others include shelf reading to ensure that items are accurately shelved so that they can be easily accessed. Creating book displays is a fun aspect



of the job. Sometimes the displays are randomly chosen like cooking, or true crimes while others are themed around an event or program that may be upcoming. This is only a small portion of all they do in their job as Adult Services Associates. Our operations would not be possible without the dedication of our associates, and we are very grateful for the hard work they do in helping to keep the library running!

Participate in one of our clubs or meetups. Join other community members while doing something you love, or learning something new!

Please visit our [website events calendar](#) for details on any of the above groups and to register, if needed.

## Clubs & Meetups

Sewers in Stitches: Mondays • 2:00-4:00 PM • Terrace Room

Knit & Crochet Group: Tuesdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Makerspace

The Poetry Gathering: 2nd Monday of the month • 5:00-7:00 PM • Terrace Room

Irish Coastal Club Irish Language Classes: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 PM • Terrace Room

Caregiver Support Group: 2nd Wednesday of the month • 5:30-6:30 PM • Roberts Room

Cookbook Club: 2nd Wednesday of the month • 6:00-7:30 PM • Terrace Room

Tech Social: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 1-2 PM • Makerspace and via Zoom

Silent Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month • 5:30-7:00 PM • Old Main Reading Room

Chess Club (All ages): Thursdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Old Main Reading Room

Westerly Cross Stitchers Group: 1st & 3rd Saturdays • 9 AM-12 PM • Roberts Room

Westerly Writers Group: 1st & 3rd Saturdays • 10:00 AM-12:30 PM • Makerspace

# in the vault

Without question, WLWP has employed a great deal of individuals since our doors opened in 1894. So many have left a positive impact on our organization as well as a legacy within the community. We are always grateful when images of the past are shared with us, and in turn we are able to share with you!

Special thanks goes out to James Cole for providing us these fantastic images of his grandfather, James Brown (top and middle). And to Johanna Marshall who provided us an incredible photo of her aunts in Wilcox Park (bottom).



James Brown, worked for Westerly Library & Wilcox Park as Park Superintendent from the mid 1940's for nearly 20 years.

James said: "My Grandfather was born in Scotland and attended Kew Gardens to learn gardening skills. He came to America around 1910 and was employed at various estates in the Newport area. He later went to the Sales Estate in Pawtucket, then to Wilcox Park."



West DeRocco Woolley (far right) with her two sisters. Mrs. West DeRocco Woolley was a Children's Librarian at Westerly Library from approximately 1925-1935. She left a wonderful and impactful bequest upon her passing in 1997 to be added to the John & Anna DeRocco book fund that she and her sister started almost 20 years prior. This generous bequest still contributes to our annual book fund.



**Ocean Community Collaborative: RI Climate Change with Senator Victoria Gu** • Friday, 9th • 9:30-10:30 am • Auditorium

Join the Ocean Community Collaborative and RI Senator Victoria Gu, who will speak from a legislative perspective on proposed solutions to climate change and the state strategy.



**Documentary Film Screening & Discussion: Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disability Act** • Thursday, 29th • 5:30-7:45 pm • Auditorium

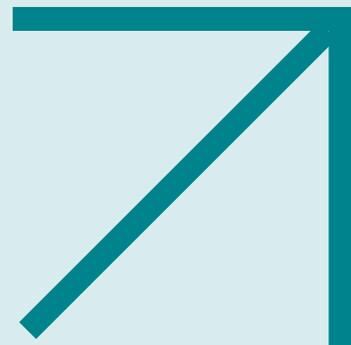
Please join the Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park for a screening of Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act. Following the screening, there will be a discussion and Q&A with filmmaker Hilary Klotz Steinman in conversation with Ruth Tureckova, Executive Director of Frank Olean Center, moderated by Friends Board President, Gail Kahover.

Registration is required to attend. Please [click here](#) to register.



**Do You Have a Revolutionary War Ancestor? Genealogy Workshop** • Wednesday, 14th • 6:00-7:30 pm • Auditorium

America is celebrating 250 years of independence! Learn the basics of genealogy, find out about the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and meet with members of the SAR and DAR to begin to find out if you have a Revolutionary War ancestor!



