

# DECEMBER

## CRAGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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MON, WED, THU

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TUE

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

860-537-5752 MAIN

860-537-7201 CHILDREN'S

### Teen & Adult Paint Night

#### Paint Night - Holiday Edition Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 pm

Join us on Zoom for an at home paint night! You will receive an email when supplies are ready to be picked up from the library. Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/ya3kv7b6>

### All Ages Take & Make

#### Hot Cocoa Kit Tuesday, December 26

Stop in for an end of the year all ages sweet treat while supplies last! Thank you so much to all of our patrons for visiting us this past year. We hope everyone has a wonderful New Year!



## Adult Programming

### Medicare Educational Event Tuesday, December 5, 3:00 pm



Confused about Medicare? Turning 65 and unsure about the process? Not sure if your current employer plan is better than Medicare? Retiring Soon? Come and learn the ins and outs of Medicare and the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage with Mark Macrina a town resident and local insurance agent. This is strictly an informational seminar, and no individual health will be discussed. For accommodations of persons with special needs please call (860)-338-1466 TTY 711

## Adult & Teen Crafts

### Take & Make: Snowman Book Ornament Wednesday, December 6

Stop by to pick up a craft kit while supplies last! **For adults and teens.**

### Teen & Adult Winter Painted Coasters Thursday, December 7, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Stop by the library to make painted winter coasters, keep them, or give them as a gift! **Registration is required, please call 860-537-5752 to register.**

### Teen & Adult Ornament Making Thursday, December 14, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Stop by to make ornaments with paint, keep them, or give them as a gift! **Registration is required, please call 860-537-5752 to register.**

### Take & Make: Gnome Ornament Wednesday, December 20

Stop by to pick up a craft kit while supplies last! **For adults and teens.**



## Teen Programming

### Teen Advisory Board

**Tuesday, December 5, 3:00 - 3:30**

Check in with your peers and librarians to talk about making the library the best teen space possible! **For those in grades 6-12.**

### Teen Open Gaming

**Friday, December 8, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Celebrate your 1/2 day with us. We have games and snacks!  
**For those in grades 6 - 12.**

### Writing Club

**Wednesday, December 13, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Do you like to write? Join our teen writing club! We will give you prompts or guidance to help you accomplish your writing goals! **For those ages 14 - 20.**

### Foodie Fun

**Saturday, December 16 & Friday, December 29**

Drop in for an ingredient bag, watch the video, and create a yummy treat!

### Candy Cane Tasting

**Thursday, December 21, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Try some of our treats without knowing what they will be! Please inform library staff of any food allergies. **For those in grades 6 - 12.**

### Candy Houses

**Saturday, December 9, 10:30 am OR 1:30 pm**

**Kids and Teens**

Come in to create your own candy house! **Registration is required. Call 860-537-7201 to register.**



# Children's Storytimes and Literacy Programs

## Stay Tuned for our Winter Session Storytimes!

Remember to visit our Sensory Table on Fridays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Children's In-Person Programs

### Holiday Free Play

**Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Best suited for ages 2 - 5**

Join us for a holiday-themed free play!

### Candy Houses

**Saturday, December 9, 10:30 am OR 1:30 pm**

**Kids and Teens**

Come in to create your own candy house! **Registration is required.** Call 860-537-7201 to register.

### Drop-In Storytime: Christmas

**Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 am**

Join us for a drop-in storytime about Christmas

### Baby Free Play

**Thursday, December 14, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Best suited for ages 12 - 36 months**

Join us for a free play in the storytime room!

### Drop-In Storytime: Mrs. Claus

**Monday, December 18, 6:30 pm**

Join us for a drop in storytime all about Christmas with our special guest Mrs. Claus.

### Puzzle Free Play

**Thursday, December 28, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**All Ages**

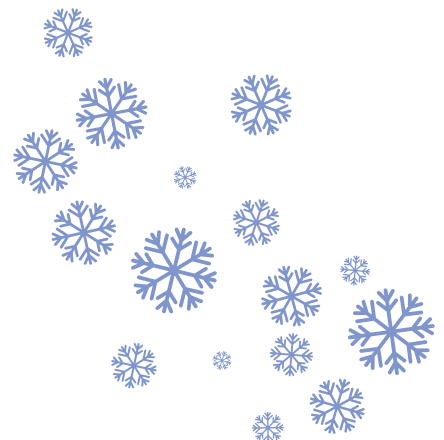
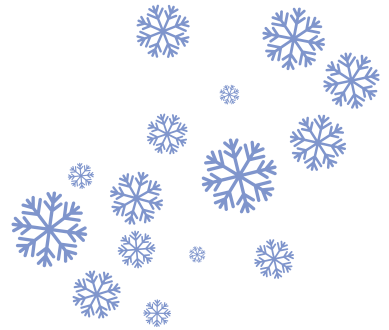
Drop into the Storytime Room for a puzzle extravaganza!

### Free Play

**Friday, December 29, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Best suited for ages 2 - 5**

Join us for a free play! There is no sensory table this week.



## Children's Crafts

**Take & Make: Gingerbread House Doorknob**  
**Monday, December 4**  
 All ages



**Applesauce Ornament**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 10:30 am OR 11:30 am**  
 All ages

Create a great-smelling ornament for your tree. Registration is required. Call 860-537-7201 to register.

