

February & March, 2023

Footnotes & Calendar of Events

Reading is a Treat!

@ Your Library





Children's & Teen Winter Reading Program: Reading is a Treat! will begin on Friday, February 3, 2023. Treat your brain with our sweet reading program! *(See details inside)*

Children's Winter Reading Kickoff: Life-Sized Candy Land

Friday, February 3, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.



We will be playing life-sized Candy Land to kick off our Winter Reading Program!

Registration is required beginning on January 20, but families are welcome to drop in any time during the event to play the game. Kids can also get a treat-themed temporary tattoo. A cotton candy buffet will be available from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. while supplies last!  



Take Your Child to the Library Day!



Saturday, February 4, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Drop in to make some sweet treats! Available while supplies last.  



Stretch Your Creative Brain and Body

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

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John and Adella Sliva Memorial Young People's Literary Series – Dan Santat


Friday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to the generosity of the Sliva family, children's author & illustrator, Dan Santat, will speak virtually with all third- and fourth-graders in the Newington School District on February 10. Among others, Mr. Santat has written the Caldecott Medal winner *The Adventures of Beekle: An Unimaginary Friend*; *After the Fall*, a Connecticut Nutmeg Award nominee; and the forthcoming graphic novel, *The First Time for Everything*. He has illustrated works for authors such as Mo Willems, Dav Pilkey, Aaron Reynolds, and more. *This author visit is sponsored by the Adella S. and John M. Sliva Memorial Fund.*



It's Easy Being Queen When You Know Your Worth

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.


Join author Kim Larkin for an inspiring, interactive workshop based on her book *It's Easy Being Queen (When You Know Your Worth): 15 Royal Rules of Self-Empowerment* to help you reign over your own kingdom. This workshop reminds queens of any age that it's never too late to embrace your royal grace. Thought-provoking questions, a meditative exercise, and humorous poetry will be included. Sponsored by the Deschler family in honor of their mother, Cecile Deschler. 



Everything You Wanted to Know About Ukuleles, But Were Afraid to Ask

Thursday, March 23, 6:00 p.m.



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Learn the art of amigurumi – the Japanese art of crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures. You will make your very own simple penguin. No experience required – both beginners and experienced crocheters are welcome!  



Reminders!

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

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



Be a Legacy Champion

Become a sustaining donor by making monthly, quarterly or annual gifts in a recurring amount. You decide the amount that will work best for you! See insert for more information or go to the library's website www.newingtonct.gov/library

Program Reminders

Information on how to join a program can be found on our website. Please contact the library for the most updated information.

Online Registration for Library Programs

Register online for programs and events. Some programs require registration to receive Zoom link.

Virtual Programs

will continue to be held on Zoom.

Program information, as well as the Zoom link to access the program, will be emailed prior to the event.

Other Programs

that are recorded and do not require registration can be found on our YouTube channel or on our website.

Outdoor Programs

will take place as offered, weather permitting.

Bonus Collaborative Programming

will continue with our neighboring libraries in Berlin, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.

Dining Partner Program

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, continues to offer the Dining Partner Program. See what discounts or special deals your favorite participating restaurants will be offering. Dining tickets will be distributed by curbside pickup and other events, and are identified with the waiter symbol. F

Adult Events


Please check the Adult Events webpage for up-to-date program info and access.

FEBRUARY

Page Turners Book Discussion

The English Teacher by Lily King

Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

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





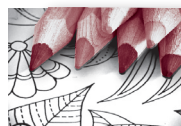
In-Person Coloring / Puzzle Get-Togethers

Every first and third Tuesday

February 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21



10:00 a.m. – noon

Every first and third Tuesday, 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! Registration required.  



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Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month



February 14 & 28, and March 14 & 28

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.



Beaded Bracelet Making Class

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to make a beaded stretch bracelet for you or a loved one. All supplies are provided. Registration is required and class size is limited.  



Movies @ Your Library! Till

Tuesday, February 21, 2:00 p.m.

In 1955, after Emmett Till was murdered in a brutal lynching, his mother vows to expose the racism behind the attack while working to have those involved brought to




justice. Starring Danielle Deadwyler, Jalyn Hall, Frankie Faison. PG-13. Running time 131 minutes. 

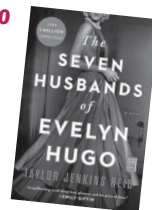
Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Thursday, February 23, noon

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




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Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld

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End of Adult Winter Reading Reading is Treat!

Friday, March 3

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! *Ticket to Paradise*

Tuesday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.

A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago. Starring George Clooney, Sean Lynch, Julia Roberts. PG-13. Running time 103 minutes. 

SouLstice Kombucha

Tuesday March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Kombucha is a fermented tea that is rich in antioxidants and probiotics. Maryann from SouLstice Kombucha will explain the process of making kombucha, as well as the health benefits you can get from drinking kombucha! Samples to try will be offered and Kombucha will available for purchase. 




