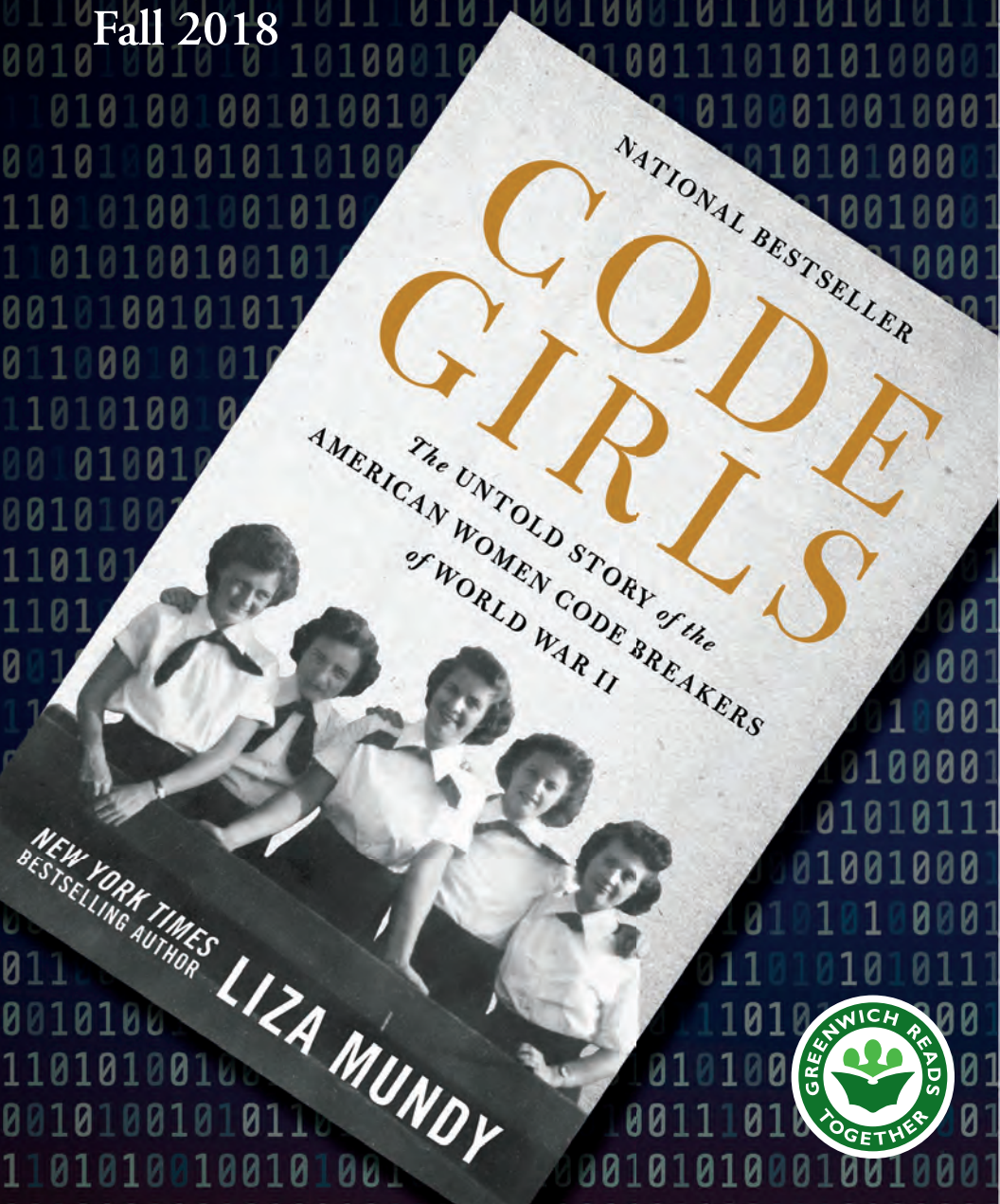


Greenwich Reads Together

Fall 2018



What is Greenwich Reads Together?

Greenwich Reads Together is a community-wide reading experience which will engage all of Greenwich in exploring a single book. The goal of Greenwich Reads Together is to deepen engagement in literature through reading and discussion and to build community connections. The Steering Committee leading this effort includes Greenwich Library, Greenwich Alliance for Education, Greenwich Arts Council, Greenwich Historical Society, Greenwich Pen Women and the Greenwich Public and Independent Schools, Perrot Memorial Library, and Retired Men's Association of Greenwich.

Visit our website www.greenwichreadstogether.org to find book and film suggestions for further exploration, as well as discussion guides, links to interviews with the author and much more.



About the Book

Code Girls (2017) tells the story of how more than ten thousand young women were recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges to serve as codebreakers during World War II.

While their brothers and boyfriends took up arms, these women moved to Washington and learned the meticulous work of code-breaking. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them.

A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history; now, through dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, bestselling author Liza Mundy brings to life this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.

