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## CRAGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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## Adult Programming

### Backyard Composting

Thursday, May 4, 6:00 pm

Co-Sponsored by the Open Space Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, and Colchester Giving Garden.

Join us for a presentation by State of CT Plant Pathologist Yonghao Li, Ph.D. Adding compost to gardens each planting season can protect soil structure, feed the soil with nutrients, and promote soil microbes. This talk will discuss how to make compost with kitchen wastes, fallen leaves, and lawn clippings in backyards. There will also be a raffle for a Compost Bin donated by Tractor Supply Co.!

### Living with CT Wildlife

Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm

Co-Sponsored by the Open Space Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library

Join Paul Colburn for this informative presentation! Connecticut's citizens are blessed with the rich diversity of wildlife in the state. The "Living with Connecticut's Wildlife" presentation focuses on how to live with and enjoy our wild neighbors. Species covered include Black Bears, Eastern Coyote, Bobcat, Fisher, Raccoon, Skunk, Virginia Opossum, Red and Gray Fox, Woodchuck, White-Tailed Deer, birds, bats, venomous and non-venomous reptiles, and amphibians.

## Adult Programming



### Bluebirds and Backyard Habitats Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 pm

Co-Sponsored by The Colchester Garden Club, Colchester Land Trust, and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. This program is in support of the Community Wildlife Habitat of Colchester and its annual recertification with the National Wildlife Federation CT Audubon Society's RTP Estuary Center's Conservation & Education Coordinator Joe Attwater will teach you how you can attract bluebirds, as well as sparrows, warblers, and more to your backyard, and which bird species are likely to visit you in Connecticut this time of year.

## A Court of Fantasy Readers Book Club



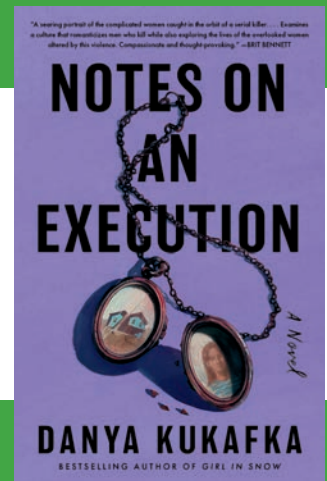
### The Witches of Moonshyne Manor Thursday, May 4, 5:30 pm

If it's nice we walk at Cohen Woodlands, if it rains we will meet at the library! Copies are available at the Adult Circulation Desk.

## Cragin Book Club

### Notes on an Execution Monday, May 22, 6:00 pm

Stop by the Adult Circulation desk for a copy of this month's book club book. If it's nice we will meet in the Senior Center parking lot (bring a chair), if it rains we will meet at the library!



## All Ages Programs

### Nature Photography Show

Calling all amateur photographers! We will be hosting a gallery opening filled with your work! During the month of May take a nature photo and send it to [craginlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:craginlibrary@gmail.com) by May 26 with a title and your name to be included in our gallery opening on June 8 at 6:30 pm. 1 entry per person.

### Yarn Wrapped Flowers Saturday, May 20, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Stop into the lobby for a quick craft!

## Adult & Teen Crafts

### Cardmaking Take & Make Wednesday, May 3

Stop by to pick up a craft kit while supplies last! **For adults and teens.**

### Rainbow Take & Make Wednesday, May 17

Stop by to pick up a craft kit while supplies last! **For adults and teens.**

## Teen Programming

### Foodie Fun Saturday, May 6

Grab a bag to create an ice cream inspired snack!  
Check out our Facebook for a how-to video.  
**For children and teens.**

### Teen Advisory Board Tuesday, May 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Check in with your peers and librarians to talk about making the library the best teen space possible! **For those in grades 6-12.**

### Writing Club Thursday, May 11, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Do you like to write? Join our teen writing club! We will give you prompts or guidance to help you accomplish your writing goals!  
**For those ages 14 - 18.**

### Teen Gaming Tuesday, May 16, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come hang out and try a new game or play with friends on our Nintendo Switch. **For those in grades 6-12.**



