



# CRAGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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## HOURS:

**MON, WEDS, THURS**

**10 AM - 7 PM**

**TUES**

**10 AM - 5 PM**

**FRI, SAT**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

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## Cragin Library Closed:

- **Friday, April 2 for Good Friday**
- **Saturday, April 3 for Carpet Cleaning**

## Adult Programming

### New Book Bingo Board!

It's a new month at Cragin which means a new Book Bingo Board! This month, we are showcasing **Science Fiction**! Complete a bingo & win a prize!



### Scifi/Fantasy Book Club Monday, April 5, 6:30 PM

Join Cragin's Assistant Librarian Val Grabek for this month's fantasy book discussion on Zack Jordan's **The Last Human**. Copies are available to borrow at the Adult Circulation Desk. This is a virtual program, and registration is required. To sign up click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yytdxwa3>

### AARP's Con Artist Playbook

**Thursday, April 22, 6 pm**

AARP in collaboration with the Cragin Memorial Library is pleased to offer the virtual AARP Fraud Watch Network: Con Artist Playbook a look inside the mind of a criminal. Join us as we take a deeper look into how you can avoid being victimized and learn tools to share with friends and family. This virtual conversation is open to the public and for anyone of any age. To sign up click here: <https://tinyurl.com/jmm6kjuw>



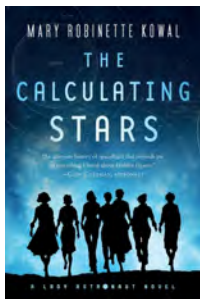


## Take & Make: Bottle Cap Garden Art For Adults & Teens Thursday, April 22

In celebration of Earth Day, grab one of our awesome garden art Take & Makes! You will need a glue gun. Everything else will be included in the kit.

## Colchester Unplugged Weekend Saturday, April 24-Sunday, April 25

Cragin is participating in Colchester Unplugged 2021! It's a weekend to turn off your devices in favor of connection, reflection, & quality time. Check out a CT Walk Book and try out some new to you hiking trails. Pick up a stem kit and learn new things. Pick up some board games & Take & Make bags! Visit the Storywalk at Cohen Woodlands.



## Cragin Virtual Book Club Monday, April 26, 6 PM

The Cragin Virtual Book Club will be held Monday, April 26th, at 6 pm via Zoom. This month we will read Mary Robinette Kowal's **The Calculating Stars**. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

To register for this event click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5h66837h>

## No Till Gardening Thursday, April 29, 6 PM

Are you interested in planting your first vegetable garden, but aren't sure how to go about it? Join us via Zoom as Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm instructs on the ins and outs of No Till Gardening. Mark will explain how to plant a garden that will require little digging, the types of materials/mulches to use, when to start your project, and how to plant. This is a great program for beginners who need a little info to get started. Sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. (The library does not record virtual programs.) To sign up click here: <https://tinyurl.com/wpa5rf7v>



## New Book Donation Drop Box!

The Friends of Cragin Memorial Library have a new donations bin. Look for the new book collection bin next to the Library's mailbox just outside the Library's main entrance. Please deposit your donations to the Friends' book sale here. The Friends welcome books and media in good condition. Please dispose of mildewed books in the trash. Thank you for supporting the Friends!

## Thank You for Your Generous Donations

- **Alan Zimmerman & Susan Choma**
- **Lynn Norton in memory of Deenie Bauchmann**  
Long time Colchester resident & member of the CML Board of Trustees.

Thank  
You

## Teen Programming



### April Vacation Take & Make: D&D Miniatures Monday, April 12

Starting Monday, April 12th, you can pick up a grab bag of Dungeons & Dragons miniatures of your very own! Each bag will have an assortment of figures for you to paint. Paint is not included.

### Foodie Fun: Hedgehog Donut Holes Saturday, April 17, 10:30 am

Make this delicious treat! Pick up your Take & Make bag, watch the video on social media channels, and enjoy!



### Virtual Games! Grades 6-12 Tuesdays @ 3 pm

Get your virtual game on! We play a variety of games from the Jackbox Party Packs, Among Us, & board games on [www.boardgamearena.com](http://www.boardgamearena.com). You will need a laptop/pc and/or smart device to play. We use Discord to communicate. Please, ask your parents for permission before signing up for a Discord account. To register email [library@colchesterct.gov](mailto:library@colchesterct.gov).

### Drawing Club Grades 6-12 Thursdays @ 3 pm

Join us via Discord on Thursday afternoons for an hour of drawing! Mary the Librarian will come up with a drawing prompt, and we'll all draw along. This is a casual drawing club focused on fun and creativity. This is not a drawing instruction class. To register email [library@colchesterct.gov](mailto:library@colchesterct.gov).





## The Book Jam podcast

### Every other Monday

Your librarian, Mary partners with Marisa (a librarian from Avon Free Public Library) to bring you the best Teen book reviews! They review Young Adult, Middle Grade, Graphic Novels, Audiobooks, and more! Come jam with us. Subscribe on your podcatcher of choice! The Book Jam is also available on Spotify. Follow The Book Jam's Twitter & Instagram @TheBookJam1. Mary & Marisa will answer listener questions so message us!



## Children's Programming



### Baby Activity Videos

#### Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

#### Facebook & YouTube

A recorded program to help start you and your baby on a lifetime of learning together. Enjoy book suggestions, baby bounces, early literacy tips, and a special baby activity. The video is perfect for fostering pre-literacy skills. Some videos include an activity bag to pick up at the Children's Circulation Desk.

### Sharing Stories

#### Mondays, 10:30 AM

#### Facebook & YouTube

A recorded storytime for you and your child. We'll read stories, sing songs, share a finger play or flannel board, and share books and library news. We will showcase a craft and have craft bags available for pick up at the Children's Desk.



### Milestone Moments

#### Fridays, 10:30 AM

#### Facebook & YouTube

Join Miss Jennifer as we talk about Milestone Moments and showcasing skills that will help your child succeed when they start school. We'll have Take & Make Bags for many of our sessions. Each video will be geared towards achieving a goal and supporting their growth.

# National Library Week

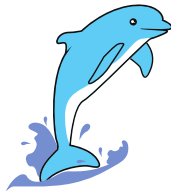
## Monday, April 5-Saturday, April 10

Stop in at Cragin Library for National Library Week! Grab a few Take & Make Craft bags, check out books and other items, and say hello to your favorite library staff! Join us online on our social media channels! Watch our book talk videos, see a virtual storytime, or watch us make a craft!



## Take & Make bags are available at the Children's Circulation Desk for art, craft, & food programs

### Dolphin Paint Craft Wednesday, April 14



### Earth Day Thursday, April 22



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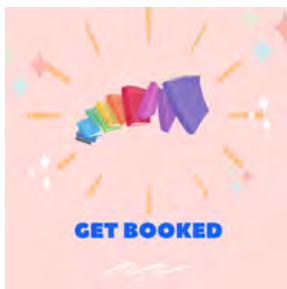


### Poetry Wednesday, April 28



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### Get Booked Fridays



Jennifer and Mary discuss books based on a theme.

### Milestone Moments Fridays



Jennifer talks about Milestone Moments and showcasing skills that will help your child succeed when they start school.

### New Books TBD



Jennifer shares all the fun new reads for you to check out!