

Winter 2020-2021

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Easton Public Library's Quarterly Newsletter



From the Director



Holiday Greetings! As we end a year like no other, I would like to thank all of our patrons for their support during this difficult time. Although we don't know what the next few months will bring, we will do all we can to provide the best service possible to our community. I would also like to thank our great team of Library employees for their dedication, flexibility, and hard work. As we celebrate the holidays safely this year, let's all try to remember the things we're grateful for. I am grateful for my wonderful Library staff and for everyone in the Easton community. It is truly a pleasure to serve you! I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021.

Lynn



Easton Public Library

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<https://www.eastonlibrary.org>

Library Update

The Easton Public Library is open to the public with safety measures in place. We are following state guidelines to protect our patrons and ourselves.

Curbside pickup is still available. Patrons can call the Library at 203-261-0134 or email a request to epnews@eastonlibrary.org. Homebound delivery is also available. Call the Library or email your request to Penelope at pjp@eastonlibrary.org.

Please be aware that any materials you return will remain on your record for at least 3 days. This will allow us to quarantine the items for 72 hours before checking them in and reshelving them. Fines will not be incurred. For more information, go to <https://www.eastonlibrary.org>.

Meeting rooms are now closed for booking, due to the increase of coronavirus cases.

The Library has a new mission statement and a new vision statement.

Mission: To advance literacy, foster creativity, and enhance lives by connecting people with the world of ideas and information, while remaining responsive to the community.

Vision: To be the welcoming heart of our community, where all people can find a safe space to learn, discover, create, connect, and share ideas.

Our new tagline is "A Space For All."

Staff News



Circulation Assistant Debby Holland received her Master's Degree in Library Science from Rutgers University in August, 2020.

Congratulations, Debby!

Holiday Hours

CLOSED Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

CLOSED Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18

CLOSED Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15

HELP WANTED!

The Friends of the Easton Public Library is looking for enthusiastic, creative, and forward-thinking community members who would like to volunteer their time and talents to this wonderful organization which provides critical support for the Library. Available opportunities include planning and implementing fundraisers and other events; Treasurer duties; and recruiting new members. Ideal candidates will possess a passion for the Library. Hours are flexible and based on candidates' schedules.

The benefits are priceless!

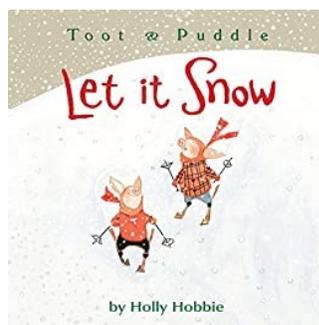
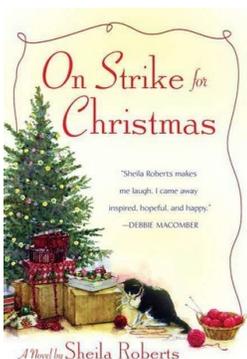
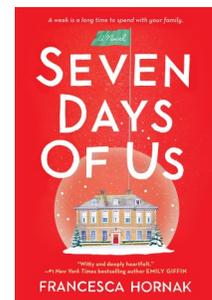
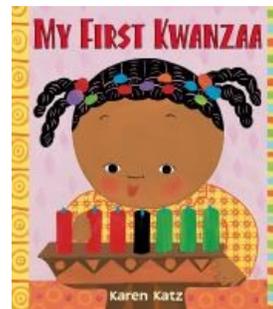
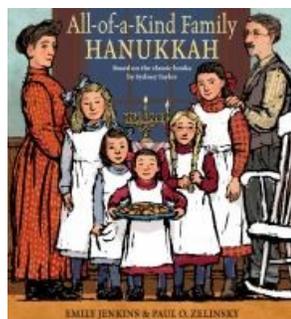
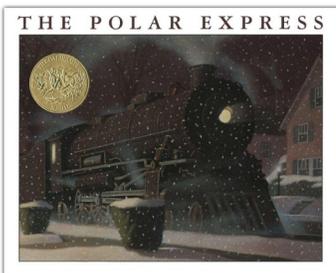
If interested, please contact
Library Director Lynn Zaffino at 203-261-0134
or lzaffino@eastonlibrary.org.

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Holiday Books

Here are a few holiday books from our favorites list.

Stop by and check them out or contact us for curbside pickup!



