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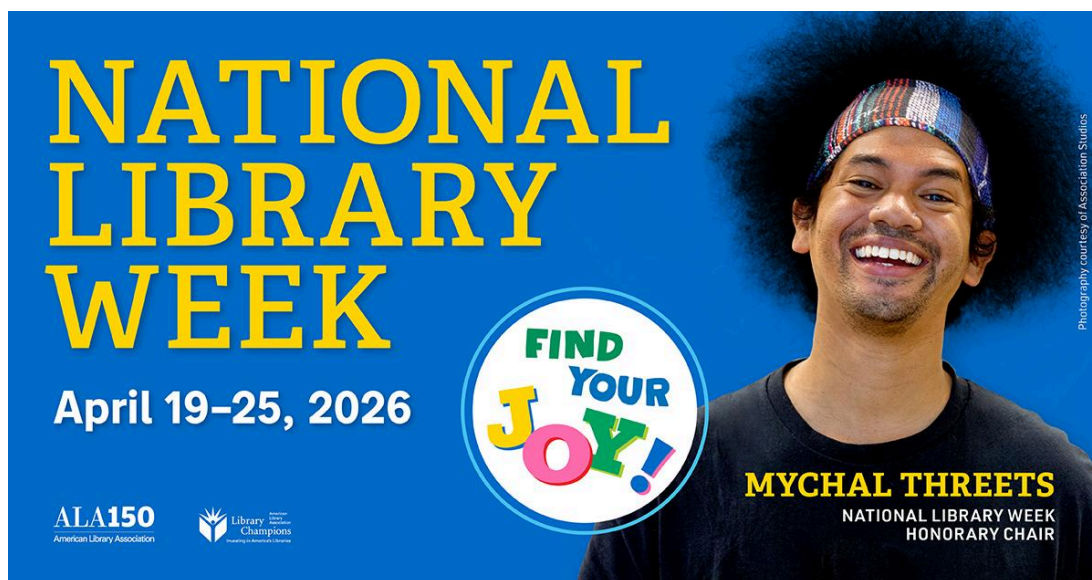
Librarying

April 2026

“We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth.”

-John Lubbock in *The Pleasures of Life*

National Library week is April 19-25!



We love any excuse to celebrate libraries. Thank goodness there is a whole week in April just for that! All month long, we will be stamping Library Passports (see below), handing out stickers, giving tours, and welcoming new folks into the library. If you needed an excuse to come visit, here it is! Although, you never need a reason to visit the library---we love having you here!

Participate in Passport to CT Libraries!

Stop by to receive your library passport or get a stamp if you are visiting from out of town.



PASSPORT TO CONNECTICUT LIBRARIES

Libraries across Connecticut are participating in this exciting program to help people of all ages discover everything CT libraries have to offer. Visit at least five libraries on the list and have your passport stamped for a chance to win a **\$200 Visa gift card**.

Three adult winners and three child winners will be selected.

Participation is FREE!

Ask your librarian for more information.



**Contest Dates:
April 1-30, 2026**



**Enter for a
chance to win a
\$200 gift card!**

Upcoming Events



[Register Here](#)



Join us for this 3-part meditation series hosted by Caryl Horner! This class is for all levels. Beginners are welcome!

April 27-Introduction to Meditation.

The history, health benefits, and techniques of meditation.

May 4- Meditation & Mindfulness.

Incorporating the practice of meditation & a state of enhanced mindfulness into your life. Tools to use, developing your own practice that fits your needs.

May 11-Developing a Personal Path.

Creating your own goals to activate your plan to enhance your health & wellness using meditation & mindfulness. List of resources reviewed & shared.

