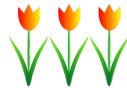


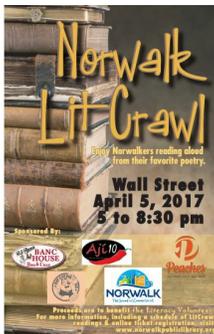
# Newsletter

**April 2017**



Greetings,

April is definitely not the cruelest month, at least not in Norwalk. We are kicking off National Poetry and Jazz month with "Old as New", a Jazz & Poetry Collaboration on Sunday, April 2 at 2:30, designed by Norwalk's own Jim Clark and Poet Laureate Laurel Peterson.



Don't forget the fourth annual [LitCrawl](#) on April 5 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The theme is poetry and the restaurant venues are all in the Wall Street area. Lmk if you want to read your favorite poem, or just come by to listen, or donate to [Literacy Volunteers](#).

All the best,  
Chris



## NPL Friends' Spring Book Sale

### Children's Book Sale - April 27

Bring a child and let them choose; or surprise them with a gift of books.



Thursday, April 27  
3:00 - 7:00

Hardcover \$1.00,  
Softcover \$.50,  
DVD's \$2.00

### General Book Sale - April 29 - May 2

Saturday, April 29	9:00 - 5:00	Full Price - \$2.00 Hardcover, \$1.00 Paperback
Sunday, April 30	1:00 - 4:30	50% Off
Monday, May 1	9:00 - 6:00	\$4.00 a bag
Tuesday, May 2 (In Library Lobby)	9:00 - 12:00	Free

Sat. & Sun. - Visit the Friends' Cafe - Homemade Goodies

Lots of Choices - Twenty-six Categories - Most books \$2.00 or less

Top quality Hardcover & Paperback classics, Contemporary Fiction, Nonfiction: Science, History, Biography, Arts, Travel, Cooking Parenting, Self-Help, Reference, "Specials", Records, DVD's, CD's, Decorative Arts, and Children's Books. Most books are \$2.00 or less.

Proceeds benefit the Norwalk Public Library System.

For more information or to volunteer please call Jeff Conrad at 203-354-2933.

## April Programs & Events

Sunday, April 2 @ 2:30 pm

IN CELEBRATION OF JAZZ/POETRY MONTH:  
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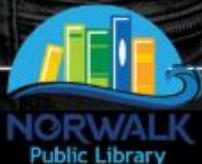
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JIM CLARK - COMPOSER/SAXOPHONIST  
LAUREL PETERSON - POET LAUREATE, NORWALK

ADDITIONAL POEMS FROM  
SALLY NACKER  
ADRIANNA REXON

RHYTHM SECTION:  
CHRIS COOGAN  
JOHN MOBILIO  
JIM ROYLE



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NORWALK, CT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2  
2:30 P.M.  
FREE ADMISSION

Details

# Norwalk LitCrawl

Enjoy Norwalkers reading aloud  
from their favorite poetry.

**Wall Street**  
**April 5, 2017**  
**5 to 8:30 pm**

Sponsored By:



Proceeds are to benefit the Literacy Volunteers.  
For more information, including a schedule of LitCrawl  
readings & online ticket registration, visit  
[www.norwalkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.norwalkpubliclibrary.org)

## Norwalk Writer's Guild

Thursdays, April 6 & April 20  
5:30 - 7:00  
Carnegie Room



Fairfield County writers are invited to join the new Norwalk Writers Guild. The group will meet twice a month, the first and third Thursday of the month, 5:30-7:00 pm, at the Norwalk Public Library, 1 Belden Avenue, in Norwalk. One session per month will be class discussion regarding the writing process. Writers can then elect to post their work on line for critiquing, prior to the second monthly meeting. Throughout the year, the Guild will offer special programs and panel discussions featuring regional authors, editors and agents. The Guild will also host an annual conference beginning in

2017. The Norwalk Writers Guild is sponsored by the Norwalk Public Library; meetings will be facilitated by author and editor Leslie Kerr, Norwalk Library's Author-in-Residence.

