

The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Libraries in eastern Connecticut who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State.

Beginning July 7, 2016 in Franklin and ending September 15, 2016 at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories. Please join us for the 8th Annual CAT.

Passports are available free at participating libraries throughout the summer as a guide to the author events. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a CHANCE to qualify for a surprise gift at the program. The event will be held at The Cabaret Theatre located in the Mohegan Sun on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:15 pm.

If you can't make the Trail during the summer you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale' when the doors to The Cabaret Theatre open at 6:15 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening with our featured speaker starting at 7:00 pm.



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All events are FREE, please join us

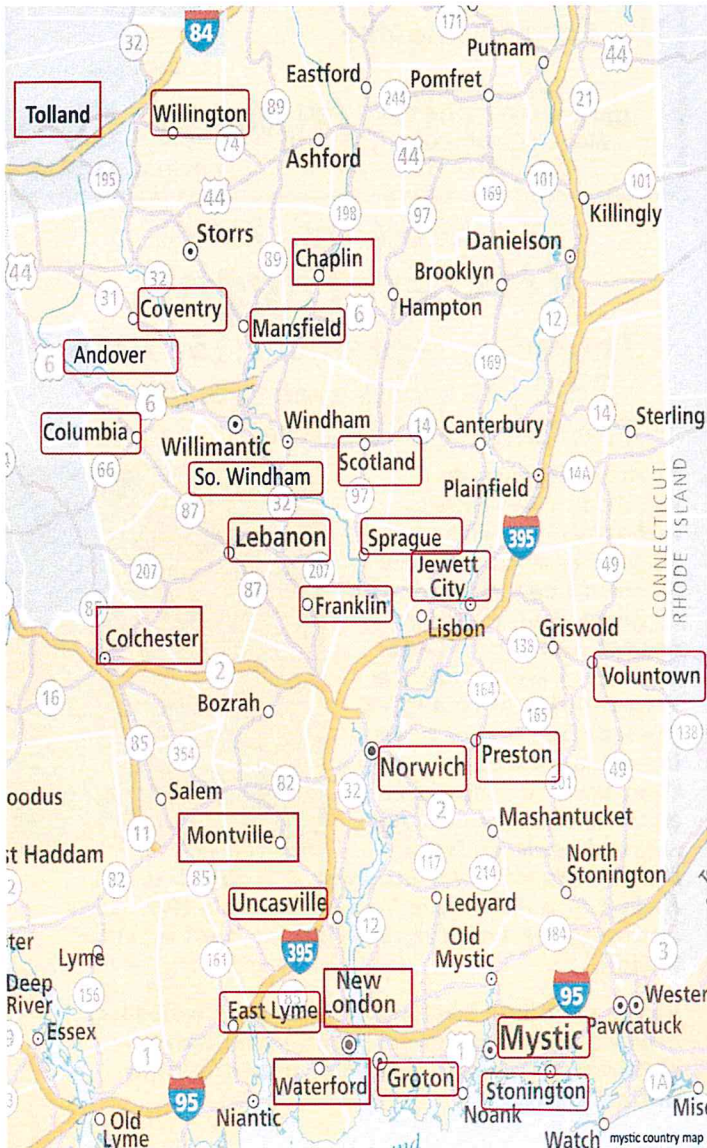
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Columbia (Saxton B. Little) - August 2
Colchester (Cragin) - August 8
Coventry (Booth & Dimock) - July 12
East Lyme - August 16
Franklin (Janet Calvert Carlson) - July 7
Groton (Bill Memorial) - July 30
Jewett City (Slater) - July 21
Lebanon (Jonathan Trumbull) - August 4
Mansfield - August 25
Montville - September 1
Mystic & Noank - July 11
New London - August 8
Norwich (Otis) - August 29
Preston - August 23
Scotland - September 8
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Sprague - August 9
Stonington - August 11
Tolland - August 18
Voluntown - July 28
Waterford - September 6
Willington - July 26

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Adam von Gootkin

Thursday, July 7, 2016

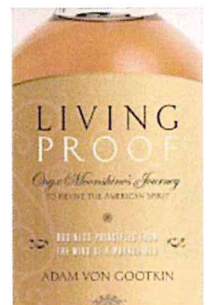
6:30 p.m. Non-fiction



Adam's ancestors were arrested in 1864 for tax evasion on a shipment of moonshine bound for Canada, resulting of the collapse of Chafee & Co. **Distilling.** Undaunted by their demise, the family opened the grand Chafee's Hotel in Middletown, Connecticut at the dawn of the Roaring 20's, hosting an opulent and infamous speakeasy.

