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## Protect Your Money and Identity Online

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden for some tips and tricks to protect your money and identity online.

In the internet age, your money and identity are more easily accessible to thieves than ever before. Over the years, almost everyone has had a credit card number stolen as a result of hacked store computer systems. Insurance companies have lost laptops containing sensitive information. Scammers pretending to be officials from Microsoft telephone in an attempt to gain privileged access to people's computers. Even with all these threats, you can reduce your risk by following a few fairly simple guidelines, by being able to recognize common scams, and by having a plan in place to respond when your data has been compromised.

Carol Siddall has been an IT professional for over twenty years, has been online since last century, and has seen lots of scams over the years. She knows that security has to be easy because scammers are clever and persistent. Carol will tell us the basics of choosing a secure

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](http://meetup.com/cthumanist).

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Sat., 1	Explorations: "Dolores"	2:30 p.m
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 15	Book Discussion: "Fantasyland: How America went Haywire: a 500-Year History" by Kurt Anderson	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Mon., 17	Monthly Meeting Main program: Protect your Money and Identity Online by Carol Siddall	7:00 p.m 7:30 p.m
Mon., 24	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. (203) 248-9663. Topic: The Callout	7:00 p.m
Sun., 30	Board meeting	3:30 p.m

### OCTOBER 2018

Mon., 1	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 6	Explorations: TBA	2:30 p.m
Mon., 15	Monthly Meeting Main program: TBA	7:00 p.m 7:30 p.m
Sat., 20	Book Discussion: TBA	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Sun., 21	Board meeting	3:30 p.m
Mon., 22	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. (203) 248-9663. Topic: TBA	7:00 p.m

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password (that you can remember), avoiding some common scams, and developing some simple habits that will help protect you when you're not even aware

you're in danger.

We will start with a half hour of coffee and conversation at 7:00 p.m. followed by Carol's presentation at about 7:30 p.m.

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# Discussion: Callout Culture

The April 13, 2018, episode of NPR’s *Invisibilia* (<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/13/601971617/the-callout>) asks the question, “What is the role of pain in making social change?” Feel free to listen or read the transcript. This is pretty long, so this is the only preparation for the discussion. Please notice: how the main character changes throughout her life, who plays judge and jury in the story, and the ways in which the kind of justice meted out in the story differs from official government-administered justice.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24 at the Wood-n-Tap at 2100 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. Please RSVP via [meetup](https://www.meetup.com/development@cthumanist.org) or [development@cthumanist.org](mailto:development@cthumanist.org).

# Book Discussion: “Fantasyland”

Our book for September is “Fantasyland: How America went Haywire: a 500-Year History” by journalist Kurt Anderson. The discussion will take place Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the library of the Unitarian Society of New Haven at 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden.

From *Amazon*: In this sweeping, eloquent history of America, Kurt Andersen shows that what’s happening in our country today—this post-factual, “fake news” moment we’re all living through—is not something new, but rather the ultimate expression of our national character. America was founded by wishful dreamers, magical thinkers, and true believers, by hucksters and their suckers. Fantasy is deeply embedded in our DNA.

“A frighteningly convincing and sometimes uproarious picture of a country in steep, perhaps terminal decline that would have the founding fathers weeping into their beards.” – *The Guardian*

“... presents the very best kind of idea—one that, in retrospect, seems obvious, but that took a seer like Kurt Andersen to piece together. The thinking and the writing are both dazzling; it is at once a history lesson and an oh-so-modern cri de coeur; it’s an absolute joy to read and will leave your brain dancing with excitement long after you’re done.”—Stephen Dubner

Light snacks will be served.

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