For additional information or to register, please contact Cynde Bloom Lahey, Director of Library Information Services, at (203) 899-2780 ext. 15133, or [clahey@norwalkpubliblibrary.org](mailto:clahey@norwalkpubliblibrary.org)

## AuthorSpeak

**Janina Nawarskas**

***A Child Lost: My Life's Journey from War-Torn Europe to Proud American***

**Monday, April 3**  
**12:00 - 1:30 pm**  
**Main Library Auditorium**  
[Register Online](#)

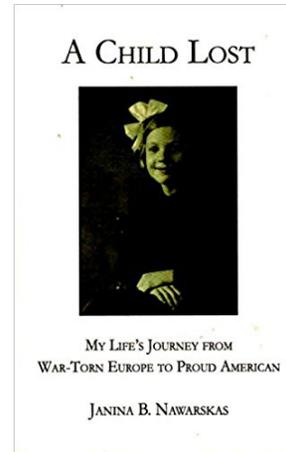
**A light lunch will be served.**

**Lithuanian native Janina Nawarskas lived a cozy life with her parents and brothers until the 1940s, when her homeland was torn apart.**

The memoir follows Nawarskas' challenging past, caused by the chaos and cruelty of World War II. When the war began, she and her family attempted to flee Lithuania, but found themselves caught by German soldiers. Nawarskas and her mother were separated from their father and struggled to survive in the brutal German camps. Her story darkens as her mother passes away when she was only seven, leaving her essentially as an orphan in the hands of German soldiers. She was moved from camp to camp for years before finally reuniting with her father in 1948.

Those that wish to purchase a copy of *A Child Lost* can contact Nawarskas directly at 203-879-1109 or via email at [kogelyte@yahoo.com](mailto:kogelyte@yahoo.com).

For additional information or to [register](#), please contact Cynde Bloom Lahey, Director of Library Information Services, at (203) 899-2780 ext. 15133, or [clahey@norwalkpubliblibrary.org](mailto:clahey@norwalkpubliblibrary.org)



## Technology Workshops



**Workshop space is limited - to register please call the Reference Desk 203-899-2780 ext. 15109**

<b>Files and Folder</b>		
This seminar will provide answers you need to create and work with files, file names, folders and attachments.	<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:30 am</b>

### Absolute Beginner-Mouse Practice

This tutorial is designed to help people who have never used a computer before learn basic mouse functions, cursor, scroll bar, text boxes, drop down menus, check boxes, radio buttons and more.

Saturday, April 15

10:00 - 11:30 am

### Computadoras lo más básico: Que es un Ratón?

Esta guía está diseñada para ayudar a las personas que nunca han usado una computadora antes de aprender las funciones básicas con el ratón, teclas de cursor, barra de desplazamiento, cuadros de texto, menús desplegables, casillas de verificación, botones de radio y más.

sábado, abril 8

10:00 - 11:30 am

### Introducción a las computadoras

Este tutorial está diseñado para que se ponga familiarizado con el sistema operativo Windows. Usted aprenderá a abrir y cerrar programas, ventanas, habilidades básicas, diseño de teclado, menú y más.

sábado, abril 22

10:00 - 11:30 am

### Computer Tutor Sessions:

30 minute sessions available - Call 203-899-2780 ext. 15109 or visit the Reference Desk.

For more resources visit our [Technology webpage](#).

## Business Workshops

### American Job Center Career Coach

Monday, April 3

10:00 - 12:00 - Excel Part 1

1:00 - 3:00 - Excel Part 2

Curb in front of library



Registration required -

Call 203-899-2780 ext 15109 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. Free.

[Career Coach Schedule](#)

[American Job Center Southwest](#)



Fairfield County

### HR 101: Key Issues and How to Solve Them

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 am - 12:00 am | Check-in starts at 9:30 am

Main Library Auditorium

[Register Now](#)

In this introductory seminar, a local Paychex Human Resource professional will present foundational knowledge for attendees on 10 key human resource issues that business owners face in



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today's heavily regulated business environment. The presenter will also cover some of the steps that business owners can take to solve each issue discussed.

Some of the topics that will be covered in this first seminar include: creating accurate job descriptions, filing out Form I-9 correctly for new employees, proper employee classification, the application of overtime rules, and the use of handbooks. Additional topics will also be discussed.

Gain insight on some of the most important HR issues for small businesses - and how you can take action today.

A Paychex HR professional will help you understand important HR issues and will present effective strategies for staying current and compliant.

