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# CRAGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### HOURS:

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## All Ages Presentation

### Autistic Empowerment

**Monday, April 14, 6:00 pm**  
**Registration Required**

Jeremy K. Farrell is a passionate Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advocate and a proud person on the spectrum himself. He works as a mentor, tutor, business consultant, and professional speaker. He also sits on the Board of Directors for A Little Compassion Inc. a Non-Profit that runs The Nest Coffee Shop and works to provide work and social opportunities to autistic individuals. This presentation is not a textbook on the do's and don'ts for working with or being an autistic individual. Instead, it encourages attendees to think critically about the benefits of open communication and self-advocacy for their lives and the lives of those around them. **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 & Teen Program

### At Home Paint Night

**Monday, April 7, 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/r8xvtd8>**



# Adult Programming

## Adult Craft Night: Bad Art

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 pm, Registration Required**

Join us for a bad art night! There is no pressure to be pretty or perfect or good. Use up library craft supplies to create something terrible! **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**

## Adult Program: A Photographic History of the Northern End of South Main St.

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm, Registration Required**

Join us for a special presentation by Gary Walter on the history of our town! This program is a partnership between The Colchester Historical Society and Cragin Memorial Library. **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**

## Foundations of Investing

**Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 pm**

Building your investor IQ starts with understanding the basics. Whether you are new to investing or want a refresher, our *Foundations of investing* presentation will help you learn about the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation and ideas for focusing on what you can control with your finances.

## Medicare Educational Events

**Thursday, April 10, Session 1: 3:00 pm/Session 2: 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 Program: Writing Club

**Saturday, April 12, 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! For those 18+.

# Adult Book Clubs

New Members Always Welcome

Copies of the book are available at the Adult Circulation Desk



## A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, April 7, 5:30 pm**

This month we are reading *The Spellshop* by Sarah Beth Durst.

## Cragin Book Club

**Monday, April 28, 6:00 pm**

This month we are reading *The Last Caretaker* by Jessica Strawser.



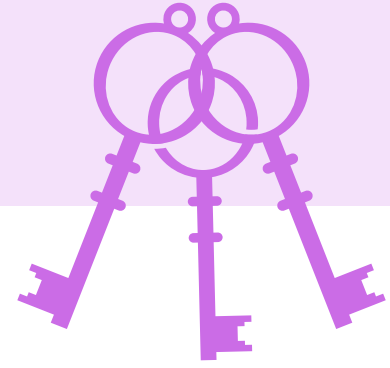
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## Take & Makes (Available in the Adult Department)

**Wednesday, April 2: Paper Umbrella**

**Wednesday, April 16: Sock Bunny**

**Wednesday, April 30: Velvet Yarn Mushroom**



## Escape Room

**Week of April 20th**

**Registration Required**

Test your skills in our escape room! This program is for those in Grades 6 and up, and for 3 - 6 players at a time. Sessions will run Tuesday, April 22 - Saturday, April 26th.

**For time slots and registration please call 860-537-5752.**

## Teen Programming

For those in grades 6 - 12 only

## Subscription Book Boxes

**1st Monday of the Month**

**Registration Required**

Register for our Subscription Book Boxes (New Registration for January - May) 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.**

## Eat if you dare...

**Friday, April 4, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Join us to try some daring treats! Try and guess what flavors you taste. **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**

## Drop-In Craft: Felt Craft

**Wednesday April 9, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Drop-in to the teen room and make a cute felt animal!

## Candy Sushi

**Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 - 2:30 pm**

Come make candy sushi with us! **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**



## Take & Make: Foodie Fun

**Wednesday, April 16**

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

## Teen Snack Time

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Come hang out with your friends at the library! We will have snacks and chat!

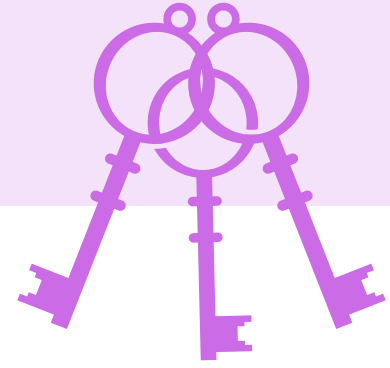
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# Children's Storytimes and Literacy Programs