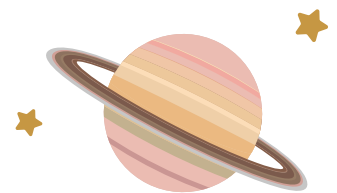
# Children's Storytimes

## Spring Session: April 3 - May 25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><u>Toddler Storytime</u> 2 - 4 year olds 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Preschool Storytime</u> 4 - 5 year olds 11:30 am</p>	<p><u>Mother Goose Session #1</u> 1-4 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><u>Mother Goose Session #2</u> 1-4 year olds 11:15 am</p>	<p><u>Baby Storytime</u> up to 2 years old 10:30 am</p> <p><u>Baby Stay and Play</u> up to 2 years old After Storytime</p>



**Drop-In Space Storytime**  
**Saturday, May 6, 10:30 am**  
**All Ages**



Join us for a special all ages storytime about space!

## Foodie Fun and Steam Saturday

**Foodie Fun**  
**Saturday, May 6**

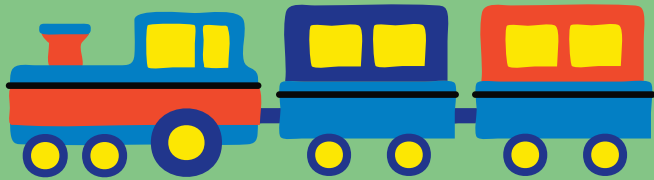
Grab a bag to create a sweet snack! Check out our how-to video on Facebook! For children and teens.

**STEAM Kit Pick Up**  
**Saturday, May 13**

Pick up your kits for this month's STEAM activity. Grades 3-5. Registration Required.

## Children's Take & Make Crafts

**Birdhouse**  
**Monday, May 8**  
**All Ages**



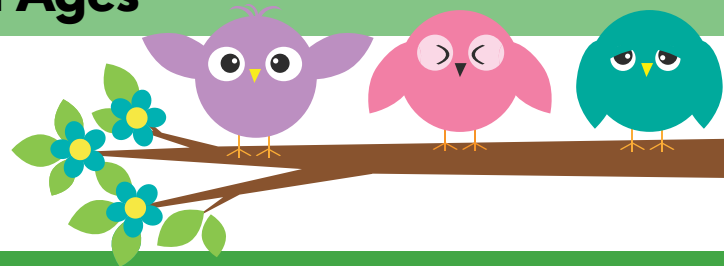
**Train**  
**Saturday, May 13**  
**All Ages**

**3D Rabbit**  
**Monday, May 15**  
**All Ages**



**Turtle**  
**Tuesday, May 23**  
**All Ages**

**Bird Nest**  
**Wednesday, May 24**  
**All Ages**



## Children's In Person Programs

**Mother's Day Cards**  
**Thursday, May 11 - Saturday, May 13**  
**All Ages**

Stop by the Children's Department to make a card for a mother, aunt, grandmother, or mother figure in your life.

## Star Wars Day

**Thursday, May 4**  
**Stop in for all ages crafts based on our favorite galactic characters!**

## Library Closed Dates

**Saturday, May 27**  
**Monday, May 29**

## Medicare Events

### Upcoming Medicare Educational Events

**Tuesday Afternoons 2:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**May 30, June 13**

**Thursday Evenings 6:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**May 25, June 15**

Confused about Medicare? Turning 65 and unsure about the process? Not sure if your current employer plan is better than Medicare? Retiring Soon? Come and learn the ins and outs of Medicare and the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage with Mark Macrina a town resident and local insurance agent. This is strictly an informational seminar, and no individual health will be discussed. For accommodations of persons with special needs please call (860)-338-1466 TTY 711

## June Book Sale

### Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book and Bake Sale

**Pre-Sale**  
**Fri, June 2**  
**\$5 Admission**  
**4pm - 7pm**

**Regular Sale**  
**Sat, June 3**  
**10am - 4pm**  
**Sun, June 4**  
**11am - 3pm**

**Bag sale - \$5 a bag**  
**Mon, June 5: 10am - 8pm**  
**Tue, June 6: 10am - 5pm**  
**Wed. June 7: 10am - 8pm**



## Thank You!

**Thank you to the Theta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa,  
an international sorority of women educators,  
for your donation to our Children's collection.**



