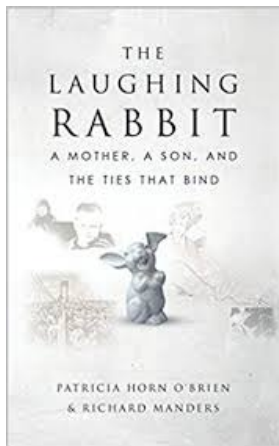




# *Friends of the Lyme Public Library*

## **The Laughing Rabbit: A Mother, A Son, and The Ties That Bind A Book Reading and Signing event with: Patricia Horn O'Brien On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00**



In 1962, when Pat (O'Brien) made the difficult decision to give up her baby, the laws surrounding adoption forced a complete severing of the link between mother and child. But as the years passed, and Pat met adoptees searching for birth parents, as well as other birth mothers longing to reunite with their children, she began to hope that she might one day reconnect with her son. After a relentless pursuit for information that ended with sidestepping the bureaucracy that walled off adoption records, she found him. The two eventually formed a deep bond that became the foundation for a close, albeit surprisingly extended family.

Pat is a graduate of Columbia School of Social Work and has worked and volunteered as a social worker throughout her adult life. She is a member of the Guilford Poets Guild and co-founded CT River Poets. Pat is Old Saybrook's Poet Laureate.



**This program is free and open to all.  
For more information and to register, call the library at 860-434-2272.**