



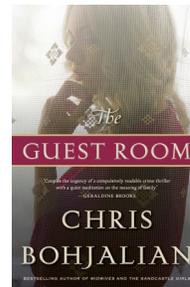
Bestselling Author Chris Bohjalian

**WED., NOV. 2, 7 PM
AT THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER**

Bestselling author Chris Bohjalian will speak about his latest novel, *The Guest Room*. His appearance is jointly sponsored by the Groton Public Library and Bank Square Books, Mystic. *The Guest Room*, a story of human trafficking, a marriage in crisis and two remarkable women, was published earlier this year. The paperback was released on October 25th.

Bohjalian is the author of 19 books, most of which were *New York Times* bestsellers. His work has been translated into over 30 languages. His books have won several awards and his novel, *Midwives*, was a number one *New York Times* bestseller, a selection of Oprah's Book Club and a New England Booksellers Association Discovery pick. His new novel, *The Sleepwalker*, will come out in January.

Copies of Mr. Bohjalian's books will be available for purchase and signing. No reservations are required, but seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.



ATTENTION:
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FRI. 11/11, THURS. 11/24, FRI. 11/25
& CLOSING AT 5:30 ON WED., 11/23

Annual Authors' Festival SAT., NOV. 5, 12-3 PM

Join us for an opportunity to meet over 50 authors who call Connecticut home, including authors Daniel Waters, Betsy Devany, Regina Kyle, Lisa Saunders, Jaime Schmidt, James Streeter, Tish Rabe, Nick Checker, Bernice Rocque, Elaine Backus and many more. Books will be available to purchase, and gift wrapping will be offered by our Circle of Friends. Refreshments and door prizes will be offered.

Five-Part Meditation Series

**TUES., 7 PM
NOV. 1, 15, 22, 29 & DEC. 6**

NOV. 1 - The Library will show the documentary film *The Power of the Heart*. From the director of *The Secret* comes this film about the power and intelligence of your heart. The film features some of the most inspiring and influential icons of our age, including Paulo Coelho, Maya Angelou, Deepak Chopra, Isabel Allende, and Eckhart Tolle. It presents evidence that your heart is much more than a physical organ and that it can actually transform your views of money, health, relationships, and success.

The meditation series is based on heartfulness (heartfulness.org) and will be led by Marsha Thompson, a trained Sahaj Marg meditator. Each session will include a 30-minute guided relaxation and meditation.

- **NOV. 15 - Introduction to Meditation on the Heart**
- **NOV. 22 - Importance of the Heart/Mind Connection**
- **NOV. 29 - Preparing the Heart for Meditation in Order to Maximize the Benefit**
- **DEC. 6 - The Essential Role of Yogic Energy in Human Life**

All sessions are free of charge. Participants are encouraged, but not required to attend all sessions.



International Games Day @ Your Library

SAT., NOV. 19, 2-4 PM

The Groton Public Library will join over 2,000 libraries around the world in celebrating the popularity and power of games and play for the ninth annual celebration of gaming in libraries. Join us for special gaming programs and events suitable for the whole family. For more information, please contact the Library.

ADULTS

FILMS



A Friday Film: *Wild Oats* (2016)

FRI., NOV. 4, 1:30 PM



After mistakenly receiving a large amount of money, a woman (Shirley MacLaine) and her best friend (Jessica Lange) travel to the

Canary Islands for a fun-filled adventure. This film is rated PG-13 and runs for 92 minutes.

Independent Film Series: *Labyrinth Of Lies* (2014)

FRI., NOV. 4, 7 PM



Germany 1958. In those years, "Auschwitz" was a word that some people had never heard of, and others wanted to forget as quickly as

possible. Against the will of his immediate superior, young prosecutor Johann Radmann begins to examine the case of a teacher recently identified as a former Auschwitz guard. What he ultimately brings to light will change the country forever. The film is from Germany and is in German with English subtitles. It is rated R and runs for 124 minutes.

Turning 65 Medicare Seminar

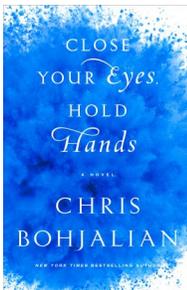
WED., NOV. 2, 7 PM

In a free 45 minute presentation, Rick Mattson of Morin Associates will discuss the basic parts of Medicare including Medicare Part A and Part B, Part C Advantage plans, Part D prescription plans and supplemental plan coverage. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session. No specific plans will be reviewed nor will there be any selling at the seminar.

Book Discussion

WED., NOV. 9, 7 PM

Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands
by Chris Bohjalian



Living in an igloo of ice and trash bags half a year after a cataclysmic nuclear disaster, Emily Shepard, convinced that she will be hated as the daughter of the drunken father who caused the meltdown, assumes a fictional identity while protecting a homeless boy. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Homebuyers Seminar

WED., NOV. 16, 5:30 PM



Learn how to purchase a home from start to finish including available options, especially for first-time

homebuyers regarding mortgage financing, underwriting and the approval process. Gain insight into whether or not you are ready for homeownership. Learn about pitfalls to avoid and the mortgage and down payment assistance programs that are available. **Co-sponsored by Chelsea Groton Bank.**

Coloring for Adults

THUR., NOV. 17, 7 PM

Drop by for an evening of relaxation & creativity. We'll provide supplies.