We invite the community to join us for programs and discussion groups which are free and open to the public. Reading *Code Girls* is encouraged, but not necessary to attend these programs. Copies in many formats can be borrowed from the Library or purchased from Diane's Books.

Author Talk: Liza Mundy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7 PM



Code Girls author Liza Mundy is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Richer Sex: How the New Majority of Female Breadwinners Is Transforming Sex, Love and Family* and *Michelle: A Biography*. She has worked as a reporter at the *Washington Post* and contributed to publications including *The Atlantic*, *TIME*, *The New Republic*, *Slate*, *Mother Jones*, and *The Guardian*. She

is a frequent commentator on prominent national news outlets and has positioned herself at the prestigious New America Foundation as one of the nation's foremost experts on women and work issues.

Mundy will speak to Greenwich public and private school students earlier in the day. Books will be available for purchase and signing through Diane's Books.

Free and open to all, but seating in the Cole Auditorium is limited and will be available by registration beginning on October 15 through the Library's calendar at www.greenwichlibrary.org. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

**COLE AUDITORIUM, GREENWICH LIBRARY
101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

Science Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1:00-3:00 PM

The Bruce Museum will present a drop-in program designed for children aged 4 and up and their families. Participants will explore simple science concepts and subjects while partaking in fun, kid-friendly experiments, projects and crafts inspired by the Museum's collections and exhibitions. Guests will be able to do several coding themed activities and experiments in connection to *Code Girls*. Free with general admission and no advance registration is required.

**BRUCE MUSEUM,
1 MUSEUM DRIVE, GREENWICH**

Salons by Stowe: Code Girls to Contemporary Women

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30 PM

Anita Durkin, of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, will facilitate an open conversation about *Code Girls*. Participants will focus on generating solutions, placing contemporary issues—such as implicit bias, #metoo, and women in the workplace—in historical context. Attendees should be prepared to participate in a respectful dialogue, to think critically about the past, and to work together to imagine actionable solutions to contemporary issues. Durkin holds a Ph.D. in nineteenth-century American Literature from the University of Rochester in upstate New York.

Registration is required on the Library's website starting October 1.

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Tales of Encryption and Code Breaking—Code Girls and More

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 11:00 AM

The Retired Men's Association of Greenwich will review the significance of the *Code Girls* and share other encryption tales during the 1900s. Open to the public at no charge, all are invited for coffee and danish at 10:40 AM. For more information, contact Peter Uhry at (203) 637-9482.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
1 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

Film: *The Imitation Game* (2014)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7 PM

In 1939, newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) to crack Nazi codes, including Enigma—which cryptanalysts had thought unbreakable. Turing's team, including Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley), analyze Enigma messages while he builds a machine to decipher them. 114 min.



**BYRAM SHUBERT LIBRARY,
21 MEAD AVENUE, GREENWICH**

Film: *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* (2017)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 PM

Directed by Alexandra Dean. With Hedy Lamarr, Robert Osborne, Mel Brooks, Peter Bogdanovich. Perhaps even smarter than she was beautiful, actor Hedy Lamarr was also a talented and inquisitive inventor who created a system that led to today's blue-tooth technology. Fascinating stuff. 90 min.

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CRYPTANALYSIS 101

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018, 3 PM

Students in grades 4-8 will learn the basic terminology of code breaking, the mathematics behind it, as well as a variety of elementary ciphers. Presented by M. Roy, K-12 Education



Outreach Office, National Security Agency.
To register, call 203-637-1066.

**RADCLIFFE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY PROGRAM
ROOM, PERROT MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
90 SOUND BEACH AVENUE, OLD GREENWICH**

Film: *Enigma* (2001)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 PM

Directed by Michael Apted. With Kate Winslet, Dougray Scott, Jeremy Northam. Cracking historical thriller set in Bletchley Park, the English estate that was the center of British code breaking activities in World War II. This film is part of the Friday Film Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenwich Library. 117 min. Rated R

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101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

Break the Code!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 3:30 PM

Join instructor Irum Khan to learn the basics of codebreaking and try your hand at cracking a secret message or creating your own. This program is open to adults. Registration on the Library's calendar is required starting October 1.

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101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

How Women's Creativity is too Often Challenged

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6-8 PM

Greenwich Arts Council and Greenwich Pen Women will present a discussion on the challenges faced by the women code breakers, as well as the creative process and trials of contemporary professional women writers, artists, and composers. This program will be an extension of an exhibition in various media created by the Greenwich Pen Women in the Bendheim Gallery.

Admission is free but reservations are required, please RSVP to galler@greenwicharts.org or (203) 862-6751.

**THE GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL,
299 GREENWICH AVENUE, SECOND FLOOR,
GREENWICH**

Discussion Groups

Organize your own group or join with our community to explore *Code Girls* at one or more of these discussion groups.

Greenwich Pen Women, a branch of the National League of American Pen Women, will provide leaders for book discussion groups of all ages, from teens through seniors. Call Lee Paine at (203) 637-3764 for further information.