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Easton Public Library Oral History Project

Interviewee: Mr. Chester Burley, age 70

Interviewer: Abby Bonoff, age 12

Date of Interview: June 3, 2020

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROJECT: All of the students at HKMS were given the opportunity to interview a longtime Easton citizen or one who has made a profound contribution to the town. I, Abby Bonoff, was chosen to interview the President of the HSE (Historical Society of Easton), Chester Burley. I understand that Mr. Burley hasn't lived in Easton very long but realize that being the President of the HSE is a very important job. His most notable quote about Easton in my view was, "I want to see it remain a quaint agricultural oasis that is surrounded by towns that are going very commercial."

At the beginning of this interview we each stated our name and age. I asked Mr. Burley over ten questions. When answering these questions, Mr. Burley went into fine detail which helped me get a sense of how and why he moved to Easton and the importance of the HSE to the town.

How long have you lived in Easton?

I moved from Greenfield Hill in Fairfield, so about four miles away ten years ago.

Why did you move here?

I found a house by accident as I was just surfing the web. It's a historic house built in 1790 and I just fell in love with it.

What is one of your most favorite memories from Easton/Most significant memory the HSE has created?

An event the HSE produced five to six years ago. It was a revolutionary war re-enactment weekend where we had five regiments of revolutionary war soldiers, a small cavalry, plus artillery. It was up by Staples School and took up all the fields. They camped with tents, camp fires and the British we put in a separate area! The origin is I was doing some research and I found that a raiding party of British marines came to shore on Compo Beach in Westport in 1781. Forty British Marines stumbled upon a small scouting group of patriots of six men. Elijah Morehouse was the senior officer and they took them as prisoners intending to go back to the ship. Elijah was so difficult and so annoying to the British officers with his demands, that they changed their minds and decided to march to his farm and burn it down. History doesn't exactly show us where the Morehouse Farm was but the fact that we have a Morehouse Road lent itself well to the event. We built a barn with the plan of burning it down but it was August and the fire department said we'd need a firetruck nearby and that would not have been very authentic. After some back and forth we decided we needed the barn for two days so burning it down on the first day wouldn't work well for the second day! We settled on smoke bombs and smudge pots to create the image of fire.

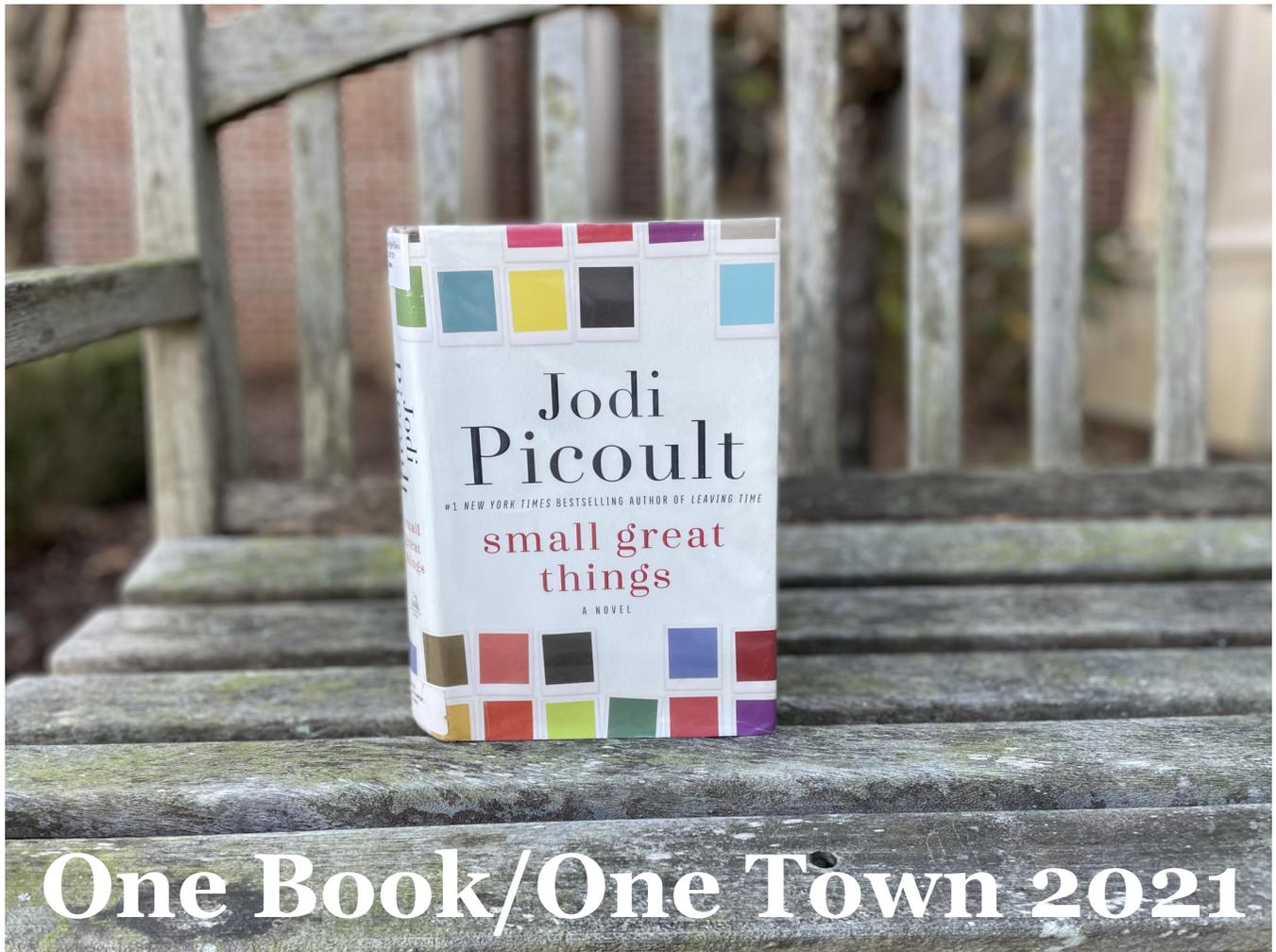
What is your vision for Easton in the future?

