



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Official newsletter of Meriden Public Library, September 2023

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Meriden Mall location is permanently closed, and our newly renovated Meriden Public Library at 105 Miller Street is now open!

PERMANENT LOCATION:

**105 MILLER ST
MERIDEN, CT 06450**

HOLIDAY:

CLOSED MONDAY, 9/4
in observance of Labor Day



NEW HOURS:

Monday: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 8:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am to 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:30 pm

Friday: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday (CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2ND):

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS



BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is open and accepting donations.

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday: 10 am to 7 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

We are looking for people to substitute occasionally in the bookstore. While we have an excellent group of volunteers, there are times that one or more cannot be there. If you are interested in becoming a substitute, please contact Alexis Burgess, bookstore manager, at rrburgess16@gmail.com.

September Special!

DVDs, CDs, and Audiobooks:

Buy one at the regular price and get the second one (of equal or lesser value) free. Frequent buyer cards do not apply to this special.

Farmers Market

The Friends will be at the Midstate Chamber Business and Community Showcase as part of the Farmers Market (on the Meriden Green) on Saturday, September 16th from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Stop by and visit us!

Meetings

Monthly meetings have resumed. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 4:30 pm in Meeting Room 6 (the Friends meeting room).

Donations

Now that the renovation/expansion is complete, we will refocus to raise funds for library programming. You can mail your gift to the library or drop it off in the bookstore. Additionally, you can donate by going to the Friends webpage, **<https://www.meridenlibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library>**, scrolling down to **Thank You to Our "Friends,"** and clicking on the **Helping the Library Friends** drop-down button directly below it.

Library Donors

We are very thankful to all those who have donated, and wish to acknowledge those who have made a gift since our last update:

David and Mary Kay Skinnon

Kerry and Marilyn McEntee

Frank W. Ridley, in memory of Jean Elizabeth Ridley



Still Available

It is still possible to be listed on the "donor plaque" for a gift of \$1,000.00, and we also still have several rooms that can be named. Please contact Frank Ridley (**fridley@cox.net**) for more information.



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**The Shoreline Jazz Quintet presents:
"Jazz Masters: Thelonious Monk and Bill
Evans - A Contrast in Styles"**

Join us for a jazz concert at the library! The Shoreline Jazz Quintet will be performing live on Saturday, September 9th at 2:00 pm. They will play a variety of accessible jazz standards while providing interesting commentary about the artists and compositions. The quintet consists of 5 members: Deepak Cyril D'Souza, the leader on the alto and soprano saxophones; Mike Bimonte on the drums; Steve Roane playing the acoustic bass; Steve Wood on guitar; and Rich Meyers on the vibraphone.

**Saturday, September 9th
2-3 pm**



**Spanish Community of Wallingford
School of Music: Mariachi and Dance
Performance**

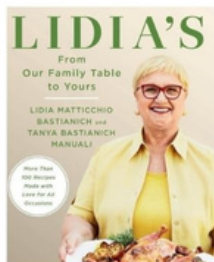
Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a performance by the youth mariachi orchestra and dance groups from the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) School of Music.

Light refreshments and snacks to follow.

**Saturday, September 16th
1-2 pm**



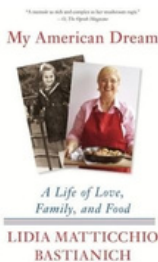
September Virtual Author Talks



Lidia Bastianich
***My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food* (a memoir)**

- Author of 16 cookbooks
- Emmy Award-winning host of *Lidia's Kitchen*

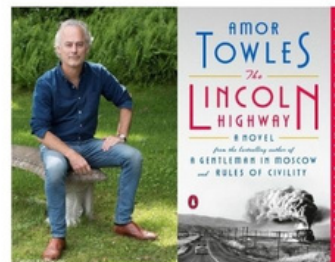
**Thursday, September 7th
at 7 pm EDT**



Adam Alter
Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most

- *New York Times* bestselling author
- Professor of marketing & Stansky Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellow at New York University's Stern School of Business

**Wednesday, September 20th
at 2 pm EDT**



Amor Towles
The Lincoln Highway

- Has 3 international *NYT* bestsellers
- His books have been on "best books" lists such as *NPR* & the *Wall Street Journal*

**Wednesday, September 27th
at 8 pm EDT**



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September Programs



To register for events, go to: <https://www.meridenlibrary.org/events/month>

Twice-a-Month Tuesday Craft Night #1: Clothespin Refrigerator Magnets

We will be using clothespins and decorative paper to make refrigerator magnets. They are a fun way to display artwork, good grades, and photos.