Essay Contest

Greenwich Rotary Club will sponsor an essay contest for students attending Greenwich public and independent schools in grades 6-12. Cash prizes will be awarded in two categories (6-8th grades and 9-12th grades). \$350 cash prize for the winning essay submitted by a high school student (grades 9-12); \$150 cash prize for honorable mention. \$350 cash prize for the winning essay submitted by a middle school student (grades 6-8); \$150 cash prize for honorable mention. Winners will be honored at a special event in the Flinn Gallery on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:00 PM.

The 2018 GRT Essay Questions is: Choose one of the individuals portrayed in *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy (the adult version or young readers edition) and discuss how that person's experience relates to an aspect of your own life or that of someone you know personally. You may want to consider issues such as loyalty, patriotism, defying expectations, risk-taking, gender roles, family, and/or problem-solving.

Essays will be evaluated for clarity of expression, persuasiveness, originality, and connection with the GRT book. Essays must be double-spaced, 1,000 words or less (exclusive of any citations), and submitted as a Word or Google Document via email on or before October 23, 2018 (high school) or October 29 (middle school) to GRTcontest@gmail.com.

Please include your name, grade, and school in the body of the email. For full details, please visit www.greenwichreadstogether.org.

Discussion Groups for Children and Teens

Bookworms Book Club

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 4:00 PM

Students in grades 2-3 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code* by Laurie Wallmark. Pre-registration required, limit 20 participants. Register and pick up a book at the Children's Room Desk or call (203) 622-7940 for information.



CHILDREN'S ROOM, GREENWICH LIBRARY
101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH

Junior Book Club

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 4:30 PM

Students in grades 4-6 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *Code Girls (Young Readers Edition)* by Liza Mundy. Pre-registration required, limit 20 participants. Register and pick up a book at the Children's Room Desk or Second Floor Reference Desk or call (203) 622-7940 for information.



CHILDREN'S ROOM, GREENWICH LIBRARY
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Book Wizards Book Club

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 5:30 PM

Students in grades 4-6 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *Code Girls (Young Readers Edition)* by Liza Mundy. Advance registration is required. Call the Cos Cob Library at (203) 622-6883 to register.

COS COB LIBRARY, 5 SINAWOY ROAD, COS COB

Greenwich Public Schools

Greenwich High School will hold Greenwich Reads Together Day on November 7 with programs for students, faculty, and staff, including a visit from author Liza Mundy. Student discussions and group activities not open to the general public will take place at Greenwich elementary and middle schools.

Discussion Groups for Adults

The Friends of Greenwich Library

will host a drop-in book discussion of *Code Girls* on October 9, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. No registration required. For further information, call Anne Shafqat in the Friends Office at (203) 622-7938.

**MEETING ROOM, GREENWICH LIBRARY,
101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

The Byram Book Club will meet October 9, at 3 p.m. For more information, please call (203) 531-0426.

**COMMUNITY ROOM, BYRAM SHUBERT LIBRARY,
21 MEAD AVENUE, BYRAM**

The International Book Club

is open to adults on Tuesday, October 16 at 5 p.m. For more information, please call (203) 531-0426.

**COMMUNITY ROOM,
BYRAM SHUBERT LIBRARY,
21 MEAD AVENUE, BYRAM**

Cos Cob Library will offer two book discussions which are open to all, but aimed primarily at adults. The Brown Bag Book Club will meet October 17, at 12 p.m. to discuss *Code Girls* and the Thursday Evening Book Club will meet November 1, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Code Girls*.

**COS COB LIBRARY,
5 SINAWOY ROAD, COS COB**

Christ Church Greenwich invites you to a book discussion on Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m. upstairs at **Christ Church Books & Gifts**. Come for a cozy book group discussion in a beautiful space. Pop by to buy your book and enjoy a latte in advance. Learn more at christchurchbooksandgifts.com.

**CHRIST CHURCH GREENWICH,
254 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

The Fiction Addiction Book Club

will step away from contemporary fiction for the month of November, and discuss *Code Girls* on November 5, at 6 p.m. No registration required, all are welcome. For further information, please call Joanne Gaither at (203) 622-7994.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich

will host a discussion of *Code Girls* moderated by Kimberly Lee on November 18, at 11:30 a.m. as part of their Adult Education program. The public is welcome, no reservations required. For further information, contact Terry Lohmeyer at Terryhl@aol.com or by phone at (203) 249-9412.

**EDNA ANDERSON CHAPEL,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
1 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

At Home in Greenwich will host a discussion of *Code Girls* on Tuesday, November 13 at 10 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church. The public is welcome to attend. To RSVP, contact Belinda at (203) 422-2342.

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
139 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH**

Children's Book Donation

From October 1-16, Greenwich Alliance for Education will collect new or gently used children's books in donation boxes at Greenwich Library and its Byram Shubert and Cos Cob branches and at the Perrot Library. On October 17, donated books will be distributed to children at the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. Please no reference or text books, magazines or anything dusty or musty. For more information, please contact the Greenwich Alliance for Education at (203) 340-2323 or visit www.greenwichalliance.org.



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