



# WALPOLE TOWN LIBRARY

## DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### PROGRAMS

#### Special Events:

**Caregivers Support Group:** Tuesday, 12/13, 2 pm, Main Library.

**Library Trustee Meeting:** NO meeting in December.

**Special Movie Event, Elf:** Friday, 12/16, 4 pm, Main Library.

#### On-Going Adult Programs:

**Knitting Group:** Mondays 1-3 pm, Main Library. Beginners welcome!

**Conversations With Friends:** Mondays 2-3 pm, North Walpole Branch.

**Library Book Group:** Last Thursday of the month, 12 noon, Main Library.

**Crafternoon:** Second Friday of the month, 1:30 pm, Main Library. All supplies provided.

**Writers Group:** Third Saturday of the month, 10 am, Main Library.

#### On-Going Kids and Families Programs:

**Wiggle Time:** Mondays at 10 am, Main Library. **NO PROGRAM 12/26 or 1/2.**

**Story Time:** Wednesdays at 10 am AND 5:30 pm, Main Library. **NO PROGRAM 12/28.**

**Story Walk:** Distant Hill Nature Trail. Dawn to dusk every day. New stories each month.

### THE DEVIANT'S WAR: THE HOMOSEXUAL VS. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITH AUTHOR ERIC CERVINI

Wednesday, 12/7, 7 pm, Main Library

Join us for an in-library Zoom discussion with award-winning author and historian Eric Cervini on his painstakingly researched and engagingly written book, *The Deviant's War: The Homosexual vs. the United States of America*. A New York Times bestseller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, *The Deviant's War* uncovers the secret history of the fight for gay rights that began a generation before Stonewall, told through the life and unprecedented legal efforts of astronomer Franklin Edward Kameny. This discussion will be moderated by Jasmine Allen of PBS NH.

About the author: Eric Cervini is an award-winning historian of LGBTQ+ culture and politics. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar. *The Deviant's War* is his first book.

### CODE CLUB SIGN UPS FOR WINTER SESSION

Code Club is one of our most popular programs for kids in 2-5th grade. Using the Google Scratch CS First programming kids learn basic coding and beyond. The Winter Session will run the week of January 9 through the week of March 27. Due to demand we are adding a beginner session. See below for details:

**Tuesdays** for kids with a basic knowledge of Scratch Code, 3:30-4:30 pm, North Walpole Branch

**Wednesdays** for kids with a basic knowledge of Scratch Code, 3:15-4:15 pm, Main Library

**Fridays** for Beginners, 3:15-4:15, Main Library

Sign ups for the Winter Session begin Monday, 12/12. To register call Julie at 603.756.9860 or email her at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org). Spots go quickly so don't delay!

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSBANK

Did you know that your library card gives you online access to local newspapers such as The Brattleboro Reformer, The Eagle Times, The Concord Monitor, The Nashua Telegraph, The New Hampshire Union Leader, and The Boston Herald?

For up-to-date news and information at your fingertips, head to our website at [www.walpoletownlibrary.org](http://www.walpoletownlibrary.org) and click on the NewsBank icon.

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY MOVIE

Join us Friday, December 16, at 4 pm for a special screening of *Elf* at the Main Library. Bring your friends, a snack if you wish or even your favorite stuffie

## NON-FICTION BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### Let's Eat Italy by Francois-Rgis Gaudry

From the same team that created Let's Eat France! comes this celebration of Italian food in the form of an oversized, obsessively complete, visual feast of a book. With a mix of gastronomy, food science, history, cultural references, legend, lore, charts, graphs, photos, and illustrations, every one of the 400 pages in Let's Eat Italy! is an alluring and amusing journey into Italian food.

Learn how contemporary food trends (like the oh-so-hip orange wine, which Italians have been drinking for nearly 8,000 years) trace their roots to Italy. But the influence of Italian food doesn't stop at the table—an entire spread looks at the Italian Mafia's favorite dishes as seen in Hollywood, through the lenses of Scorsese, Leone, and Coppola. Let's Eat Italy! is a splendid exploration of this beloved cuisine, from pizza to gelato, Milan to Sicily, and from the many kitchens of Italy to your own.

## FICTION BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, Demon Copperhead is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote David Copperfield from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration.

## GET TO KNOW OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Each month we'll ask a Board member these five questions to get to know them better.

### Erin Bowen, Trustee

*1. What does your family look like?*

In my family there is Charley, myself and my three children; Luke-16, Rebekah (Beki)-14, and Jacob-5.

*2. What's the last book you read?*

I am reading The Mockingbird's Song by Wanda Brunstetter.

*3. What 3 things would you bring to a deserted island?*

I would bring a Swiss Army knife, matches and a hammock.

*4. If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?*

If I could travel anywhere I would go to Ireland with my family.

*5. What was your first job?*

My first job was as a babysitter



## LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed Saturday, 12/24, Monday 12/26, Saturday 12/31, and Monday 1/2.

### MAIN LIBRARY

48 Main St., Walpole, NH 03608  
603.756.9806  
Monday 10 am to 7 pm  
Tuesday 1 to 6 pm  
Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm  
Thursday 1 to 6 pm  
Friday 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm



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### NORTH WALPOLE BRANCH LIBRARY

70 Church St, North Walpole, NH 03609  
603.445.5153  
Monday 1-4 pm  
Tuesday 3-7 pm  
Friday 9 am to 1 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm