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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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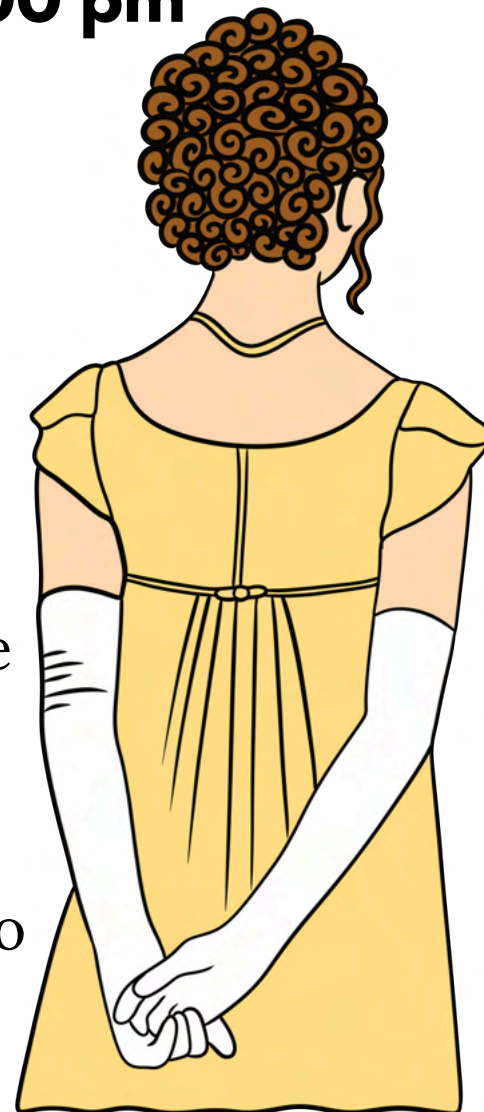
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Adult Programming

The Pride & Prejudice of Fashion: Clothing Styles of the Jane Austen Era Saturday, November 8, 1:00 pm Registration Required

Celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen as we wander through the wardrobes of some of Miss Austen's most famous characters. Explore the silhouettes of the clothing worn by the ladies and gentlemen of the day, while learning about the accessories they would have used and the reasons behind their usage. Together, we will travel through time to a long-ago era of opulence, social graces, and a gentler way of life.



This program is sponsored by our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Adult Programming

Adult Book Bingo Month of November

BINGO

Play our Book Bingo, finish a row, and be entered to win a grocery gift card for your holiday shopping! Pick up a Bingo Sheet at the Adult Circulation Desk beginning on Saturday, November 1. Return your sheet by Monday, December 1 to be entered in our drawing.

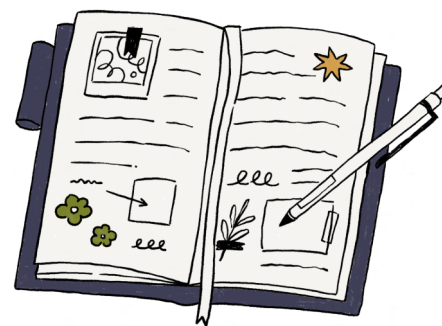
Sponsored by our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

Medicare Educational Event Thursday, November 6, 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Confused about Medicare? Come and learn the ins and outs of Medicare (enrollment, drug stages, penalties, etc) and the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage with Mark Macrina a town resident and local insurance agent. An informational seminar, and no individual health discussed. For accommodations of persons with special needs please call (860)-338-1466 TTY 711

Adult Writing Club Saturday, November 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us for an hour each month devoted to relaxing and writing. Bring whatever you are working on and hang out!



Adult Book Clubs

New Members Always Welcome

Copies of the book are available at the Adult Circulation Desk



A Court of Fantasy Readers Monday, November 3, 5:30 pm

This month we are reading *The Half King* by Melissa Landers.

Cragin Book Club

See you in January! We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Happy
holidays

Museum Passes

Looking for a discount on a local museum?
Check out a Museum Pass from Cragin!

Visit craginlibrary.org and click on Museum Passes to learn more!



Adult & Teen Programming

Take & Makes (Available in the Adult Department)

Wednesday, November 12: Leaf Gnome

Monday, November 24: Turkey Foodie Fun

Craft Night: Paint Night

Registration Required

Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 pm

Join us for an in person paint night! Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.



Teen Programming

For those in grades 6 - 12

Subscription Book Boxes

1st Monday of the Month

Registration Required

Register for our Subscription Book Boxes for the school year and receive themed treats, trinkets and of course...books!

You will get a phone call when boxes are ready to be picked up. Registration is required. Call 860-537-5752 to register.

Teen Craft

Thursday, November 6, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Drop in for a fun craft!

STEM with Bacon Robotics

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 am, Best for grades K - 8, Drop-In

Join us for a fun STEM morning with students from Bacon Academy.

Snack Time

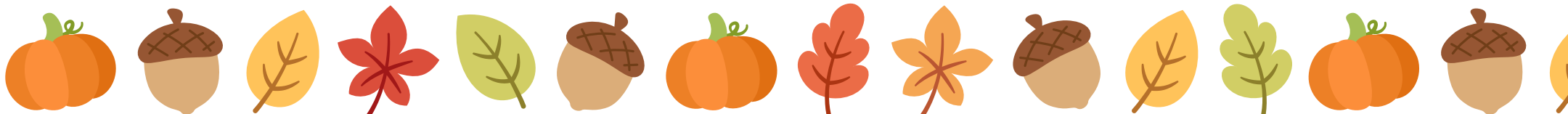
Wednesday, November 19, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Drop in for some snacks!

Take & Make: Foodie Fun Dinosaurs

Saturday, November 22

Grab your bag of goodies, watch our video online and make a treat!



Children's Storytimes and Literacy Programs

Fall Session: September 29 - November 20

Registration Starts: Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 am.

Stop by in person or call 860-537-7201 to register.

Monday

Mother Goose

Ages 2 - 5

10:30 - 11:00 am

Registration Required

Enjoy a storytime filled with books, rhymes and songs.



Tuesday

Play with Me:

Ages 12 - 36 Months

10:30 - 11:45 am

Registration Required

Sessions: 10/21 - 11/25
(No program 11/11)
Play with Me is a 5 week early childhood program where parents and their children bond through learning and play.



Lego/Duplo Challenges

Family Program

6:00 - 7:00 pm

No registration required

Wednesday

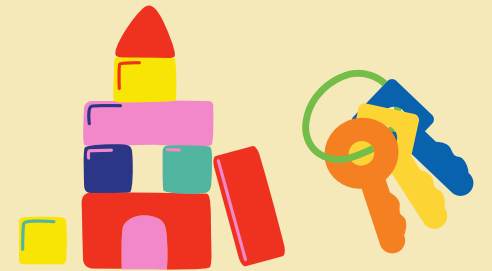
Baby Storytime

Ages up to 12 Months

10:30 - 11:15 am

Registration Required

This is a 20-minute storytime with a stay and play program after!



Thursday

Toddler Storytime

Ages 3 - 5

10:30 - 11:00 am

Registration Required

Sign up for a storytime with songs and a craft. Storytime crafts will be available as Take & Makes after 12:30 pm



Story & A Craft

Children and their Caregivers

5:00 pm

No registration required

This storytime is perfect for those who aren't ready for a full 30-minute storytime.

Friday

Sensory Table

Best for Ages 2 - 5

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

No registration required

Rice Table in colder months, Water Table in warmer months!



All storytimes must have a minimum of 5 children registered. If fewer children are registered we may cancel the session.

Super Saturday Storytime: Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 15, 10:30 am

Children and their Caregivers

Drop-In

Drop-in for a Thanksgiving and family storytime.



Children's In-Person Programming

Super Saturday Sensory: Dinosaur
Saturday, November 1, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 and up

Drop-In

Come on in for fun with dinosaurs.



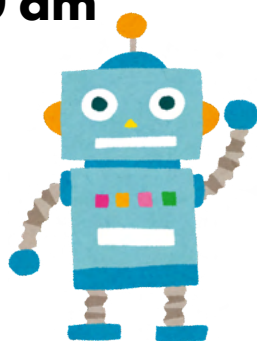
STEM with Bacon Robotics

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 am

Best for grades K - 8

Drop-In

Join us for a fun STEM morning with students from Bacon Academy.



Early Learning Station: Memory Game
Monday, Nov. 10 – Saturday, Nov. 15

All Ages

Drop-In to the Children's Department

Come play a memory game featuring dinosaurs.

Family Craft Night: Corn Cob Painting
Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 pm

Children and their Caregivers

Drop-In

Join us for a paint night with corn cobs as the paintbrush.



Wicked Party

Thursday, November 20, 4:45 pm

Grades K – 5

Registration Required

Join us for a celebration of the Wicked movies! Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.



Free Play: Dinosaurs

Tuesday, November 26, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Best for 2 – 5 year olds

Drop-In

Calling all dinosaur lovers, this free play has all the dinosaur toys!



Children's Take & Makes

Arm Band Craft

Monday, November 3



Build a Dinosaur Craft & Squirrel Craft

Monday, November 10 & Thursday, November 13

Dinosaur Fan Craft

Monday, November 17

Dinosaur Hat Craft & Thanksgiving Turkey Craft

Monday, November 24

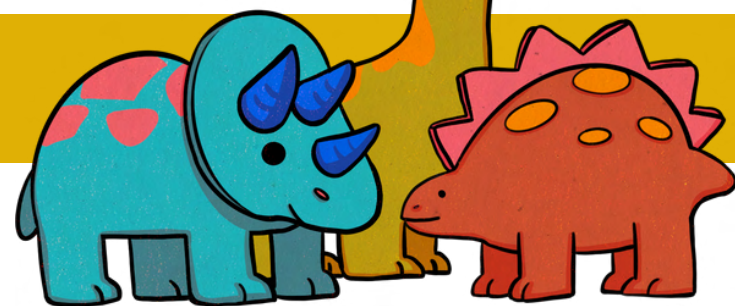


Foodie Fun

Foodie Fun: Dinosaurs

Saturday, November 22

Pick up your kit, watch our socials, and create a rawr-tastic snack!



Closed Dates

Library Closed:

Tuesday, November 11

Thursday, November 27

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

Library Closing at 1 pm:

Wednesday, November 26



Display Case



Thank you to Connecticut Bank and Trust for displaying various memorabilia through December!

Thank you to the Wasserman Family for displaying your Broadway Playbills for the month of October!

Thank you to Dave Martin for displaying your fire/emergency vehicles in October!

2026 Meeting Room Requests

Are you interested in using our meeting rooms? 2026 Meeting Requests open on Monday, December 1. If you are planning to use our meeting rooms next year please fill out a Meeting Room Application (available on our [website](#) and at the library) and email it to Alexis at aturner@colchesterct.gov.

Meeting rooms are available when such use does not interfere with the primary functions of the Library. Priority will be given first to Library functions, then to the Friends of the Library, Town of Colchester agencies, civic or service organizations and other non-profit groups with members who are Colchester residents.

Meetings may be “bumped” to accommodate official Library activities.

December Sneak Peek

Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

Monday, December 1, 5:30 pm

This month we are reading *The Serpent and the Wolf* by Rebecca Robinson. New members are always welcome!

Story and a Craft

Wednesday, December 3, 10:30 am, Children & their Caregivers, Registration Required

Listen to a holiday story and paint an ornament for the winter/holiday season. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.

Adult Craft Night: Book Tree

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 pm, Registration Required

Join us to create a festive decoration out of recycled books! Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Super Saturday Storytime: Winter Sports

Saturday, December 6, 10:30 am, Children & their Caregivers, Drop-In

Drop by for a winter sports storytime with a craft.

Seasonal Music with the CT Mountain Dulcimer Group

Saturday, December 6, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, All Ages, Drop-In

The mountain dulcimer is an original American instrument created in the 19th century by the Scots/Irish who settled in Appalachia. The Connecticut Mountain Dulcimer Gathering is a group of dulcimer players of all skill levels who gather monthly to play. They have been meeting at Cragin Memorial since 2012.

Paint Night on Zoom

Monday, December 8, 6:30 pm, Best for Teens & Adults, Registration Required

Join us on Zoom for an at home paint night! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/r8xvtd8>

Candy Houses

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 am OR 1:30 pm, Kids, Teens & Their Caregivers

Registration Required

Enjoy a sweet outing for the whole family and make candy houses.

Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.

Mrs. Claus Storytime

Monday, December 15, 6:00 pm, Best for ages 2 - 5, Drop-In

Join us for a special holiday storytime with special guest star Mrs. Claus!

Adult & Teen Craft Night: Wood Ornament

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 pm, Registration Required

Join us to make a cute painted ornament. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Teen Gummy Taste Test

Thursday, December 18, 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Grades 6 - 12, Registration Required

Hang out with us and try ALL the gummy candy! Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Thank you to everyone who visited the October Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book Sale!</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Adult Book Bingo Pick up your bingo sheet!</p> <p>Super Sensory Saturday 10:30 am</p> 
<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Teen Subscription Box Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Children's Craft: Arm Band Craft Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Mother Goose Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Play with Me 10:30 - 11:45 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Baby Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Adult & Teen Craft Night: Paint Night 6:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Medicare Event 3:00 pm</p> <p>Teen Craft 3:00 pm</p> <p>Story & A Craft 5:00 pm</p> <p>Medicare Event 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>STEM with Bacon Robotics 10:30 am</p> <p>Pride & Prejudice of Fashion Presentation 1:00 pm</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Early Learning Station Stop by the Children's Department</p> <p>Children's Craft: Build a Dinosaur Craft Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Mother Goose Storytime 10:30 am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Library Closed</p> <p><i>Veterans Day</i></p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Early Learning Station Stop by the Children's Department</p> <p>Adult & Teen Craft: Leaf Gnome Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Baby Storytime 10:30 am</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Early Learning Station Stop by the Children's Department</p> <p>Children's Craft: Squirrel Craft Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Story & A Craft 5:00 pm</p> <p>Friends Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Early Learning Station Stop by the Children's Department</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Early Learning Station Stop by the Children's Department</p> <p>Super Saturday Storytime 10:30 am</p> 
<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Children's Craft: Dinosaur Fan Craft Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Mother Goose Storytime 10:30 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Play with Me 10:30 - 11:45 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Baby Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Teen Snack Time 3:00 pm</p> <p>Family Craft Night: Corn Cob Painting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Wicked Party 4:45 pm</p> <p>Story & A Craft 5:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Foodie Fun: Dinosaurs Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Adult Writing Club 2:00 - 3:00 pm</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Adult & Teen Foodie Fun: Turkey Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Children's Craft: Dinosaur Hat Craft Pick up at the library!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Play with Me 10:30 - 11:45 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Free Play: Dinosaurs 10:30 am</p> <p>Library Closing Early @ 1 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> 	<p>Children's Craft: Thanksgiving Turkey Craft Pick up at the library!</p>			<p>Library Closed</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> 		