

# DECEMBER

## CRAGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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#### HOURS:

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10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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860-537-7201 CHILDREN'S

### All Ages Programming

#### Lobby Activity: Hot Cocoa Kits Saturday, December 28

10:30 - 11:30 am

Sponsored by Friends of Cragin Memorial Library



Stop by the lobby to put together your own hot chocolate kit to take home!

#### 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!



# Adult Programming

## Medicare Educational Events

**Thursday, December 5, 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

## Adult & Teen Programming

### Take & Make: Wooden Beaded Snowpeople

**Wednesday, December 11**

Pick up a craft kit while supplies last!

### Craft Night: Watercolor Holiday Cards

**Thursday, December 12, 6:00 pm**

#### Registration Required

Join us to make holiday cards with watercolor ornaments on them! This craft will have loose instructions, follow along or use your own creativity to make something beautiful! **Registration is required. Please call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to register.**



### At Home Paint Night: Holiday Edition

**Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 pm - Zoom**

#### Registration Required

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>

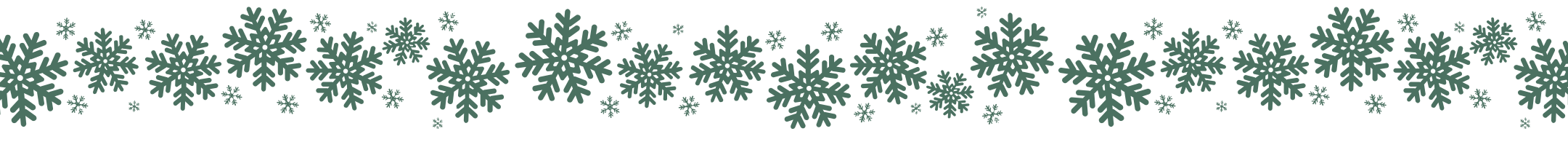


### Craft Night: Twine Tree Decorations

**Thursday, December 19, 6:00 pm**

#### Registration Required

Join us to make twine trees that will look great on your mantle! This craft may be a little messy and will need to dry on the way home with you. **Registration is required. Please call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to register.**



# Teen Programming

## For those in grades 6 - 12

### Subscription Book Boxes

#### 1st Monday of the Month

Register for our Subscription Book Boxes (New Registration for January - May). Teens will get 2 hand picked books and some goodies to keep! Teens will get a phone call when boxes are ready to be picked up.

### Teen Advisory Board

#### Tuesday, December 3, 3:00 pm

Join us for some snacks in the teen room. We can talk about books, programs, or other things you want at your local library!

### Candy Houses

#### Saturday, December 7 - Session 1: 10:30 am/Session 2: 1:30 pm

#### Registration Required

Enjoy a sweet outing for the whole family and make candy houses. **Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.**



### Eat if you dare...Holiday Edition

#### Friday, December 13, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for some treats that have a slightly different flavor than we're used to. This special eat if you dare is inspired by Thanksgiving and Christmas flavors! Please inform library staff of any allergies before the program.

### Writing Club

#### Wednesday, December 18, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Drop in to work on your writing with your peers!

### Half Day Gaming

#### Friday, December 20, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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



### Teen Interactive Movie: Nightmare Before Christmas

#### Monday, December 23, 2:00 pm

#### Registration Required

Join us for snacks while we watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1 hr 15 mins, PG). Bring a blanket and chill out with your friends to get in the spirit for Christmas! **Please call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to register.**

### Don't Forget to Pick Up

#### Foodie Fun: Holiday Edition Saturday, December 21

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><u>Toddler Storytime</u> 2 - 4 year olds 10:30 am</p> <p><u>Pre-Kindergarten Storytime</u> 4 - 5 year olds 11:30 am</p>	<p><u>Play With Me</u> 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><u>Art Explorers</u> 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><u>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay &amp; Play</u> 0 - 12 months 10:30 am</p> <p><u>Story &amp; A Craft</u> 2 - 4 year olds 6:00 pm</p> <p>*No registration required*</p>

Remember to visit our Sensory Table on Fridays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Special Storytimes No registration required.

