## FRIENDS YEAR-END GIFT EXPENDITURES INCLUDE:

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TRAIN TABLE ACCESSORIES (TO GO WITH MICHELLE AND FRED BLANK'S HAND-CRAFTED TABLE)



### EXPANDED PRINT CALENDAR (4 to 8 PAGES):



MONTHLY EVENTS

Thursdays @ 3:30–4:30 pm March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 1

TAG: Junior Teen Advisory Group
Wednesdays @ 4-5 pm
March 13, April 10, May 8
Drop-in-event. Join this small council of
dedicated volunteers who provide bool
reviews, vote on new bools to purchas
playtest games & more! Grades 6-8.

saturday DND: A Rolegiaying Club Saturday, © 2-430 pm March 3, April 13, May 21 Join Emily & Dungson Master Spencer for a storyseling game where players create their own character & go on an interactive, fantsy adventure, featuring goblin, trolls, bugbears & more! New & experienced players all welcome! Grades 5-12. ONE-TIME CT.

ONE-TIME EVENTS

Thursday, March 14 @ 4-4:45 pm

& Trivia
Wednesday, March 20 @ 4 pm
Do you love Taylor Swift? Join us to
make Taylor Swift friendship bracelets
while enjoying snacks and listening to
her music. We will also have a few

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Bros. Movie for All Ages
Thursday, April 16 2 pm
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3D Printing Introduction
Wednesday, April 17 @ 4-445 pm
Visit the Youth Services department to
learn how to design your own 3D files and
learn more about our 3D printer. During
this informal hour we will get you started
learning 3D design software and
demonstrate our 3D printers! Billions of Board Games!
Thursday, May 9 @ 3:30–4:30 pm
Gaming as a group sounds good to me!
Join us for a tabletop gaming event for
teens. We'll play a series of party games
filled with cooperation, strategy & fun.
Sponsored by the Friends of Blackstone

### Teen Take-N-Makes:

Bubble Tea
Monday, April 22 @ 9 am-8 pm
Drop-in event. Stop by the Teen Room
today to pick up a hands-on bubble tea kit
that you can make at home. No sign up is
required but kits are limited. Sponsored
by the Friends of Blackstone Library.

or in person!

Super Smash Bros
Wednesday, May 22 @ 3:30–5 pm
Want to prove you're the best player in
town? Come to our Super Smash Bros
tournament to test your skills!

Library Hours
Mon-Thurs 9 AM-8 PM
Fri & Sat 9 AM-5 PM
Sun 1-4 PM (September-May)

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# Spring 2024

**PROGRAMS & CLASSES** March - April - May

JOIN US FOR 18 HOLES OF MINI GOLF AT BLACKSTONE LIBRARY



Play downstairs, play upstairs, play everywhere!

Saturday, May 18, 10 am - 4 pm Sunday, May 19, 1 - 3:30 pm

\$5 per person, golf clubs and balls provided



FUN FOR ALL AGES



Saturday, May 18, 7 pm

Plas mini golf • food • silent auction



more about each

Use the OR code

below to learn









### ONGOING EVENTS

## Weekly Events

Grief Support Group
Mondays @ 6-7:30 pm
A weekly support group for those
struggling with grief. Led by Cheryl Cole,
AccentCare Bereavement Volunteer and
Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. No
registration required.

Poetry Café 
Saturdays @ 11 am-12 pm
Join a fun, friendly group of poetry lot
Each week they select a poet to read
aloud, followed by a lively group
discussion. Awakening to Change: A Social (

Justice Discussion Group
Thursdays & John State
Michael State
Michael
Michae

Third Thursday Movie Matinee
Thursdays @ 10 am-12 pm
A monthly film screening and discussion group dedicated to
fregldiscovering the oldies but goodles of classic Hollywood.
March: No Movie

Monthly Events Meet fellow writers and workshop nev pieces in a friendly and supportive environment. Led by local writer Kierst Bjork. All genres/levels welcome.

recommended, but drop-ins welcome.
Tech Help Tuesdays;
Tuesdays; 8 11 am-12 pm
March 12 8.6 April 28, May 16.8 28
Confused about, your new Hoone or IPad?
Need help formatting a Word document.
Drop in to the library between 11 am 8.
12 pm to get a tech question answer.
First come, first served. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes per person. No registration required.

Branford Land Trust Speakers Series Thursdays @ 6–7:30 pm A series of environmental talks prese by the Branford Land Tr

Ecosystems April 18: What Do You Do with Your

Banana Peels in Branford?
Monday, May 13: Annual Meeting &
Introduction to the CT National
Estuarine Research Reserve

Evening of Guitar at the Blackstone

Evening of Guitar at the Blackstone Thursdays @ 6-7-30 pm Guitarist and Branford resident Neal Fitzpatrick will present a regular, monthly program of music for classical guitar. Each session will feature a different era, genre, or style. March 28: Guitar Music of Latin America

America April 25: Classical Guitar Sampler May 30: Chamber Music for Guitar

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Saturday Cinema
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Sighthy-rated movie on our big screen in
the auditorium. Sponsored by the Friends
of the Blockstone Library.
March 30: Barble (2023, F6-13)
April 27: Openheimer (2023, R)
May 25: The Color Purple (2023, PG-13)

### PROGRAMS FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

Monday Preschool Stories
March 4-May 20 @ 10-10:30 am
A storytime filled with songs, stories,
movement, and interactive activities.
Ages 3-5.

