



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Coffee and Cards

10:30am-Noon

This month - September 12 & 26

Cribbage, Euchre, Hearts, Rummy - whatever your game - we will play it. Meetup with folks

at the library for coffee, conversation, and cards - a great opportunity to socialize and keep those card playing skills sharp. Open to anyone, but especially looking to connect with seniors.

A heartfelt thank you to **Patty Pittala** and **Leanne Saddlemire** for their years of service as Library Trustees. We appreciate their creativity and vision and their hard work on the Westford Community Fund. We also want to welcome new trustees **Marianne Bassford** and **Becky Roy**.

Thank You
to our
Trustees

Video Streaming Service FREE with your library card - starting September 1!

Biblio+ is a free streaming service. Movies, TV, documentaries - all ages! Lots of Brit/BBC content. FREE with your library card - no limits, watch as much or as little as you like. Need to have a current library card and know your library card number - contact the

library for help with that or if you need to renew.

Sign up with your library card at www.biblioplus.com to start streaming their selection of films and TV series today!

The biblio+ app is available for download on Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, Apple TV), Android phone and tablet, Amazon Fire TV, and Roku, or stream directly from www.biblioplus.com.

Using your Digital Library - Wed., Sept. 6 from 7-8pm

Libby? Mango? Now streaming movies?! Feeling a bit overwhelmed or looking to get the most of your digital library - come learn how to do all these things - in person - ask questions. Feel free to bring charged devices to get started.

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

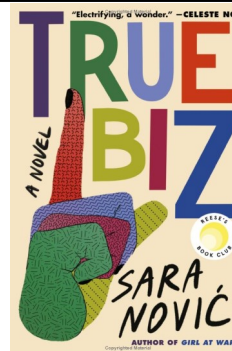
Wed., Sept. 27

7:00-8:00 pm

True Biz

By: Sara Novic

ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR:
NPR, The Washington Post,
Publishers Weekly, Booklist



True biz (adj./exclamation;
American Sign Language):
really, seriously, definitely, real-talk

True biz? The students at the River Valley School for the Deaf just want to hook up, pass their history finals, and have politicians, doctors, and their parents stop telling them what to do with their bodies. This revelatory novel plunges readers into the halls of a residential school for the deaf, where they'll meet Charlie, a rebellious transfer student who's never met another deaf person before; Austin, the school's golden boy, whose world is rocked when his baby sister is born hearing; and February, the hearing headmistress, a CODA (child of deaf adult(s)) who is fighting to keep her school open and her marriage intact, but might not be able to do both. As a series of crises both personal and political threaten to unravel each of them, Charlie, Austin, and February find their lives inextricable from one another—and changed forever.

This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and, above all, great persistence, daring, and joy. Absorbing and assured, idiosyncratic and relatable, this is an unforgettable journey into the Deaf community and a universal celebration of human connection.

**Print copies available at library,
ebook & audiobook copies available
on Libby.**

Early Literacy Storytime - Thursdays at 11:15am inside the library.

9/7/23: Theme: LeUyen Pham Stories (it's her bday!) **9/14/23:** Theme: Apples

9/24/23: NO STORYTIME

9/28/23: Theme: Fall

We know the transition from summer to back to school can be tough, going from outside to inside can be different - we will take it slow and get used to our new format this month. Don't worry!

We sing songs, read stories, move and do crafts! No sign up needed, all ages are welcome.

September Library Events

September 1 - August Trails Passport Winner drawn
September 6 - Using your Digital Library 7-8pm
September 8 - KinderNight 6-7pm, please RSVP by 9/6
September 12 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
September 13 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
September 21 - NO STORYTIME
September 26 - September 30 - Bring in costumes for the first ever costume swap! Costume Shop is October 5-7 and October 12-14.
September 26 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
September 27 - Adult Book Group discussing True Biz by Sara Novic.
September 29 - "All Together Now" Puzzle Art Reception - 6:30-8:00pm
October 3 - September Trails Passport Winner drawn
Storytime Thursdays 11:15 in the Library

"All Together Now" Community Puzzle Art Reception
Friday, September 29 from 6:30-8:00pm
Did you make a puzzle piece? Would you like to show it off to family and friends? Come for some snacks and goodies and celebrate your art. Didn't make a piece - come anyway and appreciate all the artistic talent in Westford. Display will be taken down at the end of September and pieces will be available to pick up throughout October.



KinderNight!

Friday, Sept. 8 6:00-7:00pm
All Westford Kindergarteners and their families - come for a special kindergarten themed story time and craft - just for you! This is a fun way for kids and families to get to know each other. We love making connections and new friends!



We'll also make yogurt "sundaes", so let us know if you have any allergies.

RSVP to westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com by Sept. 6, appreciated, but not required.



**Fire up your imagination
with a library card.
Get yours today!**

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Fall is a great time to explore Westford's Trails!

Trails Passport - Get passports at the Library. New locations, new stamps, same fun! Prizes, too! Runs through October.



Poetry Walk - Enjoy a stroll starting at the back kiosk of the school trails.

Story Walk on the school trails

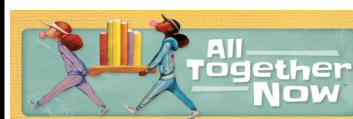
Enjoy "Hot Dog" on the school trails. Story starts at the front parking lot kiosk.



**First EVER
Costume Swap**

Bring in your clean, ready to wear costumes and accessories anytime the week of September 26-30. We will gather and sort and THEN come shop the costumes October 5-7 and October 12-14 during regular library hours. Recycle those great, outgrown costumes. All sizes and themes. You do not have to bring things to come get new to you costumes. Save the environment and save some money! If you would like to help with this, please let Bree know.

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**Summer Reading
Recap!**

This summer, we had the most kids ever sign

up - 132 kids!
We also had the most adult participation ever!
2,356 books were read
37,547 minutes were read
We ran 35 programs this summer.
We put on a story walk, a poetry walk and even met up at a baseball game.

THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, and teachers who do so much to support their children's love of reading.

THANK YOU to the following for their support:
Westford Country Store and Café
Morgan Brook Farm
Westford Conservation Commission
The Vermont Department of Libraries
The Westford Library Board of Trustees
Nancy Volkers and Bob the Tortoise
Ben and Jerry's and Hannaford in Essex
The Lake Monsters and Champ

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