I want to see it remain a quaint, agricultural oasis that is surrounded by towns that are going very commercial.

What is it like being the president of the HSE?

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to work actively to preserve the history of Easton. Our mission is to research, document and preserve the history of Easton and we have done a tremendous amount in the last couple of years to do exactly that. One other thing we are doing to preserve what we have is digitalizing a lot of it so printed materials are scanned. The photos are being digitized too. Our website and Facebook page contain hundreds of photographs that people are viewing from all over the country. Three years ago we had 74 followers on Facebook, now we have over 1000. The website shows the old schoolhouses. There were 11 school houses in Easton so no student would walk more than five miles each way. Two survive today- one is privately owned and the other, owned by the Historical Society, is down the hill from Greiser's. It has no running water or electricity and a pot belly stove to keep it warm.

To read more, go to <https://www.eastonlibrary.org/easton-oral-history-project>.



Books are available now! Stop by and pick up a copy, or order for curbside pickup.

This year's One Book/One Town selection is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

Stay tuned for themed programs, including a book discussion.

With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race, *Small Great Things* is a stunning page-turner from Jodi Picoult. - Amazon

Art Exhibits

Harvey Paris *Re-Boot*



Through December 23/Conference Room & Glass Display Case
Re-Boot, an exhibit featuring the works of nationally recognized carver Harvey Paris, will be at the Easton Library through December 23. The carvings trace the awakening and evolution of the human search for Spirituality. Paris studied carving for over a decade with Wayne Barton, recognized as the father of North American Chip Carving. Paris utilizes only a handheld knife to create beautiful and original works of art in both wood and leather. Known for his Religious/Biblical/Spiritual carvings, *Re-Boot*, his 2020 work, as well as the name of the exhibit, stands at 7 feet high by 3 feet wide in two directions. It is his first abstract, three dimensional, and combination wood and leather carving and it reflects the Earth in 2020.



Michael Albert *Modern PopArt*

January 11 – February 15/Conference Room & Display Case

Albert has been creating art since his college days at New York University (BPA /1984-1988), where he studied business. His art has evolved from doodles and Pen & Ink, to serious wax oil drawings, to the cubist mosaic cereal box collages (Cerealism) he has become known for. In the past two decades he has been creating large-scale “Epic” collage works using the cardboard packaging of iconic consumer brands on various themes. He is the founder/owner of Sir Real, a brand of fruit juice & natural foods found at specialty markets (including Greiser’s locally). Since his book, an artist’s autobiography titled, “An Artist’s America” (Henry Holt, 2008) was published, he has developed a traveling Pop Art Enrichment Program & Hands-On Collage Workshop for all age groups called the “Modern Pop Art Experience,” which he has brought to over 1,000 schools, libraries, museums & other arts venues all over the USA & in Europe. Lately he has developed Virtual Art programs & he will be running a Zoom workshop for the EPL on Saturday February 6 at 11am. Michael Albert’s Studio is located in White Plains / For an Appointment call 917-841-3486.