Learn How to Make a Quilted Placemat

Wednesdays, March 15 & 22

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

TWO-PART PROGRAM

Learn the basic skills of quilting by making a quilted placemat. Bring your own sewing machine and sewing supplies. If you do not have a portable machine, please let us know and one can be provided for you. Quilting tools & materials will be provided. *This program is taught by members of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.* 




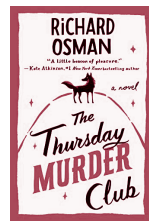
Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman


Thursday, March 23, noon

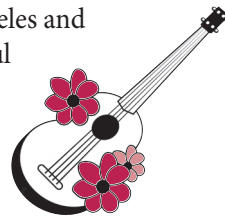
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Trivial Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.



The theme is that there is no theme! Instead, test yourself with some general knowledge facts. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.



Critter Crochet

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simple penguin. No experience required – both beginners and experienced crocheters are welcome!  



Spice It to GO!

Explore a different culinary spice each month. We'll provide a small FREE take-home kit, which will include a small sample of the spice, recipes and information, and the history of each featured spice.

Call to reserve your kit.  

February Spice It to Go Cream of Tartar

Recipe: Cream of Tartar Biscuits
Pickup: February 13 – 18

March Spice It to Go Dutch Caraway Seeds

Recipe: Irish Soda Bread
Pickup: March 13 – 18

SAVE THE DATES!

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: April 14, 15 and 16

The 26th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 21 at Mill Pond Park
The 26th running of this event will be held at Mill Pond Park on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Online registration will open on February 1.

Technology

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Make an appointment with a librarian and get help with your technology questions! Services offered include creating an email or social media account, using library applications, and help with using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. Appointments are 30 minutes. Call the Reference Desk to request an appointment.



Social Media Videos 101

Learn to Create Videos for Social Media from your iPhone and Android


Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

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Ready, Set, Stream!

Thursday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.

Looking to get started with online streaming? Join us for a basic overview of online entertainment options using a streaming service and device.  



Teen Events

Please check the Teen Events webpage for up-to-date program info and access.

Customized Reading Recommendations

Need help finding a book? Answer some questions online by filling out a special form (located on the Teen webpage) and we will choose up to five customized book suggestions for you.

Teen Winter Reading: *Reading is a Treat!*

Treat yourself to a good book (or a graphic novel)! The Teen Winter Reading Program will run from Feb 3 to March 11. Teens can register online and print a Teen Bingo Board to participate. Print copies will be available at the Adult Information Desk as well. More info will be offered online!

FEBRUARY

Teen Life Skills series

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Our life skills group will consist of participating in fun arts and crafts activities, such as coloring, drawing, creating vision boards, and many more fun activities! The group will also have gentle discussions surrounding feelings of anxiety, stress, and other emotions that may arise due to situations at school, and/or in daily life. Snacks will be provided! *Sponsored by the Newton Department of Human Services.*



Teen Cookbook Club

Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Join us tonight for mug cakes! Please bring a microwave-safe mug to the activity.



MARCH

Marvel March Madness

Thursday, March 9, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate March Madness with all things Marvel! Vote for your favorite Marvel movie on the library's Teen Events page and the winner will be shown. Snacks and some fun Marvel goodies will be provided.



Teen Pop-up

Tuesday, March 21, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner and choose from several crafts to make.



Children's Events

Please note that registration is required for all programs. You may register up to two weeks in advance for programs. Call 860-665-8720 or visit the Children's Events web page to register.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Storytime for Ones

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.
February 6, 13, and 27*
and March 20 and 27

(*No storytime on February 20)

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

Play For All

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
February 7, 14, 21, and 28
March 21 and 28

Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. All are welcome! *Partnered with Creative Interventions, LLC.*



Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
February 1, 8, 15, and 22
March 22 and 29

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

Storytime for 3 – 5-year-olds

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
February 2, 9, 16, and 23
March 23 and 30

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
February 2, 9, 16, and 23
March 23 and 30

Stories and songs for the whole family.



FEBRUARY

Valenslime

Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.
For grades 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Make your own slime – there will even be Valentine's Day-themed options! Registration begins January 18.



Children's Winter Reading 2022: *Reading is a Treat!*

Friday, February 3 – Saturday, March 11
Treat your shelf (see what we did there!) and join the Children's Winter Reading Program! Beginning on Friday, February 3, registration will be available online. A Winter Reading Log will be posted on the library's website. Once registered, you may print the log from home or come in to pick up a copy. When the log is completed, please visit the Children's Department to claim your reward. This reading program is for all children up to grade 6.



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Children's Events

Block Party

Tuesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a free play session with Keva planks, Legos, and other fun building toys. Registration begins January 24.

Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.  





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Cookbook Club

Wednesday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.



Join us as we make stained-glass windows using chocolate and mini-marshmallows. Kids in grades 3 – 5 may register beginning February 1.  



Storytime yoga

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.



February 18, and March 11

For ages 5 – 9. 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. 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 two weeks before program.  

