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1 Putney Public Library hosts book discussion on ‘The  
2 Problem With Plastic’

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5 The Putney Public Library and the local Beyond Plastics  
6 affiliate group, Third Act of Windham and Windsor counties  
7 (Win/Win), are sponsoring a community read of *The Problem*  
8 *With Plastic: How We Can Save Ourselves and Our Planet Before*  
9 *It's Too Late*.

10 The library has multiple copies of the book available for  
11 checkout to Putney Library cardholders — request a copy by  
12 emailing [request@putneylibrary.org](mailto:request@putneylibrary.org).

13 A facilitated community discussion of the book will be  
14 held Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. All are invited

15 “Plastic is everywhere,” wrote event promoters in a news  
16 release, “wrapped around our food, stitched into our clothes,  
17 even coursing through our veins. What began as a marvel of  
18 modern science has become a toxic industry that is harming our  
19 health, polluting our planet, and driving climate change,” they  
20 said. Plastic production has increased exponentially since single-  
21 use plastic’s start, from 2 million tons per year in 1950 to 450  
22 million tons per year today. And production, they said, is  
23 expected to triple by 2060.

24 “Given that less than 6% of plastic is actually recycled in  
25 the United States, all that plastic will continue to harm every  
26 person, their communities, and the environment,” wrote  
27 organizers. “The good news is there’s still time to turn off the tap  
28 and live in a world without pointless plastic.” That’s the hopeful  
29 message at the heart of this December 2025 book by Judith Enck  
30 and Adam Mahoney, published by The New Press.

31 The plastic pollution crisis is massive, systemic, and  
32 urgent. But plastic pollution is not inevitable; “it’s the result of  
33 choices made by businesses, governments, and, to a lesser extent,  
34 everyday people.” The authors’ goal with this book is to equip  
35 people with knowledge, hope, and an arsenal of solutions to save  
36 the planet while there’s still time.

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