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10 AM - 7 PM

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Cragin Library Closed:

- Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day

Adult Programming

New Book Bingo Board!

It's a new month at Cragin which means a new Book Bingo Board! This month, we are showcasing **Mysteries**! Complete a bingo & win a prize!

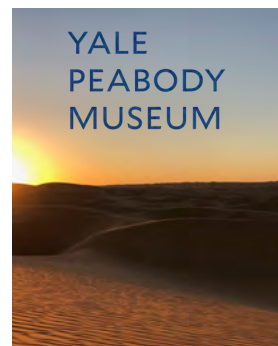


Scifi/Fantasy Book Club Monday, May 3, 6:30 PM

Join Cragin's Assistant Librarian Val Grabek for this month's fantasy book discussion on Katherine Arden's *The Bear and the Nightingale*. Copies are available to borrow at the Adult Circulation Desk. This is a virtual program, and registration is required. <https://tinyurl.com/yyt dxwa3>

Ch-Ch-Changes: Climate Today and in Earth's Past Thursday, May 20, 6 PM

Tom Reershemius from the Yale Peabody Speakers Bureau will present this fascinating virtual presentation. "Climate change isn't a problem because the climate's always changed" is a common phrase to hear in arguments about human-caused climate change – but is it justified? We will delve into the record of climate through Earth's history to find evidence for past changes, and ask what – if anything – is different this time. Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/45u69tc>





Cragin Virtual Book Club Monday, May 24, 6 PM

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, May 24 at 6 pm. This month we will read Jane Harper's **The Dry**. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk. If the weather is good we will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden which is located behind the Colchester Senior Center. Please bring a chair. If the weather is bad we will meet via Zoom. To register for the Zoom link click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4yvkm9>

Gardening for Frogs & Toads Thursday, May 27, 6 PM

It's gardening season! Join us via Zoom as Margery Winters from Roaring Brook Nature Center explains how to make your garden more amphibian friendly. A garden filled with the peeps, trills, quacks, or croaks from our native frogs and toads is one of the fastest ways to judge the health of your local ecosystem. Learn how to garden to help the amphibian populations in your yard and beyond. Sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club, Colchester Land Trust, and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. (The library does not record virtual programs.) To sign up click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/k4fncdw>



Goodbye Mary!

This month we say goodbye to our Adult Services Librarian, Mary Richardson. Mary has worked at the library for five and a half years running Teen and Adult Programming. We will miss Mary! The library might be a little quieter in her absence.

Teen Programming

Foodie Fun: Pool Krispie Treats Saturday, May 15, 10:30 AM

Make this delicious treat! Pick up your Take & Make bag, watch the video on social media channels, and enjoy!





Teen Take & Make: CD Art Monday, May 24

Starting Monday, May 24, you can pick up a crafty Take & Make. Each bag will contain a CD, paint, paintbrush, and paper clip.

Virtual Games! Grades 6-12

Tuesdays @ 3 PM

Get your virtual game on! We play a variety of games from the Jackbox Party Packs, Among Us, & board games on www.boardgamearena.com. You will need a laptop/pc and/or smart device to play. We use Discord to communicate. Please, ask your parents for permission before signing up for a Discord account. To register email library@colchesterct.gov.



Children's Programming



Baby Activity Videos Wednesdays, 10:30 AM Facebook & YouTube

A recorded program to help start you and your baby on a lifetime of learning together. Enjoy book suggestions, baby bounces, early literacy tips, and a special baby activity. The video is perfect for fostering pre-literacy skills. Some videos include an activity bag to pick up at the Children's Circulation Desk.

Sharing Stories Mondays, 10:30 AM Facebook & YouTube

A recorded storytime for you and your child. We'll read stories, sing songs, share a finger play or flannel board, and share books and library news. We will showcase a craft and have craft bags available for pick up at the Children's Desk.





Milestone Moments Fridays, 10:30 AM Facebook & YouTube

Join Miss Jennifer as we talk about Milestone Moments and showcasing skills that will help your child succeed when they start school. We'll have Take & Make Bags for many of our sessions. Each video will be geared towards achieving a goal and supporting their growth.

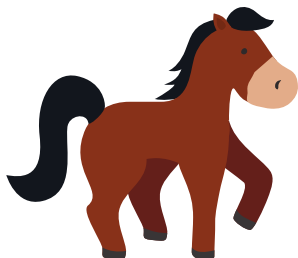
Baby Storytime Sign-Ups Tuesdays, June 1 - June 29, 10:30 am Cohen Woodlands Best for ages birth - 2 years old Registration is required - space is limited Registration opens May 3 Call 860-537-7201 to register

Register for our socially distanced storytime at Cohen Woodlands! **Physical distancing will be required. Please bring your own yoga mat/beach towel, bug spray, and sunscreen.** Masks will need to be worn when arriving and departing or anytime not socially distant. We know that social distancing with young children is difficult so please consider your family's ability to participate safely before registering. We are doing our best to gather and connect while keeping everyone comfortable and healthy!



Take & Make bags are available at the Children's Circulation Desk for art, craft, & food programs

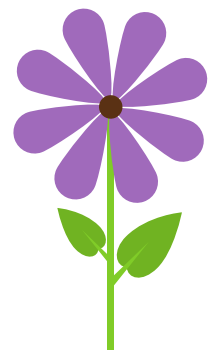
**Horse Craft
Saturday, May 1**



**May the 4th Be With
You
Tuesday, May 4**



**Flower Craft
Wednesday, May 5**



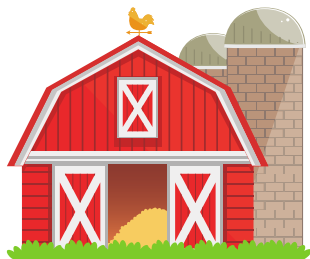
Potato Head Craft Wednesday, May 12



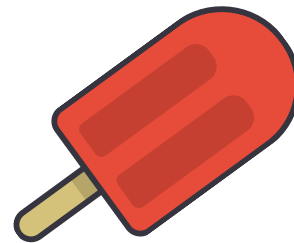
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Farm Craft Wednesday, May 19

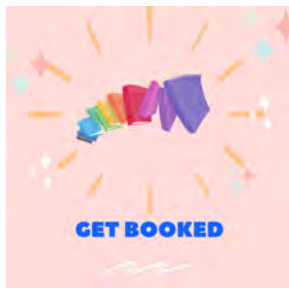


Popsicle Wednesday, May 26



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Get Booked Fridays



Jennifer discusses books based on a theme.

Milestone Moments Fridays



Jennifer talks about Milestone Moments and showcasing skills that will help your child succeed when they start school.

New Books TBD



Jennifer shares all the fun new reads for you to check out!