# 41st annual

# Garden Market Fair

Sunday, 18th • 9 am-2 pm  
Wilcox Park

Wander through Wilcox Park to find everything from annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, organic vegetables, herbs, and accessories for purchase as well as tables with community nonprofit organizations, food, and music with The Westerly Band. Don't forget to visit with the alpacas!



## Participants

### Plant and Nature:

- Berry Island Soap Company
- BonyBees
- Delightfully Evil Designs - Handmade Fairy Houses
- Frontier Farm
- Growing Hope Farm
- Hallene Farm Products
- Kat Alex Designs - Artisan gifts made from seashells
- Lazy K Ranch - Alpacas
- Lucky Foot Ranch
- Maplewood Farm
- Pat's Power
- Paul-n-Dina Gardens

### Nonprofits:

- Frank Olean Center
- Green Infrastructure Center, Inc.
- Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
- RI Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) - Composting & vermicomposting
- Southern RI Conservation District (SRICD)
- URI Master Gardeners - Soil testing & Tree Tours
- Watch Hill Conservancy
- The Westerly Band
- Westerly Land Trust - Rain barrel from Great American Rain Barrel

### Schedule of Activities:

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm: Soil Testing with URI Master Gardeners
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm: Alpacas from Lazy K Ranch
- 9:00 am: Sound Bath with Monika (Zen Zone)
- 10:00 am: Essentrics Stretching with Heather Van Dam (True Self Health)
- 10:00-10:45 am: Native Plant Tour with URI Master Gardeners
- 10:30 am: Qigong with Nancy (Zen Zone)
- 11:00-11:45 am: Specimen Tree Tour with URI Master Gardeners
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm: Neighbor Day Celebration at Town Hall Steps
- 1:00 pm: The Westerly Band full concert
- 2:00 pm: Zumba workout session (401Fitness)

# hanging in the hoxie • Westerly Public Schools

presenting: [Student Exhibition](#)

This month's exhibit will feature pieces done by students of Westerly Public Schools! Head to the Hoxie Gallery from 4-6 pm Wednesday, May 7th for an opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy light bites. Pieces can be viewed in the Hoxie Gallery through the month of May during library hours.

Opening  
Reception  
May 7th  
4-6 pm



**AiR**  
artist-in-residence



**Christine Koubek Flynn • Author/Journalist**  
[ckflynn.com](http://ckflynn.com)  
May/June 2025

While in residence, Christine will be offering two writing workshop programs with us in June—stay tuned for [dates and details](#).

**About Christine Koubek Flynn:**

Christine K. Flynn's stories have appeared in The Washington Post, Poets & Writers, Electric Literature, Washingtonian, Bethesda, Coastal Living and more. Her essays and profiles have received awards from the American Society of Journalists and Authors.

Her fiction work has appeared in Chautauqua and Hypertext and received an Elizabeth George Foundation grant as well as residencies from the Ragdale Foundation and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Fairfield University.

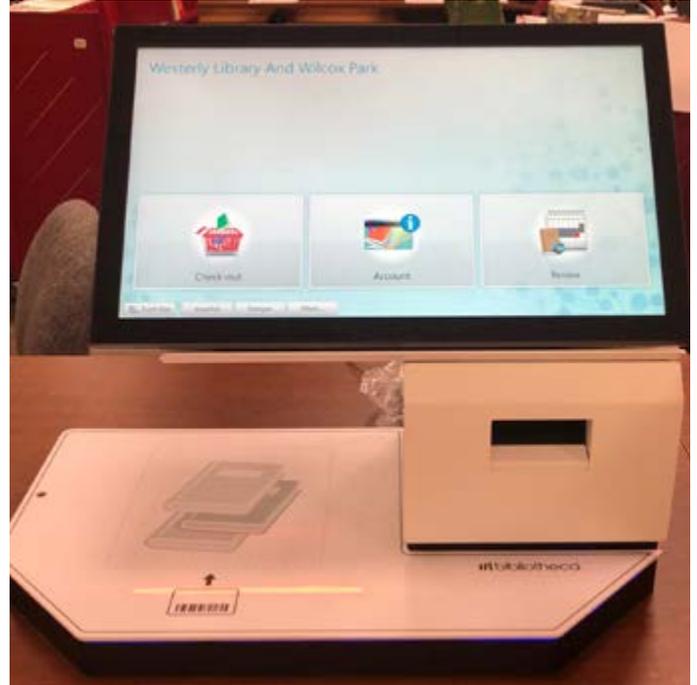
In addition to writing, Christine enjoys working with writers one-to-one to help shape their stories. She has led workshops for several mid-Atlantic literary centers and the Armed Services Arts Partnership.

