

# FEBRUARY

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#### HOURS:

MON, WED, THU

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TUE (NEW)

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

860-537-5752 MAIN

860-537-7201 CHILDREN'S

### All Ages Programming

#### 3rd Annual Mini Art Show

**Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Sponsored by Friends of Cragin Memorial Library**

Pick up your canvas for our 3rd Annual Mini Art Show! Take it home and use whatever art supplies you want to make something beautiful! All ages are encouraged to participate. **Return your canvas to the library by Saturday, February 8 to be included in the art show opening on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm!**

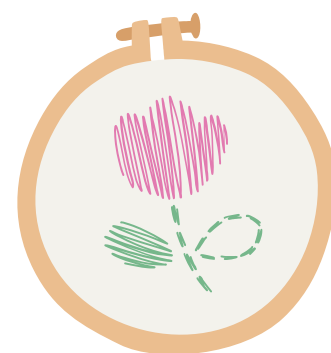


#### Craft Swap

**Saturday, February 22, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Tired of using the same old craft supplies?

**Bring in unwanted craft supplies to the library between Monday, February 10 and Thursday, February 20** and join us for a Craft Swap on Saturday, February 22! Someone's old supplies may be the inspiration you need for a new project!



# Adult Programming

## Blind Date with a Book

Beginning Saturday, February 1st, pick up a blind date with a book slip at the Adult Circulation Desk. Return your slip back to us by Monday, February 10th in order to receive surprise books to check out later that week! You will get a phone call when your specially curated books are ready to be picked up.

## Pal-entine's Day Cookie Decorating

**Thursday, February 13, 6:00 pm**

### Registration Required

Grab your pals (a pal is a close friend or comrade) and come decorate some cookies. **Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register. This program is for those 18+.**

## Medicare Educational Events

**Thursday, February 20, 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

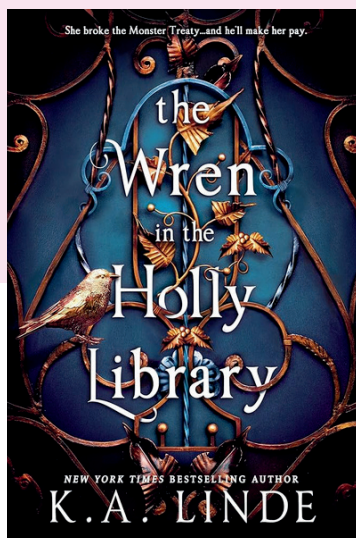
## Book a Librarian

Do you have questions about your phone, e-reader, or other device? Need help setting up your email? Do you have trouble with certain websites? Maybe Cragin can help! Call 860-537-5752 and ask to book a librarian! Someone will call you back to set up an appointment! Appointments can be 30 minutes or 1 hour long.

## Adult Book Clubs

New Members Always Welcome

Copies of the book are available at the Adult Circulation Desk



### A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm**

This month we are reading *The Wren in the Holly Library* by K.A. Linde.

### Cragin Book Club

**Monday, February 24, 6:00 pm**

This month we are reading *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller.



## Adult & Teen Programming

### Adult & Teen Craft Night: Watercolor Valentine's Day Cards

**Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 pm**

**Registration Required**

Join us for some watercolor painting. Make a card for a valentine or someone special! Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.



### Adult & Teen Program: Paint Night Holiday Edition

**Thursday, February 6, 6:30 pm, Registration Required**

Join us on Zoom for paint night! Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/r8xvtd8>

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

**Wednesday, February 5: Heart Canvas Bag**

**Wednesday, February 19: Special Foodie Fun Edition**

## 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.

### Drop-In Craft: Thumbprint Magnets

**Friday, February 7, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Drop-in to the teen room for a quick craft!

### M & M Taste Test

**Wednesday, February 12, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

**Register for a Reminder**

Register for a reminder by stopping by the Adult Circulation Desk or by calling 860-537-5752.

### Teen Snack Time

**Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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

**Don't Forget  
to Pick Up**

**Foodie Fun: Unicorns  
Saturday, February 1**

**AND**

**Foodie Fun: Valentine  
Saturday, February 15**

Pick up your kit and watch our video to make a fun snack!

# All Ages Program

**Lobby Craft: Valentine's Day**  
**Friday, February 14, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

Stop by the lobby for a quick all ages craft!