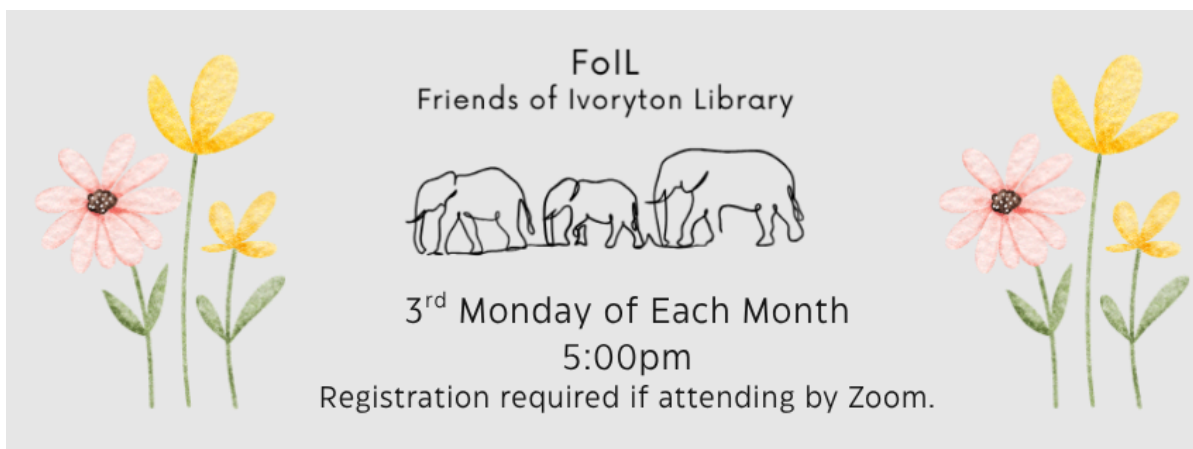
Your host: Caryl Horner has been meditating for many decades and is trained in Buddhist meditation, Transcendental meditation, the Relaxation Response (Dr. Benson) & Mindfulness meditation. She has a Ph.D in psychology and her professional career was in healthcare for 40 years in a variety of settings including the Yale School of Medicine & the CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services. Caryl created a meditation center in Chester called the Dharma Room.

[Register Here](#)



Interested in donating plants for our sale? Empty pots will be available to pick up at the library beginning Monday April 6th. Fill them up and drop off indoor/outdoor plants to Ivoryton Library on May 1! Thank you for your donations! Have extra pots (plastic is great--we are reusing!) lying around? Feel free to drop them off at the library on or after April 6th.

See you at the Plant & Bake Sale!





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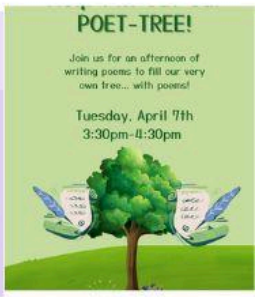


NEW BOOKS

Check out our new books display to see what we have that just came in!

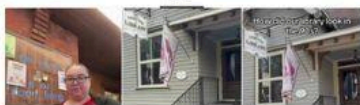
PROGRAMS

Join us for our weekly storytime or Homework Hangout, or check out our monthly programs on our website!



TIKTOK

Did you know Ivoryton Library has a TikTok? Check out our profile (@ivorytonlibrary) to see what's going on!



Book Clubs

JUST DESSERTS
Book Club!
Cozy romances & fun fiction

April 13
7:00pm

Tom Lake
A Novel
Ann Patchett

Tom Lake
By: Ann Patchett

FACTS & FIBS

Fortunate Son
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY BY
LEWIS B. PULLER JR.

Tuesday
April 21, 2026
3:30 pm

Fortunate Son
By: Lewis B. Puller Jr.

AN IVORYTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Tea
& Murder

Book Club

Friday
April 17, 2026
4:00

The Golden Spoon
A NOVEL
JESSA MAXWELL

The Golden Spoon
by: Jessa Maxwell

Connecticut History Book Club

Wednesday
April 22, 2026
5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hills Academy
History Center

Register on
essexhistory.org

FREEGIFT

JAMES R BENN

Ivoryton Library

Essex Historical Society

Book List of the Month

A Library-Themed Booklist in Honor of National Library Week!

"Fancy – day after day of summer sunshine, in April. The house grows dusty and neglected because we spend so much time outdoors."

-Kathleen Jamie in *Findings*



Director's Note

Happy Spring! March was busy for everyone here at Ivoryton Library. Thank you to all our Escape Room participants! We hope you enjoyed your trip to Wonderland and hope you will join us in the Shire next year!

If you live in Essex Village, Centerbrook, or Ivoryton, you will be receiving our annual appeal letter in your mailbox soon! Membership contributions make up a large part of our operating budget and members receive special perks, like free copies of Ivoryton Library publications and invitations to the Annual Membership Meeting on June 23rd! We appreciate all the ways you support us. Thank you for

considering membership in Ivoryton Library Association! Already a member? Stop in to receive your membership gifts!

Happy Reading,
Colleen Goodrich

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