### Holiday Storytime

Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 am

Best for ages 2 - 5

Join us for a special holiday storytime!

### Super Saturday Storytime: Winter

Saturday, December 14, 10:30 am

All Ages

Drop in for an all ages storytime and craft all about winter.

### Mrs. Claus Storytime

Monday, December 16, 6:00 pm

All Ages

Join us for a special holiday storytime with a special guest star...Mrs. Claus!



# Children's In-Person Programming



## Nerd Camp: Dog Man

Wednesday, December 4, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Grades 3 - 5

Join us as we celebrate and chat all things Dog Man..complete with activities, crafts, and snacks! Registration is required. Please call 860-537-7201 or stop by the Children's Desk to register.

## Moana Party

Thursday, December 5, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Grades K - 2

Are you excited for the new movie? Join us for a game, crafts and a sing-along! Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.

## Candy Houses

Saturday, December 7 - Session 1: 10:30 am/Session 2: 1:30 pm

Families

Enjoy a sweet outing for the whole family and make candy houses.

Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201 to register.



## Applesauce Ornaments

Wednesday, December 11 - Session 1: 10:30 am/Session 2: 4:15 pm

Families

Come make a delicious smelling ornament! Registration is required. Please call 860-537-7201 or stop by the Children's Desk to register.

## Holiday Craft: DIY Wrapping Paper

Tuesday, December 17 - Session 1: 10:30 am/Session 2: 4:15 pm

Best for ages 2 - 5

Drop in for a holiday craft!

## Craft Night

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Families

Create a smush painted holiday ornament.

## Holiday Cards

December 19 - 21

All Ages

Stop by the Children's Department to make a card!

# Free Play and Early Learning Programming

## Baby Free Play

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Best for those up to 24 months

Feel and play with all kinds of toys for babies!

## Cooperative Art

Monday, December 16 - Saturday, December 21

All Ages

Come in and help us decorate the library!



## Children's Take & Makes

**Take & Make Craft: Wreath**  
Monday, December 2

**Take & Make Craft: Picture Frame**  
Monday, December 9

**Take & Make Craft: Tree in a Truck**  
Monday, December 16

**Don't Forget  
to Pick Up**

**Foodie Fun: Holiday Edition**  
Saturday, December 21

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

## Children's Vacation Week Programming

**Take & Make Craft: Santa Door**  
Monday, December 23  
All Ages

**Holiday Free Play**  
Monday, December 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Best for ages 2 - 5

**Take & Make Craft: Holiday Paper Cookie Tray**  
Tuesday, December 24  
All Ages

**Take & Make Craft: Hanukkah Dreidel**  
Thursday, December 26  
All Ages

**Movie Afternoon at Cragin: The Wild Robot (2024, PG, 1 hr 42 mins)**  
Friday, December 27, 1:00 pm  
Families

**Watercolor Art**  
Monday, December 30, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Families

**New Years Eve Storytime**  
Tuesday, December 31, 11:45 am  
Families

Join us for a countdown to "midnight" (midday!) celebration and ring in the new year with us! Party clothes encouraged!



# January Sneak Peek

## Super Saturday Storytime: Winter Animals

**Saturday, January 4, 10:30 am**

**All Ages**

Enjoy a storytime and craft all about winter animals. No registration required.

## Musical Event: CT Mountain Dulcimer Group

**Saturday, January 4, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**All Ages**

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.



## A Court of Fantasy Readers

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

Join us at the library for our fantasy book club! This month we are reading *Dreadful* by Caitlin Rozakis.

