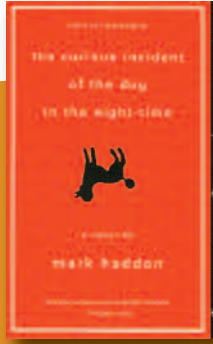


# 1 BOOK for Greater Hartford

One Book for Greater Hartford builds community around the shared experience of people reading and talking about a single book. For the last eight years, One Book has created a regional awareness of the importance of reading and literature as well as exposure to new thoughts, ideas and realities.



## ONE BOOK FOR GREATER HARTFORD 2010: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* BY MARK HADDON

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. Routine, order, and predictability shelter him from the messy wider world. Then, at fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbor's dog, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork, for which he is initially blamed.

Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer and turns to his favorite fictional character, Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face-to-face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As he tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, we are drawn into the workings of Christopher's mind.

And herein lies the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotion. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is one of the freshest debuts in years: a comedy, a heartbreaker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read.

In addition to an exploration of the featured book, One Book will present a variety of programs associated with autism.

For further information, please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org) or contact Marian Amodeo, Chief Public Services Officer, at (860) 695-6296 or by email at [mamodeo@hplct.org](mailto:mamodeo@hplct.org).



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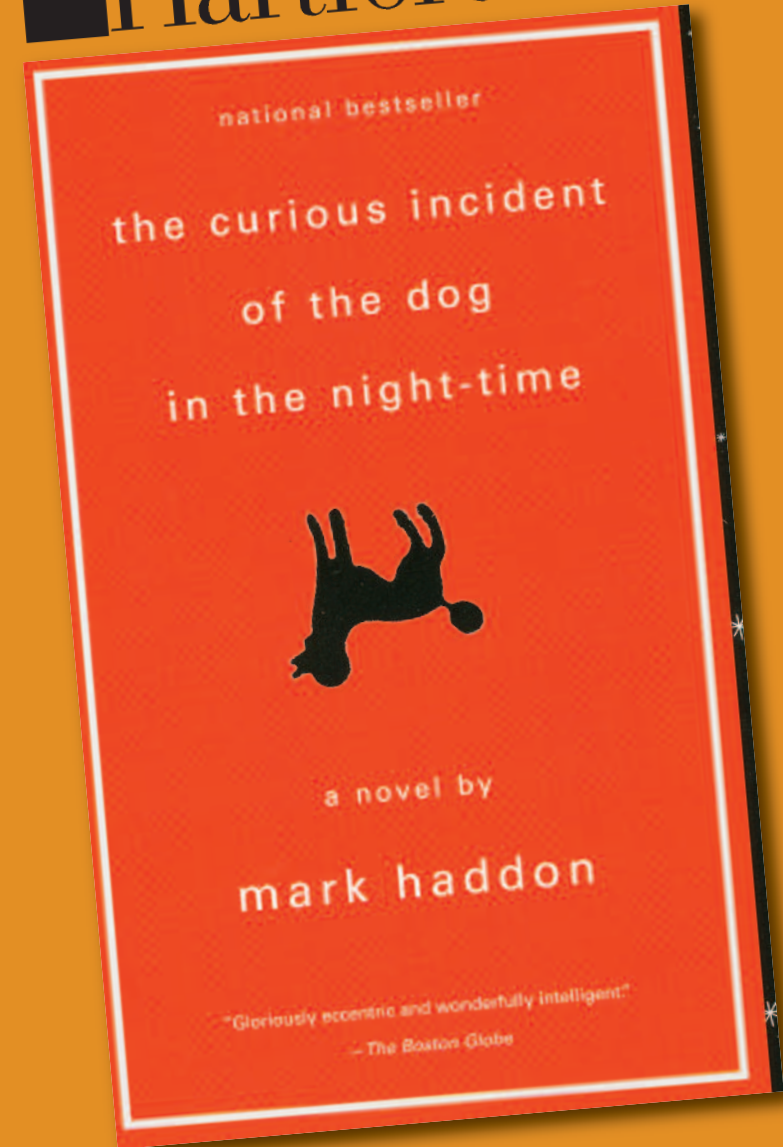
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## YOUTH

### CURIOUS TEENS

Ages 12 and up. Share your insights into the *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* through discussion and activities.

**Goodwin Branch:**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 3:00 p.m.**

**Barbour Branch:**  
**Monday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.**

**Albany Branch:**  
**Monday, November 1, 3:00 p.m.**

**Dwight Branch:**  
**Tuesday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.**

**Camp Field Branch:**  
**Monday, November 22, 3:30 p.m.**

**Downtown Library:**  
**Wednesday, November 24, 3:00 p.m.**



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Downtown Library:**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 5:45 p.m.**  
Spanish Language Book Club

**Downtown Library:**  
**Saturday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.**  
Downtown Book Club

## FILM SERIES

### "Autism: The Musical"

Five autistic children and their families deal with their shared and individual challenges by working together to create a full-length musical.