Picture This! An Adult Story Hour

FRI., NOV. 18, 10:30 AM

Picture This! is a traditional story time, modified for adults. Each meeting will feature a themed picture book, trivia, jokes, and an art project. The program is designed to meet the needs of adults with special needs and is suitable for caregivers and attendees. *Picture This!* meets on the third Friday of the month.

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS »

Are you a woman who served as a doctor or nurse in the military? Would you be interested in participating in a panel discussion in February to discuss your experiences, comparing them to women who served in World War I? This discussion will be part of a month long program on World War I. Contact Michael Spellmon at 860-441-6750 or mspellmon@groton-ct.gov for more details.

TEENS



Understanding College Choices & Admissions

MON., NOV. 14, 7 PM

Learn about the college admissions process with Janet and Paul Marthers. The Marthers have over 30 years of experience working in college admissions, giving them an insider's perspective on how admissions decisions are made at different types of colleges. In this informational session, they will describe different types of schools and academic programs in order to help students build a college list around their interests and preferences.



**JOIN US
IN TEENScape
GRADES 6-12**

Teen Leadership Council

WED., NOV. 2, 3:30 PM

Join Ms. Jessa, Young Adult Librarian, for activities designed to develop leadership skills. Teens will also help plan library programs, create displays, select books and games for the collections and more. Volunteer hours will be recorded for all meetings and secondary events.

Social Circle

FRI., NOV. 4, 4 PM

Please note: this program is for tweens (ages 8-12) and teens.

Welcome to Social Circle, a club for those with Asperger's and autism. This inclusive club is dedicated to helping tweens and teens develop social skills, strengthen friendships and try new activities. Social Circle meets on the first Friday of the month.

Teen Art Studio

WED., NOV. 9, 3:30 PM

Teens will use their new skills to create an original piece of art.

November's project: *Collages*

No prior experience is required and all supplies will be provided.

Gaming Club

THURS., 5:30-7 PM

NOV. 10 & 17

Come enjoy a night of console, computer and tabletop board games. Be advised that meetings will take place from 5:30 - 7 PM on most Thursday nights during the winter.

Teen Themes

TUES., NOV. 15, 6 PM

Read, watch, listen or play any media that relates to the month's theme. We will discuss the theme, share media and enjoy snacks. Contact Ms. Jessa for media suggestions.

November's Theme: *FOOD*

Teen Movie Matinee

***Nerve* (2016)**

WED., NOV. 23, 2 PM



High-school wallflower Vee decides to participate in an online game that involves completing challenges and dares throughout NYC. Although she is initially thrilled by the game's antics, the experience eventually escalates into a life-or-death struggle. This film is rated PG-13 and runs for 96 minutes.

CHILDREN

Homework Help Club

TUES., 3-4:30 PM

NOV. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Homework Help Club is free and open to all children in grades K - 6. Homework Helpers will be on hand to offer support with assignments, test preparation, and research projects. We'll provide a quiet, friendly place to study, access to books and the internet, as well as printing and photocopying services.

Adults and teens interested in becoming a Homework Helper can contact Miss Kim at 860-441-6750 or email kbalentine@groton-ct.gov.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

THURS., NOV. 3, 6:30 PM



The Groton Family Support Center, a division of the Town of Groton Human Services, invites you to attend a monthly

support group for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Storytime and crafts for children will be provided by the Library.

For more information on the group, contact Diane Schrage, LCSW, at the Groton Family Support Center at 860-441-6799.

Sit, Stay, Read!

SAT., NOV. 5, 2 PM



Join us for a craft and a chance to read with our very special guest, Phantom the therapy dog. Readers are selected on a first-come, first-served basis.



Saturday Stories

SAT., NOV. 12, 10 AM

Start your Saturday morning off with stories, crafts and games. These all-ages storytimes will feature a different theme each month. For more information, contact Miss Kim at 860-441-6750 or email kbalentine@groton-ct.gov.

November's theme: *Gobble, Gobble, Goodness!*

Jungle Crafts

SAT., NOV. 12, 1:30-2:30 PM

Swing into the Library to make four jungle-themed crafts! Families are encouraged to stay after the craft program for the Junior Friends' Family Film & Fundraiser. They will show the recently-released film, *The Jungle Book* (Rated PG, 90 minutes) and sell baked goods and snacks to raise money for their many community service projects.

STORYTIMES

Babies & Books, Wonderful Ones and Little Explorers are currently full for the fall session. Be on the lookout for winter storytime information and registration on January 9th, 2017.

