

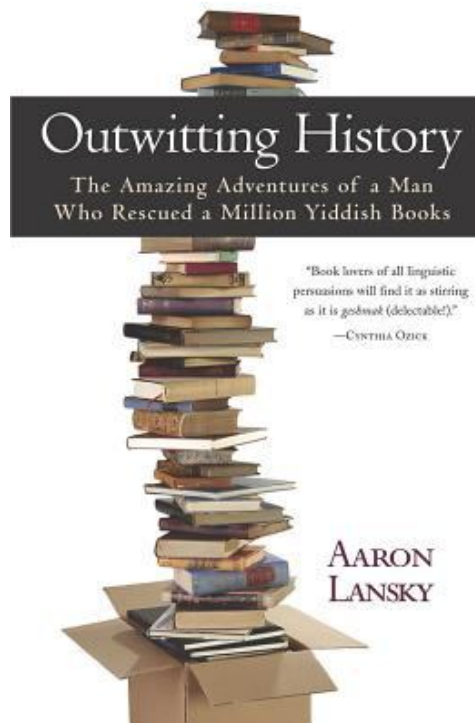
Continuing the Conversation

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Nonfiction Book Club: *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lasky

Tuesday, September 5 at 1 pm
Gathering Room



Stop by the Circulation Desk for a copy of September's title: *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lasky (2004).

In *Outwitting History*, Aaron Lasky, founder of the renowned National Yiddish Book Center, tells his personal story as a one-man rescuer of Yiddish books — and along the way provides an accessible, informative and deeply engaging account of the fate of Yiddish in America.

The Nonfiction Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

[Register Here](#)

Stories of Exile Book Club: *Yenta Mash's On the Landing*

Thursday, September 28 at 6 pm
Gathering Room

In these sixteen stories, available in English for the first time, prize-winning author Yenta Mash traces an arc across continents, across upheavals and regime changes, and across the phases of a woman's life. Mash's protagonists are often in transit, poised "on the landing" on their way to or from somewhere else. In imaginative, poignant, and relentlessly honest prose, translated from the Yiddish by Ellen Cassedy, Mash documents the lost world of Jewish Bessarabia, the texture of daily life behind the Iron Curtain in Soviet Moldova, and the challenges of assimilation in Israel.

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**Closer to Freedom:
Chris Belden Editor/Author Reads**

Saturday, September 30 at 2 pm
Meeting Room

Editor and Author Chris Belden reads from his newly published book *Closer to Freedom: Prose & Poetry from Maximum Security*. In-Person and via Zoom.

From 2009 to 2020, Chris Belden led a weekly creative writing workshop at Garner Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison in Newtown, Connecticut. Over those years, he edited and published nine issues of the literary magazine *Sentences* to showcase the amazing prose and poetry being produced by the writers in the workshop. Most of the writings contained in *Closer to Freedom* have been culled from those publications. Several contributors who have been released will be on hand to read their work.

Register to save your seat(s) in the room and for the Zoom link.

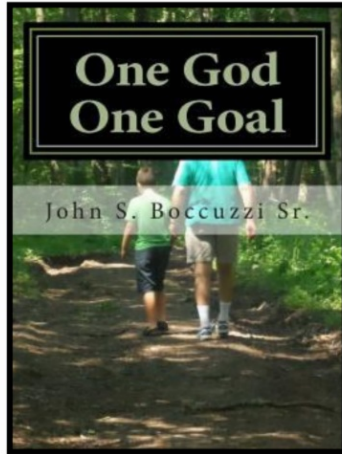
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Author Talk: John S. Boccuzzi Sr.

Wednesday, September 20 at 5 pm
Meeting Room

THE NEWTOWN AUTHOR READING SERIES:

JOHN S. BOCCUZZI SR.



Wednesday, September 20

The Meeting Room, 5:00 PM

Join us as John Boccuzzi discusses his book, *One God, One Goal*.

John uses storytelling as a way to introduce ideas and questions. Brief and to the point, the book remains true to the goal of serving as a starting point for further discussion.

An engaging Q&A will follow, so bring your questions!



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A free copy of the book is available when you register.