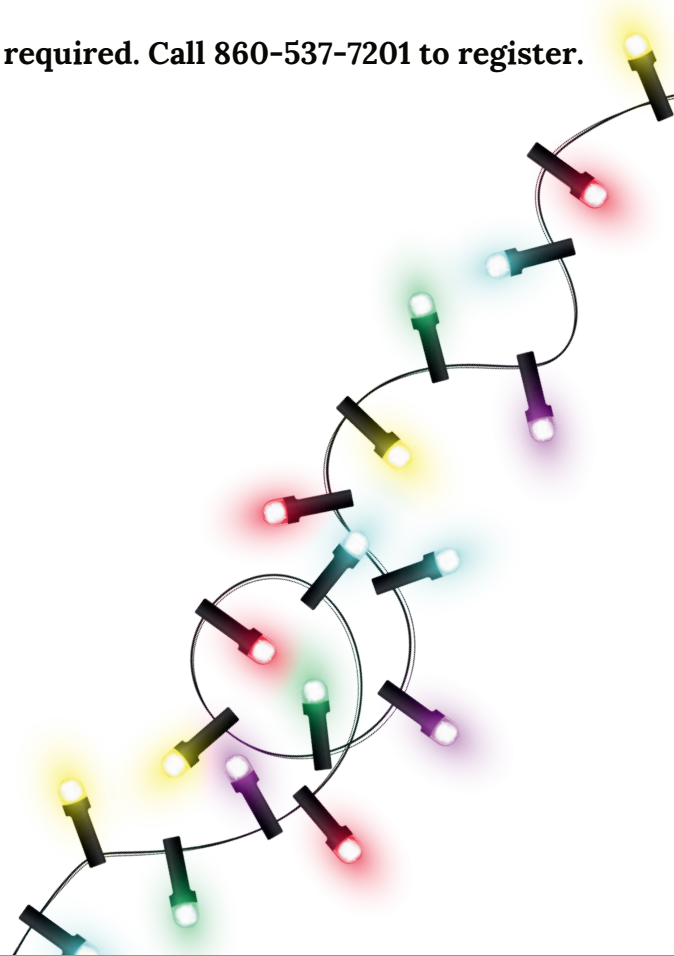
**Take & Make: Hanukkah**  
**Thursday, December 7**  
 All ages

**Take & Make: Cardboard Star Ornament**  
**Monday, December 11**  
 All ages

**Take & Make: Reindeer Stable**  
**Monday, December 18**  
 All ages

**Holiday Lights**  
**Thursday, December 21, 10:30 am**  
 All ages  
 Drop in and create a fun art piece out of paint and potatoes.

**Take & Make: Kwanzaa**  
**Tuesday, December 26**  
 All ages



## Foodie Fun and Steam Saturday

**Steam Saturday**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
 Best suited for those in grades K - 5

Pick up your kit, watch our video on social media, and have a blast experimenting.

**Foodie Fun (TWICE THIS MONTH)**  
**Saturday, December 16 & Friday, December 29**  
 For teens and kids

Drop in for an ingredient bag, watch the video, and create a yummy treat!



## Nerd Camp

### **Nerd Camp: Super Mario** **Wednesday, December 6, 4:15 - 4:45** **For those in grades 3 - 5**

We're hosting a program to chat about our favorite nerdy topics over snacks. This month we're talking about Super Mario Brothers. **Registration is required. Call 860-537-7201 to register.**

## Holiday Season All Ages Programs

### **Holiday Cards** **Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Stop by the library to make holiday cards for your friends and loved ones!

### **Giant Winter Tree** **Monday, December 11, All day**

Help us create a giant tree! Come decorate a triangle and we will assemble one big tree!

### **In Person: Marble Trees** **Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 pm**

Come by the Children's Department to create a cute winter scene with this fun craft.

### **Movie at Cragin: Elf (2003)** **Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 am**

Join us for a movie! Snacks provided.

### **Family Game Night** **Thursday, December 28, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Stop by for snacks and try out some of our board games!



## Special C3 Program

### **Joyful Noises Play & Learn Group** **Saturday, December 16, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

C3 is taking Joyful Noises back to Cragin on Saturdays! Join Miss Kaitlin at the library for a drop in program. No registration required! We hope to see you for some music and movement fun with your child!



## Library Closed Dates

**Monday, December 25**  
**Saturday, December 30**  
**Monday, January 1**

**We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!**

## January Sneak Peak

**Teen Program: Dungeon Master Boot Camp**  
**Wednesday, January 3 & Wednesday, January 10**  
**3:00 - 4:00 pm**

**For those in grades 6 - 12**

Want to learn how to DM your own Dungeons and Dragons campaign? We will talk about the basics to get you started! **Registration is required. Call 860-537-5752 to register.**



**A Court of Fantasy Readers**  
**Monday, January 8, 6:00 pm**

Join us for a discussion on *Spells for Forgetting* by Adrienne Young. Copies will be available for pick up at the Adult Circulation Desk.

**Medicare Educational Events**

**Tuesday, January 9, 3:00 pm & Thursday, January 11, 6:00 pm**

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**Spring Awakening: what to do in the garden and when to do it**  
**Thursday, January 18, 6:00 pm**

Gardening in Connecticut can be enough of a challenge—between hungry critters and unpredictable weather—without having to worry about what to do and when to do it. This informative lecture will help you plan the best time to clean up the spring garden (it's not actually when you might think!), help you figure out what plants to cut back, and when to do it, and help you to figure out some tricky pruning issues once for all. Karla Dalley is a freelance writer, garden speaker and member of the Connecticut Horticulture Society and GardenComm. **This program is co-sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.**