Toddler Time

WED., 10 AM
THROUGH NOV. 16

Children ages 1-3, parents and caregivers, join Miss Tracy on Wednesday mornings for a fun-filled storytime with interactive stories, action songs, fingerplays and free play. For more information, contact Miss Tracy at 860-441-6750 or email ttorres@groton-ct.gov.

SOCIAL CIRCLE »

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JUNIOR FRIENDS

Not Yet a Junior Friend?



Membership costs only \$1 per year and includes a membership card, special gift and invitations to all the

Junior Friends' meetings and special events. Pick up an application at the Library today.

"Why I Love My Library Card" Contest Winner Announced

In celebration of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the Junior Friends sponsored an essay contest. Children were invited to write an essay or draw a picture using the theme "Why I Love My Library Card." The winning submission was written by Haley Bump. She received a prize and her winning essay appears below:

Why I Love My Library Card By: Haley Bump

I love my library card because I love to read. Reading is important. When I was younger I used to struggle at reading. Then my mom got me a Groton Public Library card and I checked out books to get better and better at reading. I don't have to struggle anymore or get low grades on tests. Since I have my library card I can practice reading and meet my goals. As a sixth grader, I think reading is more important than anything. That's why I love my library card!

Cards for a Cause

The Junior Friends are selling boxes of handcrafted, beautifully embellished greeting cards with matching designer envelopes. A box of 30 cards costs \$30.00. (That's just \$1.00 per card!) Choose from two sets: Thanks & Blanks and All-Occasions. Samples and order forms are available in the children's room from Miss Kim or place your order with a Junior Friend that you know. All proceeds benefit the Groton Public Library.

Election Day Bake Sale

TUES., NOV. 8, 9 AM - 6 PM

There is nothing quite like the taste of a freshly-baked chocolate chip cookie! That's why the Circle of Friends will be on hand outside the polls on Election Day to sell delicious treats to voters and Library visitors alike. All proceeds will benefit the Library.

Donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cake pops, and other sweet and savory snacks (homemade or store bought) are greatly appreciated. See Miss Kim in the Children's Room for more information or to donate.



Family Film & Fundraiser: *The Jungle Book* (2016)

SAT., NOV. 12, 2:30 PM



The Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library present the recently-released film *The Jungle Book*. Refreshments will be sold by the Junior Friends and the proceeds will be

used to fund the group's many community-service projects. This film is rated PG and runs for approximately 90 minutes.

Crafting for a Cause

THURS., NOV. 17, 6 PM

At these fun-filled events we'll make cool crafts using a variety of mediums. There's just one catch — you can't keep what you make! The crafts are given away to area senior citizens, veterans, homebound individuals, and nursing home residents. It's art from the heart! A snack is always provided.

Library Helper Day

MON., NOV. 28, 3:30 PM

Roll up your sleeves and lend a hand! During this busy hour, the Junior Friends will assist Library Staff in a variety of projects including preparing craft and program materials, dusting and light cleaning, straightening shelves, special event preparation, and recycling. A snack is always provided.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Space is limited, and registration is required.

Register online for computer classes at www.grotonpl.org or by calling 860-441-6750.

Book-a-Tech

By appointment only*

Monday - Wednesday
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



*Computer Lab closed for renovations starting September 1, 2016.

iPad/iPhone Intermediate

WED., NOV. 2, 3 PM

You already know how to turn your device on and off, but did you know that you can set reminders without typing a word? Or how about changing your wallpaper to a picture you just took? Learn all this and more in this hands-on class.

Downloading E-Books

FRI., NOV. 4, 10:30 AM

E-books are the craze right now, and you have access to free e-books with your library card. In this class you will explore Overdrive, the e-book catalog, and learn how to borrow and download all the best titles.

Phone Photography

TUES., NOV. 15, 10:30 AM

As long as you have a smartphone and inspiration, you can take pictures like a professional photographer. You will learn how to take photos using your phone, edit them and share them with others.

Microsoft Excel I

FRI., NOV. 18, 3 PM

In this class you will learn how to use the online version of Excel to utilize basic formulas, create a workbook and insert information into cells.

How to Shop Online

TUES., NOV. 22, 10:30 AM

With the holidays just around the corner, what better time to learn how to take advantage of all the great online deals. In this class, we will take a closer look at some of the most popular online stores and how to be secure when making a purchase.

iOS 10 for iPad/iPhone

WED., NOV. 30, 3 PM

They've done it again; Apple has released a new update and things look different. Join us in this hands on class for an overview of some of the new features from iOS 10.

We ask that you please bring your own device/laptop to class with you.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW BOOK DROP »

The Library has installed a new drive up book drop. If you would like to drop items off from the convenience of your car, then pull into the left lane as you pass in front of the Library. There are two slots; one for books and one for digital media, such as DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks.

November 2016 Displays

COMMUNITY ROOM

Art Exhibit, featuring artist Mark Patnode of New London, CT

DISPLAY CASES

Rocks & Minerals

Watercolor Paintings – Jim Gorman

Exhibit by the Mystic Calligraphers