

What's On @ Cragin

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Library Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 am–9 pm; Friday–Saturday 10 am–4 pm

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One Book, One Region

A Pearl in the Storm

by Tori Murden McClure

A book discussion led by **Susan Topping**, Instructor of Humanities at Three Rivers Community College, will take place on **Wednesday, September 8, at 7 pm.**



Sponsored by The Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

Introduction to the Internet

classes will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 16, 7 – 8 pm
- Monday, September 20, 11 am – 12 pm

All classes are **free** but class size is limited, so please call or stop by to register at the Check Out Desk.

The Friends of Cragin Memorial Library will meet on Thursday, September 9, at 7 pm in the Library.



The Library will be closed on Saturday, September 4, for **carpet cleaning** and on Monday, September 6, in observance of **Labor Day**.

Literature for a Lifetime: Odd One Out

There are characters who, through eccentricity, disability, cultural difference or just plain contrariness, live by a different set of rules from those around them; and this difference makes them 'odd one out' from those they live among. It also makes wonderful stories, and sheds light on where we get our own rules and why we follow them.

A series of free book discussions led by **James Coleman, Professor Emeritus at Three Rivers Community College**, will take place on Thursdays, at 7 pm, as follows:

- September 16: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
- September 23: *Daisy Miller* by Henry James
- September 30: *The Soloist* by Mark Salzman
- October 7: *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg

For more information or to register please call the Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Cragin and the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Know Your Snakes

Wildlife Biologist **Julie Victoria** from the State of Connecticut DEP Wildlife Division will present a program on identifying local snakes on Monday, September 20 at 7 pm. Most Connecticut snakes are helpful eaters of pests while just a few are potentially dangerous; learn how to tell them apart and live peacefully with them. No registration is required. Co-sponsored with the Colchester Garden Club.



U. S. Civics for Immigrants

A program to help people improve English speaking, reading and writing skills will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 21, 23, 28 & 30 from 10 – 11:30 am, and will address Family, Housing, Health, and Employment. Led by Dr. Loretta Anderson, Training Specialist for Literacy Volunteers of Eastern CT, classes are free and no registration is required. For more information call Literacy Volunteers at 860-443-4800 or visit the LVEC website: www.englishhelp.org.

The Write Stuff,

a local writers' group, will meet on Thursdays, September 2 & 23, at 7 pm in the Library. All writers, novice or experienced, are welcome.



Stop by the **Story Time Room** to see the new paint and carpeting furnished by the Friends of Cragin.

The Cragin Board of Trustees

will meet on Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

The display cabinet in the Reference area contains a collection of rocks & minerals on loan from **Carl Stanich**.

The watercolors, paintings and drawings displayed in the Norton Room are the works of **Dawn Brindle Shumbo and her students**.

On Wednesday, September 15, from 7 – 8:30 pm, Dawn will demonstrate watercolor technique. Enjoy insight to the tools and skills used to create watercolor paintings.



Down Syndrome Playgroup

An opportunity to play and socialize with other families on Saturdays, September 18 & October 23, 10:45 am – 12 pm. No registration is required.



Colchester Rotary Club

Wine & Cheese Tasting/ Silent & Live Auction



will be held on Saturday, October 2, 7 pm at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Avenue. Cost is \$10 per person; tickets are available at the Check-Out Desk. Proceeds will support family literacy in Colchester.



T.A.B.: Teen Advisory Board

The first meeting of the new Teen Advisory Board will be Thursday, September 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-9 are needed to plan upcoming teen activities. Teen groups across the country have planned karaoke nights, poetry slams, fashion shows, anime movie nights, and participated in national bookcart contests. Call to join.



September is National Library Card Month!

Your Cragin Library card provides access to databases through **iCONN.org**, **JobNow!** and two services for **downloadable audio books**. To ensure that high school students can access databases for their class research needs, the Library will be on-site at Bacon Academy to register students for Cragin library cards in late September.

Meet the Author: Eleanor Sullo

will introduce her new mystery in the Menopause Murder series, *Menopause Murders: Harem*, and discuss *Hostage*, the first title in the series as well as her spicy romance, *Too Damned Hot* on Wednesday, September 22, at 7 pm. This free event will feature book give-aways from Ms. Sullo's previous releases.



Preparing Your Estate Plan



- What to consider when creating a will
- Benefits of trusts in estate planning
- How to help reduce taxes on one's estate
- How insurance can help protect one's family

Come to a free presentation by financial advisor **Brendan Lewis** on Wednesday, September 29, at 7 pm. No registration is required.

Wii on Wednesdays

Play **Super Monkey Ball**, **Banana Blitz**, **Lego Star Wars** and more with your family or friends on our 8' screen! Open Wii for all ages; please register for a half hour slot on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm.

Stop by the display case in the Children's Department to see **Andrew Joseph Bear's** collection of Legos®.



Story Times

A special thank you goes out to the **Friends of Cragin** for sponsoring the Library's **Summer Reading Program** for children and families and for bringing us such wonderful educational presentations and performers as: Nappy's Puppets, Horizon Wings, Mystic Touch Tank, Kahana Hula, Family Feature Films, Cartooning with Jon Buller, Yoga with Vanessa Reynolds, Crafternoons and for providing all of the Summer Reading Program prizes for adults and children.

