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Librarying

May 2025

"At last came the golden month of the wild folk-- honey-sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year."
-Samuel Scoville Jr. from *Wild Folk*

Upcoming Events



LIBRARY LOVE: VOLUNTEERING POP-UP

Volunteer to help us weed the library's gardens!
Registration not required. Snacks will be provided.

Call the library with questions.

(860)767-1252

**Friday
May 9, 2025
5:00-6:00pm**



FLOWERS AT FALLS RIVER

Family Hike

MAY 24

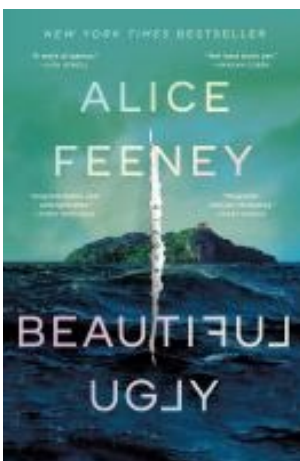
9 AM - 12 PM

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!



Find Flowers | Build A Bookmark | Take Home Surprise at End of Hike!

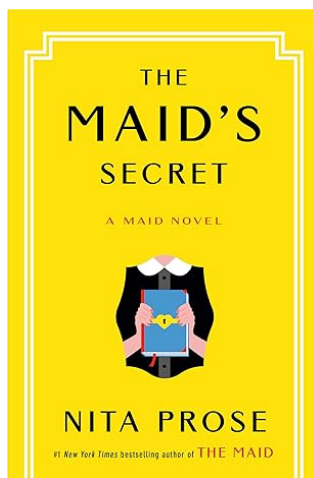
New Book Spotlight



"Author Grady Green is having the worst best day of his life.

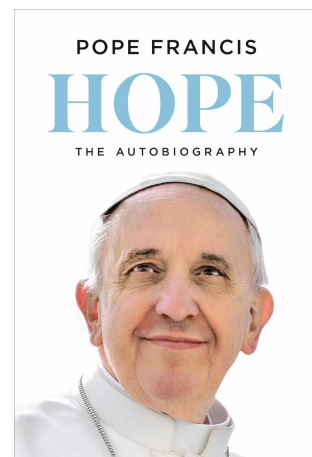
Grady calls his wife to share some exciting news as she is driving home. He hears Abby slam on the brakes, get out of the car, then nothing. When he eventually finds her car by the cliff edge the headlights are on, the driver door is open, her phone is still there. . . but his wife has disappeared.

A year later, Grady is still overcome with grief and desperate to know what happened to Abby. He can't



"Molly Gray's life is about to change in ways she could never have imagined. As the esteemed Head Maid and Special Events Manager of the Regency Grand Hotel, two good things are just around the corner—a taping of the hit antiques TV show *Hidden Treasures* and, even more exciting, her wedding to Juan Manuel.

When Molly brings in some old trinkets to be appraised on the show, one item is revealed to be a rare and



"*Hope* is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. Written over six years, this complete autobiography starts in the early years of the twentieth century, with Pope Francis's Italian roots and his ancestors' courageous migration to Latin America, continuing through his childhood, the enthusiasms and preoccupations of his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to the present day(...)

Hope includes a wealth of revelations, anecdotes, and illuminating thoughts. It is a

sleep, and he can't write, so he travels to a tiny Scottish island to try to get his life back on track. Then he sees the impossible – a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife."



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coveted artifact worth millions. Molly becomes a rags-to-riches sensation, and a media frenzy swirls as she prepares to sell her priceless treasure. Then, on auction day, the treasure suddenly vanishes. and Molly and her friends find themselves at the center of the boldest art heist in recent memory.

A spirited heist caper and an epic love story, *The Maid's Secret* is a spell-binding whodunit that will capture your heart."

thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the "story of a life" and, at the same time, a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis's legacy of hope for future generations."



May 2025

Weekly Enchantments:

Story time with Ms. Elizabeth
Wednesdays at 9:30. Hosted in the Children's Room or Butterfly Garden, weather permitting. All ages are invited! New friends are always welcome to join us for a story or two and singing.

Mommy and Me Music and Movement–
Grandparents & Daddies are welcome too! (suggested ages birth –2) **Fridays at 9:30.** will be hosted in the Children's Room. We will combine finger plays and instruments with some fun and catchy tunes!