The Cottage in Wilcox Park is available for private events! Reserve it now for an upcoming work or family gathering, a bridal suite or birthday party, temporary office space or workshop, and more. Click the image to inquire.



# public services

Our Circulation area received a spruce up! We have moved our self-check kiosks, charging locker, and catalog computer. The catalog computer is now located in between the two “welcome” pillars in front of the circulation desk. Now you’ll find two self-checkouts adjacent to the curved wall, alongside our accessible charging locker, just inside our side entrance. Our self-checkouts are easy to use if you’re in a hurry, and perfect for kids who want to scan their own library card and books. You’ll need your PIN so if you’ve forgotten it or haven’t yet set one up, visit the circulation desk for assistance. These changes are designed to make your experience in the library simpler and help you find the perfect book!



## atta•dude

At WLWP we celebrate our dedicated staff members monthly. Colleagues are nominated for going above and beyond by their peers. Atta•dudes, as we call them, are awarded to the staff member who receives the most nominations in a month. Anna was our winner of March’s atta•dude!

Anna was recognized for all her contributions made toward the Caddy Stack fundraiser. They include working extra hours to set-up for the event, managing the check-in table, and assisting with all preparations for a successful event.



# community every connections neighbor counts



Join us for an afternoon filled with support, guidance, and valuable resources that can make a difference in each of our lives. The Community Connections resource fair will bring over 20 local organizations, opportunities, and entertainment for all ages to Wilcox Park. Entertainment for all ages will include a local magician, live music, and a children’s storytime.

In the event of rain, Community Connections will be held inside Westerly Library.

## Saturday, 3rd • 12-2 PM • Wilcox Park Participating Partners:

- Choices Women’s Pregnancy Center
- Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County
- Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
- Meghan’s Salon (offering free haircuts for attendees)
- Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
- Ocean Community YMCA
- Olean Center
- Operation Fresh Start
- PACE Rhode Island
- RI Department of Health
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank
- Rhode Island Legal Services
- Project Outreach Veterans Assistance
- Stand Up for Animals
- Tri-County Community Action Agency
- WARM Center
- Wellbeing Collaboative
- Westerly Education Center
- The Westerly Village

## Head of Youth Services



WLWP is thrilled to announce that Melanie Fricchione has been appointed as the new Head of Youth Services, effective March 2025.

Mel joined the library in October 2022 as the Kids Librarian, where she quickly established herself as a dedicated advocate for creativity, collaboration, and community engagement. Over the past few years, she has developed a strong connection with Westerly families, encouraging young minds to explore their creative side through innovative arts and crafts programming such as Playdough Playtime, Natural Arts, and Kids Craft Time.

As she steps into her new role, Mel is eager to build upon her successes by expanding youth programs and strengthening community outreach. She envisions bringing library services out into the community while also welcoming families into the library to discover everything it has to offer.

With her passion for fostering imagination and lifelong learning, Melanie is excited about the future of Youth Services at Westerly Library & Wilcox Park. She looks forward to developing fresh, engaging experiences that inspire children to learn, create, and explore in new ways. Congratulations, Mel!

youth services • exciting announcements

## video game recs

Visit our YouTube channel where you'll find a new Library Let's Plays courtesy of our Tween Librarian, Ben, every Thursday!



### [Undertale](#)

Recommended by Ben

If this game hasn't been spoiled for you yet, do yourself a favor and just play it before looking up anything else. This one-man project that took the world by storm in 2015 still gets the same amount of laughs and emotional tears as ten years ago, especially if you're a seasoned gamer who can recognize the tropes that get completely turned on their head.



### [Pokemon Mystery Dungeon: Rescue Team DX](#)

Recommended by Ben

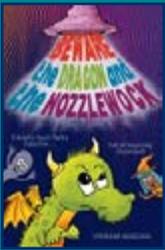
This time, you are the Pokemon! This light dungeon crawler uses random dungeons and great music to make an experience different from the mainline Pokemon games, but still a fun way to spend some time.

