



Fridays, 11:00AM - 12:30PM

### Scrabble Club

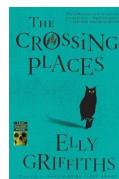
This weekly club is open to all ages and abilities.

**Wednesday, January 7, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**

### Mystery Book Club

The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths (2009).

Our facilitator is Pam Bedore, Associate Professor of English, UConn.

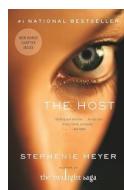


Monday, January 12, 7:00PM – 8:30PM ONLINE

### Speculative Fiction Book Club \*

The Host by Stephanie Meyer (2008). Our facilitator is Pam Bedore, Associate

Professor of English, UConn.



Thursday, January 15, 5:00PM – 6:00PM ONLINE

### History of UFO's in Connecticut: Past and Present

This presentation will look at some of the current and historical UFO sightings in the State of Connecticut, as well as, in the surrounding area. Registration is required for this virtual event. Our speaker is Michael (Mike) Panicello of the Mutual UFO Network ("MUFON") Connecticut Chapter.

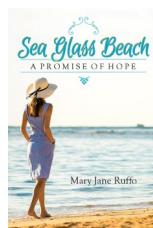
Saturday, January 17, 2:00PM - 3:30PM

### CT Author Book Talk with Mary Jane Ruffo \*

Sea Glass Beach: a promise of hope - A

tragic accident. A choice to make. A tender, heart-warming love story of faith, hope, and second chances.

Mary Jane Ruffo is a retired educator. When she is not writing, making jewelry, or reading others' stories, you may find her scouring the coastline looking for sea glass. This is her first novel. Registration is suggested.



# JANUARY PROGRAMS

**Adults**

Tuesday, January 20, 1:00PM - 2:30PM

**Introduction to Writing Workshop:** don't let that blank piece of paper intimidate you!

Friday, January 23, 1:00PM- 2:30PM

### Friday Afternoon Book Club

Origin by Dan Brown (2017). Our facilitator is Larry Zaccaro, author, scientist, toastmaster.

Wednesday, January 28, 3:00PM - 4:30PM

**Reflect. Release. Reset: a 3-part journaling workshop to create your intentional 2026 \***

Join us for a guided journaling and meditation session to end 2025 with insight and step into 2026 with clarity and confidence. This is the first of a 3-part workshop



with certified journal instructor Rashmi Sharma. *Journals will be provided unless you wish to bring your own. Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

### Community Read with Waterford RISE: Book Discussion

From these Roots by Tamara K. Lanier. One woman's unrelenting mission to reclaim her ancestors' history and honor their lineage pits her against one of the country's most powerful institutions: Harvard University. Laurie Wolfley, member of Waterford RISE, will lead this discussion.

Saturday, January 31, 3:00PM - 4:00PM

### Sometimes a Dream is NOT Just a Dream: dream interpretation and analysis \*

Our speaker is Sydney Sherman, an author specializing in Thanatology (Life After Death), Reiki Master and Aura Consultant.

Registration is suggested.

*All programs are free and open to the public. \* Registration is suggested or required.*

*Access our online event calendar for more information and to register.*



## AMERICA 250 CT PROGRAM:

**Wednesday, January 21, 6:30PM - 7:30PM ONLINE**

### Steeped in Secrecy: The Boston Tea Party, 250 Years Later

The story of tea has always been infused with intrigue, particularly when it became a flash point for tensions between England and Colonial America.

Learn about the brewing political problems tea presented in its history with Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans. Next, author, genealogist, librarian, and former UK resident Debra Dudek examines the history of the Boston Tea Party's most famous partiers (and phonies), as well as how to trace bonafide participants through lineage societies and historical groups.

Our presenter is Claire Evans of Tea with Claire and Debra Dudek, a genealogist. The first of our America's 250th Anniversary events scheduled throughout 2026!

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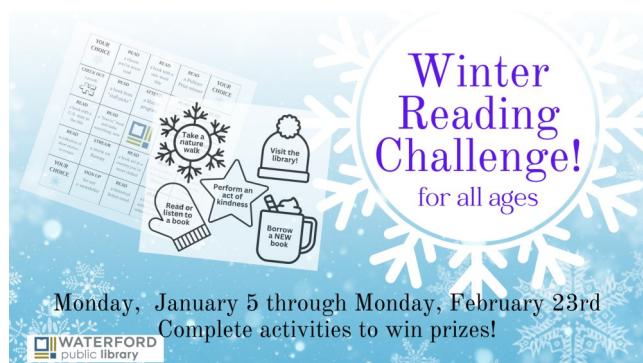
## FEATURED PROGRAM:

Monday, January 5th—Monday, February 23rd

### 4th Annual Winter Reading Challenge

Stop by the Information Desk beginning January 5 and pick up your Bingo card and start reading! Drawing for the Grand Prize basket will be held Monday, February 23 at 6:00 pm.

- For every row or column you complete you earn a Bingo, you win a prize, and one entry for the Grand Prize!
- Enter your titles and activities in the log on the back.
- As you complete your Bingos come in and get your card stamped.
- Complete a full card for a total of 25 entries towards the Grand Prize!
- Register online and print off your Bingo card OR register in the library and pick-up the Bingo card at the Information Desk.



### January Art Wall: Krystal Chen

Krystal Chen is a multifaceted artist whose creative journey began on the vibrant streets of New York City, where she worked as a street artist. Now pursuing her studies in Art and Education at Three Rivers Community College, Krystal continues to explore diverse mediums including oil paints, acrylics, charcoal, and watercolor.



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