Crafternoon

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 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 7.  



Little Yogi

Friday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 18 months – 5 years 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

Kids Paint Class



Tuesday, March 7, 3:00 p.m.

Create an amazing original painting! All materials will be provided. Kids in grades 3 – 5 can register beginning February 21.  

Junior Cookbook Club

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.

We continue with our winter reading theme *Reading is a Treat!*



We will start with a story then make edible cookie trucks. Kids in grades K – 2 may register beginning February 22.  



Little Yogi



Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 18 months – 5 years old 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 27.  

Baby & Me Yoga



Wednesday, March 15, 10:15 a.m.

A special postnatal class for parents and their babies! Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness will cover different themes of yoga and mindfulness. This will be done through interactive, engaging, and age-appropriate mind-body movement. Registration begins March 1.  

Li'l Chefs

Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.



Love cooking with your kids?

This is a program just for pre-schooler ages 3 – 5 and a caregiver. We will start with a story, then make spring cookie pops. Registration begins March 1.  



Wiggle Workshop

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Nate will be here to get kids moving! Be prepared to climb, move and have FUN! Kids, ages 2 – 8, can register beginning on March 2.  



Color Play

Thursday, March 23, 11:00 a.m.

For ages 3 – 5. The Children's Museum returns to do colorful hands-on science experiments! Explore and experiment with color using a variety of materials. Mix, match and make discoveries! Registration begins March 9.

EXTRAS!



Children's Book Bundles

Let us create a personalized book bundle for your child! Visit our Reading Recommendations page to answer some questions online by filling out a special form.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We are excited to share the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading

program with our patrons! This self-paced program encourages families to explore the world of books, get prizes, grow as readers, and have fun together. More information is on our website.



Indoor Challenges

Our department has put together some fun, passive activities for kids to enjoy indoors! Come check out our



I-Spy tank and see what you can spot. Also, use your eagle eyes to participate in our scavenger hunt. We hope you enjoy!

Topic Totes

Have a child who loves bugs? Trucks? Cooking? Need some books to encourage potty training or sharing? Totes with books focused on one topic will be available for circulation. Call for more details.





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From the Library Director — Lisa Masten

Please take some time to look inside this newsletter to see all that is being offered over the next two months – the staff is working hard to offer a wide variety of programs that will keep you informed and entertained. Treat yourself and join the Winter Reading Programs for kids and adults, Reading is a Treat! The adult program kicked off on January 24 but there’s still time to register and join the fun, with chances to win the weekly prize giveaways or the grand prize, drawn on March 3. The Children’s Reading Program begins on February 3 with an evening kickoff that offers online registration, a life-sized game of Candy Land and other fun activities. Kids must complete their Winter Reading Activity Log by March 11 to receive their prizes. The library staff also considers these five-week reading programs a treat, enjoying the interaction with participating readers of all ages. The Winter Reading Programs are made possible thanks to funding provided by the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library.

Thanks also to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for funding the transportation and materials for the library’s preschool/daycare Friday morning program as part of the Newington Greater Together Community Fund. Beginning in early 2023, children from these childcare centers will be bused to the library on a regular, rotating basis for early literacy storytime programs. Teachers will be given bags of library materials to take back with them that can be returned and exchanged for new materials when they return for their next visit. Staff is thrilled to be able to offer this program once again.

Dining Partners

A huge “thank you” to new partners and the businesses who continue to support the library.

Alvarium Beer Company

Arby’s

Boiling Soho

Bowl-O-Rama

The Boss Grill

Carvel

Checkers Pizza

Chef’s Dog House

Chick-fil-A

Chili’s Bar and Grill

Cisco’s

DiBella’s Subs

Doogie’s Restaurant

Dunkin’ Donuts

Elm Hill Pizza

The Flying Monkey

Grill & Bar

Friendly’s

GoldBurgers

Hartford Yardgoats

iKura Sushi Bar

and Grill

Joey B’s Restaurant

King Donuts

Lou & Mo’s

Mediterranean Market

Ming Palace

Mooyah

Naija Restaurant

Newington Pizza &

Grinders

Omar Coffee Company

Outback Steak House

Phoenix Pizza

Plaza Azteca

Pottery Piazza

Prime Burger Bar

and Grill

Ruth’s Chris Steak

House

Steve’s Place

TGI Fridays

The Kakery

The Sloppy Waffle

TJ’s on Cedar

Toasted Oat Café

Town Line Pizza and

Restaurant

Tropical Smoothie

Cafe

Turnpike Pizzeria

Veggie World

Village Pizza



Art Exhibits

February – Newington High School – Art Show

March – Martha Winslow – Mixed Media

Library Meetings:

Library Board

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

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Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

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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 20 – President’s Day

To Reach the Library

General Info & Reference:

(860) 665-8700

Hours: (860) 665-8710

Children’s Department:

(860) 665-8720

Administration:

(860) 665-8730

Fax: (860) 666-0034

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