**Capital Community College Auditorium:**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.**



### "Beautiful Son"

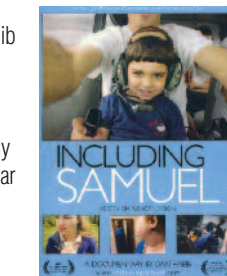
Two filmmakers document their son's journey as, together, they explore alternative medicines in hope of finding a cure for autism.

**Capital Community College Auditorium:**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 12:00 p.m.**

### "Including Samuel"

Photojournalist Dan Habib accounts the ways in which one family—his own—learned to meaningfully include a severely disabled son in the regular patterns of everyday life.

**Capital Community College Auditorium:**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2:30 p.m.**



### "Temple Grandin"

This is the real thing: winner of ten Emmy Awards this past August, the life story of one of the world's most famous—and accomplished—adults with autism, starring Claire Danes.

**Capital Community College Auditorium:**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 5:30 p.m.**

All programs will include a post-film discussion. Screenings are free and open to the public.

Capital Community College Auditorium,  
950 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut

For further information and parking directions visit [www.ccc.commnet.edu](http://www.ccc.commnet.edu) or contact Marie Basche 860-906-5095 or by email at [ABasche@ccc.commnet.edu](mailto:ABasche@ccc.commnet.edu).



## OUTSIDER ART



Enjoy flat and dimensional art created by Enfield resident **Michael Fluckiger**, who is autistic, and the clients of HARC's **ArtSparks** program, who have various intellectual challenges.

Nada Farm Museum of Archetypes defines outsider art as work created by "the naive, the innocent, the self-taught, the visionary, the intuitive, the eccentric, the schizophrenic, the developmentally disabled, the psychotic, the obsessive, the compulsive."

**Downtown Library, Ropkins and Goodwin Branches: October 16 – December 15**

### Opening Reception

**Diana Appleton**, founder and director of **ArtSparks** program, will speak about the therapeutic value of artistic expression. Founded in 1951, HARC is a nonprofit organization that helps people with intellectual disabilities and their families enjoy lives of quality, inclusion and dignity through support, education and advocacy.

**Downtown Library:**  
**Peters Reading Room, 2nd floor**  
**Saturday, October 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
Refreshments will be served.



## ADULTS



### AUTISM 101 BOOTCAMPS

Autism Speaks presents an introduction to the topic of autism using a short film, lecture, and interactive game. Participants will gain a greater understanding of and tolerance for individuals affected by autism. This program will benefit teachers, employers and other professionals who work with children.

**Ropkins Branch:**  
**Friday, October 22,**  
**7:15 a.m.** Available in Spanish.

**Goodwin Branch:**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 7:15 a.m.**

**Capital Community College:**  
**Friday, November 12, 1:00 p.m.**

### EMPLOYING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

**Learn how your company would benefit** by hiring and training someone with an intellectual disability. Parents learn what the employment opportunities are for your children. Speakers are Joe Wendover, Outreach Manager, Walgreens Distribution Center in Windsor, and Shirley P. Boron, Vice President Employment and Day Services, HARC, Inc.

**Downtown Library: Tuesday, November 30,**  
**Program Room, 3rd Floor, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

### THE SPECTRUM UNPLUGGED

FOCUS Alternative Learning Center is proud to present its panel of experts, a group of young adults who are on the autism spectrum. They are articulate, brilliant, left of center and open and honest about their journeys with their disorders. Hear how living with autism has had an impact on their lives at home, school and in the community. They have grown to accept and embrace their "peculiarities" and have channeled them into something useful. Learn what strategies have helped them become the successful people they are today.

**Downtown Library: Saturday,**  
**October 23, 2:00 p.m.**

## AUTHOR EVENT

Authors **Gina Gallagher** and **Patricia Konjoian** present **"Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid – The Movement of Imperfection."**

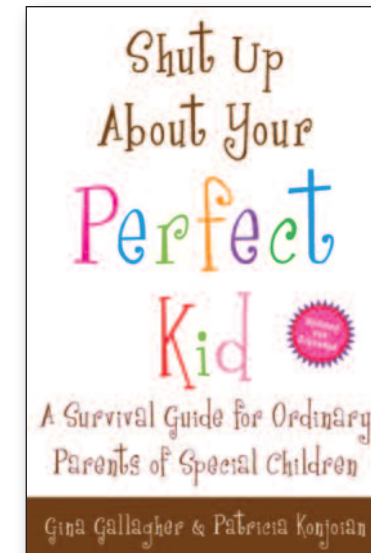
On a perfection-preoccupied planet, sisters Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, dare to openly speak about the frustrations, stigmas, joys and challenges they face as parents of children with disabilities (one with Asperger's syndrome, the other with bipolar disorder).

This refreshingly frank and enjoyable presentation, based on their book, *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid, A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children*, has participants laughing out loud and celebrating the joys, gifts, and milestones of special children.

The Massachusetts-based authors speak at parenting, mental health, and educational conferences around the country and have been featured by CNN and other national radio and print media outlets.

**Downtown Library:**  
**Thursday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.**

**Book Sales will begin at 6:00 p.m.**  
**and book signing immediately to follow program.**



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