



Creating Community: 400 Years of Fairfield Stories

Reading List for Children & Young Adults

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This reading list features resources from the Fairfield Public Library, organized around different themes and topics explored in the Fairfield Museum and History Center’s flagship exhibition *Creating Community: 400 Years of Fairfield Stories*. [Visit the Fairfield Public Library](#) to explore these resources to complement your experience in the exhibition. Additional resources can be found at the Research Library at the Fairfield Museum and History Center ([make an appointment to learn more](#)).

About the Exhibition

Many people have called Fairfield home. The land and its resources supported Indigenous communities for thousands of years, and over the past four centuries, people with different traditions, religions, and backgrounds have overcome obstacles, crossed paths, and worked together to build the extraordinary Fairfield community we know today.

Creating Community celebrates the fascinating stories and people unique to Fairfield, from early Native American settlement into the 21st century. The exhibit features new research and archaeological discoveries on the 1637 Pequot War, Fairfield’s role in global trade, its destruction during the American Revolution, and the growth of 20th-century industries and immigration that shaped today’s diverse community. Rare artifacts from the Fairfield Museum’s unparalleled collection deepen our understanding of New England’s past and give voice to the people who have called Fairfield home.

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Indigenous Communities in Connecticut and the Region

- *The Pequot Tribe* by Allison Lassieur (Main Library J970.1 L)
- *Native Nations of the Northeast* by Barbara Krasner (Main Library J970.1 K)
- *People of Northeast Woodlands* by Linda Thompson (Main Library J970.1 T)
- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Main Library Y 970.004 D)

Native Plants/Local Ecology and Landscapes

- *Living Treasures: The Plants and Animals of Long Island Sound* by Wahle (Pequot Library J 363.7 WAH PB)

Colonial Artisans/Craftspeople

- *Colonial Printers/Wigmakers/Blacksmiths/Peddlers/Shipbuilders/Shoemakers/Weavers/Silversmiths/Doctors* by Leonard Everett Fisher (Main Library J973.2 F)
- *Colonial Barbers* by Heinrichs (Main Library J973.2 H)
- *Colonial: Blacksmiths/Milliners/Crafts* by Bobbie Kalman (Main Library J973.2 K)
- *Colonial American Craftspeople* by Stevens (Main Library J973.2 S)
- *Colonial Craftsman* by Tunis (Main Library J973.2 T)

Burning of Fairfield & American Revolution

- *The Declaration of Independence and Roger Sherman of Connecticut* by Furgang (Main Library JB SHERMAN)
- *The Revolutionary War* by Josh Gregory (Main Library, Woods Library J973.3 G)
- *How to Be a Revolutionary War Soldier* by Thomas Ratliff (Main Library, Pequot Library J973.3 R)
- *The Dreadful, Smelly Colonies: Disgusting Details about Life in Colonial America* by Elizabeth Raum (Main Library J973.2 R)
- *Fairfield in Connecticut, 1776-1976* by George Pratt (Main Library J974.69 P)
- *Fairfield: The Biography of a Community, 1639-2000* by T Farnham (Main Library, Woods Library, Pequot Library J974.69 F)
- *The Forgotten Flag: Revolutionary Struggle in Connecticut* by Frances Y. Evans (Main Library C FICTION EVANS)
- *Hannab of Fairfield (series)* by Jean Van Leeuwen (Main Library, Woods Library, Pequot Library C FICTION VAN LEEUWEN)
- *My Brother Same is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier (Woods Library YA CLASSICS COLLIER)

- *Who Was George Washington?* by Roberta Edwards (Main Library C CHAPTER WHO WAS...?, Woods Library J CHAPTER WHO WAS...?)
- *Who Was Paul Revere?* by Roberta Edwards (Main Library C CHAPTER WHO WAS...?)
- *What is the Constitution?* by Patricia Brennan Demuth (Main Library C CHAPTER WHAT IS ...?)