Learn more about:

- Job Descriptions: Find out how to display an accurate picture of the job to applicants.
- Forms I-9: Learn when to require applicants to complete Form I-9.
- Employee Classification: Discover new government regulations that may affect how you classify your employees.
- Overtime Hours: Become familiar with changing overtime rules.
- Handbook: Policies

Co-sponsored by the Norwalk Public Library & [PayChex](#)

## Twitter - Making it Work for Your Business

**Thursday, April 6**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | check in starts at 5:30 pm**  
**Main Library Auditorium**

[Register Online](#)

This workshop introduces Twitter as an essential business tool, covering the mechanics of working in the Twitter platform as well as offering strategies to make business tweets more effective. We'll cover some do's and don'ts, enabling attendees to quickly get the most out of Twitter.

- The Mechanics of Twitter How to Compose a Tweet
- How to Get Your Message Past the Limitations of Your Follower List
- What NOT to Do
- Tools to Automate Your Tweeting

Presenter: Robert Clark

Robert Clark of LucidPointe and Susan Catalano of JQLaCorte are both principals of their respective companies, and present to business and non-profit audiences on strategy and tactics for social media and online marketing platforms in-person throughout Southwestern CT and nationwide via regular monthly webinars.



**Free SCORE Small Business Workshops**

## Book Discussions

### Books Sandwiched In

***My Name is Lucy Barton***  
**by Elizabeth Strout**

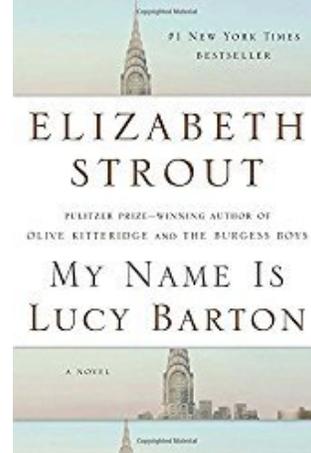
**Thursday, April 27**  
**12:00 -1:00 pm**  
**Carnegie Room**

Bring your lunch and join Reference Librarian Susannah Violino for a lively discussion of *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout.

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy's life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters. Knitting this powerful narrative together is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable. (*publisher*)

American fiction writer Elizabeth Strout was born in Portland, Maine and raised in small towns in Maine and New Hampshire. After graduating from Bates College, she spent a year in Oxford, England, followed by studies at law school for another year. In 1982 she graduated with honors, and received both a law degree from the Syracuse University College of Law and a Certificate of Gerontology from the Syracuse School of Social Work. That year her first story was published in *New Letters* magazine. In addition to writing, Strout has taught creative writing at various universities. She resides with her husband in Brooklyn, NY and Maine.

Among her many awards, Strout was honored with a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *Olive Kitteridge* (2008), a collection of connected short stories about a woman and her immediate family and friends on the coast of Maine.



## Readers' Choice Book Group

### *Small Great Things* Jodi Picoult

**Wednesday, April 12**  
**2:00 pm**  
**Norwalk Senior Center**  
**11 Allen Rd. Norwalk, Ct**



Norwalk Library's Director of Library Information Services, Cynde Bloom Lahey, will lead a discussion on *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family, especially her teenage son, as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others, and themselves, might be wrong.

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

Praise for *Small Great Things*

*"Small Great Things is the most important novel Jodi Picoult has ever written. . . . It will challenge her readers . . . [and] expand our cultural conversation about race and prejudice."*-The Washington Post

*"A novel that puts its finger on the very pulse of the nation that we live in today . . . a fantastic read from beginning to end, as can always be expected from Picoult, this novel maintains a steady, page-turning pace that makes it hard for readers to put down."*-San Francisco Book Review

*"A gripping courtroom drama . . . Given the current political climate it is quite prescient and worthwhile. . . . This is a writer who understands her characters inside and out."*-Roxane Gay, The New York Times Book Review

"I couldn't put it down. Her best yet!"-New York Times bestselling author Alice Hoffman

"A compelling, can't-put-it-down drama with a trademark [Jodi] Picoult twist."-Good Housekeeping

"It's Jodi Picoult, the prime provider of literary soul food. This riveting drama is sure to be supremely satisfying and a bravely thought-provoking tale on the dangers of prejudice."-Redbook

"Jodi Picoult is never afraid to take on hot topics, and in *Small Great Things*, she tackles race and discrimination in a way that will grab hold of you and refuse to let you go. . . . This page-turner is perfect for book clubs."-Popsugar

For more information for this program, please contact Cynde Bloom Lahey, Director of Library Information Services, at (203) 899-2780 ext. 15133, or [clahey@norwalkpubliclibrary.org](mailto:clahey@norwalkpubliclibrary.org).