## Spring Session: March 24 - May 22

Registration Opens: Wednesday, February 26, 10:00 am.  
Call 860-537-7201 or stop by the Children's Circulation Desk to register.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b>Mother Goose</b> 2 - 5 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><b>FULL</b></p>	<p><b>Storytime</b> 1 &amp; 2 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><b>FULL</b></p>	<p><b>Baby Storytime &amp; Story Play</b> 0 - 12 months 10:30 am</p> <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>	<p><b>Storytime</b> 3 - 5 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Story &amp; a Craft</b> All Ages 6:00 pm <small>*No registration required*</small></p>
<p>***All storytimes must have a minimum of 5 children registered. If fewer children are registered we may cancel the session.***</p>	<p><b>Lego/Duplo Challenges</b> Family Program 6:00 - 7:00 pm <small>*No registration required*</small> Runs every week, not just during Storytime Sessions.</p>		

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

### Stories with Skipper

**Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 pm**

**Children and their Caregivers**

Come hang out with Corporal Scheel and K9 Skipper while we chat and read stories!

### Super Saturday Storytime: Spring

**Saturday, April 5, 10:30 am**

**Best for ages 2 - 7**

Enjoy a storytime and a craft all about spring! **No registration required.**



## Weekly Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room

Did you know that we hide seasonal pictures around the Children's Room? Each week that you come in they will be in a different spot! See if you can find them all!

# Children's In-Person Programming

## Family Craft Night: Dotters

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 pm

Children and their Caregivers

Drop in to create a picture with paint dotters!

## Take & Make Craft: Peas

Monday, April 14

All Ages

Celebrate National Garden Day with this craft!

## Candy Sushi

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 am OR 3:00 pm

Grades K - 5, Registration Required

Come create candy sushi with us!

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

## Family Movie Night: Moana 2

Tuesday, April 15, 5:30 pm

Children and their Caregivers

Grab your blankets and a snack for movie night at Cragin!  
(PG, 1 hr 40 mins, 2024).

## Foodie Fun

Wednesday, April 16

Children and Teens

Stop by the library to pick up this month's Foodie Fun!

## Fun with Art

Thursday, April 17, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 and up

Drop into the Storytime Room to create some art!

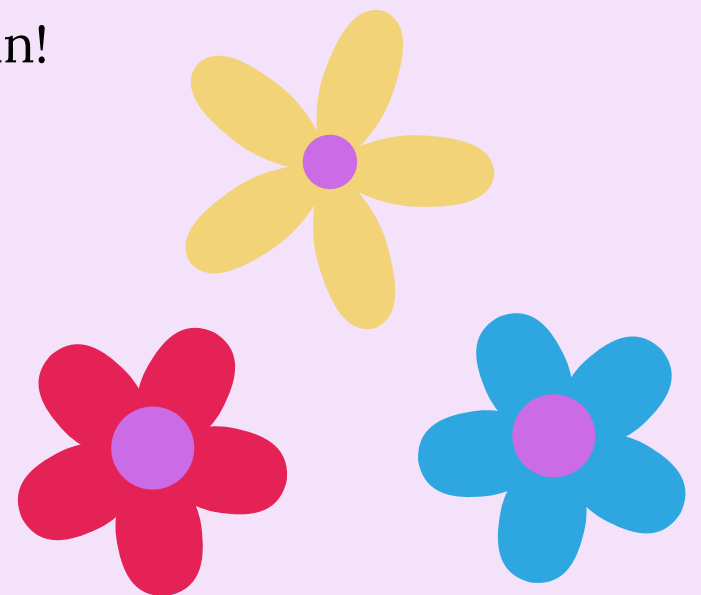
## Free Play: Obstacle Course

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 7

Join us for an inside obstacle course set up in the Storytime Room. Need more? Try our outside obstacle course painted on our sidewalk!

