

What's On @ Cragin

The public library of Colchester, Connecticut since 1905

www.colchesterct.gov/library ~ E-mail: library@colchesterct.gov

May 2012

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

Telephone: 860-537-5752 ~ Children's Department: 860-537-7201 ~ Fax: 860-537-4559



Strange and Unique Cases of the State Archaeologist



A presentation by Connecticut's State Archaeologist, **Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni**, will take place on Wednesday, May 9, from 7 – 8 pm. No Registration Required. Funding provided by the Friends of Cragin.



Bird Watching for Beginners

Appreciate the beauty of birds, their songs, and their lives.

A two-part program by naturalist and artist

Robert Braunfield

will include a discussion, slide show and drawing demonstration on

Thursday, May 10, 7 – 9 pm,
at the Library

and a field trip on

Saturday, May 12, 7 – 10 am,
at The Air Line Trail in Amston.

Free and open to adults;
please register.

Funded by the
Friends of Cragin.

Got Photos, Home Movies and Memorabilia?



Do you have boxes and bags full of family photos that need to be organized or digital photos all over your computer?



Learn the ABC's of photo organizing from

Michelle Nahom

of the Association of Personal Photo Organizers on Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Topics also include how to preserve old home movies, slides, and family memorabilia.

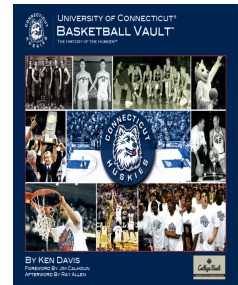
No registration is required.

Funding has been generously provided by The Friends of Cragin.

BUDGET REFERENDUM
TUESDAY, MAY 8
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
ALL VOTING AT
TOWN HALL

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 26, for carpet cleaning and on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

The University of Connecticut Basketball Vault



Sports Journalist
Ken Davis

Discusses the history of UConn Huskies Men's Basketball on **Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 pm.**

This program is free and open to all.

No registration is required.
Funding provided by the Friends of Cragin.

Introduction to the Internet



An hour-long class for individuals with little or no experience using the Internet will be held on **Mondays, May 7 & 21, from 11 am – 12 pm,** and on **Thursday, May 10, from 7 – 8 pm.**

Participants with basic computer and mouse skills will be familiarized with the Internet and instructed on how to navigate and locate websites. The class is **free** but class size is limited, so please call or stop by to register.

Generations Family Health Center

will have a primary care provider in the Backus Mobile Health Unit, available to see

walk-in patients on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month, from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

The van will be located in the **Library's lower parking on May 3 & 17.** For more information please call 860-885-1308.

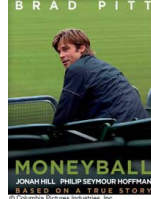


Movies for Grown-Ups

Our series of free screenings of foreign, independent and award-winning films continues on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 3: **Moneyball**

The Oakland A's general manager defies conventional wisdom and outsmarts his competition when forced to reinvent his team with bargain players. Rated PG-13; 2012



Thursday, May 17: **The Kite Runner**

After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble in this epic tale of fathers and sons.

This powerful tale of friendship and betrayal takes us from the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy to the atrocities of the Taliban reign. In Dari and English with English subtitles. Rated PG-13; 2007



Rated PG-13; 2007

Thursday, May 31: **Hugo**

An orphaned boy secretly lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station and looks after the clocks. He gets caught up in a mystery adventure when he attempts to repair a mechanical man. Rated PG; 2011



Wii on Wednesdays

Play with your family or friends on our 8-foot screen! Open Wii for all ages; please register for a half-hour slot on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.



The Friends of Cragin will hold their next meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm.

The display case in the Children's Department contains a collection of **Lego creations** on loan from **Wyatt Nowakowski.**



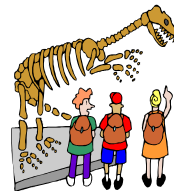
The Write Stuff, a local writers' group, will meet on the first and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 pm in the Library. All writers, novice or experienced, are welcome.



The nature photography and hand-made frames displayed in the

Norton Room are on loan from **Barry Ford of Ford Folios.**

Did you know that **book repair sessions** take place at the Library every Monday from 1 – 2 pm? More volunteers are always welcome. Help us keep our well-used books in good condition. Inquire at the Check Out Desk.