Art Show Fundraiser Keri English-Giddes

Late January/Community Room
Starts January 25

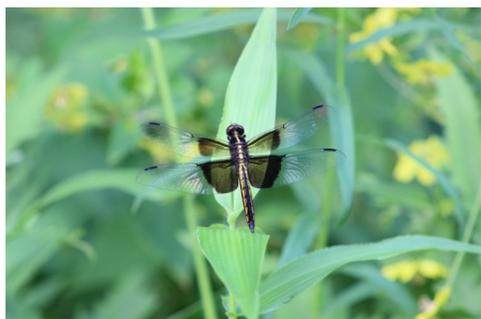


A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Expansion Fund

Keri English-Giddes is a contemporary artist residing in Easton, CT with her husband, Gregg, and children, Tate and Luke. Her path to becoming an artist began during her childhood years, growing up in Wolcott, CT. At the age of 4, her aunt introduced her to the fundamentals of painting and within three years, she was taking private weekly lessons under Frances Hurley. Keri continued to develop her talent throughout her adolescence and was fortunate to have had many wonderful influences during these formative years. She credits her high school art teacher, Richard Kupstis, with fostering creativity and providing direction to her during that period. Keri went on to study Fine Art and graphic design at CIT in Greenwich, CT. After graduating, she worked in advertising and design for many years. When Keri's children were young, she wrote and illustrated 4 children's books, which she dedicated to her own children and their teachers.

Lucy Markey Crossman *On Gossamer Wings*

February 15 – March 31/Conference Room



Lucy became interested in photography in her early teens. She has concentrated on documenting and photographing all the different dragonflies she can find in Easton, which number 36. Lucy is the Secretary of the Easton Volunteer Fire Company, and Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town. Her alter ego is "Firefighter Lucy," who teaches fire safety and injury prevention lessons to Easton's children.

Alvin Patrick

African American Rare Book Collection

February 15 – March 31/Glass Display Case

Alvin Patrick is a veteran journalist of broadcast, digital and cable network television. He is currently an Executive Producer for CBS News. His most prized possession is his first edition, rare book collection of primarily African-American literature that dates back to the early 1800's. Mr. Patrick is happy to share some of those books in an exhibit at the Easton Public Library during Black History Month in 2021. The rare books on display will feature first editions by Frederick Douglass, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Ralph Ellison, James Baldwin, Gwendolyn Brooks, Lorraine Hansberry, Toni Morrison, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr, among others.



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Create your own movie nights!

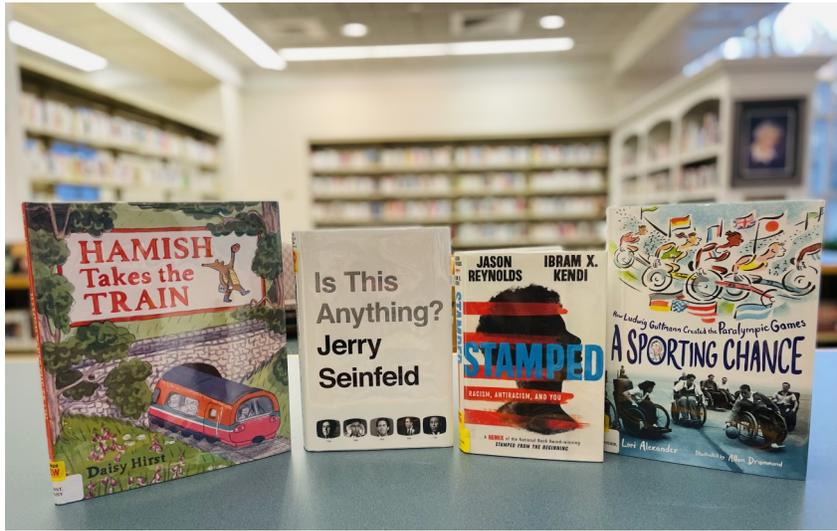
We've got **Binge Boxes!** Check out a curated selection of movies that all have the same theme or category, all in one box!



The Giving Tree

Donate a book, audiobook, CD or DVD to the Library, and at the same time, honor a friend or loved one. Whether it's for the person who has everything, a memorial gift, to commemorate a special occasion, or to celebrate your favorite reader, this gift truly keeps on giving.

Just stop by the Library or contact us by phone or email with the item of your choice, and the amount. A Librarian will choose an item that is needed for our collection. The person you've honored will receive a letter stating that the gift is in their honor, and a bookplate with the honoree's name will also be placed in the item you've donated.



Thank You!

The Library Board of Trustees and the staff of the Easton Public Library are so grateful for the donations we received since May 2020 from patrons and from various organizations in the community. The materials your donations provide help the Library to offer a broad spectrum of resources for the community.