## June Sneak Peak

### Yoga Saturdays for Kids and Teens

June 10, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Grades K - 2

June 17, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Grades 3 - 5

June 24, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Grades 6 - 12

Join us for special Saturday yoga sessions lead by Meg from Aspen Yoga! **Registration is required. Please call 860-537-7201 to register starting on Tuesday, May 30.**



### Something Old, Something New: Connecticut Weddings Through the Ages Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm



From colonial to modern times, how did Connecticutans tie the knot? How did they celebrate? What did they wear? And how did some of our cherished wedding customs originate? This program uses CHS's extensive collection of wedding clothing, accessories, photographs and prints to examine some of our ideas about what makes a "traditional" wedding, and what those traditions can reveal about how ideas about marriage have changed through the years. Presented by Taylor McClure, a Museum Educator at the Connecticut Historical Society. This program is sponsored by our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

## Summer Reading

### Sign up and start logging June 12 [craginlibrary.readsquared.com](http://craginlibrary.readsquared.com)

Welcome to Summer at Cragin! This year we have programs for:

- Adults (ages 18+)
- Teens (ages 11-18, or entering grades 6-12)
- Kids (ages 0-11, or entering grade 5)






**Adults:** Log your first book and come to the library to pick up a prize! Keep reading to win more prizes at different reading milestones. Earn raffle tickets towards grand prizes with each reading milestone.

**Teens:** When you log **300** minutes stop in and pick up your Summer bag! Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in our store!

**Kids:** When you log **200** minutes stop in and pick up your Summer bag! Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in our store!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Toddler Storytime 10:30 am	<b>2</b> Preschool Storytime 11:30 am	<b>3</b> Take & Make: Cardmaking Pick up at the library! Mother Goose Session #1 10:30 am Mother Goose Session #2 11:15 am	<b>4</b> Star Wars Day Pick up at the library! Baby Storytime & Stay & Play 10:30 am A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm Backyard Composting 6:00 pm	<b>5</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>6</b> Foodie Fun Pick up at the library! Space Storytime 10:30 am
	<b>7</b> Take and Make: Children's Bird House Craft Pick up at the library! Toddler Storytime 10:30 am	<b>8</b> Preschool Storytime 11:30 am Teen Advisory Board 3:00 pm	<b>9</b> Mother Goose Session #1 10:30 am Mother Goose Session #2 11:15 am	<b>10</b> Mother's Day Cards All day! Baby Storytime & Stay & Play 10:30 am Teen Writing Club 3:00 pm Friends of Cragin Memorial Library 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> Mother's Day Cards All day! Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>12</b> Mother's Day Cards All day! Take and Make: Children's Train Craft Pick up at the library! STEAM Kits Pick up at the library! Registration Required.
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Take and Make: Children's 3D Jumping Rabbit Craft Pick up at the library! Toddler Storytime 10:30 am	<b>16</b> Preschool Storytime 11:30 am Teen Gaming 3:00 pm	<b>17</b> Take & Make: Rainbow Yarn Craft Pick up at the library! Mother Goose Session #1 10:30 am Mother Goose Session #2 11:15 am	<b>18</b> Baby Storytime & Stay & Play 10:30 am Living with CT Wildlife 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>20</b> Yarn Wrapped Flowers 10:30 - 11:30 am 
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm	<b>23</b> Take and Make: Children's Turtle Craft Pick up at the library! Preschool Storytime 11:30 am	<b>24</b> Take and Make: Children's Bird Nest Craft Pick up at the library! Mother Goose Session #1 10:30 am Mother Goose Session #2 11:15 am Bluebirds & Backyard Habitats 6:00 pm	<b>25</b> Baby Storytime & Stay & Play 10:30 am Medicare Educational Event 6:00 pm Nature Photos Due Today! Email to: craginlibrary@gmail.com	<b>26</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>27</b> <b>Library Closed</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Library Closed</b> 	<b>30</b> Yoga Saturdays Sign Ups Call 860-537-7201 Medicare Educational Event 2:00 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book Sale 4:00 - 7:00 pm \$5.00 admission	<b>3</b> Kindness Cards Pick up at the library! Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book Sale 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Sweet Treats Storytime 10:30 am