SPECIAL ALL-AGES EVENT!
Movimiento Cultural Afro-Continental Performance
Saturday, July 16 at 11:00 am
in the Meeting Room
Join us in a celebration of Puerto Rico’s African-based folklore, music and dance!
Movimiento Cultural Afro-Continental (MCAC), Inc., is a grassroots community based 501(c)3 organization based in Fair Haven, a neighborhood of New Haven. Its mission is to preserve and educate people across Connecticut about Puerto Rico’s rich African-based folklore, music, dance, and other art forms.

Adults can pick up their summer events calendar with reading log and begin their journey from July 5th - August 25th!

Read 3 or more books to enter a drawing for a gift certificate to Filomena’s!

Read 5 or more books to enter a second drawing to win a tote bag full of great gifts!

Drawings to be held Friday, August 26th.
The purpose of this initiative is to bring community members of Eastern Connecticut and Connecticut College.

One Book, One Region is a collaboration between the libraries of Eastern Connecticut and Connecticut College. The purpose of this initiative is to bring community members together to discuss ideas, broaden appreciation of reading and break down barriers between people.

**Where is the Hiking Bear?**

July 5 – August 23
Every Tuesday we’ll post a photo of our hiking bear on our Facebook page visiting one of our town’s parks or green spaces with a clue. Be the first to post the correct answer to win a prize!

**al fresco Concert Series**

Fridays, outside on the Side Lawn
No registration required.

• July 8 at 7 pm: The Original Waterford Community Band Woodwind and Brass Ensembles and Trombone Quartet

• July 15 at 6 pm: Irish Tunes with Marc Bernier

• July 22 at 6 pm: ACT III

• July 29 at 7 pm: The Original Waterford Community Band

• August 5 at 6 pm: The Rivergods

• August 12 at 6 pm: The Howling Hound Dogs

**Grab & Go Craft: Macrame Mermaid Keychain**

Saturday, July 9
All you need are T-pins and a clipboard, macrame board or corkboard – we’ll supply the rest!

**Speculative Fiction Book Discussion: Exhalation by Ted Chiang**

Monday, July 11 at 7 - 8:30 pm on Zoom
Nine stunningly original, provocative, and poignant stories—two published for the very first time—all from the mind of the incomparable author of Stories of Your Life and Others. Tackling some of humanity’s oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine, these stories will change the way you think, feel, and see the world. Led by Pam Bedore, Associate Professor of English, UConn at Avery Point.

**Southeastern CT: Kayaking Heaven**

Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room
Join us for a talk on all things kayaking in southeastern Connecticut. Steve Fagin, who writes the Great Outdoors column for The Day, will talk about places to paddle. Dr. Dan Bendor will speak on safety, health and nutritional issues. Register to save your spot!

**Dark Skies: Adverse Consequences of Light Pollution**

Monday, July 18 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room
Learn about the destructive impact of over-lighting and the benefits of responsible lighting. Presented by International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Northeast Regional Director, Leo Smith.

**Camp Cooking: Vegetarian Burrito Bowls**

Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00
7:30 pm in the Meeting Room
Katie Shephard, RD, owner of Food Explorers, will teach you how to make a delicious meal packed with flavor and nutrition using minimal equipment. This recipe is nut free but may contain dairy. Registration required.

**Ornami Craft Workshop**

Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room
Facilitated by Ben Parker, Origami Artist and Freelance Educator. Registration required.

**An Evening of Stargazing**

Join us at Waterford Beach as Michael Weinstein, Senior Lecturer in Physics and Astronomy, Connecticut College, will provide a brief introduction to the night sky. The Thames Amateur Astronomical Society (TAAS) will also provide telescopes. Please bring a flashlight, binoculars optional. Registration and signed waiver required.

**Who and What is the Waterford Land Trust?**

Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room
As the 48th land trust in Connecticut, it was formed by local residents striving to preserve the natural charm of the undeveloped lands and irreplaceable resources of Waterford and Montville. Founded in 1974 as the West Farms Land Trust (WFLT), it’s now called the Waterford Land Trust. Presented by David L. Lersch, current Trust President.

**Introduction to Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Bathing)**

Saturday, August 20 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
We’ll meet with Alexandra Lowry of “Avery Farm Nature Preserve” to walk the blue trail and meet at the parking lot off of 184 (Gold Star Hwy) - look for the mailbox with #91770.

**Food Explorers: Camp Cooking: Vegetarian Burrito Bowls**

RD, owner of Katie Shepherd, - 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room

**Adult Summer Reading Drawing!**

Friday, August 26 at 4:00 pm
If you’ve read 3 or more books this summer, complete the Reading Log and enter to win a tote bag full of fun gifts! Reading 5 books earns an entry into a 2nd raffle!