## Take Your Child to the Library Day

**Saturday, February 1**

**Foodie Fun: Unicorns**  
**Children & Teens**

Pick up a kit, watch our video online, and create a magical treat.

**Super Saturday Storytime: Unicorns**

**10:30 am**

**All Ages, No Registration Required**



## 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><u>Mother Goose</u></b>                      2 - 5 year olds                      10:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Storytime</u></b>                      1 &amp; 2 year olds                      10:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay &amp; Play</u></b>                      0 - 12 months                      10:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Storytime</u></b>                      3 - 5 year olds                      10:30 am</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><u>Lego/Duplo Challenges</u></b>                      Family Program                      6:00 - 7:00 pm                      *No registration required*</p>		<p><b><u>Story &amp; a Craft</u></b>                      All Ages                      6:00 pm                      *No registration required*</p>

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

Mid-Winter Session Storytime: January 27 - February 27 (5 Weeks) Currently Running.

Questions? Ask at the Children's Desk.

# Children's In-Person Programming

## Meet Officer Scheel and K9 Skipper

**Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Children and their Caregivers**

Officer Scheel and Skipper will be hanging out in the library with us on a monthly basis. If you haven't met them, please drop by for some stories and dog snuggles.

## Disney Trivia

**Thursday, February 13, Registration Required**

**Grades K - 2: 2:00 - 2:30 pm**

**Grades 3 - 5: 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Test your Disney Trivia skills with us and leave with some goodies! **Registration is required.** Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.

## Valentine's Day Cards

**Wednesday, February 12 - Friday, February 14**

**Children and their Caregivers**

Drop by the Children's Department to make a Valentine for someone special!

## Family Craft Night: Painted Heart

**Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 pm**

**Children and their Caregivers**

Join us for an art project! **No registration required.**

## Super Sensory Saturday

**Saturday, February 22, 10:30 - 11:00 am**

**Best for ages 2 and up**

Drop by for a sensory experience!

# Children's Take & Makes

**Celebrate Black History Month with these Take & Make Crafts honoring those who paved the way.**

**Take & Make Craft: Rocket (Mae Jemison)**  
Monday, February 3

**Take & Make Craft: Art (Alma Thomas)**  
Monday, February 10

**Take & Make Craft: Trumpet (Louis Armstrong)**  
Tuesday, February 18

**Take & Make Craft: Stage (Marian Anderson)**  
Monday, February 24

**Take & Make Craft: Football**  
Saturday, February 8



**Take & Make Craft: Valentine**  
Tuesday, February 10



**Don't Forget to Pick Up**

**Foodie Fun: Unicorns**  
Saturday, February 1

**AND**

**Foodie Fun: Valentine**  
Saturday, February 15

Pick up your kit and watch our video to make a fun snack!

## Closed Dates and Announcements

**Monday, February 17**

**Library Closed**

### 2025 Hours Update

**Monday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Thursday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday: Library Closed**

### 2025 Hours Update

The Cragin Memorial Library will now be open from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm on Tuesdays!

## Digital Resources @ Cragin

Flipster - Magazines

Libby - eBooks/eAudio

MuseumKey - Museum Passes

Questions about any of these?

Ask at the library!

## Art & Collection Displays

Do you have art you would like on display in the Norton Rooms? What about a collection you are proud of and would like to see in one of our display cases? Stop in to the library and ask about scheduling a month to display your work or collectibles!

## Friends of Cragin Memorial Library March Book & Bake Sale

Friday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 12

**Pre-Sale**  
**Fri, March 7**  
**\$5 Admission**  
**4pm - 7pm**

**Regular Sale**  
**Sat, March 8**  
**10am - 4pm**  
**Sun, March 9**  
**11am - 3pm**

**Bag sale - \$5 a bag**  
**Mon, Mar. 10: 10am - 8pm**  
**Tue, Mar. 11: 10am - 8pm**  
**Wed. Mar. 12: 10am - 8pm**

# March Sneak Peek

## Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, March 3, 5:30 pm**

Join us at the library for our fantasy book club! New members are always welcome! This month we are reading *Island Witch* by Amanda Jayatissa.