Tuesday, September 5th
6-7 pm



Twice-a-Month Tuesday Craft Night #2: Shelf Gnomes

Join us as we make adorable shelf gnomes from paper cups, an old sock, and mop yarn. It's simple and fun!

Tuesday, September 19th
6-7 pm



Fishers in Connecticut

This presentation focuses on the history of the fisher (cat) in Connecticut, as well as an overview of fisher habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. Fisher artifacts will be shared with the audience.

Paul Colburn is a 2015 graduate of the Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist Program (MWCP), and a certified Master Wildlife Conservationist (MWC).

Wednesday, September 6th
6:30-8 pm



Medicare Educational Seminar

For more than 20 years, Raymond Senior Planning has helped seniors with their insurance needs. They work with low-income clients to review eligibility for state and federal programs that offer extra help. If you are eligible for both Medicare and the Medicare Savings Program, you may qualify for more benefits than you are currently receiving - at NO ADDITIONAL COST! Stop by to learn how you may take advantage of this opportunity.

Thursday, September 7th
10am - 12pm



Medicare & Medicaid, Demystified

Lou and Jessica Pelletier of the Pelletier Senior Planning Academy will clarify the Medicare/Medicaid process. They will cover the application process, the available benefits, and factors that determine the applicant's eligibility for benefits.

Wednesday, September 13th
6-8 pm



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Practice English Conversation

Join us to practice English in a fun and comfortable environment!

This program presents an opportunity to practice your English conversational skills in a group with a certified TESOL teacher!

Some knowledge of English is recommended.



Thursday, September 7th & 21st

3-4 pm



What's Next? Book Club: "The Tattooist of Auschwitz"

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. In July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her. We will discuss this book in Meeting Room 4. All are welcome!



Wednesday, September 13th
6:30-7:30 pm

BookTok Book Club

Join us for BookTok Book Club where we discuss books that have trended on social media platforms including TikTok and Instagram. Share thoughts on your latest read or gather ideas for the next one!

September Book: **Weyward**, by Emilia Hart

Physical copy may be available. eBook and audiobook may be available on Libby

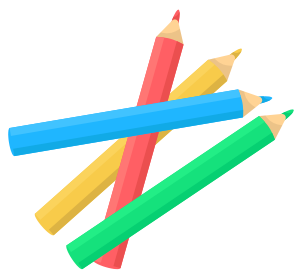
Wednesday, September 20th
6:30-8 pm



Coloring Club

Join us to relax and unwind by coloring various designs!
All coloring supplies will be provided.

Thursday, September 14th & 28th
3-4 pm



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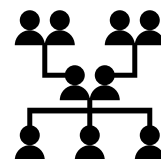
Genealogy Discussion Group: Researching Hispanic Genealogy

Join Iris Alicea Flores, professional genealogist with Descrube Tu Historia, as she teaches you the methods of discovering your Hispanic heritage.

Iris, who specializes in researching the former Spanish colonies from the Caribbean, Central, & South America, will guide you in starting your own family research, utilizing resources that focus on Hispanic heritage and are available to you at little to no cost.



Saturday, September 16th
11am - 12pm



Play the Mexican Card Game Lotería

Like Bingo? You'll love Lotería!

Join us and learn a special version of the popular card game Lotería as we celebrate the life of librarian Pura Belpré, who authored award-winning children's and young adult books.

Bilingual program with prizes, light snacks, and refreshments.



Family fun for everyone.

Saturday, September 23rd
11am - 12pm



Local Author Book Talk: Jared Burgess

Join us as Meriden resident, Jared Burgess, discusses his first book, "The Single Diary of a Precarious Kacee Gardner." Jared published his first book at the age of 21. He will talk in detail about the publishing process and inspirations for his book, as well as do a Q&A at the end of the program.



