



BARRINGTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

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2026 Land Trust Learning Series

The theme for this year's Land Trust Learning Series is "empowering individuals to make a positive difference in their environment. All of our programs are free and open to the public. Register for any of our events at www.blct.org/events.



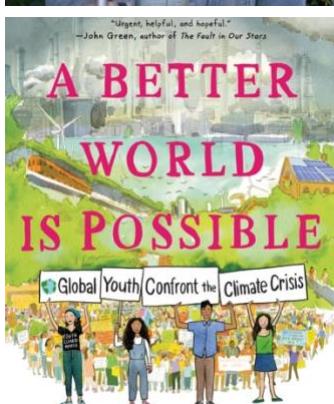
Letters to Boulders with Karen Donovan
Monday, March 9, 7 pm ~ Barrington Public Library
Register: www.blct.org/events

Our first event in the 2026 Learning Series features award-winning poet Karen Donovan. She'll read from her new book, *Letters to Boulders*, and discuss her unique blend of art and science on Monday, March 9, at 7 pm. The event will take place in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library. *Letters to Boulders* has been called "a poetic meditation on the mutable qualities of the earth."



Land Trust Learning Series: Lessons from Dragonflies & Damselflies
Monday, April 13, 7 pm ~ Barrington Public Library
Register: www.blct.org/events

Virginia "Ginger" Brown, a former president of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust, is the state's leading expert on the *Odonata*—the order of insects comprised of the dragonflies and damselflies—and the author of two authoritative books on the group. Ginger will share her knowledge of insects and their importance to our world including anatomy, life cycle, behavior, migration and habitat, as well as some of the largest and most conspicuous insect groups.



A Better World Is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis
Thursday, May 14, 7 pm ~ Barrington Public Library
Register: www.blct.org/events

Join award-winning environmental journalist Meera Subramanian for an all-ages discussion of her new graphic novel, *A Better World Is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis*. As climate change quickens—bringing with it extreme weather, biodiversity loss and humanitarian crises—four teens help organize the world's largest climate protest. They take to the streets of New York City, demanding answers. How did climate change get this bad? Who's to blame? And most importantly: What can we do about it?



Land Trust Annual Meeting ~ “Rhode Island’s Native Bees”

Monday, June 8, 6 pm ~ Barrington Public Library

Register: www.blct.org/events

The Land Trust will hold a brief Annual Meeting at 6 pm followed by a presentation by Casey Johnson at 6:30 pm. Casey is a Research Associate at the University of Rhode Island Bee Lab, which she joined in 2019. Her presentation will broaden our understanding of native bees and identify best gardening practices to encourage pollinators. She’ll discuss native bee diversity in Rhode Island, common threats facing native bees, and what the average person can do to protect and promote native bees and other pollinators.



Forgotten Landscapes: How Natural Habitats Respond to Land Use

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 pm ~ Barrington Public Library

Register: www.blct.org/events

Travel through time with ecologist Kevin Ormerod as he recounts historic records, gaining insight towards native plants and habitats. Learn how to decipher the events that shaped our landscapes and foresee the outcomes of current management methods. Kevin will help us understand the effect centuries of settlement has on home gardens and habitat restoration, alike. This interactive presentation will deepen your conservation perspective and ability to make changes in your own backyard and community.

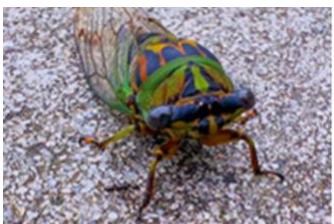


Combining Art and Science to Save Species

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7 pm ~ Barrington Public Library

Register: www.blct.org/events

Wildlife populations are declining around the world because of human impacts. Dr. Lucy Spelman, founder of the local organization Creature Conserve, offers a behind-the-scenes look at how combining art and science can bring us together to save species. Drawing from her years as a zoo and wildlife veterinarian, she describes some of her first experiences with art-sci collaboration. She’ll introduce us to the work of Creature Conserve and her newest book, *Creature Needs*, which will be available for sale.



The Little Things That Run the World

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 pm ~ Barrington Public Library

Register: www.blct.org/events

Join us for *The Little Things That Run the World*, an award-winning 105-minute documentary that introduces viewers to a diverse group of scientists, nature lovers, gardeners, farmers and general bug enthusiasts in exploring the importance of flying insects amid rapid declines in their numbers. What can be done to reverse the trend? *The Little Things That Run the World* attempts to find answers to those questions and more. A conversation will follow the film.

“Anyone who cares about our natural world and our place in it should watch this documentary.”

Ryan St Laurent, Asst Prof.
Ecology, UC-Boulder

For more information on upcoming events, visit
www.blct.org/events