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10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Friends of Cragin Memorial Library 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

Adult Programming

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 Programming

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.**

Medicare Educational Events

Thursday, March 13, 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

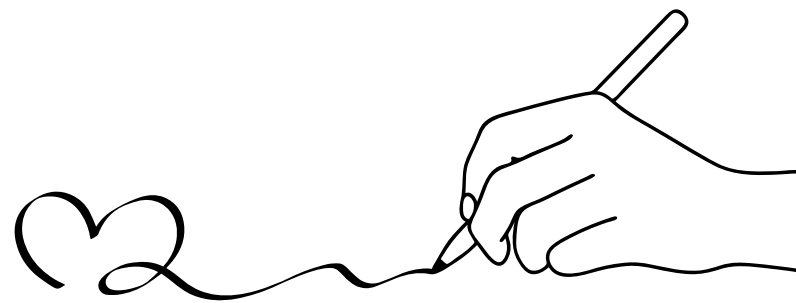
Saturday, March 15, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us for an hour each month devoted to relaxing and writing. Bring whatever you are working on and hang out! For those 18+.

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. Led by Amie Meacham, YTT-200 Certified Yoga Instructor, of East Hampton, 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.**



Adult Book Clubs

New Members Always Welcome

Copies of the book are available at the Adult Circulation Desk



A Court of Fantasy Readers

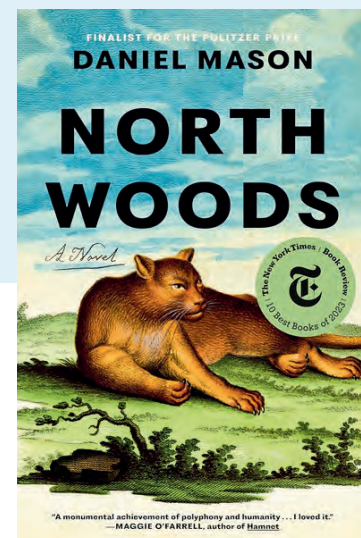
Monday, March 3, 5:30 pm

This month we are reading *Island Witch* by Amanda Jayatissa.

Cragin Book Club

Monday, March 31, 6:00 pm

This month we are reading *North Woods* by Daniel Mason.



Adult & Teen Programming

Take & Makes (Available in the Adult Department)
Wednesday, March 5: Paper Flower Bouquet
Wednesday, March 19: Fabric Butterfly



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.**

Take & Make: Foodie Fun

Saturday, March 1

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

Drop-In Craft: Sculpey Clay Designs

Wednesday March 12, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Drop-in to the teen room and make a cute clay design!

Life-size Candyland

Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Registration Required

Join us for a sweet life size game! Candy included.
Registration is required. Call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Desk to register.



Teen Snack Time

Wednesday, March 26, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

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

Half Day Gaming

Thursday, March 27, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Celebrate your half day at the library! We will have board games, some Switch games and snacks!



All Ages Programs

Seed Library Restocked!

Have you visited our Seed Library upstairs in the Adult Department? The Seed Library will offer vegetable, herb, flower and native seeds free of charge. Up to five seed packets can be taken from the Seed Library to grow at home. This is a partnership program with the Colchester Garden Club.



Lobby Craft: Braided Paper Bookmarks

Friday, March 7, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Drop by the library for a few minutes and learn how to make a braided bookmark out of paper.

Lobby Craft: Rock Painting

Saturday, March 22, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Stop by the lobby to paint a rock to help grow our Rock Snake (located in front of our building). This program is a partnership with the Colchester Garden Club Youth Division.

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><u>Mother Goose</u> 2 - 5 year olds 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Storytime</u> 1 & 2 year olds 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Baby Storytime & Stay & Play</u> 0 - 12 months 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Storytime</u> 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><u>Lego/Duplo Challenges</u> Family Program 6:00 - 7:00 pm *No registration required* Runs every week, not just during Storytime Sessions.</p>		<p><u>Story & a Craft</u> All Ages 6:00 pm *No registration required*</p>

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

Children's In-Person Programming

Meet Officer Scheel and K9 Skipper
Wednesday, March 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.

