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Local Author Talk: Dirk Langeveld, author of *The Artful Dodger*

New London, CT, Saturday, October 17th, 2018 – Local author Dirk Langeveld, author of *The Artful Dodger*, will be at the library to discuss the unbelievable true story that his book focuses on during the time period of WWI.

A little about the book: Shortly after Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was convicted of dodging the World War I draft, he convinced his captors to release him. He'd claimed to have buried a valuable cache of gold that he wanted to find before someone else did. His subsequent escape would mark the start of a standoff with the U.S. government that lasted nearly two decades. A former race car driver and pilot who trained with the Wright Brothers, Bergdoll was best known as "Draft Dodger No. 1." Although little remembered today, this remarkable story captivated the world in the early 20th century.

Author bio: Dirk Langeveld is a marketing editor at The Day. He has contributed to several pictorial books published through this company including publications on the history of the U.S. Coast Guard and Naval Submarine Base New London. He is also the author of *The Downfall Dictionary*, a blog on political scandals.

The event is free and registration is not required. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 860-447-1411 x5, or go to the library's website at www.plnl.org.