## Weekly Programs

### Zumba with Karen

**No Zumba on April 24 & May 1**

**Children & Parents - Mondays - 5:00 - 5:45 pm**

**Adults & Teens - Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

### Qi Gong with Bill Wrenn

**Wednesday April 5 @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Bill Wrenn is a certified Qi gong and Tai Chi Teacher. Bill has practiced yoga, meditation and other forms of energy work for 30 years, and received training in Qi gong and Tai Chi from the Institute of Integral Qi gong & Tai Chi. He continues study with Qi Masters such as Dr. Roger Jahnke, Yang Yang, Solala Towler, Ken Cohen, and Gary Garripoli. Bill earned a Masters degree from Columbia University Teachers College and is a member of the National Qi gong Association.

### SecondAct Fitness, Walk Aerobics

**No Walk Aerobics on April 25 & April 27**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

The easy-to-follow program that brings walking to a new level! Easy to learn, no matter what your fitness level is. It combines upper and lower body movements, music increases in speed and intensity for aerobic challenge and is endorsed by the AARP, Dr. Oz, Weight Watchers and NutriSystem. Leslie Kerr is a former professional dancer and Rockette. She is a certified fitness trainer, walk aerobics leader and owner of SecondAct Fitness.

### Vini, Vitti, dici! Caffè e Conversazione

**Saturdays, April 8, 22 & 29**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Carnegie Room**

Caffè e Conversazione with members of Vini, Vitti, Dici! – an Italian community salon dedicated to promoting Italian language and culture in an informal setting will meet on three Saturdays in April: 8, 22 & 29 at 10am in the Carnegie room.

This is not a class for beginners! Participants must be able to carry on a conversation around a timely topic.

**Our partner book club:**

**Libro e Aperitivo Book Club**

Monday, April 3  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Carnegie Room

The book selection is *A Room with a View* by E. M. Forster

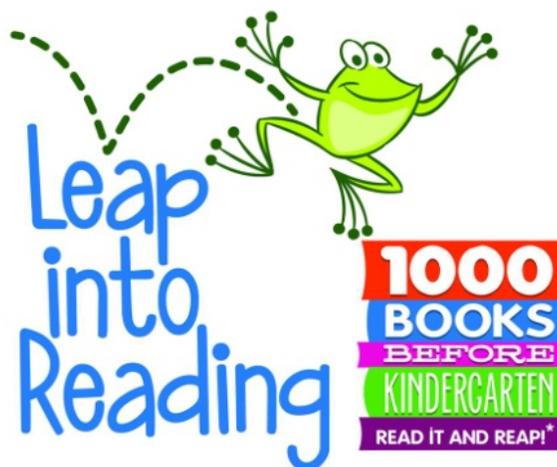
For more information on our activities and salon, contact Pat Tinto at [ViniVlttiDici@gmail.com](mailto:ViniVlttiDici@gmail.com); or [PatTinto1@gmail.com](mailto:PatTinto1@gmail.com)



## [Teen Program Calendar](#)



[Register for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten here to read and win prizes!](#)



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For all of the children's programs happening in March check out the [Children's April Activity Calendar](#)

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## **LIBRARY ADDS TO MEALS ON WHEELS! A SIDE ORDER...**

Library staff and volunteers will select and pack books, audio books, Dvd's and music CDs to arrive at your home with your Meals on Wheels Delivery!

Are you or is someone you know a resident of Norwalk who cannot get to the library?  
Would you like library books and/or viewing or listening materials delivered to you?  
Do you receive a Meals on Wheels Delivery?

Norwalk Public Library has staff and volunteers who will deliver Library items such as books (including large print), audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs and Playaways to your home via Meals on Wheels.

All you have to do is fill out the form with information about your interests and sign-up for a Library card and an assigned staff member or volunteer will select material and deliver it to the Norwalk Senior Center to be included with your Meals on Wheels delivery.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Cynde Bloom Lahey, Director of Library

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[clahey@norwalkpubliclibrary.org](mailto:clahey@norwalkpubliclibrary.org) or ask for a sign-up form at the Norwalk Public Library or the  
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