

September
& October
2023


Footnotes & Calendar of Events

Fall for Your
Library!

Library Card Sign-Up Month!

- All Ages (New registrants only)


September 1 - 30

(See inside) 



Library Board Annual Meeting


Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees invites you to attend this year's meeting. There will be a brief business meeting at 6:00 p.m. The board will recognize this year's honorees beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be in person with an online option as well. 



Memory Tips - Virtual (See inside)



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Co-sponsored by the Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and Berlin Libraries.  




Newington Volunteer Fire Department Visit - All Ages

Saturday, October 7, 11:00 a.m.

Please join staff member and firefighter Joanna Cistulli and other members of the NFD for a morning of storytime at the library. Learn about fire safety, touch a firetruck, and check out our fire gear. Blaze, our fire dog will also be there!! Don't miss it! Sponsored by the Newington Volunteer Fire Department.

Newington and Connecticut History & Genealogy



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Annual Friends Membership Drive

Join the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library between September 1 and October 20 and enter to win a surprise giveaway - a "Fall in Love with Reading" gift basket (on display at the library). The name of each new or renewed member will be entered into the drawing to be held at the Friends Reception on Saturday, October 21. 

National Friends of the Library Week October 15 - 21, 2023

Friends Reception

Saturday, October 21, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Friends of the Library Week with Lucy's favorite Friends. A reception will be held on Saturday, October 21. Membership drawing, free gifts, surprise giveaways and more! 



Anita Wilson Memorial
Family Concert Series

Disney Magic Concert - All Ages

Sunday, October 22, 1:00 p.m.

at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center - 120 Cedar St. Join musical group CabareT to celebrate with beloved musical selections from throughout Disney's history on stage and film. Fun for Disney fans of all ages! Costumes are welcome. Sponsored by The Anita Wilson Memorial Family Concert Series. 

Friends of the
Library Book Sale
October 27 - 29
Newington Senior
and Disabled Center




Preview:

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5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
\$5.00 admission

General Sale:


Saturday, October 28
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Free admission

Sunday Bag Sale:

Sunday, October 29, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Buy a Friends green bag for \$10.00
and fill it with books for free!
Refills are \$8.00. Stock up and save. 

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.

Program Reminders

Information on how to join a program can be found on our website. Please contact the library for the most updated information. Register online for programs and events. Virtual programs require registration to receive the Zoom link.

Online Registration for Library Programs

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Virtual and hybrid programs

will continue to be held on Zoom. Program information, as well as 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.

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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. Supplies are limited. **F**

September - Apple Pie Spice

Recipe: Apple Pie Bites
Pickup: September 18 - 23

October - Pumpkin Pie Spice

Recipe: Pumpkin Pie Dip
Pickup: October 16 - 21



ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

September

Library Card Sign-Up Month!

(New registrants only) All-Ages
September 1 - 30

Newington residents sign-up for a library card at the circulation desk. Then present it at the Adult Information Desk and receive a small gift. **F**

Culinary Delights - Asiago Cheese Bread

Chef Rob Scott will share a video recipe each month. The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will be on the library website. **F**

In-Person Coloring / Puzzle Get-Togethers

Every first and third Tuesday
September 5 & 19 and
October 3 & 17

10:15 a.m. - noon

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! **F**



Page Turners Book Discussion

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandell

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

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

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Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every second and fourth Tuesday
September 12 & 26 and October 10 & 24

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. **F**



Movies @ Your Library!

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.

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

When her family moves from the city to the suburbs, 11-year-old Margaret navigates new friends, feelings, and the beginning of adolescence. Starring Rachel McAdams, Abby Ryder Fortson, Kathy Bates. PG-13. Running time 105 mins. **F**

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

@ the Library: *The Good Sister*

by Sally Hepworth

Thursday, September 14, noon

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



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Damsel in Defense, Part II

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Georg Baker will be back with more strategies for being safe! Joining her is Gregg Morrison from Kaze-Kai Karate. The two will talk about and demonstrate how to keep attackers away from you. 

October

Culinary Delights - Cinnamon Spiced Zucchini Cake



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Connecticut Celebrated on Postage Stamps

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Come join Dennis Morgan as he presents Connecticut Celebrated on Postage Stamps, from the Charter Oak to Noah Webster to the Coast Guard.


Learn about Waterbury's artful postmaster, New Britain's "learned blacksmith," the Boston Post Road, and more.  



Page Turners Book Discussion

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir

Thursday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.

