



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Coffee and Cards

10:30am-Noon

This month - April 9 & 30

Whatever your game - we will play it. Meet 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, especially looking to connect with seniors. Please be prompt so we can include all in play.

All about Eclipses!

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See later in the newsletter for more eclipse information.



Irene Allen's 120th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, April 13 from 2-4pm

Presented by the Westford Historical Society

Irene Allen was Westford's librarian for decades. She was also a historian, author, newspaper reporter, and genealogist. WHS has been working with UVM Special Collections to collect stories. They would like to share those stories and solicit more stories from people who knew her. **Refreshments will be provided.**

SOON! The Westford Public Library will be accepting donations for our Fourth of July Book Sale

Please, stick to these times only.

Saturdays 5/4, 6/1, 6/15 and 6/29.

From 9-11am.

NOT BE ACCEPTING: VHS tapes, cassettes, CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. *Ask yourself "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale.*

ACCEPTING: books, DVDs, and audiobooks in good condition.

DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS - IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS.



OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

Wed., April 17

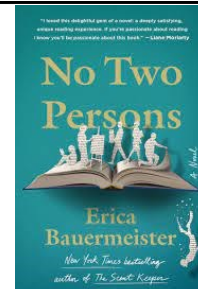
7:00-8:00 pm

No Two Persons

By: Erica

Bauermeister

One book. Nine readers. Ten changed lives.



New York Times bestselling author Erica Bauermeister's *No Two Persons* is "a gloriously original celebration of fiction, and the ways it deepens our lives."

That was the beauty of books, wasn't it? They took you places you didn't know you needed to go...

Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words, in turn, find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief. Each one is drawn into Alice's novel; each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives.

Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in the most beautiful and unexpected of ways—and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think. (Amazon)

Print copies available at the library, ebook and audiobook available on Libby.

Early Literacy Storytime - Thursdays at 11:30am inside the library.

4/4/24: Theme: Space

4/11/24: Theme: Elephants

4/18/24: Theme: Plants

4/25/24: No STORYTIME OVER SCHOOL BREAK

Special FWNI Storytime on Wednesday, April 17 9:00-10:30am, see newsletter

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

April Library Events

- April 4 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm
April 6 - All About Eclipses - 2:00-3:30pm
April 8 - Total Solar Eclipse! Viewing party on the Common 2:00-4:30pm
April 9 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
April 10 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
April 11 - Table Top Game Night 6:30-8pm
April 12 - Drop Everything and Read Day - Snacks and reading all day long 1-7pm, with special kid time afterschool!
April 13 - Irene Allen's 120th Birthday Celebration with the WHS, 2-4pm at the library
April 17 - Special FWNl storytime on the Common with WES K students from 9-10:30am, all are welcome to join
April 17 - Adult Bookgroup - 7-8pm, discussing No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister
April 25 - NO Storytime over school break
April 30 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon

Storytime Thursdays 11:30 in the Library

Maker's Group - Meets the First Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. All types of crafters are welcome to attend. Bring projects to show off, share expertise, and enjoy each others' company.



TABLE TOP GAME NIGHT
April 11 from 6:30-8pm

Hosted by avid table top gamers Bill & Martha McClintock.

Bill and Martha will bring games from their extensive home game collection to share with those who come. Snacks provided.



Save the Date: Welcome Baby Tea
Saturday, June 8

We are celebrating all children born from March 2023-March 2024. If your child was born in Westford, you will receive an invite in the mail in the beginning of May. If you have moved into town and your child fits into that age category - you are invited too! Please contact

the library with your child's info. We can't wait to celebrate our littlest patrons!

Have you tried Biblio+?

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 all devices, Roku, smart TVs, can be streamed directly from www.biblioplus.com. See our resources tab on our website for more information.



Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) Day is April 12! Let's celebrate by reading all day - with snacks! Stop by the library anytime during the day to read and snack for an hour (1-7pm).

Kids can ride the bus to the library afterschool for a special hour of reading from 4-5pm. Let the library and the school know if you will be riding the bus here. All ages welcome to read!

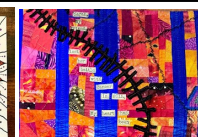
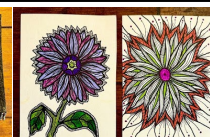
Special "Spring" Four Winds Nature Storytime - **Wed., April 17 from 9-10:30am on the Common** Join the Westford School Kindergarteners and FWNl educators for a fun, hands-on storytime about Spring. This is OUTSIDE, so dress accordingly (we might get muddy!) and bring a blanket for sitting. All welcome to join in.



FOUR WINDS
NATURE INSTITUTE

Over Time - A Multimedia Exhibition

Long-time Westford resident Janet Jaffe will display selected artworks from her diverse personal collection from mid March through June. Although primarily recognized as a quilter, Janet has long maintained her primary form of creative expression is doodling. She finds inspiration everywhere. In addition to a collection of wall quilts, viewers can expect to see pen drawings, as well as assorted works assembled with recycled components, items found in nature, acquired at flea markets and found in her world travels.



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Total Solar Eclipse



Monday, April 8, 2024

Are you ready for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse?

The Westford Public Library is here to help! We are so excited to be part of Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL). This means we have had training, equipment and solar glasses for FREE thanks to the generous sponsors below.

Eclipse Timing for Westford:

Partial Eclipse begins: 2:14

Totality begins: 3:26:20

Totality ends: 3:29:42 (that's an incredible 3 minutes 22 seconds of totality!)

Partial Eclipse ends: 4:37

Learn all about the Eclipse at this Eclipse Talk - Saturday, April 6 from 2:00-3:30pm

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Experience the Eclipse Together! Eclipse Viewing Party on the Common - 2:00-4:30pm

- * Eclipse Crafts in the Gazebo with Westford PTO
- * Cool sun viewing equipment - Sunoculars and a SunSpotter
- * It is cool to view something like this as a community!

Glasses - How and When do I get eclipse glasses?

- * March 26 - April 8 while supplies last (we have 500 pairs!)
- * Anyone who attended our space programming will have a reserved pair
- * All students at Westford School and the Barn School will receive their own pair
- * Pick up glasses at the library with a [valid Westford Public Library card](#) (max 2 per household)
- * NASA recommends 1 pair of glasses per 3 people - you do not need glasses at all during totality!

Use certified
solar-viewing glasses