# SCHOOL BREAK



## Children's Take & Makes

**Bee Craft**

**Monday, April 7**

**Submarine Craft**

**Friday, April 11**

**Passover Craft**

**Saturday, April 12**

**Peas Craft**

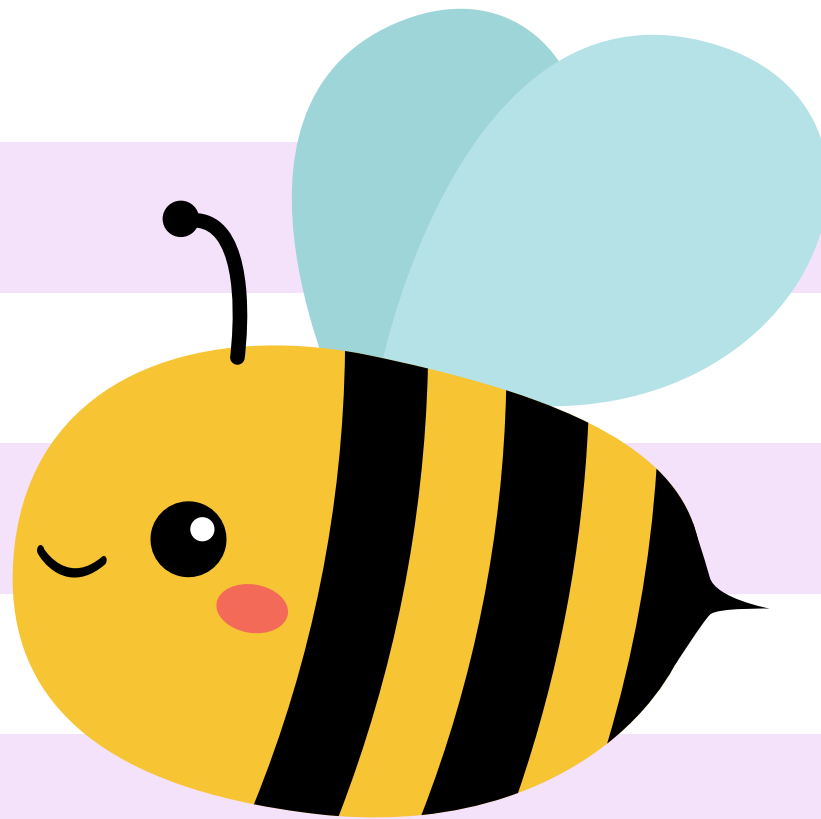
**Monday, April 14**

**Van Gogh's Sunflowers**

**Thursday, April 24**

**Mini Flower Garden Craft**

**Monday, April 28**



## Closed Dates

**Friday, April 18**

**Saturday, April 19**

## Art and Collections on Display

### Adult Display Case:

**Alan Wasserman's Sci-Fi Collectibles.**

**A collection of TV and Movie Sci-Fi toys and other ephemera!**

### Norton Rooms:

**"For the Love of Birds and Animals" by Hugo Gostkiewicz, age 10.**

**Opening Art Reception Saturday, April 5, 1-3pm.**

Hugo draws in the early hours before school under the instruction of fine artist Julianna W. Cameron. He is a dedicated young artist with a passion for birds and animals. In this collection Hugo expresses his artistic talent and creativity through sketching. It is exciting working with Hugo in the mornings watching his commitment to drawing develop into an impressive collection for a young artist.

# May Sneak Peek

## Teen Program: 1/2 Day Gaming

**Friday, May 2, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Hang out with us at the library for your half day with games (video games and board games) and snacks!

## All Ages Foodie Fun: Star Wars

**Saturday, May 3**

Pick up a special Foodie Fun for ALL Ages! (Yes, even Adults)

## Children's Program: Super Saturday Storytime

**Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am**

Enjoy a storytime and a craft all about pets! Best for ages 2 - 7.

## Teen Program: Chip Party

**Monday, May 5, 3:00 - 3:30 pm, Registration Required**

Join us for chips and dip! **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**

## Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, May 5, 5:30 pm**

Join us at the library for our fantasy book club! New members are always welcome!

## Adult Program: Master the Art of Preserving Your Harvest

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 pm, Registration Required**

Preserve the taste of the season all year round with our "Preserving the Harvest" workshop! Get ready to say goodbye to wasted produce and hello to a pantry full of delicious, homemade preserves! In this class, we'll teach you the ins and outs of pickling, canning, freezing, and drying so you can turn your bountiful harvest into long-lasting, flavorful treats. From cucumbers to tomatoes, and herbs to fruits, we'll show you how to keep your harvest fresh and delicious. Presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm (Colchester, CT). **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.**