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Classic Cartoons Trivia Night - Virtual



Friday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.

Remember those Saturday morning cartoons? Join us for a night of classic and popular cartoon trivia! All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link! Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library. 



The Art of Printmaking



Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m.

Printmaking is an art similar to stamping. Join librarian and artist Allyson Bolton and carve a foam plate with your own unique design - then paint and print it! All materials will be provided.  

Movies @ Your Library!

Book Club: The Next Chapter


Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 p.m.

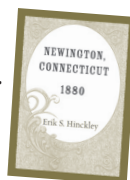
Follows the latest journey of four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. PG-13. Running time 107 mins.  



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TECHNOLOGY

One-on-One Technology Services - Tech 4U

Make an appointment with a librarian and get help with your technology questions! Services offered include creating a social media account, and help with using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. Appointments are 45 minutes. Call the Reference Desk to request an appointment.




Using your Kindle Paperwhite with Libby!

Wednesday, September 27, 2:00 p.m. Have a Kindle Paperwhite and not sure how to access materials? Attend this hands-on session. You will need your library card, smartphone or tablet to download the Libby app, your Amazon account login, and your Kindle Paperwhite. 



Google Sheets and Slides

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m. An overview on accessing and using Sheets and Slides through your Google account. 

Save The Dates!

Open Sundays

The library will be open on Sundays beginning November 12. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Friends Winterfest will be held Friday, January 19, 2024.


TEEN ACTIVITIES For Students Entering Grades 6–12

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

September

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September 1–30 • All-Ages

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Grab & Go: Teen De-Stress Kit

Beginning September 5

Starting school can be nerve-racking so take some time to relax and manage your stress levels with our de-stress kits! De-stress kits are available to reserve starting September 5. Any kits not picked up by September 18 will be made available to the next person on the waiting list. 



Teen Pop-Up: Perler Bead Pixel Art

Tuesday, September 26, 3:00–4:00 p.m.



Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner and show off your creativity by making Perler bead creations. Start the school year with a cool new keychain for your backpack or a fun new desk decoration. 



October

Teen Sewing Workshop

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Follow along with our new teen librarian Sarah in a sewing class perfect for beginners. Together you'll go through all the steps to create your own hand-sewn worry doll. All materials will be provided.  



Teen Not-So-Spooky Movie Night

Thursday, October 19, 6:00–7:45 p.m.

Come hang with your friends, eat pizza, and watch a not-so-spooky movie perfect for the holiday season.



Movie to be determined by a vote. Feel free to bring bean bag chairs, pillows, or blankets.

All movies are rated PG-13.  



Teen Pumpkin Painting

Tuesday, October 24, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Paint, decorate, and design a mini pumpkin into a “boofiful” masterpiece. All supplies provided.  



Fall for Your Library!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Please check the Children's Events webpage for program info and access.

Library Card Sign-Up Month! (New registrants only)

September 1–30

Calling all children from birth through grade 5 who live in Newton! Apply for a library card at the Circulation Desk, then come to the Children's Department to receive a free goody bag.




Weekly Programs

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 webpage to register.

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, September 18–October 30,


10:15 a.m. (No storytime on October 9)

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

Play For All

Tuesdays, September 19–October 31, 10:15–11:00 a.m.


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, September 20–October 25, 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, September 21–October 26, 10:15 a.m.

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 21–October 26, 6:30 p.m.



(No storytime on October 26)

Stories and songs for the whole family. 

September

Play-Doh Party



Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

For ages 2–5 with a caregiver. Come to the library for a Play-Doh party! All you need to bring is your child and their wonderful imagination. Registration begins August 29.  



Storytime Yoga



Thursday, September 14, 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 August 31.  



Little Yogi

Saturday, September 16, 11:00 a.m.



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

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Li'l Chefs

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Love cooking with your kids? This program is just for preschoolers ages 3-4, with a caregiver. We will start with a story and then make apple crescent rolls. Registration begins September 13.  



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Cookbook Club



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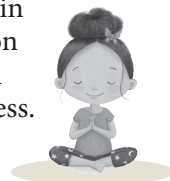
Welcome fall with pumpkin chocolate chip pancakes! Registration for kids in grades 3-5 begins September 27.  



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Frankenslime

Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.



For grades 1-5 with a caregiver. Make your own slime - there will even be Halloween-themed options!



Registration begins October 3.  

Junior Cookbook Club

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we make pumpkin pudding. Registration for kids in grades K-2 begins October 4.  