Museum Passes

available at Cragin:

- The Children's Museum/Roaring Brook Nature Center
- Children's Museum of Southeastern CT
- CT's Old State House
- CT Science Center
- CT State Parks & Forests Day Pass
- The Florence Griswold Museum
- Lutz Children's Museum
- Mashantucket Pequot Museum
- Mystic Aquarium
- Mystic Seaport
- Peabody Museum of Natural History
- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Passes have a two day checkout period, are available to all Connecticut library card holders, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No deposit is required.

Good Choices for Busy Families

On Thursday, May 24, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, join **Linda Casey, RD** for a hands-on demo (**and tasting!**) of fast, easy foods and strategies to keep your family's eating on track.

Sponsored by C3-the Collaborative for Colchester's Children, Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester Parks & Recreation, and Colchester Youth & Social Services.

Free, but to ensure enough food, **please register** at the Library.



2012 Summer Reading Programs @ Cragin:

Our Children's Summer Reading Program will kick-off on Thursday, June 21 with **Family Dance Party with DJ Dave.**



Watch for more information on our Children's Summer Reading Program, **Dr. Cragin Digs for Treasure,** and our Teen Summer Reading Program, **May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor.**

Story Times



Spring 2012 Session:
Mon., Apr. 16 – Thu., May 24

No Story Times the week of April 30 – May 3.

Baby Boom
Will resume in the fall!



Wild Ones
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am
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.

Tremendous 2s & 3s
Mondays, 10:30 – 11:00 am
Mondays, 11:15 – 11:45 am
Wednesdays, 11:15 – 11:45 am
Thursdays, 10:45 – 11:15 am
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 4s & 5s
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am or 1:00 – 1:30 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 flannel boards, songs, action rhymes, and activities designed to foster pre-reading skills.

Terrific Thursdays, K-2nd grade

Thursdays, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
After-school stories and 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 attend to longer stories.

Down Syndrome Playgroup

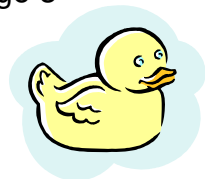
Get together for an opportunity to play and socialize with other families on Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. No registration required.



Water Wonders

Bring your toddler age 3 and under for water play during our newly extended hours on **Fridays from**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the water table. (We use rice in place of water on cooler days.) For safety and a positive experience, the water table is only open to children through age 3 and parental supervision is required. The table is available on a drop-in basis. No registration is required.



The Children's Department can now be dialed directly at 860-537-7201.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2012		1	2 Wii on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4 pm	3 Health Van 8:30 – 11:30 am Internet Class 7 pm Movie: <i>Moneyball</i> 7 pm	4 Water Wonders 10 am – 2 pm	5 
		6	7 Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:30 am Internet Class 11 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am	8 Budget Referendum 6 am – 8 pm Fabulous 4s & 5s 10:30 am Fabulous 4s & 5s 1 pm	9 Wild Ones 10:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am Wii on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4 pm State Archaeologist 7 pm	10 Health Van 8:30 – 11:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:45 am Terrific Thursdays 3:45 pm Bird Watching for Beginners 7 pm Friends of Cragin 7 pm Internet Class 7 pm
13 	14 Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am	15 Fabulous 4s & 5s 10:30 am Fabulous 4s & 5s 1 pm	16 Wild Ones 10:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am Wii on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4 pm Got Photos? 7 pm	17 Health Van 8:30 – 11:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:45 am Terrific Thursdays 3:45 pm Movie: <i>The Kite Runner</i> 7 pm	18 Water Wonders 10 am – 2 pm	19 Down Syndrome Playgroup 10:30 am
20	21 Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:30 am Internet Class 11 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am	22 Fabulous 4s & 5s 10:30 am Fabulous 4s & 5s 1 pm	23 Wild Ones 10:30 am Tremendous 2s & 3s 11:15 am Wii on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4 pm Ken Davis 7 pm	24 Tremendous 2s & 3s 10:45 am Terrific Thursdays 3:45 pm Good Choices for Busy Families 6:30 pm	25 Water Wonders 10 am – 2 pm	26 Library Closed for Carpet Cleaning
27 	28 Memorial Day Closed	29	30 Wii on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4 pm	31 Movie: <i>Hugo</i> 7 pm		