Congratulations to all of the winners of our Beanie Baby Raffles, Weekly Gift Card Raffles for teens and adults, and to these grand prize winners:

- iPod Raffle (Teens):
Rod Keesey
- \$15 Books Raffle (Teens):
Alicia Marvin
- Family Membership to Mystic Aquarium (Children's): **Kaylie Marvin**

Early Literacy Station™



A new computer workstation with more than 45 educational software titles for children ages 2 – 10 is located in the Children's Department. The Early Literacy Station™ offers children a safe computer not connected to the Internet that is age-appropriate, engaging, and academically relevant.

Software covers reading, math, science, social studies, writing, arts & music, and reference.

Early Fall Session:
Monday, September 13 –
Thursday, October 21.

Registration opens
Wednesday, September 8
at 10:00 a.m., in
person or by phone.

Late Fall Session:
Monday, November 1 –
Wednesday, December 15.
Registration opens Monday,
October 25 at 10:00 a.m., in
person or by phone.

Wild Ones **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

For walking toddlers 12 to 24 months old with a parent or caregiver. This fun-filled lap-sit program of short stories, rhymes, circle dances, and finger plays will introduce your wild one to fun at the library. Siblings welcome.
Please note: Session dates are Sept. 29 – Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 – Dec. 8.

Tremendous Twos & Threes **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

For children ages two and three years with a parent or caregiver. Stories, songs and rhymes will nurture a love of books in toddlers. Siblings welcome.

Fabulous Fours & Fives **Tuesdays at 10:30 am** **or 1 pm**

For older preschoolers who can attend comfortably without a parent. This program introduces children to longer, more detailed books. Children are encouraged to participate in finger rhymes, songs, crafts and flannel board activities as they gain confidence in a group setting without a parent present.



Terrific Thursdays, **K-2nd Grade** **Thursdays 3:45- 4:45**

Afterschool fun for children in Grades K-2, without a parent. Join us for a snack with stories and a craft. The works of award-winning authors and illustrators will form the focus for this relaxed program for children who can focus on longer stories.

About Registration and Attendance

In order to provide focused and coherent programs, the Children's Department will limit program size to 15 registered children. Children may join groups with open registration spots at any time during the session. Children who are waitlisted will receive priority for the next session. Please notify the Children's Department if your child is unable to attend the first meeting due to family travel or illness, or your child's slot will be given to children on the waiting list. The Children's Department reserves the right to drop programs due to low enrollment or add additional sessions for high demand programs.

Siblings and Multiples

Different age siblings may attend with their parent or caregiver, and we will ask if any sibling will attend regularly, so that they may have a nametag, too. Siblings often enjoy each other's programs and are valued members of the group. However, please understand that each program is designed for the specific developmental needs, attention span, and motor skills of its designated age group, not those of siblings.



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1	Wii on Wednesdays *	2 – 4 pm
2	The Write Stuff	7 pm
4	Carpet Cleaning	Closed
6	Labor Day	Closed
7	Cragin Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
8	Story Time Registration Opens	10 am
	Wii on Wednesdays *	2 – 4 pm
9	Book Discussion: <i>A Pearl in the Storm</i>	7 pm
	TAB: Teen Advisory Board	6:30 pm
13	Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Meeting	7 pm
	Story Time: Tremendous Twos & Threes *	10:30 am
14	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	10:30 am
	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	1 pm
15	Wii on Wednesdays *	2 – 4 pm
	Watercolor Technique Demonstration	7 pm
16	Story Time: Terrific Thursdays, K – 2 nd Grade *	3:45 pm
	Introduction to the Internet Class *	7 pm
	Book Discussion: <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> *	7 pm
18	Friends of Cragin Gold Sale	10 am – 4 pm
	Down Syndrome Playgroup	10:45 am
20	Story Time: Tremendous Twos & Threes *	10:30 am
	Introduction to the Internet Class *	11 am
	Know Your Snakes	7 pm
21	U.S. Civics for Immigrants	10 am
	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	10:30 am
	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	1 pm
22	Wii on Wednesdays *	2 – 4 pm
	Meet the Author: Eleanor Sullo	7 pm
23	U.S. Civics for Immigrants	10 am
	Story Time: Terrific Thursdays, K – 2 nd Grade *	3:45 pm
	Book Discussion: <i>Daisy Miller</i> *	7 pm
27	The Write Stuff	7 pm
	Story Time: Tremendous Twos & Threes *	10:30 am
28	U.S. Civics for Immigrants	10 am
	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	10:30 am
	Story Time: Fabulous Fours & Fives *	1 pm
29	Story Time: Wild Ones *	10:30 am
	Wii on Wednesdays *	2 – 4 pm
	Preparing Your Estate Plan	7 pm
30	U.S. Civics for Immigrants	10 am
	Story Time: Terrific Thursdays, K – 2 nd Grade *	3:45 pm
	Book Discussion: <i>The Soloist</i> *	7 pm

* Please register. (Story Time registration opens September 8.)