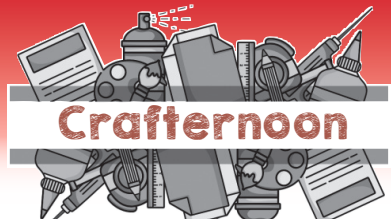


CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



Crafternoon

Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.

Children in grades 1–5 are invited to join us for an hour filled with activities designed to let you explore and create! Registration begins February 6.

Li'l Chefs

Wednesday, February 21, 6:15 p.m.

Love cooking with your kids? This is a program just for preschoolers ages 3–4 and a caregiver. We will start with a story, then make microwave mochi donuts. Registration begins February 7.



Little Yoga

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 a.m. & Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.

For ages 2–5 with a caregiver. Do you love storytime? Have you ever wanted to move along with the characters in the book? Now is your chance! Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins February 10.



March

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, March 18 and 25, 10:15 a.m. Stories and songs for children 9–24 months, siblings, and their caregivers.

Play For All

Tuesdays, March 19 and 26, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. All are welcome!



Happy New Year!

Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays, March 20 and 27, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and crafts for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers.

Storytime for 3- to 5-year-olds

Thursdays, March 21 and 28, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and crafts for children ages 3–5, without caregivers.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 21 and 28, 6:30 p.m.

Stories and songs for the whole family.



March

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Movers and Shakers:

A Musical Storytime

Tuesday, March 5, 10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2–4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music in this high-energy program. Come sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, dance and more. Registration begins February 20.

12 Tips to Manage Anxiety – Virtual

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

For children in grades 1–6 and parents. When faced with anxiety, how can we help our children or even ourselves? Dr. Wendy Hurwitz will share 12 tips on what you can do to help prevent anxiety and how to manage it if it occurs. Everyone will come away with information, tools, and techniques to regain and restore balance and calm.



Jr. Cookbook Club

Wednesday, March 6, 6:15 p.m.

We will start with a story and then make chocolate hummus. Kids in grades K–2 may register beginning February 21.



Rockin' Harmonica

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a music lesson where kids can learn basic tunes on the harmonica – and show off their new skills to their caregivers at the end with a concert! Harmonicas will be provided and will be available to take home. Children ages 5 and up can register beginning February 22.



Art for Little Hands

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 1–4 will bond, play, and engage in stimulating art activities. Our little artists will take home an age-appropriate art project. So much fun! Registration begins February 27.



Baby Soft Play

Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m.

For babies 6 to 24 months with a caregiver. A program where babies can play and self-explore in a soft play environment. Registration begins February 29.



Tales to Tails

Saturday, March 16, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

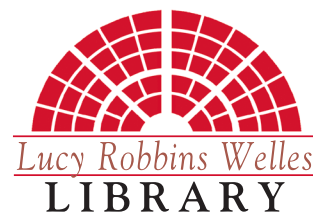
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Cookbook Club

Wednesday, March 20, 6:15 p.m.

We will welcome spring by making delicious deviled eggs! Registration for kids in grades 3–5 begins March 6.



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From the Library Director – Lisa Masten

During the cold winter months, remember the library has a lot to offer to keep you engaged and entertained. Books, movies, magazines, and music are available at the library or online. Learn something new at *Universal Class* or *Learning Express*, which offer online classes and tutorials in a wide variety of subjects. Or find a new hobby with *Creativebug*, another online service that has thousands of arts and crafts videos to choose from. All you need to access any of these is your library card!

Look inside this newsletter to see all of the programs that are being offered to kids, teens and adults – staff has been working hard to offer you a fun and appealing selection of programs to choose from! We hope you'll join our winter reading program – this year's theme is *Read Around the World*. Kids, teens and adults each have their own reading program with many opportunities to win a special prize. Each program is five weeks long and all are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Because the library is now open seven days a week, there are even more opportunities for you to come see all that we have to offer. You can also visit our website at www.newingtonct.gov/library for the latest information. We look forward to seeing you and are always happy to help you in person, on the phone, or online.

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Art Exhibits

February: Sarah Warda

– Contemporary Realist

March: Mandi Watrous

– Fine Art - Abstract Paintings

Library Meetings:

– Library Board

Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

– Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular library hours, Monday – Saturday.

