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Summer Reading Program

Sign up and start logging June 12
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!

More Summer Reading

Adults

This year you will be able to log your reading online **or** on paper at the library! All you need to do to sign up is visit craginlibrary.readsquared.com or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk. Once you are signed up, you can log books that you have finished reading this Summer. Ask at the Adult Circulation Desk for book log sheets or log them yourself online! Log your first book to win a prize. There are also special prizes for hitting reading milestones! With each milestone also comes a raffle ticket for one of three grand prizes, enter them all into one or try your luck with all three! Raffle Winners will be announced at our **Virtual Finale**.

Children and Teens

This year you will log your reading online. All you need to do to sign up is visit craginlibrary.readsquared.com. Once you are signed up, start reading and logging your minutes. After you pick up your summer reading bag (first prize) keep reading to earn Cragin Cash that you can spend in our stores. Readers up to grade 5 can redeem their Cragin Cash in the Children's Department. Readers entering grades 6 and up can visit the Adult Circulation Desk to shop. For every \$5 of Cragin Cash you earned, you will get a raffle ticket entry for our awesome prize packs at the end of the summer!

Virtual Finale

All of our grand prize winners will be announced at our **Virtual Finale, Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live**. Starting Monday, August 14, Children and Teens can exchange already earned Cragin Cash for **raffle tickets**. The prize boxes for the raffle tickets will be available in the Children's Department until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22.



Programs

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.**



Sweets Storytime

Saturday, June 3, 10:30 am

Drop-in for a special all ages sweet storytime!



Pride Storytime

Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 pm

Join us for a special drop-in Pride Storytime where we celebrate love is love!



All Ages Kindness Cards Take & Make

Saturdays, June 3, July 1, August 5

Stop by for a kindness craft. Make a card for loved ones, friends, or even make one for a stranger!

Upcoming Medicare Educational Events

Tuesday, June 13, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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.

Mail Truck Take and Make Saturday, July 1

Celebrate National Postal Worker's Day with this cute craft!



Special Historical Presentations

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.



The 90th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps: Its History & Work in CT

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm

Join Marty Podskoch, retired teacher and author of 11 books, for a presentation on the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. CCC camps were set up in a few Rhode Island towns, state parks, & forests. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, & dams, stocked fish, built & maintained fire tower observer's cabins & telephone lines, fought fires, & planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WW II. This program is sponsored by the Colchester Historical Society and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.



Tapping into the Past: Tavern Life in Early Connecticut

Thursday, August 3, 6:30 pm

Taverns in early Connecticut were more than just a place to drink. Travelers and locals alike saw taverns as a place to be entertained, spread news and gossip, have a good meal, and get a night's lodging. Learn about how taverns were an essential part of every Connecticut town. Presented by Christina Rewinski, a Museum Educator at the Connecticut Historical Society. This program is sponsored by our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

Teen and Adult Crafts

Take & Make Crafts

Mondays (June 20 (1st Week is a Tuesday) - August 7)

Each week there will be a new Take & Make. Stop by to pick up your kit in the Adult Department. If the library is closed on a Monday, stop in on Tuesday for your kit.

Paint Night

Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 pm & Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 pm

Join us on Zoom for an at-home paint night! Register at tinyurl.com/4e5x58rj for one session or both!

You will be notified by email when kits are ready to be picked up.

Clay Magnets

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 pm

Register at the Adult Circulation Desk or by calling 860-537-5752 to make clay magnets at the library!



Adult Book Clubs

A Court of Fantasy Readers Book Club

First Thursday of the Month, 5:30 pm

If the weather is nice we will walk at Cohen Woodlands, if it rains we will meet at the library!

June 1: *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo

July 6: *The Last Tale of the Flower*

August 3: *Such Sharp Teeth* by Rachel Harrison

Bride by Roshani Chockshi

Cragin Book Club

Last Monday of the Month, 6:00 pm

Cragin Book Club meets outside at the Colchester Senior Center if the weather is nice, if it rains we will meet at the library!

June 26: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

July 31: *Joan is Okay* by Weike Wang

August 28: *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water* by Angie Cruz

Special Events

Amateur Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, July 15, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Join us for an amateur puzzle tournament (we are definitely not professional puzzlers). Register groups of up to 4 people up by calling the Adult Circulation Desk at 860-537-5752. Best suited for adults and teens. **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Escape Room

Friday, July 21 & Saturday, July 22

Register a team of 3 - 6 players (grades 6 and up) and try to beat Sam and Jennifer's Colchester themed escape room! **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Register your time slot by calling the Adult Circulation Desk at 860-537-5752.