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**Join us for the Families United in Newtown
participation in the Newtown Labor Day Parade!!!**

September 4, 2023

Line up starts at 8:00 am and the Parade starts at 10:00 am

**(We will be signing up FUN members
for the year during the wait time! Join the FUN!)**

Parade Theme: "Deeply Rooted in our Community"

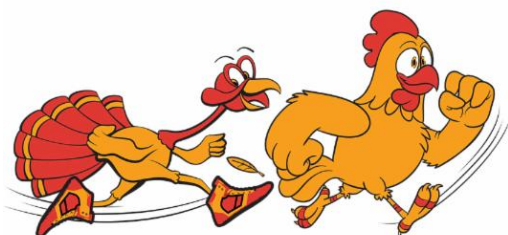
FUN Theme: FUN "Superheros"



(Wear your Superhero shirts or costumes !!!)

Couch to 5K

**Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 pm
Fairfield Hills**



**NEWTOWN
5K TURKEY TROT**



BENEFITING THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY

Get ready for the Turkey Trot with a fun-filled

Couch to 5K program! Our training starts on September 20th at Fairfield Hills and continues, every Wednesday at 5:30 PM until November 23. Will we see you there?

[Register Here](#)

Fire Climate, Fire Ecology

Thursday, September 7 at 7 pm

[Register Here](#)

Inspired by the out-of-control Canadian forest fires that raised our air-quality levels to "Hazardous" this past June, Dr. Wagener is designing a new program for us, to address this future state of possible climate issues we may have to adjust to.



TCC Visionary Gala

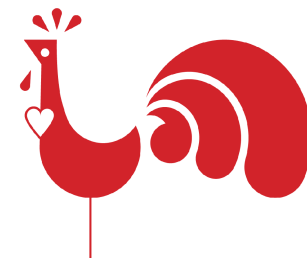
Saturday, October 21 at 6 pm
The Waters Edge at Giovanni's in Darien

[Find Out More](#)

Life Story Project

The C.H. Booth Library is recruiting participants for an upcoming Life Story Program taking place this year.

This program will provide an opportunity for older adults to share meaningful events from their life, and to have the events written and preserved by volunteers. We are asking local volunteers: to interview participants; to transform session notes into stories; and join us at the end of the program to receive a copy of the book.



[Sign Up Here](#)

Are you or someone you know interested in being a part of this incredible project? Find the application [here](#).

Triangle Community Center Peer Support Groups

The Triangle Community Center has a number of peer groups for Nonbinary, Transgender, Autism and Anxiety support and more. Groups are available on Zoom and in person, for youths and adults. Find out more on their website [here](#).

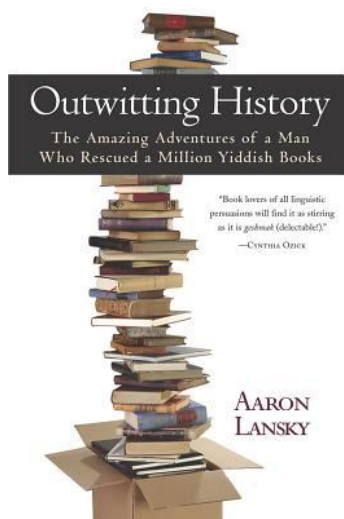


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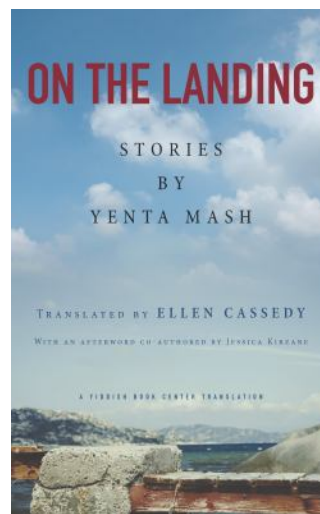
Subscribe [here](#) to stay informed of upcoming events.

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Social Justice Staff Picks



As a twenty-three-year-old graduate student, Aaron Lansky set out to save the world's abandoned Yiddish books before it was too late. Today, twenty-five years and one and a half million books later, he has accomplished what has been called "the greatest cultural rescue effort in Jewish history." In *Outwitting History*, Lansky shares his adventures as well as



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the poignant and often laugh-out-loud stories he heard as he traveled the country collecting books. Introducing us to a dazzling array of writers, he shows us how an almost-lost culture is the bridge between the old world and the future--and how the written word can unite everyone who believes in the power of great literature.

[Check it out.](#)

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Opening: Part-Time Custodian

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Flexible part-time 15-20 hour position, perfect for retired person looking to work locally maintaining a beautiful historic library building and grounds. Applicant must have basic building maintenance/handyman skills such as, cleaning, trash removal, maintaining library grounds, setting up meeting rooms, & minor fixes. Additional hours, and occasional evenings may be requested.

Please go [here](#) to complete an employment application; attach resume and send to sblank@chboothlibrary.org.

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