Monday, June 13, 7:00 pm (online)

**Speculative Fiction Book Discussion:** This month’s title is *Circe* by Madeline Miller (2018). In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child -- not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power -- the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. Multiple copies of this title are available for checkout in the library. Please register for this Zoom event.

*Pam Bedore, associate professor of English, UConn at Avery Point, leads our discussions.*

Friday, June 24, 1:00 pm

**Daytime Book Discussion Group:** *Mostly Dead Things* (2019) by Kristen Arnett asks the question, "What does it take to come back to life?" For Jessa-Lynn Morton, the question is not an abstract one. In the wake of her father’s suicide, Jessa has stepped up to manage his failing taxidermy business while the rest of the Morton family crumbles. Multiple copies of this title are available for checkout in the library. Please register for this event.

*Our facilitator is Margaret Breen, professor of English, UConn.*

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**Book-A-Tech:** One-on-One computer assistance. Do you need help with email, downloading ebooks or audiobooks, Facebook, Twitter, etc.? Justin is here to help. Please call for a virtual appointment.

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**Great Decisions, Global Topics for Local Discussion:** No special subject knowledge is required to join in our weekly civil discussion. Each participant is expected to read the topic overview provided in the program briefing book. Registration will secure your space and reserve your free copy of the briefing book, while supplies last. The Waterford Public Library is partnering with the Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council (SECWAC) to present at least five accompanying lectures provided by subject area experts. We thank Connecticut Humanities for their generous support which is enabling us to provide this program to our community.

**June 2:** Climate Change Lecture by Cary Lynch, CT Climate and Energy Policy Manager, The Nature Conservancy.
**June 9:** Xi’s China Takes on the Quad Discussion (Chapter 5 in the Briefing Book)
**June 16:** No End in Sight: a Century of Drug Wars Discussion (Chapter 6 in the Briefing Book)
**June 23:** Biden Foreign Policy in an Age of Strategic Competition Discussion (Chapter 8 in the Briefing Book)
**June 30:** Final Guest Lecture - Biden’s Foreign Policy Lecture by Peter Beinart, Political Commentator and Professor at CUNY Graduate Center

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**Mondays at 6:00 pm. Registration is no longer required and masks are optional.**

**June 6:** *Nightmare Alley* (Rated R; 2 hr. 30 mins.; 2021; crime/drama/thriller)
**June 13:** *Cruella* (Rated PG13; 2 hr. 14 mins.; 2021; adventure/comedy/crime)
**June 20:** *Cyrano* (Rated PG13; 2 hr. 3 mins.; 2021; drama/musical/romance)
**June 27:** *Licorice Pizza* (Rated R; 2 hr. 14 mins.; 2021; comedy/drama/romance)

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**Laurie Allan - Landscapes**

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**Shore Birds-Sharing our Shores**: As summer approaches the Audubon Center in Southbury changes its focus to Sharing our Shores with birds. We’ll discuss ways we have a positive impact on birds that use our beaches and waterways at home, including our use of plastic materials and recycling. Please register in advance for this Zoom event. We welcome back Ken Elkins, Community Conservation Manager, Bent of the River Audubon Center in Southbury. The photo is an American Oystercatcher, photo by Robert Blanchard from the Audubon Photography Awards.

**Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am**

**A Season of Noticing**: — a walk with journaling: Join nature writer Katherine Hauswirth at Stenger Farm Park in Waterford for some time to reflect and be outdoors. This event is limited to 20 participants therefore registration is required. We’ll meet in the parking lot at Stenger Farm Park on Clark Lane in Waterford. Don’t forget water, comfortable shoes and a notebook/journal and pen/pencil. All those who participate must sign a Waiver & Release of all Claims prior to the start of the event. Rain date is Saturday, June 25th.

**Wednesday, June 15, 6:30**

**Guest Author Taylor Oliveira**: Local author Taylor Oliveira joins us for a discussion on her new book Autumn Years: a journey from darkness to light. Tay spent the first 24 years of her life selectively mute. Throughout the entirety of those years she was completely unaware of this episodic muteness. At age 24, when she became aware, she did not understand why she couldn’t speak to certain individuals, but knows now that her invisible disability was a blessing in disguise. This is her journey. Registration is suggested.

**Saturday, June 18, 3:00 pm**

**La Amistad: a performance**: In celebration of Juneteen we welcome Adwoa Bandele Asante performing La Amistad: A Fantastic, True to Life Journey of Sorrow, Unity & Triumph. Storyteller Adwoa, starts the audience out in 1839, West Africa. From here came the captive Africans whose tenacity and will power would ultimately strike a death blow to the trans-Atlantic trafficking in humans of that era. La Amistad, the now famous coastal schooner, whose name means “friendship”, spent two years in New London harbor. Come learn about how it came to be here and its historical impact. Registration is suggested.

**Our presenter is Adwoa Bandele Asante, M.A; founder of P.E.A.C.E. Works Group, LLC, in New London. From 2018 through 2020, she worked throughout the state of Connecticut, and in parts of Long Island, NY as a Discovering Amistad Educator.**

**Monday, June 20, 6:30 pm (online)**

**Suffragettes in Corselettes: The evolution of underwear & our 19th amendment.** For centuries, women have allowed themselves to be squeezed, twisted, and squished to conform to desired shapes. The history of underwear reveals a lot about women’s changing roles in society – how we perceive ourselves, and how we’re viewed by others. The 1910s saw an end to the hourglass figure with a tiny waist. Women were finally able to breathe and move more freely. Did the demise of tightlacing help women gain the right to vote in 1920? Please register in advance for this Zoom event.

We welcome back Velya and Ehris Urban, mother and daughter, founders of Grounded Goodwife.

**Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 pm**

**America’s Best Idea – The National Parks**: Dr. Richard Benfield will draw upon his ten years of teaching about National Parks and World Heritage Sites, his four years working in Banff National Park for Parks Canada, and his latest research projects on conservation and protection of large feline predators in the World’s National Parks to create an immersive experience for all participants. Registration is suggested.

Dr. Benfield is an Emeritus Professor of Geography at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain where he taught courses in Human Geography, Plants, Predators and Parks, Russia, and The European Union.

**Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 pm (online)**

**Write Night**:

A writing group that meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. A night of discussion on the creative art of writing and a space for inspiration, creativity and growth. Please register for this Zoom event. Facilitated by Gwen Mariani, author of The Growing Tree. Please register by visiting our Calendar of Events on our website.

**Tuesday June 28, 6:00 pm**

**Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body**: For centuries, we’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how we perceive ourselves, and how we incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Registration is suggested.

This event is presented by Kristopher Sortwell, Eastern CT Regional Director, Alzheimer’s Association.