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Look What's New!



Designed for children ages 3 to 6, *Miss Humblebee's Academy* is an easy-to-use, interactive online solution for kindergarten readiness. It offers hundreds of lessons spanning all major academic subjects including social and emotional learning, gives weekly progress reports, and is the only product that provides assessments to measure proficiency and learning.



LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator is an easy-to-use search tool with everything you need to find, apply for, and get hired into ideal positions. It delivers award-winning information on careers, as well as skills and interest assessments to match individuals with ideal career paths.

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Value Line provides the latest data, sophisticated tools proven ranks, and expert guidance to help you better evaluate your investment possibilities. You can access Value Line from the Digital Library page.



OverDrive has purchased RBDigital, so as of December 30, all of the digital audiobooks, ebooks, and magazines you enjoyed there can be found on the Libby app, as well as the SimplyE app. We are available to help you with the transition.

We Like to Talk About Books

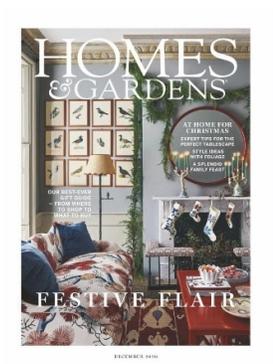


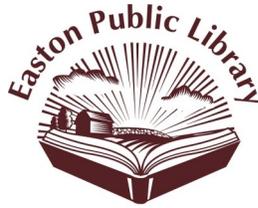
Keep up with the Easton Public Library Book Chat, a monthly video series that features members of the Easton community and what they like to read. You can find these interviews on our website in our Video Library, <https://www.eastonlibrary.org/video-library>.

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| Dave Bindelglass 4/2020 | Dan Slater 8/2020 |
| Kimberly Fox Santora 5/2020 | Lori Dugall 9/2020 |
| Dr. McMorran 6/2020 | Darcy Sholz 10/2020 |
| Lucy Crossman 7/2020 | Elise Broach 11/2020 |

Digital Magazines

We now have over 3,700 digital magazines from all over the world. They're available to you from your RBDigital app through the end of December. After that, they'll be available on your Libby app.





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Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 10-5
Thursday: 10-7
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10 – 3
Sunday: Closed

Color Key

Adults—Blue

Teens—Green

Kids—Red

Intergenerational—Purple

Our regular programs, including Little Ones Programs, are also running virtually through the winter.

For more information, call us at 203-261-0134. Click here to register for any of these programs: <http://www.eastonlibrary.org/calendar-list>.

Upcoming Winter Events

All programs are virtual. Registration is required. Registrants will receive a Zoom link the day of the program. To register, go to <https://www.eastonlibrary.org/calendar-list>.

Winter Craft-Alongs (All Ages), December 1-31

Intro to Computer Processing (Gr. 6-8), 12/2, 12/9, 4:00 p.m.

Easton Yarnsmiths, Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Community Career Expo (Gr. 9-12), 12/3, 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Trivia, 12/4, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

NEW! Library Squad (Gr.6-8), 12/4, 2/5, 4:30 p.m.

Review Crew (Gr. 4-5), 12/4, 2/5, 3:30 p.m.

Year of Wonders Book Discussion, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 10:30 a.m.

Graphic Novel Fan Club (Gr. 6-12), 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3:30 p.m.

Book Brigade (Gr. 2-3), 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 4:30 p.m.

Beyond Reading Book Discussion, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 7:00 p.m.

NEW! Teen Library Council (Gr. 9-12), 12/18, 1/15, 2/19, 3:30 p.m.

Best Lives Book Discussion Group, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, 7:00 p.m.

Toddler Be-Bop & Story Time Hiatus, 12/24-1/4

Red Cross Blood Drive, 12/29, 2/25, 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

Mystery Grab & Go Crafts (All Ages) January 1-31

Zoom Pet Showcase (Gr. K-5), 1/7, 4:30 p.m.

Career Coaching, 1/14, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bookworm Crafters (Gr. K-1), 1/25, 2/22, 4:30 p.m.

Art Show Fundraiser (Keri English-Giddes), 1/25

Kahoot (All Ages), 1/29, 7:00 p.m.

Climate Activism: Toward a Greener Community & a Greener World , 1/31, 2:00 p.m.

Hands-On Collage Workshop with Artist Michael Albert , 2/5, 11:00 a.m.

All Things Romance!, 2/11, 7:00 p.m.

Lip Sync Challenge (All Ages), 2/25, 7:30 p.m.