A passionate moonshine and whiskey loving entrepreneur who is dedicated to helping other entrepreneurs reach their dreams and

boldly take part in changing the world for the better.



Mystic & Noank Library

40 Library Street
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Raymond Uzasas

Monday, July 11, 2016
7:00 pm Non-fiction



Raymond Uzasas was a chemist working in the industrial diamond industry before he left the corporate world as President and CEO of Amplex Corporation to pursue another world of writing, photography and adventure.

His travels have taken him to all parts of the world in search of interesting, scenic and culturally diverse places.



The Cabaret Theatre

1 Mohegan Sun Blvd
Uncasville, CT 06382
Mohegansun.com
1.888.226.7711



CT Authors Trail Finale' Kristan Higgins

Thursday, September 15, 2016
7:00 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm)
The Cabaret Theatre Fiction

Kristan Higgins is the *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, *USA TODAY* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of more than a dozen novels and a two-time winner of the Romance Writers of America RITA Award. Her books have been translated into more than twenty languages and received numerous starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *Kirkus* and *Romantic Times*. She is a five-time nominee for The Kirkus Prize for best work of fiction.



Along with her heroic and tolerant firefighter husband and two snarky and entertaining children, Kristan lives in her hometown in Connecticut.

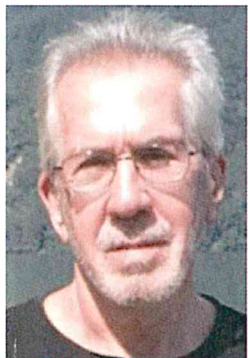
Scotland Public Library

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Timothy Kenny

Thursday, September 8, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction



Timothy Kenny is a former USA Today foreign editor, non-profit foundation executive, Fulbright scholar and associate professor of journalism at the University of Connecticut.

In 2002-03 Kenny lived for in Kosovo working as a senior media advisor and trainer for professional journalists. He established two Kosovo journalism associations, taught broadcast writing and helped develop a local Internet wire service. Kenny was director of

research and news history at the Newseum, the world's only interactive museum of news, based in Washington, D.C., and worked for 23 years as a newsman, the last 12 at *USA Today*.

His first book, a collection of creative nonfiction stories entitled, "Far Country: Stories From Abroad and Other Places," was a 2015 Pushcart nominee.



Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

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Carrie Firestone

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
7:00 pm Young Adult

Carrie Firestone has lived in rural, urban, and suburban places, and, while she currently lives in the suburbs, she is decidedly a CITY person. She loves parties, and all kinds of music, and books about random people doing random things in random places.

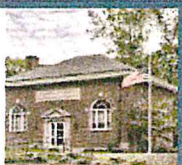


She loves to travel with her husband, and two daughters, Lauren and Emily.

When she isn't writing, you might find her reluctantly sharing her popcorn at the movies, trying to get people (or dogs) to do a conga line, or adding items to her loose ends list. A former NYC teacher she now lives in Connecticut.



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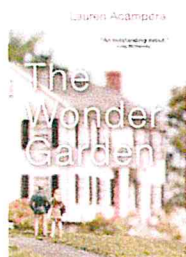


Lauren Acampora

Thursday, July 14, 2016
7:00 pm Fiction



Lauren Acampora's debut collection of linked stories, *The Wonder Garden*, was named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and an Indie Next selection, and was chosen as one of the best books of the year by Amazon and NPR. It won the GLCA New Writers Award, was a finalist for the New England Book Award, and was on the longlist for The Story Prize.



Raised in Connecticut, she now lives in Westchester County, New York, with her husband, artist Thomas Doyle, and their daughter.

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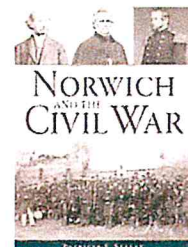


Patricia F. Staley

Tuesday, September 6, 2016
7:00 pm Non-fiction

Patricia Staley is president of the Friends of Slater Museum and a member of the Norwich Historical Society, Guns of Norwich, Connecticut Society of Genealogists and Mystic Seaport Museum.