Teen Summer Programming

For teens entering grades 6 - 12 only

Register at the Adult Circulation Desk or by Calling 860-537-5752

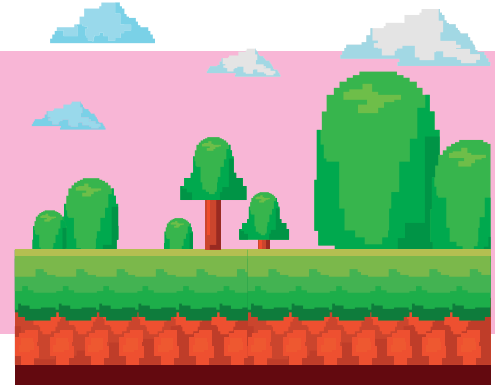


Foodie Fun Wednesdays, June 28 - August 9

Whip up something delicious and *fun*tastic! Stop by either circulation desk for a kit. Check out our Facebook for a how-to video!

Teen Gaming Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm July 11 & August 1

Drop in board games and video games! Come hang out and try out a new game or play with friends on our Nintendo Switch.



Cupcake Wars Thursday, June 29, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Let's get frosted up in here! **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Candy Sushi Thursday, July 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Create your own (not fishy) sushi.



Food Scenes Thursday, July 20, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Get creative with snacks! **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Brand or Not? Tuesday, July 25, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Blind test different snacks and see if you can taste the difference.



Ice Cream Finale Thursday, August 10, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an awesome Teen Summer Reading Finale, complete with a Sundae Bar. **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Don't Forget about Family Fun Nights!

Wednesday Nights: June 21 - August 9

All Ages Programs!

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Children's Summer Programming

Messy Mondays - Mondays (June 26 - August 7)

10:30 - 11:00 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am, ages 2-5

1:30 - 2:00 pm, ages 6-11

Wear old clothes to experiment with different art forms, techniques and tools. **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**



CES & JJIS Storytime - Mondays (June 26 - August 7)

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join your favorite teachers for stories and pizza. **No registration required.**

Baby Storytime - Tuesdays (June 27 - August 8)

10:30 - 11:15 am, ages 0-2

Join us at the library for stories, songs and fingerplays. **This program requires registration.**

Registration opens June 12.



Art Masterminds: Watercolors- Tuesdays (June 27- August 8)

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, ages 8-12

Learn about different watercolor techniques each week! **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**

Foodie Fun - Wednesdays (June 28 - August 9)

Take & Make Kit, for Children and Teens

Whip up something delicious and *funtastic*! Stop by either circulation desk for a kit. Check out our Facebook for a how-to video!

Graphic Novel Club - Every Other Wednesday

June 28, July 12, & July 26

2:00 - 2:45 pm, for those going into Grades 3-5

Join your Cragin Library friends and talk about your favorite graphic novels and learn about new ones that might interest you. Snacks provided. **This program requires registration. Registration opens June 12.**



Music and Movement Storytime - Thursdays (June 29 - August 3)

10:30 - 11:00 am, ages 2-5

Dance on down to the library for songs and stories. **No registration required.**

Animal Crafts - Thursdays (June 29 - August 3)

11:00 - 11:30 am, best for ages 5-11

Join us for fun in-person animal crafts! **No registration required.**

STEAM Experiments - Thursdays (June 29 - August 3)

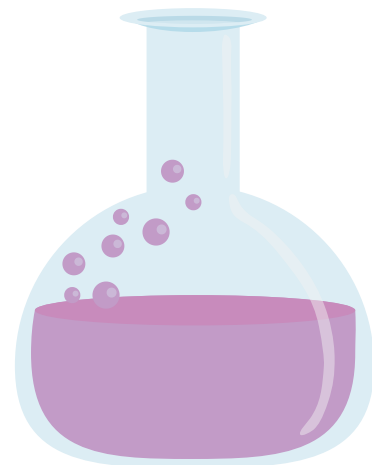
Take and Make kit, ages 6-11

Do you like experiments? We'll give you a take and make kit with a video on how to do the experiment! Kits are available when the library opens on Thursdays. One per family.

Water Wonders - Fridays (No table August 11, 18, 25)

10:00 am - 1:00 pm, ages 2-5

Check out our sensory water table! **No registration required.**



Family Fun Night - Wednesdays

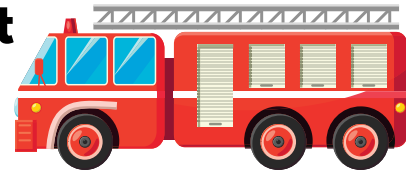
Bubble Party - Goodbye School Year!