Butterfly Garden Storytime
Enjoy listening to stories in our Children's Garden and observe our fluttering friends.
May 6th at 3:30: *Mixed Feelings* and *Rainbow of Emotions Art*



Music with Ms. Jessica from CMS
Wednesday, May 21
9:30

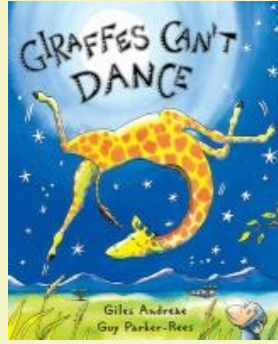
Enjoy making music with our special guest from Community Music School!



Welcome to Kindergarten Party!
Wednesday, May 28th
11:00

Friends entering kindergarten (and their families) are invited to join us for a special party celebrating their next adventure! Special guests from the community will join us, and there will be a special treat!

May 13 at 3:30: Giraffes Can't Dance Silly Dance Break




Visit and check out our new Orboot Globe with Augmented Reality Technology! Thank you to Community Impact Council of Middlesex United Way for providing the Children's Room STEM Station.

Contact Elizabeth Bartlett at 860-767-1252 for additional information about upcoming programs!

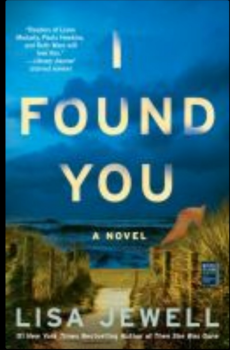
Book Clubs

AN IVORYTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB


Tea
& Murder



Book Club



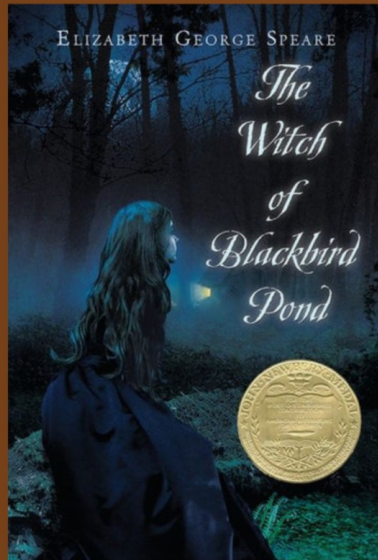
Friday
May 16, 2025
4:00
I Found You
by: Lisa Jewell



Tuesday
May 20, 2025
3:30

An Unfinished
Love Story
by: Doris Kearns Goodwin

Connecticut History Book Club



Wednesday,
June 18, 2025
5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Pratt House
19 West Avenue
Essex, CT. 06426

Register on
essexhistory.org



Essex
Historical
Society



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Book List of the Month

Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific
Islander Heritage Month



River Valley
Fund for Families
at the
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Middlesex County



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Ivoryton Playhouse
Thursday, July 24 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a magical evening at the Ivoryton Playhouse, where the River Valley Fund for Families (RVFF) will host a pre-show reception ahead of the beloved musical "**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**." Guests will enjoy refreshing drinks and delectable hors d'oeuvres under the tent, surrounded by community spirit and a shared mission.

This special event is part of RVFF's **Positive Paths Initiative Fundraiser**, with proceeds supporting public libraries in **Essex, Chester, Deep River, Ivoryton, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook**.

Tickets: \$100 each

A portion of ticket sales and sponsorships will be awarded as grants, ensuring children have the tools they need to thrive through reading and education.

Tickets on sale here!

<https://middlesexcountycf.org/event/2025-rvff-fundraiser/>

"In May, anything seemed possible. If only I could learn to harness time itself. To make every month like May! Or, perhaps, to live backward in time, so that whenever the end of the month arrived, I could turn May right around and live it all over again."

-T.A. Barron from *The Lost Years*



Director's Note

Sunny days means outdoor programs are back! We hope you will stop by and enjoy our garden as much as we do. I have found the shaded benches to be the perfect reading spot on my lunch break.

If attending Essex Garden Club's May Market on May 10th, be sure to say hi at our library table! I will be chatting about upcoming programs and distributing free seeds from our Seed Library. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy the season's sunshine,
Colleen Goodrich

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