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Upcoming book discussion events at the Public Library of New London

New London, Conn. – The Public Library of New London will be hosting three special book discussion events during the upcoming Fall. On Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 am, there will be a free discussion on the book *I Am Malala*. Malala was a student in Pakistan when the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley. Her father had encouraged his daughter to attend school in a society that gives more privileges to sons than daughters. She spoke out for her right to an education and was shot in the head while riding a bus home from school. After a miraculous recovery, Malala became a global symbol of peaceful protest and at age 16 the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize. Copies of the book will be available in the weeks prior to the meeting. Book discussion will be facilitated by Mongi Dhaouadi, the executive director of Council of American- Islamic Relations CT (CAIR CT). The discussion will be held in the Local History Room of the Library.

On Tuesday, September 16, at 5:30 pm, the book *The Dirty Life* will be discussed. NYC writer Kristin Kimball's life was changed after interviewing a farmer from Pennsylvania. She picked up her life and moved with him to 500 acres near Lake Champlain to start a new farm. The plan was to grow everything needed to sustain a community; produce, meats, herbs, dairy, grains, even maple syrup. *The Dirty Life* takes readers through the adventure that is their first year on the farm, including their wedding. This book has been chosen as the 2014 One Book One Region book. The discussion will be facilitated by Kate Treadwell-Hill. Treadwell-Hill grew up on a dairy farm and as an adult, had a small farm in the Catskills. In 1998, she became the sheep farm manager of Cook College at Rutgers University, where she taught sheep, goat and deer care to undergraduate pre-veterinary students.

On Monday, September 22, at 5:30 pm, the book *My Beloved World* will be discussed. An instant American icon – the first Hispanic on the U.S. Supreme Court – tells the story of her life before becoming a judge in an inspiring, surprisingly personal memoir told with startling candor and intimacy. The book discussion will be led by Elizabeth Garcias-Gonzalez, Executive Director of Centro de la Comunidad. Light refreshments thematically related to the book will be served.

These events are in addition to the five regular monthly book clubs hosted by the library. Meeting on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 pm, the Supper Book Club discusses a book selected by one of the members over a meal from a local restaurant. September's selection is *UPSTREAM: A Voyage on the Connecticut River* by Ben Bachman. Meeting on the third Monday of every month at 5:30 pm, the Usual Suspects Book Club discusses a mystery novel over tea and refreshments. September's selection is *Death at the Art Gallery*, by Don D'Ammasso and the author will be present for that meeting. On the third Tuesday of every month at 3:00 pm, the Shelf Awareness Book Club meets for an informal book discussion and September's selection is *This Is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper. For caregivers and stay at home parents, the Time Out Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Parents are welcome to bring their children who can play while a book is discussed over coffee. September's selection is *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. Finally, for tweens and teens, the Pizza and Pages

Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm when a book is discussed over a slice of pizza. September's book is Hatchet by Gary Paulson. Books for all groups are available to be checked out at the Circulation Desk and all groups are free.

For more information about any of the book programs at the Public Library of New London, please call Mary Fecteau at 860-447-1411 x6.