## Kids Librarian

The Youth Department has been blossoming with new beginnings! We are excited to announce that Julianna Risica will be starting this month as our new Kids Librarian! You may have already met Julianna in her previous role as our Program and Outreach Associate. Julianna was born and raised in Rhode Island and has spent many sunny days in Wilcox Park as a child. She even has a picture of herself on our beloved Runaway Bunny statue. In her free time, she enjoys reading, sketching and drawing outdoors, and playing the ukulele. We are so excited to see Julianna grow in her new position!

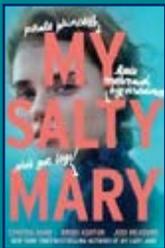


# youth picks



**Beware the Dragon & the Nozzlewock** by Vikram Madan  
Recommended by Mel

A collection of rhyming poems in graphic novel format featuring surprise twists, a plethora of unusual characters, from ghost guppies and slouching Stan to squishosaurs and the super-vacuum-powered Nozzlewock



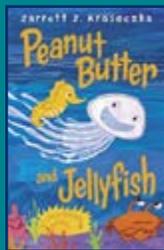
**My Salty Mary** by Cynthia Hand  
Recommended by Casey

Pulled out of the sea and up onto a pirate ship, mermaid Mary becomes one of the crew and, after Blackbeard dies suddenly vows to become a Pirate Queen and won't let anyone stand in her way as she proves she's worth her salt.



**Sesame Street: Let's Cook Together** by Nigel Wright  
Recommended by Mel

A collection of forty healthy recipes.



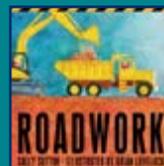
**Peanut Butter and Jellyfish** by Jarrett Krosoczka  
Recommended by Milo

Best friends Peanut Butter and Jellyfish are constantly being taunted by their neighbor, Crabby, until they help him out of a jam.



**Love from Sesame Street** by Craig Manning  
Recommended by Orson

Explore all the definitions of love with your friends from Sesame Street! In this illustrated picture book, children will [see] their favorite characters share what love means to them.



**Roadwork** by Sally Sutton  
Recommended by Daisy

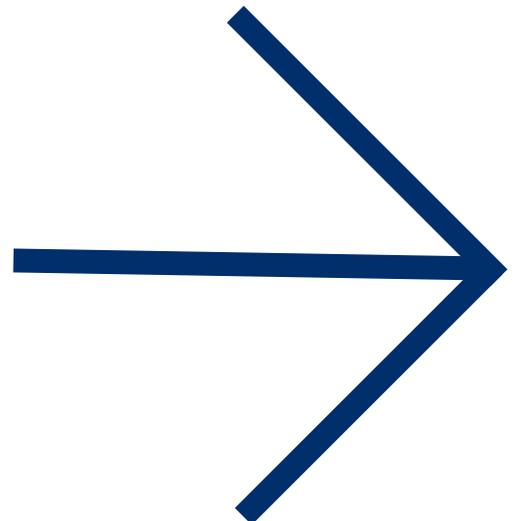
There are many big machines and busy people involved in building a road, and this picture book, with its rambunctious rhymes and noisy fun, follows them every step of the way, from clearing a pathway to rolling the tar to sweeping up at the end.



Many volunteers participated in our Annual Earth Day clean out of the pond. This year 17 volunteers from Westerly Land Trusts' Coffee, Clearing and Conversation Club participated including Executive Director, Jen Fusco and Crew Leader Marc Doherty. Over 3,000 pounds of debris was removed, the aquatic plants were tended to and the concrete coping was powerwashed. (left bottom and top)



Alan Peck, Park Superintendent, participated in the Annual State Street School STREAM Week Community Readers event.