## Children's Program: Toy Story Party

**Thursday, May 8, Registration Required**

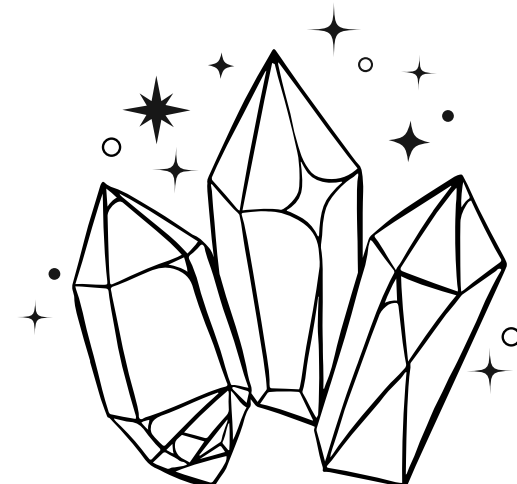
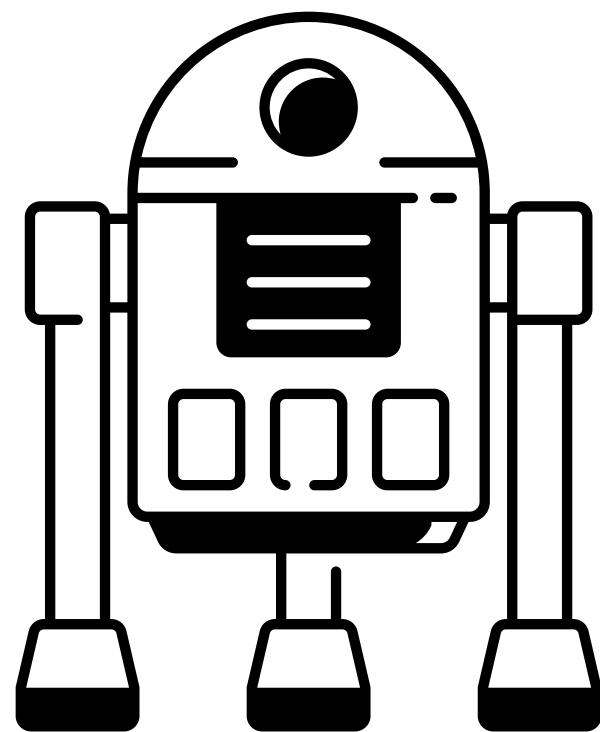
**Grades K - 2: 4:00 - 4:30 pm / Grades 3 - 5: 4:45 - 5:15 pm**

Join us for games, crafts and more! **Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.**

## Adult Program: Introduction to Crystals

**Monday, May 12, 6:00 pm, Registration Required**

Are you drawn to crystals, and perhaps started a small collection but not sure what to do with them? Join Rachel for an intimate evening to delve into inviting crystals into our lives and learning to connect with their energies for healing, support, love, protection and more. Students will leave with crystal grid templates and informational handout about safe / toxic crystals, energetic associations, rituals for daily use and integration and inspiration for how to tap into the latent magic of the stones. Rachel is The Replanted Witch. She has been fascinated with witchcraft, history, cooking and magic from an early age. To find out more information on her upcoming workshops, book selections and more magical information, you can find her on Instagram @thereplantedwitch. **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.**



# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<p><b>Storytime Crafts will be available to all after the program as a take &amp; make.</b></p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adult Craft Night: Bad Art Night 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Paper Umbrella Pick up at the library! Meet Officer Scheel &amp; K9 Skipper 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Teen Eat if you dare... 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Super Saturday Storytime: Spring 10:30 am Art Opening in Norton Rooms: For the Love of Birds &amp; Animals by Hugo Gostkiewicz, Age 10 1:00 - 4:00 pm</p>			
	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Teen Subscription Box Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Bee Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm Paint Night 6:30 pm, Zoom</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Photographic History of the Northern End of S. Main St. 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Teen Drop-in Craft 3:00 - 3:30 pm Foundations of Investing 6:00 pm Family Craft Night: Dotters 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Medicare Educational Events 3:00 pm/6:00 pm Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Children's Craft: Submarine Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Passover Pick up at the library! Adult Writing Club 2:00 - 3:00 pm</p> 		
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>No Storytimes this week due to Spring Break!</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Peas Pick up at the library! Autistic Empowerment 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Children's Candy Sushi 10:30 am/3:00 pm Teen Candy Sushi 2:00 - 2:30 pm Family Movie Night: Moana 2 5:30 pm Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Sock Bunny Pick up at the library! Foodie Fun Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Fun with Art 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>18</b>   <b>19</b></p> <p><b>Library Closed</b></p> 				
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>HAPPY EASTER</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Mother Goose 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Escape Room 3:30pm/5:15pm/6:30pm Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Escape Room 3:30pm/5:15pm/6:30pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Van Gogh Pick up at the library! Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Escape Room 10:30am/1:15pm/3:30pm Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Escape Room 10:30am/2:00pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Obstacle Course 10:30 am Escape Room 10:30am/2:00pm</p>			
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Mini Flower Garden Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Velvet Yarn Mushroom Pick up at the library! Teen Snack Time 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>May</b></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Teen 1/2 Day Gaming 1:00 - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>All Ages Foodie Fun: Star Wars Pick up at the library! Super Saturday Storytime: Pets 10:30 am</p>