## Teen Program: Marshmallow Taste Test

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

Join us to taste test different flavors or types of marshmallows! **Register for a reminder by stopping by the Adult Circulation Desk or calling 860-537-5752.**

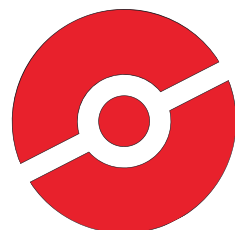
## Pokémon Party

**Thursday, January 9**

**Grades K - 2: 3:45 - 4:15 pm**

**Grades 3 - 5: 4:30 - 5:00 pm**

Join us for a party all about Pokémon including a game, craft and snack! **Registration is required. Registration opens Wednesday, December 20. Call 86-537-7201 or stop by the Children's Desk to register.**



## Closed Dates and Announcements

**Tuesday, December 24:**

**Library Closing at 1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 25:**

**Library Closed**

**Tuesday, December 31:**

**Library Closing at 1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 1:**

**Library Closed**

## 2025 Meeting Room Requests

Are you interested in using our meeting rooms? Do you already meet here on a regular basis? 2025 Meeting Requests open on **Sunday, December 1**. If you are planning to use our meeting rooms next year 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).

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2025 Meeting Room Requests Opens at 12:00 am</b> Email application to <a href="mailto:aturner@colchesterct.gov">aturner@colchesterct.gov</a></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Adult Book Bingo</b> Return your Bingo Sheets!</p> <p><b>Teen Subscription Boxes</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Wreath</b> Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Teen Advisory Board</b> 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Nerd Camp: Dog Man</b> 4:15 - 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Medicare Events</b> 3:00 pm &amp; 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Moana Party</b> 4:15 - 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Sensory Table</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Candy Houses</b> 10:30 am &amp; 1:30 pm Registration Required</p> 
<p><b>8</b></p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Picture Frame</b> Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Holiday Storytime</b> 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Wooden Beaded Snowpeople</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p><b>Children's Craft: Applesauce Ornaments</b> 10:30 am &amp; 4:15 pm Registration Required</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Baby Free Play</b> 10:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Friends of Cragin</b> 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Watercolor Holiday Cards</b> 6:00 pm Registration Required</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Sensory Table</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Teen Eat if you dare...</b> 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Super Saturday Storytime: Winter</b> 10:30 am</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Tree in a Truck</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p><b>Mrs. Claus Storytime</b> 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Children's Craft: DIY Wrapping Paper</b> 10:30 am &amp; 4:15 pm</p> <p><b>Paint Night</b> 6:30 pm, Zoom Registration Required</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Teen Writing Club</b> 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p><b>Family Craft Night</b> 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Holiday Cards</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Twine Trees</b> 6:00 pm Registration Required</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Holiday Cards</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Sensory Table</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Teen 1/2 Day Gaming</b> 1:00 - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Cooperative Art</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Holiday Cards</b> Stop by the Children's Department!</p> <p><b>Foodie Fun</b> Pick up at the library!</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Santa Door</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p><b>Holiday Free Play</b> 2:00 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>Teen Interactive Movie Nightmare Before Christmas</b> 2:00 pm Registration Required</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Holiday Paper Cookie Tray</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p><b>Library Closing at 1:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p><b>Library Closed</b></p> <p>HAPPY Hanukkah</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Children's Take &amp; Make: Hanukkah Dreidel</b> Pick up at the library!</p> <p>HAPPY KWANZAA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Sensory Table</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Movie Afternoon at Cragin: The Wild Robot</b> 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Lobby Activity: Hot Cocoa Kits</b> 10:30 - 11:30 am</p> 
<p><b>29</b></p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Family Watercolor Art</b> 2:00 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>New Years Eve Storytime</b> 11:45 am</p> <p><b>Library Closing at 1:00 pm</b></p>	<b>January</b>			
<b>Library Closed 2025</b>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Mini Art Show Canvas Pick Up</b> Pick up at the Adult Desk!</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Sensory Table</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Super Saturday Storytime: Winter Animals</b> 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Musical Event: CT Mountain Dulcimer Group</b> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>