## Around the World in 80 Gardens

**Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 pm**

### Registration Required

This program is presented by Dr Richard W. Benfield. Around the World in 80 gardens is the culmination of his career in tourism to the world's great gardens. He will take attendees through the three acres of gardens in Singapore airport, the arid gardens of Australia and the tropical gardens of the Seychelles (home of the love nut!) and the Canary Islands and culminating in the beautiful English country gardens of his home country, finishing with the unique and different gardens in the United States and Canada ... in total 80 gardens in seven continents. **This program is sponsored by The Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.**



## Super Saturday Storytime with Special Guest Princess Ariel

**Saturday, March 8, 10:30 am**

### Children and their Caregivers, No Registration Required

Drop-in to this storytime, meet a princess and take a photo!

## Adult Program: CT Women's Hall of Fame, Writers and Journalists

**Thursday, March 13, 6:00 pm**

### Registration Required

Connecticut has been home to some incredible writers and journalists, and this program explores the contributions of some of the remarkable women who have shaped our understanding of the world through their writing and reporting. **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 Program: Gentle Flow Yoga

**Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 pm**

### Registration Required

Enjoy a gentle hour of yoga, suitable for all skill levels at Cragin Library! Start slowly with beginner stretches and gentle movements, before moving into a modified flow through traditional yoga poses. This hour-long program includes sun salutation instruction, verbal and visual cueing, ending with a relaxing meditative savasana. Led by Amie Meacham, YTT-200 Certified Yoga Instructor, of East Hampton, CT. Amie has been teaching locally and at libraries across the state, for the last 3 years, specializing in gentle flow, power vinyasa, chair and restorative yoga, as well as children's yoga. **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.**



## Lifesize Candyland

**Teens (Grade 6 - 12): Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Grades K - 2: Thursday, March 20, 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Grades 3 - 5: Thursday, March 20, 4:45 - 5:15 pm**







Join us for a sweet life size game! Candy included. **Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register. Registration opens Wednesday, February 19.**

## Adult Program: Writing Club

**Saturday, March 15  
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+

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>Tax Forms are at the library!</h2> <p>Stop in to our lobby for Federal 1040 forms. You are able to print other tax forms upstairs in our Adult Department (each patron gets 10 pages of black and white printing for free each day).</p>						<p><b>Take Your 1 Child to the Library Day</b></p> <p>Foodie Fun: Unicorns Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Super Saturday Storytime: Unicorns 10:30 am</p> <p>Adults: Blind Date with a Book Pick up your slip!</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Teen Subscription Box Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Children's Take &amp; Make Craft: Trumpet (Louis Armstrong) Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Play With Me 10:30 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft Night: Watercolor Valentine's 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Heart Canvas Bag Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Art Explorers 10:30 am</p> <p>Meet Officer Scheel &amp; K9 Skipper 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Baby Storytime and Stay &amp; Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p> <p>Paint Night 6:30 pm, Zoom</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Drop-In Teen Craft 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Mini Art Show Canvases Due Back to the Library</p> 
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Children's Take &amp; Make Craft: Rocket (Mae Jemison) Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Children's Take &amp; Make Craft: Valentine Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Adults: Blind Date with a Book Return your slip!</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Play With Me 10:30 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Valentine's Day Cards Drop-in to the Children's Department!</p> <p>Art Explorers 10:30 am</p> <p>Teen Taste Test 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Family Craft Night: Painted Heart 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Valentine's Day Cards Drop-in to the Children's Department!</p> <p>Baby Storytime and Stay &amp; Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Disney Trivia Gr. K - 2: 2:00 - 2:30 pm Gr. 3 - 5: 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Friends of CML 5:30pm</p> <p>Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p> <p>Cookie Decorating 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Valentine's Day Cards Drop-in to the Children's Department!</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>All Ages Lobby Craft 10:30 - 11:30 am</p> 	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Foodie Fun: Valentine Pick up at the library!</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Library Closed</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Children's Take &amp; Make Craft: Art (Alma Thomas) Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Play With Me 10:30 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Special Foodie Fun Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Art Explorers 10:30 am</p> <p>Teen Snack Time 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>3rd Annual Mini Art Show 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Baby Storytime and Stay &amp; Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Medicare Educational Events 3:00 pm/6:00 pm</p> <p>Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Super Sensory Saturday 10:30 - 11:00 am</p> <p>Craft Swap 11:00 am - 2:00 pm</p> 
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Children's Take &amp; Make Craft: Stage (Marian Anderson) Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30 am</p> <p>Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Play With Me 10:30 am</p> <p>Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Art Explorers 10:30 am</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Baby Storytime and Stay &amp; Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>March 1</b></p> <p>Foodie Fun: Fried Eggs &amp; Bacon Pick up at the library!</p>