Saturday, September 23rd
3-4 pm



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Castle Craig Adult Learning Center (CCALC)

September Events



Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller St, Meriden, CT 06450

All classes meet from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Monday, September 11th

"Healthcare in the United States & the Developed World - A Comparison"

Presenter: Jay Kaplan, M.D., retired doctor of internal medicine



Tuesday, September 12th

"Berlioz and Opera"

Presenter: Jeffrey Engel, retired professor of music, Northwestern Community College



Wednesday, September 13th

"Up West Main, Down Memory Lane"

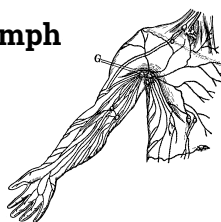
Presenter: Ruth Borsuk, Meriden Historical Society

memories

Monday, September 18th

"Lymphatic Therapy: It Makes a Difference"

Presenter: Jean Connal, Manual Lymph Drainage Therapist



Wednesday, September 20th

"Book Discussion I: 'Lucy by the Sea,' by Elizabeth Strout"



Presenter: Mary Willmott

Friday, September 22nd

"Working on the Digital Frontier in Children's Television"

Presenter: Cathleen Cusachs, social media manager at GBH/PBS in Boston



Tuesday, September 26th

"Ancient Icons"

Presenter: Rev. Craig Cowing



Wednesday, September 27th

"Travels in Japan"

Presenter: Chelsea Trella, a person with a love of travel



Thursday, September 28th

"Prudence Crandall, Sarah Harris, & the Canterbury Female Boarding School"

Presenter: Joanie DiMartino, curator of the Prudence Crandall Museum



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Tomie dePaola Children's Library



To register for a program, call the Children's Desk at
(203) 630-4737, or sign up online!

Registration is now open and is required unless otherwise noted

Storytime

Starts the week of September 18th

Rhyme Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 am | Ages 0-12 mos.

Registration Required.

This storytime is your baby's introduction to the library! Join us for songs, stories, and rhymes with repetition for baby's growing mind. Stay after storytime is over for baby playtime. Siblings are welcome.

Wiggle Worms

Wednesdays at 10:30 am | Ages 1-3 yrs.

Registration Required.

Join us for special storytime for your little wiggle worm. This storytime will be high energy and filled with songs, puppets, dancing, and more. Stay after storytime is over for playtime. Siblings are welcome.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm | Ages 0-5 yrs.

Registration Required.

Join Miss Melissa each week for stories, songs, and crafts. Siblings are welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 am | Ages 3-5 yrs.

Registration Required.

This storytime is filled with songs, stories, puppets, and fun activities to develop your child's love of reading. Stay after storytime is over for playtime. Siblings are welcome.

Bilingual Storytime / Cuentacuentos

Saturday, Sept 30 - One Day Only - at 11 am

Ages 2-5 | **Registration Required.**

Enjoy books, movement, and songs in both English and Spanish. We will read books celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Siblings are welcome.

Edades 2-5 | **Se requiere registro.**

Disfruta de libros, movimientos y canciones tanto en inglés como en español. ¡Leeremos libros celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Los hermanos son bienvenidos.

Messy Makers

Tuesday, Sept 12 at 10:30 am

Ages 3-5 | Children's Program Room

Registration Required.

Come get messy with us! This month we're playing with chalk pastels. Aprons will be provided, but please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

Tech Time

Thursday, Sept 14 at 6:30 pm | **Drop-In**

Grades K-5 | Children's Project Room

Experiment and explore robots and other tech toys at the library!

LEGO Block Party

Saturday, Sept 16 from 10am-2pm | **Drop-In**

Grades K-5 | Children's Program Room

Imagination and creation combined! Join us once a month to make a LEGO creation to be put on display in the library.

Colors of My Jewish Year: Orange

Wednesday, Sept 27 at 4:30 pm

All Ages | Children's Program Room

Registration Required.