She has also written a book on the Rose City's millionaires triange called *Norwich in the Gilded Age*.



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Rebecca L. Brown

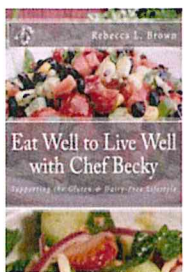
Thursday, September 1, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction



Rebecca L. Brown is a Culinary Instructor, Certified Integrative Health Coach, chef, and author.

After being diagnosed with a gluten and dairy intolerance in 2012, Rebecca used her wealth of experience to develop recipes that made her favorite foods edible once again. She is passionate about sharing this knowledge with others and teaching them how to nourish their

bodies to wellness through nutrition, so she pursued her Health Coach training from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and opened a health coaching business.



She lives in Connecticut with her husband of 35 years and has three grown children, and a brand-new grandson.

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Diana K. Perkins

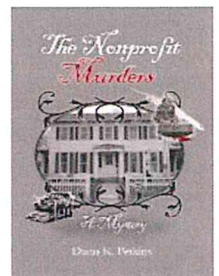
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
6:30 pm Fiction



Diana K. Perkins grew up in a small town in Connecticut. The mill town, Willimantic, once a thriving economic center, was the largest nearby community. There she remembers the mills, established in the 1800s and running until the mid 1980s. She has many ties to the mills and mill towns in eastern Connecticut.

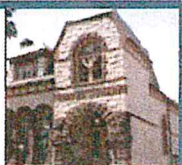
Diana has spent months researching her topics from mills, mill workers and their life styles to small town histories.

"I enjoy writing about Eastern Connecticut, the places, the legends. When I hear about a tale or story, it piques my curiosity and sets me on a journey to discover more and to write about the environment and the time period.



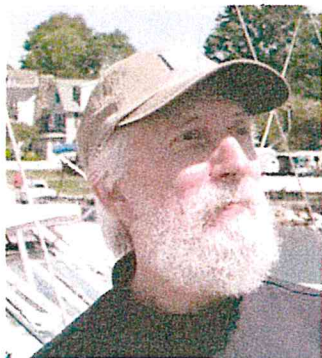
Slater Library

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Jewett City, CT 06351
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Matthew Goldman

Thursday, July 21, 2016
6:00 pm Non-fiction



Matthew Goldman, aka, Constant Waterman, lives in Stonington, CT and has worked as a toolmaker, a woodworker, and a land surveyor. He attended Union College in Schenectady and has taken courses in drama at URI.

He has written serious drama, black comedy and farce. His full-length black

comedy about elder abuse, "The Cat Lady," received two Equity staged readings at HRC

Showcase Theater in Hudson, NY. He was one time editor of the poetry quarterly, "A Letter Among Friends," which flourished for several years in Groton, Connecticut and has published a number of poems.

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Constant Waterman

Chaplin Public Library

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Ralph LaGuardia, MD

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
6:00 pm Non-fiction

Ralph LaGuardia, MD has been in private practice in Connecticut for over 25 years . He is triple specialized in Internal Medicine , Bariatrics and Geriatrics . In addition to which he practices Integrative Medicine , which is the combination of the best of traditional western medicine with alternative and complementary medical techniques. He has a special interest in nutrition and sustainable gardening and permaculture , which he practices on his Connecticut farm.



Dr. LaGuardia's other passion is survival medicine and what has now become known as " Prepping". He wrote " The Doomsday Book of Medicine " to answer a void in the survival books that were out there.