**Baby Playtime** • First & Third Thursdays, 1st & 15 • 10-10:45 am

**Kids Craft Time** • Thursdays weekly, • [1st](#), [8th](#), [15th](#), [22nd](#) & [29th](#) • 4-5 pm

**Teen Crafternoon** • Thursdays weekly • 4-5 pm

**Chess Club** • Thursdays weekly • 5:30-7:30 pm

**Readers Welcome: Tween Book Club** • Fridays, 2nd & 30th • 4-5 pm

**Westerly Cross Stitchers Group** • First & Third Saturdays, 3rd & 17th • 9-12 am

**Westerly Writers Group** • Saturdays, 3rd, 17th & 31st • 10 am-12:30 pm

**Community Connections: Every Neighbor Counts Resource Fair** • Saturday, 3rd • 12-2 pm

**Crafternoon To-Go** • First Monday, 5th • 9 am-8 pm

**Kids Take & Make** • First Monday, 5th • 9 am-8 pm

**Sewers in Stitches** • Mondays weekly • 2-4 pm

**Couch to 5k Run Club** • Mondays weekly through June 2nd, [Week 5](#), [Week 6](#), [Week 7](#) • 4-4:45 pm

**Tween Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 8-12)** • Tuesdays or Wednesdays weekly

**Homeschool Group:** Tuesdays 1:30-3 pm

**Group 1:** Tuesdays 3:30-5pm

**Group 2:** Tuesdays 5-6:30 pm

**Group 3:** Wednesdays 4:30-6 pm

**Teen Dungeons & Dragons** • Tuesdays weekly • 4-5:30 pm

**After School Storytime: Dragons Love Tacos** • Tuesday, 6th • 4-4:30 pm

**Knit & Crochet Group** • Tuesdays weekly • 5:30-7:30 pm

**Storytime** • Wednesdays weekly • 10-10:30 am

**Playdough Playtime** • Wednesday, 7th • 4-5 pm

**Teen Pride Club: Pride Prep!** • Wednesday, 7th • 4-5 pm

**May Exhibition | Westerly Public Schools: Student Exhibition** • Wednesday, 7th • 4-6 pm

**Learn the Language of Ireland with Irish Coastal Club**  
First & Third Wednesdays, 7th & 21st • 6:30-7:30 pm • (hybrid)

**The Stonington Madrigal Singers present "Italia Mia"**  
• Wednesday, 7th • 6:30-7:30 pm

**Toddler Playtime** • Second & Fourth Thursdays, 8th & 22nd • 10-10:45 am

**Tween Alliance for Acceptance** • Thursday, 8th • 4-5 pm

**Ocean Community Collaborative: RI Climate Change with Senator Victoria Gu** • Friday, 9th • 9:30-10:30 am

**Natural Arts: Paint from Plants** • Monday, 12th • 10-11 am  
**Toddler Time** & 4-5 pm **After School**

**The Poetry Gathering** • Second Monday, 12th • 5-7 pm

**Mostly Fiction Book Club: "Good Dirt"** • Second Tuesday, 13th • 6-7:30 pm

**Project Outreach Veterans Assistance** • Second Friday, 14th • 10-11 am

**Tech Social** • Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 14th & 28th • 1-2 pm • (hybrid)

**Caregiver Support Group** • Second Wednesday, 14th • 5:30-6:30 pm

**Cookbook Club: The Complete Make-Ahead Cookbook** • Second Wednesday, 14th • 6-7:30 pm

**Do You Have a Revolutionary War Ancestor? Genealogy Workshop** • Wednesday, 14th • 6-7:30 pm

**Tween Librarian Club** • Friday, 16th • 4-5 pm

**41st Annual Garden Market Fair** • Sunday, 18th • 9 am-2 pm

**Walking Tour of Wilcox Park: Native Flowers & Trees** • Sunday, 18th • 10-11:30 pm

**Walking Tour of Wilcox Park: Specimen Trees** • Sunday, 18th • 10-11:30 pm

**Homeschool Hangout** • Monday, 19th • 2-3 pm

**Community Conversation** • Thursday, 22nd • 1-2:30 pm

**29th Annual Virtu Art Festival** • Saturday, 24th • 10 am-5 pm & Sunday, 25th • 10 am-4 pm

**Westerly Tree Canopy Open House** • Wednesday, 28th • 5-6:30 pm

**Silent Book Club** • Last Wednesday, 28th • 5:30-7 pm

**Documentary Film Screening & Discussion Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disability Act** • Thursday, 29th • 5:30-7:45 pm



# books, movies & more

for customized  
recommendations

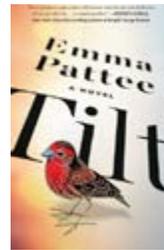
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[\*The Favorites\*](#) by Layne Fargo

Recommended by Colleen

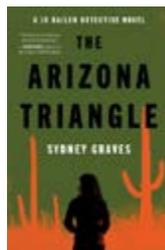
An epic love story set in the sparkling, savage sphere of elite figure skating. Great for fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid.



