

# JANUARY

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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

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## All Ages Programming

### 3rd Annual Mini Art Show

#### Canvas Pick Up: Thursday, January 2

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!**

### Musical Event:

#### CT Mountain Dulcimer Group

#### Saturday, January 4

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The mountain dulcimer is an original American instrument created in the 19th century by the Scottish and the 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 Library since 2012. Drop by for a listen!



# Adult Programming



## Art of Mindfulness

**Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 pm**

### Registration Required

Looking for a way to become more mindful? Come learn these creative techniques that help ground you in the present moment. Following a guided meditation featuring the relaxing sounds of gongs and singing bowls we will begin our process-art pieces, getting lost in the meandering lines and color, becoming mindful of the moment through our senses. Every participant will leave with an art kit and the knowledge to bring this practice to everyday 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.**

## Medicare Educational Events

**Thursday, January 16, 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

## Fall Prevention with Ivy Rehab

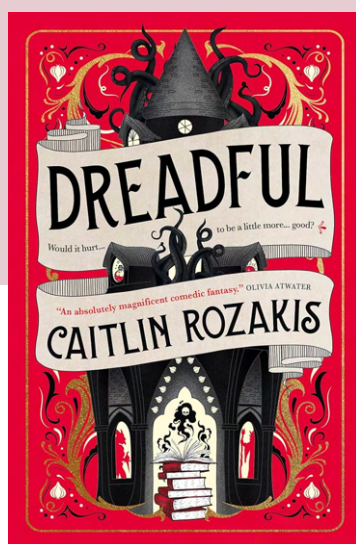
**Thursday, January 23, 10:30 am**

Every year, millions of people experience a fall, but with the right precautions, many of these life-altering accidents can be prevented. Bethany Cowan DPT, PT, CMTPT, physical therapist with Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy, is going to talk about Fall prevention.

# Adult Book Clubs

**New Members Always Welcome**

**Copies of the book are available at the Adult Circulation Desk**



## A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, January 6, 5:30 pm**

This month we are reading *Dreadful* by Caitlin Rozakis.

## Cragin Book Club

**Monday, January 27, 6:00 pm**

This month we are reading *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson.



# Adult & Teen Programming

## Take & Make Crafts

**Wednesday, January 8: Book Snowman**

**Wednesday, January 22: Beaded Snowflake**

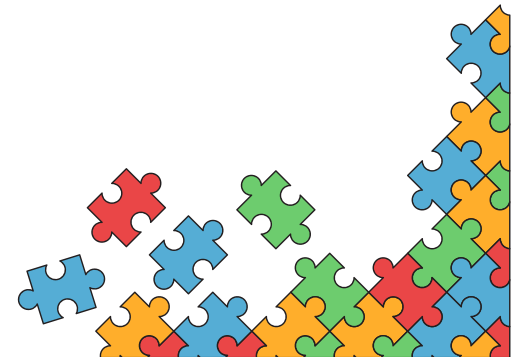
## Puzzle Tournament

**Saturday, January 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Registration Required**

Do you love puzzles? Join us for an amateur puzzle tournament.

Register groups of up to 5 people by calling the Adult Circulation Desk at 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.**

## Marshmallow Taste Test

**Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

**Register for a Reminder**

Join us to taste test different types of marshmallows!

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

## Half Day Gaming

**Friday, January 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Celebrate your half day with board games, some Mario Kart and of course...snacks!

## Teen Snack Time

**Wednesday, January 22, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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

## Drop-In Craft: Watercolor Snowflakes

**Wednesday, January 29, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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

**Don't Forget  
to Pick Up**

**Foodie Fun: Mugs**

**Saturday, January 11**

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



# Children's Storytimes and Literacy Programs

## Mid-Winter Session: January 27 - February 27

Registration Opens: Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 am.

Call 860-537-7201 or stop by the Children's Circulation Desk to register.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b><u>Toddler Storytime</u></b> 2 - 3 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><b><u>Pre-Kindergarten Storytime</u></b> 4 - 5 year olds 11:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Play With Me</u></b> 12 - 36 months 10:30 am</p> <p>Play with Me is an early childhood program. It's a five-week series where parents and their children (ages 12 - 36 months) bond through learning and play. The series covers five topics with community experts on hand to answer questions.</p>	<p><b><u>Art Explorers</u></b> 2 - 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>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay &amp; Play</u></b> 0 - 12 months 10:30 am</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

## Special Storytimes and Literacy Programs

No Registration Required

### Super Saturday Storytime: Winter Animals

Saturday, January 4, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 7 and their Caregivers

Enjoy a storytime and craft all about winter animals!