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Science Magic



Tuesday, October 24, 4:00 p.m.

Amaze your friends and mystify your parents (in a good way!) by learning how to use science to make magic. Cool-ology is back to share mind-boggling magic tricks while exploring science concepts such as magnetism, chemistry, surface tension, and gravity. Children ages 6-11 may register beginning October 10.  



Spooktober

Thursday, October 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

If you're looking for some scary good fun, you'll have a scream at the library! Kids of all ages will enjoy making spooktacular crafts to celebrate the spooky season. Registration begins on October 12.  



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Children's Book Bundles

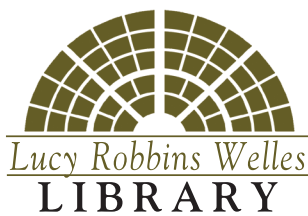
Let us create a personalized book bundle for your child! Visit our Reading Recommendations page to answer some questions online by filling out a special form. Your librarians will select up to 10 customized book titles for your child.

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. The library is here to cheer you on and connect you and your baby, toddler, or preschooler with books perfect for laughs, cuddles, and building literacy skills. More information is on our website.

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. Parents can check out up-to-date topic lists and information on the Children's Reading Recommendations webpage. Call for more details.



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From the Library Director – Lisa Masten

If you love the library and the many services that the library offers, please consider supporting the Friends Annual Membership Drive and their Fall Book Sale. The money raised from memberships and the book sales helps to support technology at the library, as well as the Museum Pass Program, and library programming for all ages. Did you know that more than 90% of library programming is funded by the Friends? Without their fundraising efforts, the library would not be able to provide our community with the cultural enrichment and resources it wants and needs. A Friends membership is a great way to support not only the Friends, but each membership also directly supports the library. This fall, if you join the Friends or renew your membership from September 1 – October 20 you will be entered into the special Friends Membership Prize Giveaway drawing and will also be eligible to win a *“Fall in Love with Reading”* gift basket. Join in person, by mail, or online for your chance to win this prize. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 21 at the Friends Appreciation Reception. You do not need to be present to win. A favorite fall event in the community is the Friends Fall Book Sale, held October 27 – 29 at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. Thousands of fiction, non-fiction, teen, and children’s books and media will be on sale at great prices. This well-organized sale offers something for everyone! We hope you’ll support the library by supporting the Friends. We look forward to seeing you at the library this fall!

Summer Reading Sponsors

Applebee’s Restaurant
Bowl-O-Rama
Chick-fil-A
Connecticut Sun
Doogie’s
Dunkin’ Donuts
Friendly’s
Jump On In
Lutz Children’s Museum
Mooyah Burgers, Fries, Shakes
New Britain Bees
Omar Coffee Company
Outback Steakhouse
Pottery Piazza
Quassy Amusement Park
Tropical Smoothie Café

Dining Partners and Sponsors:

Alvarium Beer Company
Arby’s
Boiling Soho
Carvel
Chef’s Dog House
Chili’s
Cisco’s
Connecticut Beverage Mart
Cricket Press Inc.
DiBella’s Subs
Doogies
Eagles Nest
El Pollo Guapo
Elm Hill Pizza
Friendly’s
GoldBurgers
Ikura Sushi Bar

Joey B’s
Joey Garlics
King Donuts
Mediterranean Market
Ming Palace
Mooyah Burgers, Fries, Shakes
Mykonos Mediterranean Restaurant
Naija Restaurant
Newington Pizza & Grinders
Olive and Thistle
Outback Steakhouse
Phoenix Pizza
Plaza Azteca
Prime Burgers
Ruth Chris
Saputo Dairy USA LLC
Sloppy Waffle
South End Café Pastry Shop

Steve’s Place
Stew Leonards
StrongHouse Yoga
TGI Fridays
The Boss Grill
The Flying Monkey Bar and Grill
The Honey Baked Ham Company
The Kakerly
TJ’s on Cedar
Toasted Oats Café
Town Line Pizza
Tropical Smoothie Café
Turgeon Jewelers
Turnpike Pizza
Veggie World
Village Pizza
Yanni’s Pizza Restaurant

Art Exhibits

September: Debbie Hoffman
– Acrylics
October: Newington Art League
– MultiMedia

Library Meetings:

– **Library Board**
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– **Friends of the Library**
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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.
Sundays (beginning November 12)
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, September, 4 – Labor Day
Monday, October 9 – Indigenous Peoples’ 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

www.newingtonct.gov/library



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