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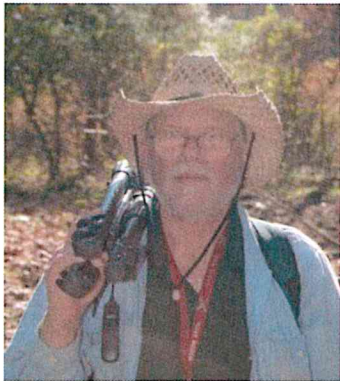
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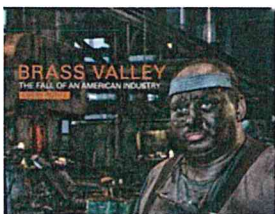
Emery Roth II

Monday, August 29, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction



Emery Roth II has been shooting photographs since childhood. He studied both design and language arts at Carnegie-Mellon University, simultaneously earning degrees in architecture and literature. His photographic passions lead him to careful compositions under natural light only, but no image is finished without slow development of the image's

full potential in the darkroom of his computer. After 40 years living and teaching in Connecticut's "Northwest Hills," he became fascinated with the old mill towns of the Naugatuck Valley and their history, and he began following the tracks through old ruins



until he was led to the last functioning brass mill. For the past four years he has been photographing the men at their work, traveling back in time, and learning how it all came to be.

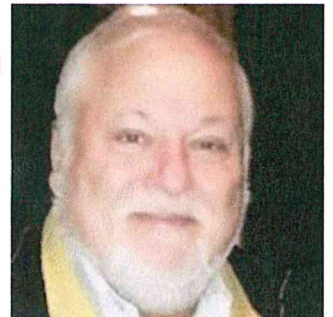
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Martin Herman

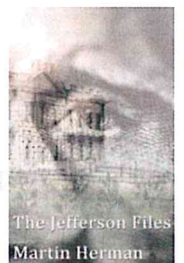
Tuesday, July 26, 2016
7:00 pm Fiction

Martin Herman was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He has lived and worked in various parts of the country and currently lives midway up a small mountain with a breathtaking view of the Connecticut countryside and almost daily reminders of truly natural beauty, which he says is the only way to describe New England sunrises.



He operated businesses for several decades and since 1999 has been an independent business consultant serving start-ups and troubled mature businesses—here and abroad.

Since his early teens he has written short stories and full length novels for his own amusement; as his 75th birthday approached he published his first full length historical murder mystery and hasn't stopped since.



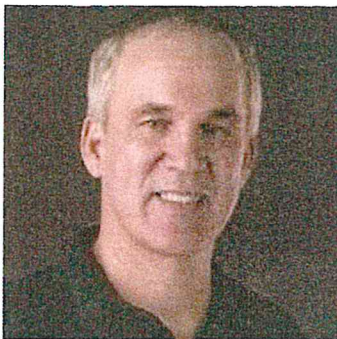
Voluntown Public Library

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John Banks

Thursday, July 28, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction

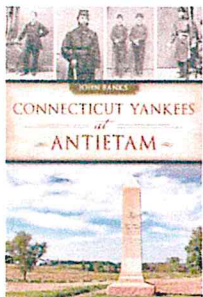


John Banks is married and has two daughters.

He graduated from Mount Lebanon (Pa.) High School and West Virginia University. In his first job out of college, he was sports editor of the Evening Journal in Martinsburg, W.Va., 15 miles from the

Antietam battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md.

He now work for ESPN in Connecticut.



Mansfield Public Library

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Heather Webb

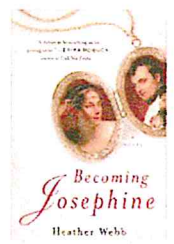
Thursday, August 25, 2016
6:30 pm Fiction

As a former military brat and traveling addict, it was tricky choosing a landing pad. At last, Heather Webb settled in a rural town in New England. For a decade she put her degrees in French and Cultural Geography to good use teaching high school students. When the writing bug hit, she left her job to make her way in the dangerous world of publishing.



Her historical novels *Becoming Josephine* and *Rodin's Lover*, published by Penguin Random House, have been translated to three languages and have received starred national reviews.

Heather's works have been featured in national print media including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Huffington Post*, *Cosmopolitan*, *France Magazine*, *All You* magazine, *Dish Magazine*, the *Hartford Courant*, the *Houston Chronicle*, *Washington Independent Review of Books*, and more.



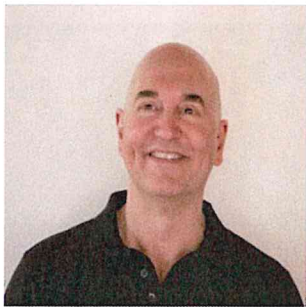
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John-Manuel Andriote

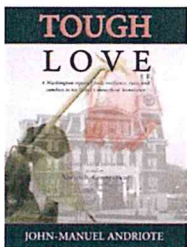
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction



John-Manuel Andriote is the author of *Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America* (University of Chicago Press); *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco* (HarperEntertainment); and *Wilhelmina Goes Wandering*, a 2014 indie-published children's book based on the true

story of a runaway cow in Connecticut.