[\*Tilt\*](#) by Emma Pattee

Recommended by Cassie

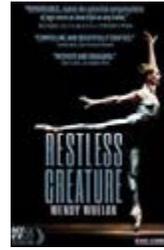
When a massive earthquake hits, a pregnant woman must make excruciating decisions toward survival in this riveting, powerfully moving, debut novel set over the course of one day



[\*The Arizona Triangle\*](#) by Sydney Graves

Recommended by Keith

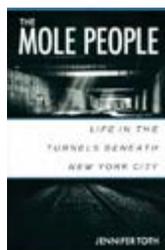
For readers of Sue Grafton and Sara Gran, a whodunnit about a hardboiled queer private eye whose professional life crosses with her complicated personal history.



[\*Restless Creature\*](#) by Wendy Whelan

Recommended by Penelope

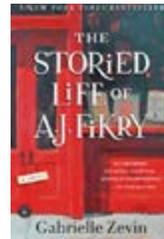
Offers an intimate portrait of prima ballerina Wendy Whelan as she prepares to leave New York City Ballet after a record-breaking three decades with the company...



[\*The Mole People: Life in the Tunnels beneath New York City\*](#) by Jennifer Toth

Recommended by Stacey

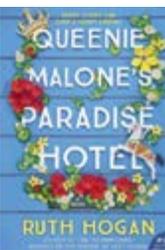
This book is about the thousands of people who live in the subway, railroad, and sewage tunnels of New York City.



[\*The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry\*](#) by Gabrielle Zevin

Recommended by Sara & Brigitte

When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A. J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life.



[\*Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel\*](#) by Ruth Hogan

Recommended by Brigitte

Tilly was a bright, outgoing little girl who loved fizzy drinks, naughty words, and liked playing with ghosts and matches. When her beloved father suddenly disappeared she and her fragile, difficult mother moved into Queenie Malone's magnificent Paradise Hotel in Brighton.



[\*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy\*](#) by Douglas Adams

Recommended by Sara

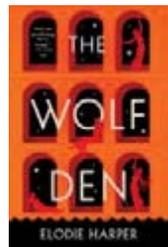
Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.



**[Company: the radically casual art of cooking for others](#) by Amy Thielen**

Recommended by Amanda

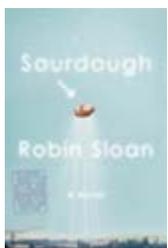
From beloved writer and cook Amy Thielen comes a year of inventive recipes and twenty menus for the “let’s do it at my house” set-and those who aspire to it.



**[The Wolf Den](#) by Elodie Harper**

Recommended by Keara

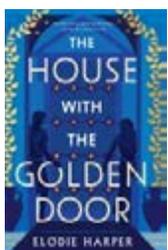
A slave and prostitute in Pompeii’s notorious Wolf Den brothel, Amara, once the beloved daughter of a doctor in Greece, is buoyed by the sisterhood she forges with the other women and dreams of a new beginning--if she can pay the high price for her freedom.



**[Sourdough](#) by Robin Sloan**

Recommended by Brigitte

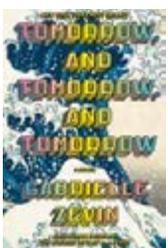
A software engineer at General Dexterity, a San Francisco robotics company with world-changing ambitions, Lois Clary codes all day and collapses at night, her human contact limited to the two brothers who run the neighborhood...



**[The House with the Golden Door](#) by Elodie Harper**

Recommended by Keara

Amara has escaped her life as a slave in the Wolf Den, the city’s most notorious brothel, but now her survival depends on the affections of her patron: a man she might not know as well as she once thought.



**[Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow](#) by Gabrielle Zevin**

Recommended by Sara

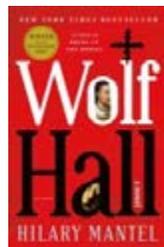
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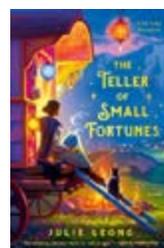
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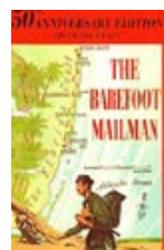
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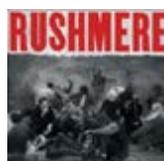
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