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### HOURS:

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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

## Adult Programming

### Introduction to Crystals

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



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 an 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. 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.**

### Blind Date with a Book

**Beginning Monday, May 12**



Beginning Monday, May 12, pick up a blind date with a book slip at the Adult Circulation Desk. Return your slip back to us by Monday, June 2 in order to receive surprise books to check out and a few goodies to keep! You will get a phone call when your specially curated books are ready to be picked up.

# Adult Programming

## 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.**



## Adult Program: Writing Club

**Saturday, May 10, 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+.

## Medicare Educational Events

**Thursday, May 15, 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

## Author Event: Orlene Allen Gallops

**Thursday, May 22, 6:00 pm**

Orlene recently published her first book, *Hiding In Plain Sight*, a personal account of uncovering her Jewish heritage and the tragic past of her family, shrouded in mystery for decades. Her research spanned five years in a relentless search for answers, taking her around the globe to places and meeting people she never could have imagined. The book weaves together the research detail with an extraordinary story of her family's unspeakable loss and desire to leave the past behind. **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

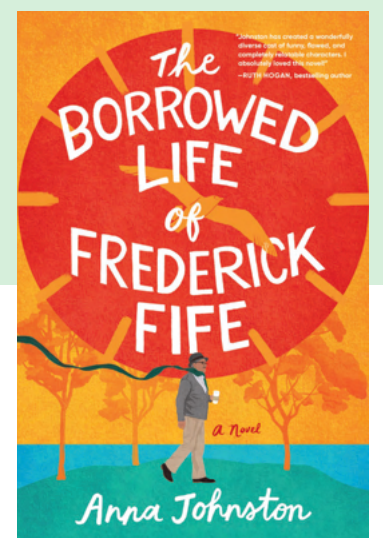
**Monday, May 5, 5:30 pm**

This month we are reading *What the River Knows* by Isabel Ibañez.

## Cragin Book Club

**Monday, May 19, 6:00 pm**

This month we are reading *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston.



## Adult & Teen Programming

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

**Wednesday, May 14: Paper Frog Bookmark**

**Wednesday, May 28: Book Flower Garland**

## All Ages Programming

**Special Foodie Fun: Star Wars Ewok**

**Saturday, May 3**

Celebrate May the Fourth (a day early) with this special ALL AGES (even adults!) Foodie Fun! Pick up a kit and make an adorably delicious Ewok treat!

## Teen Programming

For those in grades 6 - 12 only

**Subscription Book Boxes - REGISTER FOR SUMMER**

**1st Monday of the Month**

**Registration Required**

Register for our Subscription Book Boxes for the Summer 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.**

**Teen 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!



**Teen Chip Party**

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

Join us for chips and dips! **Registration is required. Call 860-537-5752 to register.**

**Take & Make: Foodie Fun**

**Saturday, May 10**

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

**Teen Craft: Watercolor Painting**

**Tuesday, May 13, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Stop by the library for a fun craft!



# Children's Storytimes and Literacy Programs

## Spring Session: March 24 - May 22

Regular Storytimes are currently in session. Please check back in September for our Fall Session!

### Tuesday

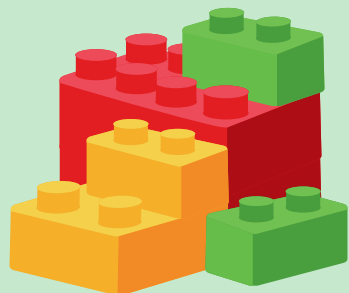
#### Lego/Duplo Challenges

Family Program

6:00 - 7:00 pm

\*No registration required\*

\*Runs every week through June 17\*



### Thursday

#### Story & a Craft

All Ages

6:00 pm

\*No registration required\*

\*Session Ends May 22\*



### Friday

#### Sensory Table

Best for Ages 2 - 5

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\*No registration required\*

\*Rice Table in colder months, Water Table in warmer months!\*



### Super Saturday Storytime: Pets

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 7

Enjoy a storytime and a craft all about pets!

No registration required.

### Stories with Skipper

Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 pm

Children and their Caregivers

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



## Foodie Fun

### Tea Mugs

Saturday, May 10

Children and Teens

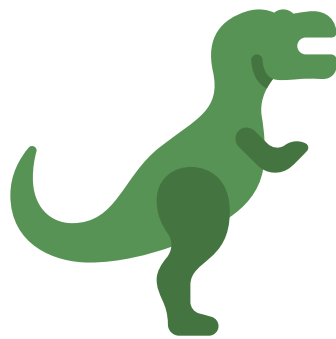
Grab your kit and get ready to make an edible tea mug!

## Children's In-Person Programming

**Make Mother's Day Cards**  
**Thursday, May 8 - Saturday, May 10**  
**All Ages**

Drop by the Children's Department to make a card for a mother figure in your life!