June 21, 6:30 pm

Summer reading is ALMOST here. Join us for a farewell to the school year celebration with bubbles!

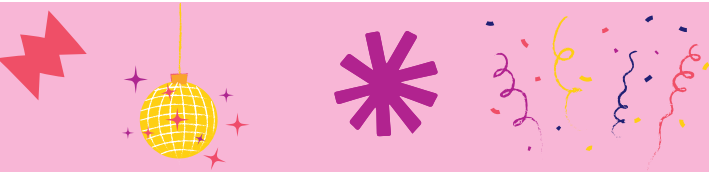
Members of the Community: Fire Department June 28, 6:30 pm

Learn about being a firefighter and get an up-close look at a firetruck!



Dance Party July 5, 6:30 pm

Bring your dancing shoes and show us your moves!



Members of the Community: Mel's Downtown Creamery July 12, 6:30 pm

Learn about owning an ice cream shop from Mel herself!

She may even bring some ice cream to share.



Members of the Community: Champions Karate July 19, 6:00 pm

Join us to learn about Karate and try it yourself!



Members of the Community: Corporal Scheel & K9 Skipper July 26, 6:30 pm

Come by and meet Corporal Scheel and Colchester's favorite working dog, K9 Skipper! Learn about what they do to help out our community.



Book Bingo
August 2, 6:30 pm
Play bingo with us to win books!

Carnival Finale August 9, 6:30 pm

Attend our Summer Finale. Play carnival games, have festive snacks, and so much fun!



Even More Fun!

Friends of Cragin Memorial Library June Book and Bake Sale

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

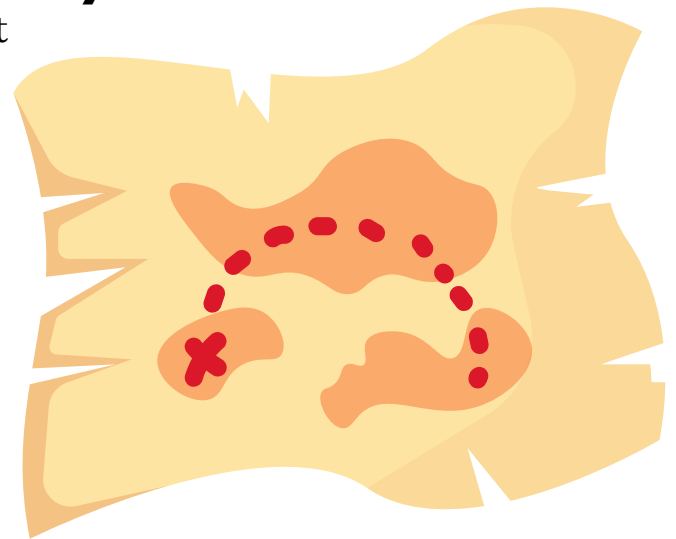
Regular Sale
Sat, June 3
10am - 4pm
Sun, June 4
11am - 3pm

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



Summer Scavenger Hunt All Through July

Beginning **Saturday, July 1**, pick up your passport at Cragin Library to begin a scavenger hunt around town! Search for different animals and their QR codes to get a clue that will lead you to the next place. Remember to be respectful of the businesses and their customers! When you find the clue, write down which animal it is and where you found it on your passport. At the final stop, follow the instructions from your clue and be entered in a raffle!



Kindergarten Storytime Wednesday, August 23, 6:30



If you are headed to Kindergarten, join us for this special Storytime just for you!

Registration required. Call the Children's Desk at 860-537-7201 starting 8/9/2023.



Library Closed Dates

Monday, June 19
Tuesday, July 4
Saturday, September 2
Monday, September 4



Thank You!

Thank you so much to our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library and all of our amazing community partners. You have helped make this Summer better than ever!

Through a School Readiness grant funded by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, there are a number of spaces available in high-quality preschool programs at a reduced cost.

The 2023-2024 Colchester School Readiness Program is actively seeking:

- Children who are residents of Colchester;
- Families who want a 5 day a week program;
- Families who may find it difficult to pay for preschool



For more information and the application visit:
<https://www.colchester3.org/school-readiness>

Looking for something to do this Summer? Check out a Museum Pass from Cragin! Visit craginlibrary.org and click on Museum Passes to learn more!

Cragin Memorial Library has both physical and printable passes! Most of our museum passes are now available to reserve and print from home! Colchester patrons may reserve printable passes on their own from home using your library card number and your pin for our online catalog. If your library card is from a different town please call the library or stop in to the Children's Department to reserve your printable pass.