At each gathering of Colors of My Jewish Year, children and caregivers join together to learn about the holiday, hear/read stories, complete a variety of activities, and eat a holiday treat. At this gathering the symbol is autumn leaves for Sukkot.

This program is presented by Beth Israel Synagogue and has been made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.



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Teen Programs



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Rainbow Roundtable



Join Librarian Paige and Pebble for the first Rainbow Roundtable, a LGBTQIA+-dedicated club. Come hang out and chat in a welcoming environment!

Tuesday, September 5th from 6-7 pm

Beyond the Book Club

Love reading but struggle to pick out or finish a book? Join Beyond the Book Club to read fantastic YA stories and have fun discussions. This first meeting will determine the first book and future meeting schedule.



Friday, September 8th from 3:45-4:45 pm

Teen Movie Matinee

Vote to pick which movie screens at the biweekly Teen Movie Matinee! This month's themes are a celebration of Hispanic Heritage month and animal movies. To view movie selection, please see the event on library calendar.



Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Saturday, September 9th and 23rd from 1-2:30 pm

Lo-Fi Quiet Hour

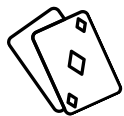
Spend a quiet hour in the teen library listening to Lo-Fi music. Take a moment to recharge, study, or read while listening to calming rhythms of this electronic subgenre.



Tuesday, September 12th from 4-5 pm

Tabletop Club

The Tabletop Club is for those who enjoy tabletop games ranging from board games to card games to Dungeons & Dragons. No experience is required and all are welcome to join!



Check out our latest additions, Coup and Ultimate Werewolf.

Wednesday, September 13th from 6-8 pm

Trivia Showdown

Join us for some pop culture trivia from the '90s and '00s. Attendees will help pick the topics for our next trivia meetup in October, so bring all of your haunted ideas. Prizes will be awarded for top teams/players.

Thursday, September 14th from 3:45-4:45 pm



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Teen Programs, cont'd



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Swatch and Paint Workshop



Join artist Masila for a fun, energetic, and easy to follow along paint night. By the end of this workshop, teens will leave with a completed landscape. Registration is required and limited.

Saturday, September 16th from 2-4 pm

Paint Your Pet Workshop

Bring a 5x7 photo of your pet to paint! In one two-hour session, water color artist Nancy will help you paint a portrait based on your photo. No experience required but registration is!



Tuesday, September 19th from 6-8 pm

Mario Kart Tournament



Race to the library to compete in this Mario Kart bracket. Registration is required.

Wednesday, September 20th from 6-8 pm



Learn to Play Lotería

Learn to play Lotería as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month! No prior knowledge required.

Friday, September 22nd from 3:45-4:45 pm



Trading Card Club

Bring your friends and your cards and challenge each other to a duel! Players of Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic the Gathering, and more are invited for a night of friendly competition. New players always welcome.



Tuesday, September 26th from 6-7:30 pm

Manga Club

Join our monthly manga meetup for all things manga-related!

Wednesday, September 27th from 6-7:30 pm



DIY Bookmark



Create your own animal bookmark using wool and needle felting techniques.

Thursday, September 28th from 4-5 pm

DIY Basketball Shelf

Make a shelf for your room out of an old basketball and cardboard! Registration required.

Saturday, September 30th from 1-2:30 pm

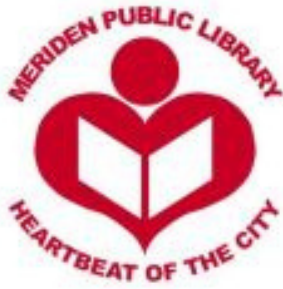


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NAME (please print): _____

Additional Names (list others in household covered by this membership):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

() \$100.00 (or more) - CORPORATE

() \$100.00 (or more) - BENEFACTOR

() \$40.00 - PATRON

() \$10.00 - BASIC

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Indicate areas of interest - Check as many areas as you desire

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_____ Membership

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_____ Any Area Where Needed

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Return to: Friends of the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, CT 06450

In order to maximize the effect of your membership funds, we will not be providing membership cards; your cancelled check will be your proof of membership.

Thank you!