**Toy Story Party**  
**Thursday, May 8**  
**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 Circulation Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.**

**Family Craft Night: Puffy Paint**  
**Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 pm**  
**Children and their Caregivers**

Drop in to create a picture with puffy paint!  
**No registration required.**

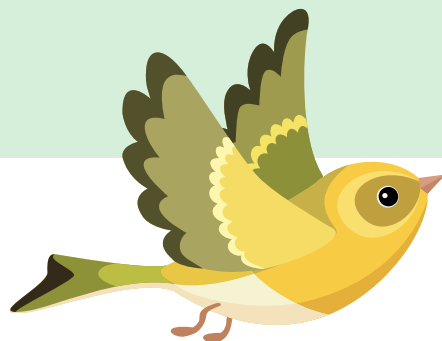


**Super Sensory Saturday: Chia Seeds**  
**Saturday, May 17, 10:30 - 11:00 am**  
**Best for ages 2 - 7**

Join us for a squishy experience! **No registration required.**

## Children's Take & Makes

**Bird Craft**  
**Monday, May 12**



**Pizza Craft**  
**Monday, May 19**

**Cat Craft**  
**Tuesday, May 27**

**Lilo & Stitch Craft**  
**Saturday, May 31**



## Closed Dates

**Library Closed:**

**Saturday, May 24**

**Monday, May 26**

**Library Closing at 5:00 pm:**

**Thursday, May 29**

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

**Pre-Sale**

**Fri, June 6**

**\$5 Admission**

**4pm - 7pm**

**Regular Sale**

**Sat, June 7**

**10am - 4pm**

**Sun, June 8**

**11am - 3pm**

**Bag sale - \$5 a bag**

**Mon, June 9: 10am - 8pm**

**Tue, June 10: 10am - 8pm**

**Wed. June 11: 10am - 8pm**

**Purchasing from the book sale helps fund and sponsor all of the library programs we host throughout the year.**

**Thank you!**



## Art and Collections on Display

**Adult Display Case:**

**Zander's Collection of WW2/Military artifacts will be on display upstairs in the Adult Department.**

## June Sneak Peek

### Adult Program: A Court of Fantasy Readers

**Monday, June 2, 5:30 pm**

This month we are reading *The Courting of Bristol Keats* by Mary E. Pearson.

### All Ages Program: Fairy Garden Crafting

**Tuesday, June 3, Session 1: 5:30/Session 2: 6:15 pm**

Help us redecorate our Fairy Garden! Registration is required. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

### Adult & Teen Program: Summer Paint Nights

**Session 1: Thursday, June 5, 6:30 pm/Session 2: Thursday, August 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 required: <https://tinyurl.com/3jexkr95>

### Beginner Ukulele

**Saturday, June 14, Registration Required**

**Grades 3 - 5: 10:30 am/Teens & Adults: 1:00 pm**

Learn the basics and play some songs! Ukulele's will be provided during the class (if you want to bring your own you can). Register Grades 3 - 5 by calling 860-537-7201. Register Teens & Adults by calling 860-537-5752.



**All Ages Affirmation Pins  
Month of June**

Drop into the Adult Department to grab a kindness or Pride pin to keep!

## Summer Reading at Cragin

# COLOR YOUR WORLD

**Sign up for programs and start logging your reading on  
Monday, June 9. [craginlibrary.readsquared.com](https://craginlibrary.readsquared.com)**

Welcome to Summer at Cragin! You do not have to be a resident to participate. This year we have programs for:

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

**Adults:** With each book you finish (up to 25) stop by the library for a raffle ticket and prize. Put your raffle tickets towards one of our grand prizes.

**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!

Weekly Programming and Events begin on Monday, June 23.

Prize Stores open on Monday, June 30.

Children & Teen Prize Packs will be up August 14 - 22.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Would you like to showcase your art or a collection? Ask at the Adult Desk about our display areas!</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Teen 1/2 Day Gaming 1:00 - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> All Ages Foodie Fun: Star Wars Pick up at the library! Super Saturday Storytime: Pets 10:30 am</p>
<p><b>4</b>  May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!</p>	<p><b>5</b> Teen Subscription Box Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am Teen Chip Party 3:00 - 3:30 pm A Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm Master the Art of Preserving your Harvest 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Stories with Skipper 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> Mother's Day Cards Stop by the Children's Department Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Toy Story Party Gr. K - 2: 4:00 pm Gr. 3 - 5: 4:45 pm Friends of Cragin 5:30 pm Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Mother's Day Cards Stop by the Children's Department Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Mother's Day Cards Stop by the Children's Department Children &amp; Teen Foodie Fun Pick up at the library! Adult Writing Club 2:00 - 3:00 pm</p>
<p><b>11</b>  MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p><b>12</b> Children's Craft: Bird Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am Intro to Crystals 6:00 pm Blind Date with a Book Pick up a slip!</p>	<p><b>13</b> Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Teen Craft: Watercolor Painting 3:00 - 3:30 pm Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Frog Bookmark Pick up at the library! Family Craft Night: Puffy Paint 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> 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>16</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> Super Sensory Saturday: Chia Seeds 10:30 - 11:00 am</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Children's Craft: Pizza Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> Storytime: Ages 1 - 2 10:30 am Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> </p>	<p><b>22</b> Storytime: Ages 3 - 5 10:30 am Story &amp; a Craft 6:00 pm Author Event 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Library Closed</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> </p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Library Closed</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Children's Craft: Cat Pick up at the library! Lego/Duplo Challenge 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Book Flower Garland Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Library Closing at 5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b> Children's Craft: Lilo &amp; Stitch Pick up at the library!</p>