Culper Spy Ring

- *George Washington, Spymaster: How America Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War* by Thomas Allen (Main Library, Woods Library J973.3 A)
- *Spies of Revolutionary Connecticut: From Benedict Arnold to Nathan Hale* by Baker (Main Library J974.6 BAKER)
- *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spies Who Saved America* by Kilmeade (Main Library J973.41 K)
- *Anna Strong and The Revolutionary War Culper Spy Ring* by Enigma Alberti (Main Library C Fiction Alberti)
- *George Washington's Spies* by Claudia Friddell (Main Library, Woods Library C Chapter Totally True Adventures)

Bridgeport History

- *Bridgeport: A Pictorial History* by David Palmquist (Main Library J 974.69)

Aviation History

- *Who Was a Daring Pioneer of the Skies? Amelia Earhart* by Melanie Gillman (Main Library C GRAPHIC WHO WAS?, Woods Library C CHAPTER WHO WAS?)

Civil War & Enslavement

- *What is Juneteenth?* by Kirsti Jewel (Main Library, Woods Library C CHAPTER WHAT IS?)
- *Who Was Harriet Tubman?* by Yona Zeldis McDonough (Main Library C CHAPTER WHO WAS...?)
- *Who Was Abraham Lincoln?* by Janet B. Pascal (Main Library C CHAPTER WHO WAS...?, Woods Library J CHAPTER WHO WAS?, Pequot Library J B LIN)
- *What Was the Turning Point of the Civil War? Alfred Wand Goes to Gettysburg* by Ellen T. Crenshaw (Main Library C GRAPHIC WHAT WAS?)

Migration/Immigration in the Region

- *Immigration through Ellis Island* (Woods Library C 304.8 FOR)

Food & Culture

- *A Taste of the World: What People Eat and How They Celebrate Around the Globe* by Beth Walrond (Woods Library C 394.1 WAL)
- *Cooking Class Global Feast! 44 Recipes that Celebrate the World's Cultures* by Deanna F. Cook (Main & Woods Library J641.59 C)
- *Food Like Mine* by Carrie Love (Woods Library J641.3 LOVE)
- *Food and Recipes of the Thirteen Colonies* by George Erdosh (Main Library J973.2 E)
- *Hasty Pudding, Johnnycakes, and Other Good Stuff: Cooking in Colonial America* by Loretta Frances Ichord (Main & Woods Library J973.2 I)
- *Maple Syrup from the Sugarhouse* by Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton (Main Library PICTURE KNOWLTON)
- *My Food, Your Food, Our Food* by Emma Carlson Berne (Main Library PICTURE BERNE)
- *Native North American Foods and Recipes* by Kathryn Smithyman (Main Library J970.1 S)
- *The Dish on Food and Farming in Colonial America* by Anika Fajardo (Pequot Library J394.120 FAJ)
- *The Multicultural Cookbook for Students* by Lois Sanaiko Webb (Main Library J641.59 WEBB)
- *The Sweet Story of Hot Chocolate!* By Stephen Krensky (Main Library C CHAPTER HISTORY OF FUN STUFF)
- *The World in Your Lunch Box: The Wacky History and Weird Science of Everyday Foods* by Claire Eamer (Pequot Library J641.3 EAM)
- *There's No Ham in Hamburgers: Facts and Folklore about Our Favorite Foods* by Kim Zachman (Main & Woods Library, Y 641.3 Z)
- *What's On Your Plate? Exploring the World of Food* by Whitney Stewart (Main Library J641.59 S, Pequot Library J641.59 STE)

Books by Richard Scarry

- *Richard Scarry's Cars and Trucks and Things that Go* (Main Library, Woods Library, Pequot Library PICTURE SCARRY)
- *Busytown Boat Race* (Main Library, Woods Library PICTURE SCARRY)
- *Balloons and Other Fun Things* (Main Library PICTURE SCARRY)
- *Richard Scarry's Best Mother Goose Ever* (Main Library and Pequot Library PICTURE MOTHER GOOSE)
- *The Busy, Busy World of Richard Scarry* (Main Library and Pequot Library JB SCARRY)

- *Richard Scarry's Farmer Patrick Pig* (Pequot Library)
- *Richard Scarry's Frances Fix-It* (Main Library and Pequot Library EASY 2 SCARRY)
- *Richard Scarry's Pie Rats Aboy!* (Woods Library)
- *Richard Scarry's Busiest People Ever* (Pequot Library J PICTURE SCA)
- *Richard Scarry's Lowly Worm Storybook* (Pequot Library J PICTURE SCA)