### Story and a Craft: Gnomes

Wednesday, January 15, 10:30 am

Children and their Caregivers

Join us for a story and craft all about gnomes!

### Super Sensory Saturday

Saturday, January 25, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Best for ages 2 and up

Drop by for a sensory experience!



# Children's In-Person Programming

## Pokémon Party

**Thursday, January 9, Registration Required**

**Grades K - 2: 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Grades 3 - 5: 4:45 - 5:15 pm**

Join us for a party all about Pokémon, including a game, crafts and a snack! **Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register. Registration opens December 18.**

## Family Craft Night: Bird Feeders

**Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 pm**

**Children and their Caregivers**

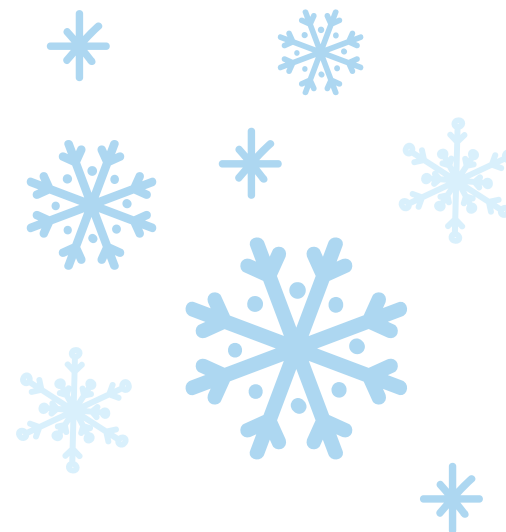
Spread some kindness for our feathered friends while making a bird seed treat. **No registration required.**

## Family Craft Night: Snowflake Craft

**Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm**

**Children and their Caregivers**

Join us for this STEAM program and create a snowflake out of marshmallows. **No registration required.**



## Free Play and Early Learning Programming

### Free Play: Snow

**Tuesday, January 7, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Best for ages 2 - 5**

Join us for a fun playtime with activities and toys with a snow theme!

### Baby Free Play

**Thursday, January 16, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Best for ages up to 24 months**

Join us for a morning filled with age appropriate toys!

### Free Play: Shapes

**Tuesday, January 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Best for ages 2 - 5**

Join us for playtime with toys and activities that have a circle theme.



**Cragin Memorial Library is now a Certified Family Place Library. Thank you to C3, The Cragin Memorial Library Board of Trustees, and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library for helping to make this possible.**

**Come in and learn through play in our Children's Department!**



## Children's Take & Makes

**Take & Make Craft: 3D Snowman**  
**Monday, January 6**

**Take & Make Craft: Yeti**  
**Monday, January 13**

**Take & Make Craft: Pasta Snowflakes**  
**Tuesday, January 21**

**Take & Make Craft: Chocolate Cake**  
**Monday, January 27**

**Don't Forget  
to Pick Up**

**Foodie Fun: Mugs**  
**Saturday, January 11**

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

## Closed Dates and Announcements

**Tuesday, December 31: Library Closing at 1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 1: Library Closed**

**Saturday, January 18: Library Closed**

**Monday, January 20: 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!

## 2025 Meeting Room Requests

If you are planning to use our meeting rooms please fill out a Meeting Room Application (available on our website and at the library) and email it to Alexis at [aturner@colchesterct.gov](mailto:aturner@colchesterct.gov).

# February Sneak Peek

## 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  
10:30 am**

**All Ages, No Registration Required**

Drop-in for this special storytime all about unicorns!



## Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

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

Join us at the library for our fantasy book club! New members are always welcome! This month we are reading *The Wren in the Holly Library* by K.A. Linde.

## 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>**

## Teen Program: Thumbprint Heart Magnets

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

Drop by the Teen Room for a laid back craft that makes a great gift!

## Teen Program: M & M Taste Test

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

**Register for a Reminder**

Join us for a fun M&M Taste Test! **Register for a reminder by stopping by the Adult Circulation Desk or calling 860-537-5752.**

## Family Craft Night: Painted Heart

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

**Children and their Caregivers, No Registration Required**

Join us for an art project featuring scrape art.

## Adult Program: 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.**



