

“A library is many things . . . It’s a place to go, to get in out of the rain. It’s a place to go if you want to sit and think. But particularly it is a place where books live, and where you can get in touch with other people, and other thoughts, through books.

The Norfolk Library welcomes new patrons. Simply fill out a registration form at the Circulation Desk.

Reference & Resources

Help Available

Consult with the library staff to find answers to your reference questions or assistance with your research.

Computers

Computer terminals with internet access are located in the Reference Room. They are available in half-hour increments on a first-come, first-served basis. Laptops and ipads are also available. There is high-speed wireless internet access throughout the Library.

Printers

Copies and faxes can be requested at a nominal charge.

Special Requests

- Our interlibrary loan service allows you to request books from other libraries.
- If a Norfolk Library item has already been checked out, you may request that it be placed “on hold” for you upon its return.
- Suggestions for new acquisitions are always welcome.



Daily Used Book Sale

A selection of used books and library products, such as hats and book bags, are available for sale.

Children’s Programs

Story Time

Reading to children plays an important role in fostering literacy and introducing little ones to the magic of books. We have weekly story times in 8 week sessions. Register at the Circulation Desk.

Corner Club

The Corner Club, sponsored by the Norfolk Library Associates, provides cultural and educational programs throughout the school year. It is open to all area children and their families and is free of charge. Special events are usually held in the Great Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:45 pm.

Page Turners

A reading club open to students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades

Summer Reading Program

Each summer the Library uses an exciting theme to encourage children to read. Weekly entertainment and special incentives promote library visits. We also offer pajama and Tobey Pond story times.

Special Programs

Sponsored by the Norfolk Library Associates

The Library Associates is a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting, through its fundraising efforts, free programs and activities that expand and enhance regular library operations.



Proceeds support concerts, literary programs, film screenings, the Norfolk Library Book Group, museum passes, children’s programs, and the library newsletter. Membership in the Library Associates is open to any person who wishes to contribute his or her time and talents to the Library.

Art Exhibits

The Library presents new artwork each month. The Associates host a reception for featured artists on the first Sunday of the month from 4:00 pm–6:00 pm. Prospective exhibitors are asked to submit portfolios to the Library Art Committee approximately one year in advance.

Literary Programs

Slide lectures, author talks, and book signings are among the many programs offered throughout the year.

Concert Series

From September to May, the Associates sponsor performances by top-rated musicians. A wide range of music is showcased.

Films

Enjoy watching documentaries and film classics on the Library’s big screen.

Circulation Policies & Procedures

Borrower Responsibilities

- Borrowers are responsible for the timely return of materials charged to their cards and for any fines or fees associated with those items.
- Parents /guardians are responsible for guiding the selection and return of library materials by their children and for the items they check out.
- Postal and email addresses should be updated at the Circulation Desk.

Overdue Policies

Late notices are emailed for items more than 10 days overdue. DVDs accrue a late fee of \$1.00 per day. If an item is lost, the borrower will be charged the replacement cost. An excessive amount of overdue and/or lost books will result in the suspension of library privileges until the charges have been paid.

Renewals

All items may be renewed unless on hold for another borrower. Renewals may be made by phone.

Loan Periods

Book and Audiobooks:	3 weeks
if new:	2 weeks
Magazines:	2 weeks
DVDs:	1 week
if new:	3 days
series:	3 weeks
if new:	1 week

Returns

When the Library is closed, items may be returned through the book drop located by the main entrance.

“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times . . .” —E.B. White (1899–1985)

The Norfolk Library

An educational and cultural center serving patrons from Norfolk, Connecticut, and neighboring communities

Established in 1888, the Norfolk Library began as a gift from Isabella Eldridge to the town she so loved. The original building and the 1911 addition were designed by Hartford architect George Keller. In 1985, the Smith Children's Room, designed by Alec Frost, was added, made possible by gifts from Abel I. Smith and others.

Through generous donations by many members of the community and a grant from the CT State Office of Historic Preservation, a restoration of the exterior was undertaken in 2015, returning the terra-cotta tile roof to the building.

The Library is a private institution that serves the public and is administered by a Board of Trustees chosen from the community.



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Library Hours

Monday, Thursday 10:00 am–7:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Learn more about the Library

Explore our website for the latest information about our events and programs, art exhibits, and the Norfolk Library Book Group. Browse reference and research resources and new materials in our catalog.

The Night Owl

Our e-newsletter is issued biweekly and contains the most current information about what's happening at the Norfolk Library. Subscribe on our website or let us know your email address.



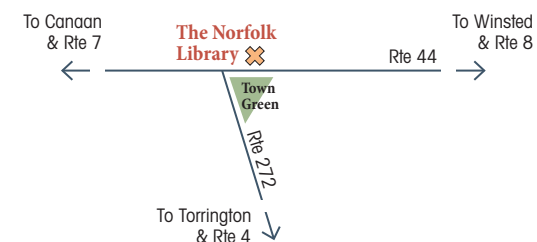
The Owl

Our print newsletter is mailed to all Norfolk and Colebrook residents and non-resident library patrons twice a year. The Owl includes articles about the Library's history and collections, upcoming art exhibits, lectures, concerts, and programs.

Social Media

Check out our Facebook page for happenings at the Library and weekly additions to our collection.

Driving Directions



The Norfolk Library

Established 1888



The Library Collections

Fiction & Nonfiction

The latest best sellers with selections from Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Indie Next List, and others. Nonfiction includes biography, history, science, travel, health, gardening, and a large variety of cookbooks.

Large Print

The most popular books are available in large print. A smaller collection has been placed at Meadowbrook Senior Housing.

Periodicals & Newspapers

Magazines for all ages can be checked out. Enjoy browsing daily local newspapers, *The New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

DVDs

Recent releases plus a core collection of favorites and classics

Audiobooks & E-Books

Town Histories & Genealogies

An extensive collection of Norfolk histories, tristate town histories, and family genealogies

Museum Passes & Ukuleles

Check out a musical instrument or a free pass to select CT, MA, and NY museums.