Tuesdays are for Twos
March 5-May 21 @ 10-10:30 am
A program filled with singing, dancing,
rhyming and stories. Enjoy old & new
favorites! Ages 2-3.

Wednesday Stories & Music March 6-May 22 @ 10-10:30 OR 10:45-11:15 am

A gentle storytime of rhyming, move and song. Ages 24 months & under

& under.

Saturday, April 27 @ 10-10-30 am

A feel good storytime for the entire
family, full of songs, rhymes, books and
instruments to get you moving and
grooving. Ages 5 & under.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

series of interactive issus provided by Cool-ology, March 2: Roller Coaster Physics April 6: Eclipse Explorers May 4: The Science of Electricity with Elm City Robo Squad Sponsored by the Priends of the Blockstone Library, Grades K-4.

Lego Challenges Mondays, March 18 & May 6 @ 4–4:45 pm What can you build? Dig into the library's collection of LEGO bricks and test your engineering skills with some LEGO building prompts. Grades 2 −5.

BABIES & KIDS

building prompts. Grades 2–5.
Window of Opportunity? Your Baby's
First 24 Months
Saturday, March 23 e? 11 am-12 pm
The first 24 months are crucial for the
developing brain, and children are more
likely to have stronger language,
vocabulay & communication skills when
you begin engaging them right from birth.
Learn how you can hely your baby
optimize their potential!

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES
Homeschool Meetup
Mondays @ 2-3 pm
March 11, April 8, and May 13
A meetup for homeschool families and
groups to socialize and share resources.
Do a STEAM activity, learn about services
at the fibrary, and share what you need to
help your students learn. Sponsored by
the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

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the Friends of the Blockstrone Library, "Jona loyes: The Wonder Girt" © Local Author Story Time Sturday, March 16 € 10.30–11.15 am Join us for a storytime that calebrates the incredible career and file of Jona Joyce. Enjoy a reading of the book, and hear songs it inspired, with local authors: Keely Baisden Knudsen, Lauren Salatto-Rosamy, and Tomy Renson. Recommended for ages 4 to 8, but all ages are welcome to participate. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Habitats are Homes with the Deniso Pequotsepos Nature Center Saturday, March 30 @ 10-11 am

Audinoum. All ages welcome!

Snacks and a Film IT be Super Mario Bros

Thursday, April 11 e 2 pm

Drop-in event. Looking for something to
do over spring break? Bring the whole

family to a showing of The

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### Friends Book Sale Cart is at the Library & Online!







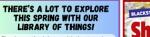
Come shop our Friends Book Sale Cart on the main floor of the Library. You'll find an assortment of books for adults and kids. assortment of books for adults and kids, including many new releases. Book prices range from \$1–\$4. New books added weekly. Come browse and see what you can find!

Prefer to shop from home? The Virtual Book Cart is back! It's an easy way to obtain used books in both hardcover and trade paperback at great prices (\$3 for hardcover and \$2 for trade paperback, 2024 books will have a \$1

additional cost).

Scan the QR code to start shopping before the book sale!





The nice weather is here, so it's time to explore the outdoors! Check out a birdwatching kit, gardening tools, a telescope, pickleball set, and more. Scan the QR Code to see everything.







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Banned Book Club

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Book chillengs are all over the news these days, and they're impacting readers here in Connecticut. That's why we're giving our community the opportunity to read and discuss the most challenged books in the nation. First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30-7:30 pm

- March S: The Hondmaids's Tale by Margaret Atwood

- April 2: Out of pointess by Ashley Hope Pérez

- May 1', Radiant Child by I savias Steptoe, And Tango Makes

Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Panell, and Separate is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatüh

First Friday Book Discussion All titles are available for do First Friday of the month @ 1

th @ 11 am-12 pm erican Dirt by Jeanine Cu - March 1: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins - April 5: *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin - May 3: *One Summer in Savannah* Terah Shelton Harris

### BLACKSTONE LIBRARY ARTISTS CIRCLE GALLERY

### On Display:

March & April: Imagination Made Real: Kate Galambos's mixed media creations

May & June: Photographs of the many facets and moods of the Hammonasset Beach State Park in by

Talks & Receptions: Robert Jawitz Opening Reception Saturday, May 4 @ 10:30 am-12 pm Visit our top floor gallery to view Robert Jawitz's photographs of Hammonassett State Park. No registration required.



April 9: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe

May 14: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Books & Brews Book Club BOOKS & BYEWS BOOK CIUD Held at Thimble Island Brewery Last Wednesday of the month @ 6:30-8 pm - March 27: Yellowface by R. F. Kuang - April 24: Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll - May 29: All Systems Red by Martha Wells

Best Seller Book Club

Best Seller Book Club Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library Last Saturday of the month @ 3:30-4:30 pm - March 30: The Women by Kristin Hannah - April 27: The Princess of Lav Yegas by Chris Bohjaliar - May 25: Real Americans by Rachel Khong

#### Events with Branford's Poet Laureate

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Poetry Reading: Eighnesis

Saturday, March 16: 92-4 pm
In this Reading from Eighnesis, her new collection of
poems, Judifb. Lichemann shares poems and the art
works that inspired them, ranging from an Archaic Greek
status to a painting by Winslow Homer to a MSA photo of
a Block folie.

a Black Hole.

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Poetry in extremis Sonday, May 5 @ 2-3:30 pm

A lecture and reading of poems written in reaction to great human catastrophes such as the Holocaust, World Wars, the Plague, and Slavey.
Family Picinic & Poetry Fair Saturday, May 25 @ 1-3 pm

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A poetry event for the whole family on the park-like grounds of the Blackstone Library!

Bring a picinic and enjoy costumed performances of favorite childhood poems.

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Medicare Made Clear
Wednesday, March 13 6 639-739 pm
Would you like some clear information
about Medicare, the difference between
all the plan types, and learn some
specifics to look for when choosing a
plan? Join Christle A. Bondos, a local
Medicare Insurance Specialist who will
guide you through the Medicare Maze.

gardener Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Lea Farm will guide you through t basics of starting your own seeds Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Celtic Celebration Saturday, March 23 @ 2-3 pm Judy Handler& Mark Levesque pr entertaining program of music from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library

Get Ready for the Spring Sky Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30-7:30 pm Learn how to safely view the upcomit Solar Eclipse and explore the sky this spring, observing events and objects within our atmosphere

### APRIL EVENTS

# Library Week!

Solar Eclipse Watch Party Monday, April 8 @ 2:45-4 pm On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, and Branford will have almost 90 percent visibility. Join us on the lawn for an all ages viewing party!

Celebrating (Inter)National Poetry Month: Voices from Around the

World
Tuesday, April 9 @ 5:30–7:30 pm
Guest readers will share poems from
various cultures read in their original
language and in translation. Featuring
poems in German, Korean, Hebrew,
Spanish, and more!

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Tech-Help-a-Thon

Wednesday, April 10 @ 9am-5 pm

Need help with Microsoft Word or Excel?

Curious about A.1.? Having trouble with

your new device? Stop by the library for a

drop-in tech help session!

Reversals, Red Herrings, & Twists Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30–7:30 pm A panel of crime writers discuss how to keep the reader guessing. Presented by Sisters in Crime CT.

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Love My Library Day

Saturday, April 13 @ 10 am-1 pm

Spend a day exploring everything the Blackstone has to offer. Tour the building, explore our Library of Things, Contribute

Branford Historical Society Presents:
This Land is Our Land
Wednesday, April 17 @ 6-7 pm
John us as co-authors Lorraine Doyle,
Joann Terry Nelson, and Denise Doyle
Fincke share stories from their book This
Land is Our Land. The Langhier Cove
Association, A Remarkable Story, talk
about the Branford summer colony's 100
uses history. Weath his land consent his lan about the Branford summer colon year history, and path to land owr

Woodwinds Orchestra Concert Saturday, May 4 @ 2 − 3 pm Fluet Loops is an adult flure choir directed by Erin Vivero. Their repertoire is specifically arranged or composed for multiple flutes and includes classical pieces, contemporary compositions, arrangements of popular music and original works written specifically for the flute choir.

Ask a Medicare Specialist:

Orop-in Event
Saturday, April 20 @ 9 am-5 pm
Are you nee to Medicare, straing 65, or retiring soon? Stop by the Rottuda to get
Medicare Specialist Thereas Borchetta.
She'll be available throughout the day to help you navigate the Medicare system

In Are Society Presents: Concert

or Medicare Specialist Thereas Borchetta.
First Society Presents: Concert

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Medicare Specialist There...

Musical Art Society Presents: Concert

Statutage, April 20 @ 2:30 –330 pm

new work writtenprogram by Christodeuse Georgiades.

Rave Onl: The Music of Buddy Holly
Roy Orlifon
Sunday, April 21, 92 - 3-15 pm
Back by popular demma, Rave on by jack
the legendary music of early rock and rol.

Communication Strategies
Wednesday, May 22 & 6-73 pm
Join Althimmer's Association Offictive
Media Strategies
Wednesday, May 22 & 6-73 pm
Join Althimmer's Association Volume
Maria Tomassett to epslore how
communication takes pick ow then
when the Maria Tomassett to epslore how
communication takes pick ow then The Art of the Odysey: Classical Mythology in Stories & Art Thursday, May 2 @ 6:59-736 when you for professional storyled From Lee Shares depictions of them in art throughout the Blockstone Library.

# Friends Upcoming Book Sales





DATES: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 9AM - 2PM