Library Closings

Monday, February 19 – President's Day

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

Sunday, March 31 – Easter

To Reach the Library

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Read Around the World...with Winter Reading @ Your Library



WINTER READING EVENT

Adult:

January 31 – March 8

The Adult Winter Reading Program kicked off on January 31 but you can still join the fun! Register at the library, online, or call us and we will do it for you. All tickets collected during the 5-week program will be entered into the Finale drawing that will be held on Friday, March 8 at noon.

Teen: (See inside for details)

Saturday, February 3 – Monday, March 4

Join the Teen Winter Reading Program! Beginning on Saturday, February 3, registration will be available online. This reading program is for all teens in grades 6–12.

Children's: (See inside for details)

Saturday, February 3 – Monday, March 4

Join the Children's Winter Reading Program! Beginning on Saturday, February 3, registration will be available online. This reading program is for all children up to grade 5.

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Taste the World

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John and Adella Sliva Memorial

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– Jarrett Krosoczka (See Inside)

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Reminders!

F Many of the programs the library offers are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. These programs are identified by the symbol above.

All programs now require registration. They will be identified by this symbol.

Information on how to join a program can be found on our website



Register online for programs and events. Virtual programs are held on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed prior to the event. Other programs that are recorded and do not require registration can be found on our YouTube Channel on our website. Please contact the library for the most updated information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please check the Adult Events webpage for program info and access.




Adult Winter Reading Kickoff & Registration: *Read Around the World* January 31 – March 8

The Adult Winter Reading Program kicked off on January 31 but you can still join the fun! Register at the library, online, or call us and we will do it for you. Read and submit your tickets for the weekly drawings. All tickets collected during the 5-week program will be entered into the Finale drawing that will be held on Friday, March 8 at noon.  

Culinary Delights –

Pizza for the Big Game and more

Chef Rob Scott will share another video recipe this month. The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will be on the library website. Chocolate Chip Cookie Pizza for the Big Game, Old Fashioned Hummingbird Cake, General Tso's Meatballs, Winter-Braised Pot Roast with Herbs and Vegetables. 

Page Turners Book Discussion:



Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat.  



In-Person Coloring / Puzzle Get-Togethers
— Every first and third Tuesday —
February 6 & 20 and March 5 & 19



Come to the library and socialize while coloring or working on puzzle packets. If unable to attend, coloring packets will be available at the Adult Reference Desk beginning on these days!  



February

Daria and Sound Healing Meditation

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Join Daria Ann for an inspiring healing sound bath meditation, dedicated to embracing and celebrating the incredible journey of self-love in the Valentine's Day season. During Sound Healing, she will use instruments such as the Buffalo Hand Drum, Tibetan and Crystal Singing Bowls, Ocean Drum, Gong, Koshi Chimes, and other healing instruments to work to re-balance frequencies in our body, mind, and aura using the power of harmony and vibration.  



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every second and fourth Tuesday February 13 & 27 and March 12 & 26



We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Stop by to pick up your packet on or after the dates listed above.



Movies @ Your Library:

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny



Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 p.m.

Archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary artifact that can change the course of history. Starring Harrison Ford, Antonio Banderas. Rated PG-13.  



Art on the Moon with Sarah Warda

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meet our February featured artist and Newington native Sarah Warda, a professional painter whose work is headed to the moon! View her work and learn about her journey to the moon.  




FEBRUARY – Flaky Sea Salt

Recipe: Flaky Sea Salt Chocolate Chip Cookies

Pickup: February 12–17

Who are Your People and Where are they Hiding

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Finding new friends in the new millennium can be tricky – come learn ways to find your people! Join Heather Hitchcock for an evening of thoughtful conversation and ideas! 

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion:

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

Thursday, February 22, noon


Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.  



March

Culinary Delights –

For the Luck of the Irish at Heart

Chef Rob Scott will share another video recipe this month. The recipes, ingredients lists, and video link will be on the library website. Irish Soda Bread Muffins, Spring Lemon Pound Cake Loaf, Bang Bang Chicken Lettuce Wraps, Garlic Shrimp with Fresh Corn, Cherry Tomato and Feta Cheese Dinner. 





Page Turners Book Discussion:

The Reading List

by Sara Nisha Adams

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.


Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat.  



End of Adult Winter Reading

– Read Around the World

Friday, March 8

All tickets collected for the program's weekly drawings will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held at noon. Winners will be notified. 

Movies @ Your Library:

My Sailor, My Love

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 p.m.

A retired sea captain and his daughter must reassess their strained relationship after he begins a new romance with a widowed housekeeper. Starring James Cosmo, Brid Brennan. Not rated. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.





Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

@ the Library: Deacon King Kong

by James McBride

Thursday, March 14, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.  



Disney Trivia Night – Virtual



Friday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Quiz yourself on the magical world of Disney! Join us for a night of Disney trivia where all ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library. 



Critter Crochet: Narwhal


Saturdays, March 16 & 23, 10:00 a.m.

(both sessions required) Learn how to crochet your own little narwhal friend. Beginners and experienced crocheters are welcome!  



The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Solar and Your Energy Bill

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join Joe Massa and Kathy Dionne to learn the difference between fact and fiction about solar and electric energy. 



Friends of the Library Book Sale
May 3 – 5

Library 5k Road Race
Sunday, May 19

Watch for our Seed Library — Coming Soon!

save the date

TEEN PROGRAMS


For Students Entering Grades 6 – 12



Please check the Teen Events webpage for program info and access.

Teen Winter Reading 2024:

Read Around the World

Saturday, February 3 – Monday, March 4 Join the Teen Winter Reading Program! Beginning on Saturday, February 3, registration will be available online. Once registered, you may print the Bookopoly game board from home or come to the Adult Information Desk to pick up a copy. When your game board is complete, please visit the Adult Information Desk to claim your reward. 

February

Teen Lunar New Year

Wednesday, February 7,


6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Teens are invited to learn about the Lunar New Year celebration and make special crafts in honor of 2024, the Year of the Dragon! 



Not Your Average Teen Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This year we will be taking a page out of Finland's book and celebrating Ystävänpäivä, or Friendship Day. Enjoy a night of crafts and activities that celebrate the friendships in your life. 

Teen Candy Sushi

Thursday, February 22, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.



Let the good times roll—sushi roll, that is! Join us to make sushi rolls out of

candy and Rice Krispie treats. Bring a friend and have fun making some sweet treats!  



Teen Paint Night


Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to paint a masterpiece of your very own in this painting class perfect for beginners. All supplies will be provided.  

March

Intro to HTML Coding 101


Tuesday, March 5, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

For teens in grades 6 – 12 and adults. Learn the basics of HTML! HTML is the essential start to your coding journey. Please bring your own laptop. If you need to borrow a laptop, please note that in the registration as availability is limited. 



Teen Grab & Go: Pom-Pom Cactus



Beginning Monday, March 18

Brighten up your space with an adorable pom-pom cactus. Welcome spring with this fun and easy project. All supplies included. Starting March 18, drop in or call to reserve your kit. 



Pokémon Trading Card Game Night

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a meetup of Pokémon fans and trading card lovers. Show off your collection, trade cards, or go head-to-head with other players. Whether you're a Pokémon master or brand new to the game there will be something for everyone.  



Technology

One-on-One Technology Services: Tech 4U

Make a 45-minute one-on-one tech appointment with a librarian! Services include using your phone, tablet, laptop, etc. Please bring necessary passwords & chargers. Call to request an appointment.

Technology Drop-in Hour!


Theme: iPhone and Android Smartphones

Tuesday, February 6, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Stop by for help with using your smartphone. No prior smartphone experience required

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February

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Storytime for Ones


Mondays, February 5, 12, and 26, 10:15 a.m.

(No storytime on February 19)

Stories and songs for children 9 – 24 months, siblings, and their caregivers. 


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Stories and songs for the whole family. 



February


SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Children's Winter Reading 2024:

Read Around the World

Saturday, February 3 –


Monday, March 4

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Dental Hygiene

Tuesday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.

We love to see you smile! Families will learn about dental hygiene from LaSalle Family Dentistry in West Hartford.

There will be a craft for kids and participants will leave with a dental goodie bag. Registration will begin January 23. Sponsored by LaSalle Family Dentistry. 




Valentine's Day Craft

Saturday, February 10,

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day!


Families can stop by the Children's Department any time noon – 2:00 p.m. to make a special craft. Registration will begin January 27. 



Storytime Yoga

Monday, February 12 &

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.

For ages 5 – 9. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Participants will explore the feelings associated with different stories while also developing an understanding of the contextual use of yoga and mindfulness in normal life. Registration begins January 29. 



Valenslime

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m.

For grades 1 – 5 with a caregiver.

Make your own slime

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Valentine's Day-

themed options!


Registration begins January 30. 

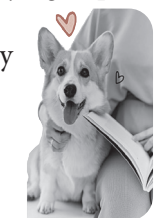


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