Andriote's work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *BBC News*, *Huffington Post*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and the *Washington Post*, among other online and print publications.



After a 22-year career in Washington, D.C., Andriote returned to eastern Connecticut, where he grew up. There he writes and cultivates a large vegetable garden in the backyard of Samuel Huntington House, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Bill Memorial Library

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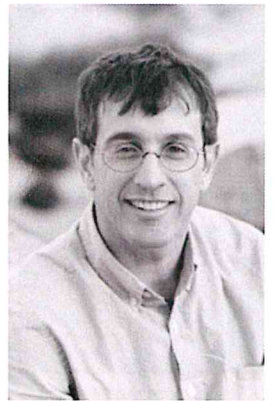


Richard J. King

Saturday, July 30, 2016
1:00 pm Non-fiction

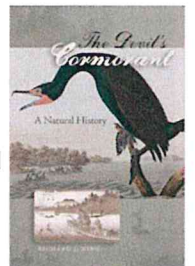
Richard J. King is the author and illustrator of the comic memoir *Meeting Tom Brady*, about his pilgrimage to try to meet the Patriots superstar and have a real conversation as they throw the ball back and forth.

The Devil's Cormorant: A Natural History was short-listed for the ASLE Creative Book Award and rated as one of the top five science books of 2013 by *Library Journal*.



Rich is a lecturer in Literature of the Sea with the Williams College at Mystic Seaport Maritime Studies Program, and he's the author of a variety of popular and scholarly articles, reviews, and interviews in a range of magazines and academic journals.

He lives in Mystic, CT, with his wife and daughter. He is represented by Laurie Abkemeier of DeFiore and Company.



Saxton B. Little Free Library

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Caragh M. O'Brien

Tuesday, August 2, 2016
6:30 pm Young Adult



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Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, Caragh M. O'Brien grew up in a family of seven children with parents who ran a toy store and loved books. She attended the Visitation of the Convent School, which had salamanders in the playground, and later St. Paul Academy and Summit School, where she was active with the school chorus, the orchestra, and the volleyball team.

She earned her B.A. in Physics from Williams College and her M.A. in the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins. After publishing half a dozen romance novels, she turned to teaching high school English and later to writing for young adults.



She also leads a writing workshop at Journey House, sings in a local chorus, and enjoys discussions with her book group. Caragh now lives and writes from her home in Connecticut.

Tolland Public Library

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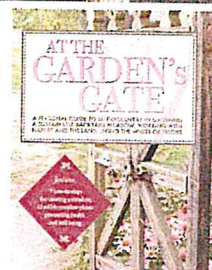


Judith Dreyer

Thursday, August 18, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction

Judith Dreyer, MS, BSN, is a Master Gardener and teacher with over 20 years experience developing workshops and classes, speaking and writing about holistic health, edible and medicinal plants, dreams and more.

She has degrees in Nursing and Nutrition Science and has taught Holistic Health Studies and Nutrition Science at both university and college level.



East Lyme Public Library

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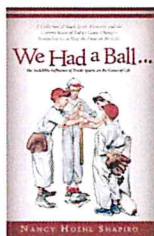
Nancy Hoehl Shapiro

Tuesday, August 16, 2016
7:00 pm Non-fiction



Nancy Hoehl Shapiro is currently a university adjunct professor developing and facilitating self-awareness courses for first year students. She earned her Masters Degree in Counseling from the University of Rochester, where she researched the impact of youth sports on the self-confidence of the young athlete. As an athlete in her youth, and as a mother to five youth sports players, and now grandmother to fourteen active grandchildren, she cares very

much about the opportunity for kids to have fun, to be safe, and to grow in knowing their value as a person through play and team sports.



Compiling the stories for "We Had a Ball....The Indelible Influence of Youth Sports on the Game of Life" was both a joy and a learning experience!

Nancy and her husband live in Madison, Ct.