Baby Free Play

Thursday, March 6 & March 20, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Best for ages up to 2

Come play with us and some age appropriate toys!

Super Saturday Storytime: with Special Guest, Princess Ariel
Saturday, March 8, 10:30 am

All Ages

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



Turtle Storytime with the Senior Center

Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 5

Drop by for a fun turtle storytime with our friends from the Senior Center!



Story and a Craft

Wednesday, March 12, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 5

Drop-in for a fun story and related craft.

Free Play: Dress Up

Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Best for ages 2 - 5

Join us for dress-up time and pretend play!

Super Sensory Saturday

Saturday, March 22, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Best for ages 2 and up

Drop by for a sensory experience!

Free Play: Supermarket

Saturday, March 29, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Best for ages 2 - 5

Join us for a special supermarket play time.



Life-size Candyland
Thursday, March 20

Grades K - 2: 3:45 - 4:15 pm

Grades 3 - 5: 4:30 - 5:00 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.



Children's Take & Makes

Celebrate Women's History Month with these Take & Make Crafts

Take & Make Craft: Highlighting RBG
Monday, March 3

Take & Make Craft: Highlighting Frida Kahlo
Monday, March 10

Take & Make Craft: Highlighting Mia Hamm
Monday, March 17

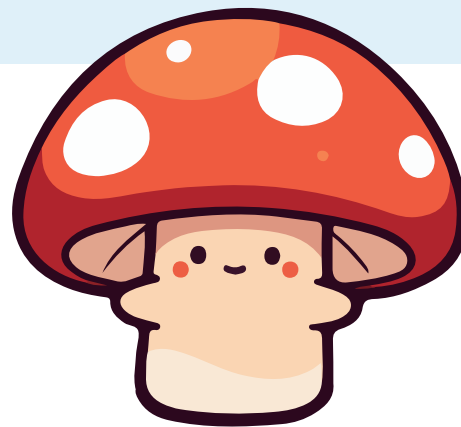
Take & Make Craft: Highlighting Yayoi Kusama
Monday, March 24

Take & Make Craft: Highlighting Rachael Ray
Monday, March 31

Take & Make Craft: Dandelion
Monday, March 3

Take & Make Craft: Build a Flower
Monday, March 10

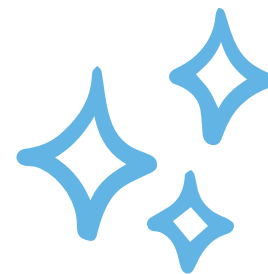
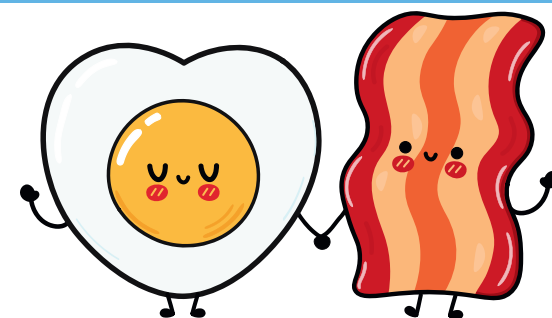
Take & Make Craft: Mushroom
Monday, March 17



Don't Forget to Pick Up

Foodie Fun: Breakfast
Saturday, March 1

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



Mini Art Show Art Pick Up

Please pick up your mini art by
Saturday, March 15.

Informational Tax Program

Department of Revenue Services Presentation
Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 pm

Join us for an informational presentation about what's new for the 2025 tax filing season, pensions and annuities subtraction information, EITC, property tax information, myconnectCT and more!



April Sneak Peek

Adult Program: Bad Art Night

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.**

Teen Program: Eat if you dare...

Friday, April 4, 3:00 - 3:30 pm, Registration Required

Try some of our treats without knowing what they will be. Please inform library staff of any allergies. **Register by stopping by the Adult Circulation Desk or calling 860-537-5752.**

Children's Program: Super Saturday Storytime: Spring

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 am

Children and their Caregivers, Drop-in

Drop-in to this storytime all about Spring!

Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

Monday, April 7, 5:30 pm

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

Adult & Teen Program: At Home Paint Night

Monday, April 7, 6:30 pm, Registration Required

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

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm

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.**

Children's Take & Make Craft: Peas (National Garden Day)

Monday, April 14

All Ages Presentation: Autistic Empowerment

Monday, April 14, 6:00 pm, Register at the Adult Desk or call 860-537-5752

Candy Sushi

Tuesday, April 15, Register by calling 860-537-7201

Grades K - 5: 10:30 am OR 3:00 pm / Grades 6 - 12: 2:00 pm

Family Movie: Moana 2

Tuesday, April 15, 5:30 pm




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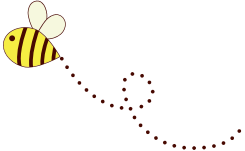





Foodie Fun

Wednesday, April 16 (Children and Teens)

Fun with Art

Thursday, April 17, 10:30 am (Best for ages 2+)

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2	3 Teen Subscription Box Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: RBG Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Dandelion Pick up at the library! A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm	4 Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Around the World in 80 Gardens 6:00 pm	5 Adult & Teen Craft: Paper Flower Bouquet Pick up at the library! Meet Officer Scheel & K9 Skipper 6:00 - 7:00 pm	6 Baby Free Play 10:30 - 11:30 am 	7 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lobby Craft: Braided Paper Bookmarks 10:30 - 11:30 am Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 4:00 - 7:00 pm \$5 Pre-Sale	1 Foodie Fun: Fried Eggs & Bacon Pick up at the library! Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Super Saturday Storytime with Princess Ariel 10:30 am	
9 Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	10 Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Children's Craft: Frida Kahlo Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Build a Flower Pick up at the library!	11 Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Turtle Storytime with Senior Center 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm	12 Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Story & a Craft 10:30 am Teen Drop-in Craft 3:00 - 3:30 pm	13 Medicare Educational Events 3:00 pm/6:00 pm CT Women's Hall of Fame: Writers and Journalists 6:00 pm	14 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	15 Adult Writing Club 2:00 - 3:00 pm Pick up your Mini Art from the Library by Today!	
16  Daylight Savings! 	17 Children's Craft: Mia Hamm Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Mushroom Pick up at the library! 	18 Free Play: Dress Up 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Gentle Flow Yoga 6:00 pm	19 Adult & Teen Craft: Fabric Butterfly Pick up at the library! Life-size Candyland Teens: 3:00 - 4:00 pm	20 Baby Free Play 10:30 - 11:30 am Life-size Candyland Gr. K - 2: 3:45 - 4:15 pm Gr. 3 - 5: 4:30 - 5:00 pm  First Day of Spring!	21 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	22 Lobby Craft: Rock Painting (Rock Snake) 10:30 - 11:30 am Super Sensory Saturday 2:00 - 2:30 pm	
23 Storytime Crafts will be available to all after the program as a take & make.	24 Children's Craft: Yayoi Kusama Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am	25 Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm	26 Baby Storytime/ Stay & Play 10:30 am Teen Snack Time 3:00 - 3:30 pm Department of Revenue Services 6:00 pm	27 Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Teen 1/2 Day Gaming 1:00 - 2:00 pm Story & a Craft 6:00 pm	28 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	29 Free Play: Supermarket 10:30 am - 12:30 pm 	
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		1 Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Bad Art Night 6:00 pm	2 Adult & Teen Craft: Paper Umbrella Pick up at the library! Baby Storytime/ Stay & Play 10:30 am Meet Officer Scheel & K9 Skipper 6:00 - 7:00 pm	3 Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Story & a Craft 6:00 pm	4 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Teen: Eat if you dare... 3:00 - 3:30 pm	5 Super Saturday Storytime: Spring 10:30 am Art Opening in Norton Rooms: For the Love of Birds & Animals by Hugo Gostkiewicz, Age 10 1:00 - 4:00 pm	