Saturday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. IN PERSON
Who was Colonel William Ledyard?
We all know Colonel William Ledyard as a soldier and hero from the Battle of Groton Heights but what about his personal life as a successful Groton merchant, businessman, legislator and family man? We welcome John Steward, Tossing Lines columnist for The Day, who will tell us a little more about this local hero.

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 p.m. ONLINE
The Basics of Breathing: a workshop
Without even thinking about it, you take 12 to 20 breaths per minute. Think about your breath and you can use it to relax or energize you. Breathing is an important tool that fuels every system in your body. In this workshop we’ll go over a number of breathing exercises, breathing patterns, and learn to sync breath patterns to gentle movements to help you feel stretched and revitalized. Our presenter is Maggie Downie of Personal Euphoria.

Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. IN PERSON
Author Talk: In a Class All Their Own: Unique and Historic Boats of New England
Each boat has a story to tell and this book features nearly forty profiles of classic/unique boats, drawn from articles written for the Westerly Sun newspaper during the summers of 2014 and 2015. Tom’s books will be available for sale. Pick one up as a gift for family or friend! Tom Verde is a freelance journalist who writes for the New York Times, National Public Radio, AramcoWorld magazine, the New London Day, and the Westerly Sun.

Thursday December 8, 7:00 p.m. IN PERSON
Talk About Town: The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center
Our Talk About Town Community Conversation series continues with a new focus on Waterford's Hidden Gems. In December, we welcome Tiffani Gavin, Executive Director and Rob Mooney, Director of External Relations from The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. The Launchpad of American Theater, the O’Neill is the country’s preeminent organization dedicated to the development of new works and new voices for the stage. Join us to learn more about the history and current programs offered by this hidden gem in Waterford.

Monday December 12, 7:00 p.m. ONLINE
Speculative Fiction Book Discussion Group
Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik (2018) Miryem is the daughter and granddaughter of money-lenders, but her father’s inability to collect his debts has left his family on the edge of poverty—until Miryem takes matters into her own hands. Hardening her heart, the young woman sets out to claim what is owed and soon gains a reputation for being able to turn silver into gold. Pam Bedore, associate professor of english, UConn at Avery Point, leads our discussions.
**Holiday Events**

Beginning Saturday, December 3 until supplies last!

**Adult Grab & Go Holiday Craft**
Choose your craft - Origami Santa or Origami 3D Holiday Star. All supplies included. Hang the 3D star as an ornament or in a window. Use the Santa as a bookmark, gift tag, or a place setting name tag.

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. IN PERSON
**Morning Coffee Craft: holiday wall art**
Bring your coffee and spend the morning creating a beautiful holiday wall craft. All supplies included. Registration is required as space is limited to 15.
*We welcome back Pam's Picassos!*

Saturday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. IN PERSON
**‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime: An Entwined Early Music Christmas Concert**
To celebrate the Christmas season and wintertime we chose repertoire for this program well-suited to our ensemble: Renaissance or Baroque flutes, lutes, Baroque guitar, harp, and viola da gamba, either collectively or individually. “We hope you enjoy taking this Christmas journey with us through time and from many lands as much as we enjoy performing it” -- Dee Hansen, Neal Humphreys and Eric Hansen.

Tuesday December 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. IN PERSON
**The Christmas Cartel: a story of the American Revolution**
In 1776, on Christmas Eve, 225 sickly American prisoners of war were marched from British military jails in New York City to the docks along the East River. There, they boarded a former merchant ship called the Glasgow. Most of the men were enlisted soldiers from Connecticut who had been captured during the recent battles on Long Island and Manhattan. *Our speaker is Tom Hogan.*

**ONLINE Author Talks**

Tuesday December 6, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. ONLINE
**Author Talk with Geraldine Brooks**
Join us for an exciting virtual chat with the highly-acclaimed and award winning novelist, Geraldine Brooks in conversation about her most recent *New York Times* Bestselling novel *Horse*. Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. *Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an author and journalist who grew up in the Western suburbs of Sydney.*

Saturday December 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ONLINE
**Author Talk with Fredrik Backman**
Join us for an online chat with bestselling author Fredrik Backman as we discuss his outstanding body of work, including his breathtaking new novel, *The Winners*, the third installment of the *Beartown* series. *Fredrik Backman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Man Called Ove.*

Wednesday December 14, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ONLINE
**Author Talk with Nicole Eustace**
You’re invited to explore early-American history during an online afternoon conversation with Pulitzer Prize winning historian Nicole Eustace as she discusses her 2022 award winning book *Covered With Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*. *Nicole Eustace is a professor of history at New York University.*

**ART WALL:** Our December art exhibit wall features mother and daughter artists Krystal and Valerie Chen.

Either call the library to register or go to our Calendar of Events page on our website.

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