Timothy Hollister

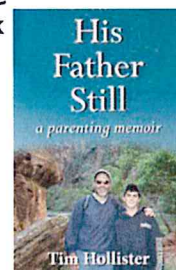
Thursday, August 4, 2016
6:30 pm Non-fiction

On December 2, 2006, Timothy Hollister's 17-year-old son, Reid, the driver, died in a one-car accident.

Reid's accident was a precursor to a string of horrific accidents in Connecticut. These tragedies focused him—and indeed, our entire state—on the dangers of teen driving.



In November 2007, Connecticut's Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed a Teen Safe Driving Task Force to revise and strengthen Connecticut's Graduated Driver Laws, and appointed Tim as one of the "bereaved parents" on that task force. In four months in early 2008, the Task Force rewrote Connecticut's rules from top to bottom, and the Governor signed Connecticut Public Act 08-32 into law on April 21, effective August 1, 2008.



New London Public Library

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New London, CT 06320
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Frida Berrigan

Monday, August 8, 2016
5:30 pm Non-fiction



Frida Berrigan serves on the board of The War Resisters League, a 90-year-old pacifist organization, and helped to found Witness Against Torture, a nonviolent direct action group focused on shutting down Guantánamo and ending torture.

She lived at the New York Catholic Worker before moving to New London, CT

with her husband Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer. Patrick is a social worker, second-generation peace activist and father to their 7-year-old daughter Rosena Jane. Their son Seamus Philip was born in July 2012 and Frida became a stay-at-home mom. Their daughter Madeline Vida was born in February 2014.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

ON BEING RAISED
BY RADICALS
AND GROWING
INTO REBELLIOUS
MOTHERHOOD

FRIDA BERRIGAN toes.

While the baby naps or plays, she writes the "Little Insurrections" blog for Waging Nonviolence, tends a few plots at the community garden and helps keep a busy household on its

Cragin Memorial Library

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John Koopman III

Monday, August 15, 2016
6:00 pm Non-fiction

John Koopman III was born and raised in the Boston area. His passion for military history began at an early age. He became involved in Revolutionary War re-enacting in 1998 and since 2006 has been portraying General Washington at reenactments in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, and Virginia.

He has also portrayed Washington in documentaries shown at state and national parks, on television, and for national theatrical release, including the Monmouth Battlefield State Park Visitors Center film (2013), *The American Revolution* (television – for the American Heroes Channel, 2014), and *America* (2014).

He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Elizabeth, and his horse, Abishai, whom he often rides at reenactments. He works as a technician for an alternative energy company.



GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT WAR—1776



JOHN KOOPMAN III

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Bruce Ware Allen

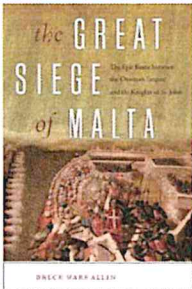
Thursday, August 11, 2016
5:30 pm Non-fiction



Bruce Ware Allen was born in the greater New York Metropolitan Area and grew up there, in the Netherlands, and in Italy.

The son of a navy veteran and shipping executive (and first cousin to naval historian Gardner Weld Allen), he has a dusty BA in Classics. In his working life, he has been a very small cog in book stores, law offices, insurance, big business, and even a factory.

He is married to Blacknall Allen with whom he has a daughter. His work has been published in, among other places, *Military History Quarterly*, *Military History*, *Treasures of Malta*, and been turned down by some other very prestigious journals indeed.



Sprague Public Library

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Cassandra Giovanni

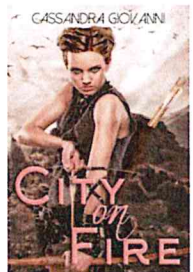
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
6:30 pm Fiction

Cassandra Giovanni doesn't remember a time when she wasn't writing. In fact, the first time she was published was when she was seven years old and won a contest to be published in an American Girl Doll novel.

She writes various genres but is most well known for her New Adult novels in various sub-genres including contemporary romance and speculative fiction.

In addition to being a published author, Cassandra is a successful full-time financial marketer and part-time photographer. When she's not making the characters in her head come to life she either has her bow and arrows or longboard skateboard in hand.

She's happily married to the man of her dreams and they live in the rolling hills of New England with their dogs, Bubski and Kanga.



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