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MON, WED, THU

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TUE

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

860-537-5752 MAIN

860-537-7201 CHILDREN'S

All Ages Programs

Fairy Garden Crafting

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Craft pieces for our new fairy garden here at the library. This program is co-sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club Youth Division and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. **Registration required, please call 860-537-7201 to register.**

Watercolor Bookmarks

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Drop by the lobby for a quick bookmark craft!



Snake Rock

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Paint a rock with us in the lobby to help make our rock snake grow. This program is a partnership with the youth division of The Colchester Garden Club.

Adult Programming

Life Insurance Educational Events

Thursday, April 11, Session 1: 2:00 pm/Session 2: 5:00 pm

Have you secured yourself with Life Insurance? Come and learn about Life Insurance options, presented by Mark Macrina, a local Insurance Agent. This educational presentation is open for anyone from age 18+.

Medicare Educational Events

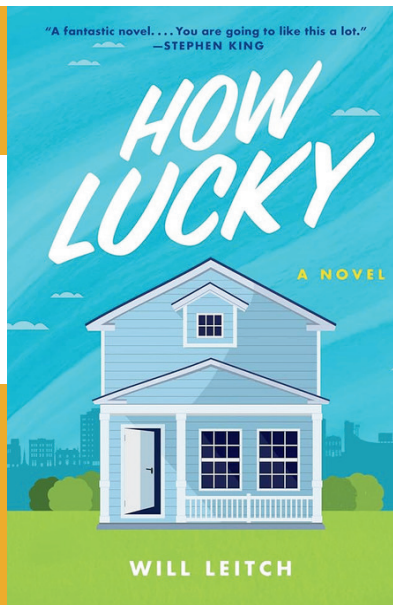
Thursday, April 11, Session 1: 3:00 pm/Session 2: 6:00 pm

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

A Court of Fantasy Readers

Monday, April 1, 5:30 pm

Join us at the library for our special fantasy book club! This month we are reading *Starling House* by Alix E. Harrow.



Cragin Book Club

Monday, April 22, 6:00 pm

Join us at the library for Cragin Book Club. This month we are reading *How Lucky* by Will Leitch.

Take and Make Crafts

Stop by the Adult Department to pick up a craft kit while supplies last!

Wednesday, April 10: Seed Bombs (All Ages)

Friday, April 12: Paper and Pipecleaner Lilies (All Ages)

Wednesday, April 24: Felt Flower Bookmark (Adult & Teen)

Teen Programming For those in grades 6 - 12

Eat if you dare...

Monday, April 1, 3:00 - 3:30 pm



Dare to try some of the weird snacks we have for you? Celebrate April Fools with this...delicious...program. Please inform library staff of any food allergies.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 2, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Check in with your peers and librarians to talk about making the library the best teen space possible!

Writing Club

Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Do you like to write? Join our teen writing club! We will give you prompts or guidance to help you accomplish your writing goals!

Foodie Fun

Saturday, April 20

Grab your bag of goodies, watch our video online and create a seasonal treat.

1/2 Day Gaming

Friday, April 26, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Stop by for some snacks and games on your 1/2 day!



Teen & Adult In-Person Craft Night

Resin Art

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 pm

Join us for a fun craft night at the library! **Registration is required.**

Please call 860-537-5752 or stop at the Adult Circulation Desk to register.



April Break Programs

Superhero Party

Monday, April 8, 2:30 - 3:15 pm

For Grades K - 5

Join us for a super fun superhero party. **Registration is required. Call 860-537-7201 to register.**



Fairy Garden Crafting

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 - 11:30 am

All Ages

See the front page for more information!



Family Movie Night: Wish

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 pm

Join us for a fun family movie night! Wear your PJ's, bring a snack and watch *Wish* (2023, PG, 1 hr 35 min).

Free Play: Tubes and Tunnels

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Best for ages 2 - 7

Join us for a sensory play experience with tubes and tunnels and pom-poms!

Sensory Table+

Friday, April 12, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Best for ages 2 - 5

Join us for our usual sensory table with some added sensory experiences!

Steam Saturday: Popcorn

Saturday, April 13

Best suited for those in grades K - 5

Pick up your kit, watch our video on social media, and have a blast experimenting.



Take & Makes:



- Wednesday, April 10: All Ages Craft: Seed Bombs (Pick up in Adult Department)
- Wednesday, April 10: Children's Craft: Farm Animal (Pick up in Children's Department)
- Friday, April 12: All Ages Craft: Pipecleaner Lilies (Pick up in Adult Department)

Children's Crafts

Take & Make: Lion
Monday, April 1
 All ages

Take & Make: Farm Animal
Wednesday, April 10
 All ages

Take & Make: Construction
Monday, April 15
 All ages

Take & Make: Pets
Monday, April 22
 All ages

Children's Art Night: Watercolor Flowers
Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 All ages

Take & Make: 3D Flower
Monday, April 29
 All ages

Storytime & Literacy Programs

Spring Storytime Session: March 25 - May 16

Questions? Ask at the Children's Desk or call 860-537-7201.

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

Super Saturday Storytime
Saturday, April 6, 10:30 am

All ages

Join us for our super awesome Saturday storytime!

Nerd Camp

Nerd Camp: Sticker Swap
Wednesday, April 17, 4:15 - 4:45 pm
 For those in grades 3 - 5

We're hosting a program to chat about our favorite nerdy topics over snacks. This month we're swapping stickers!

Registration is required. Call 860-537-7201 to register.

Foodie Fun

Foodie Fun
Saturday, April 20
 For Kids and Teens

Grab your bag of goodies, watch our video online and create a seasonal treat.



Passport to CT Libraries

Libraries all over Connecticut are participating in this exciting program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card. Pick up a passport at Cragin and visit participating libraries during the month of April (**April 1 - 30**). Return your passport to any participating CT library by **May 10, 2024**. This is a Connecticut Library Association initiative. Passports with at least 5 library stamps will be entered in the statewide drawings for Visa gift cards.

May Sneak Peak

Author Event: Hanna Perlstein Marcus **Thursday, May 2, 6:00 pm**

Join award-winning author, Hanna Perlstein Marcus, as she discusses Sidonia's Seam Binding, the last installment of the Sidonia's Thread series of books, which continues the story of a mother and daughter who come to Springfield, Massachusetts, with only each other after the Holocaust. Learn how Hanna developed her true character, modeled her mother's masterful clothing designs, traced her mother Sidonia's lost Hungarian Ancestry, and created an imagined reality for her mother as though she had never been born. There's no other tale quite like it! This program is sponsored by our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

Super Saturday Storytime: May The Fourth Be With You **Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am**

All Ages

Stop by the library for a storytime celebrating Star Wars Day! (Also pick up a cute Princess Leia Take & Make)

Success with Hydrangeas **Saturday, May 11, 10:30 am**

Join us for a special program presented by Lorraine Ballato. Through slides and discussion, you'll learn all about hydrangeas, including the many recent introductions that have hit the market, their proper care, and the hardy cultivars that perform well despite over-enthusiastic pruning and finicky weather. This program is sponsored by The Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. **Registration is required.** Please call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to register.

Thank You

**Thank you to everyone who attended our Friends of Cragin Memorial Library Book & Bake Sale.
Mark your calendars for the next one!**

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

**Regular Sale
Sat, June 8
10am - 4pm
Sun, June 9
11am - 3pm**

**Bag sale - \$5 a bag
Mon, June 10: 10am - 8pm
Tue, June 11: 10am - 5pm
Wed. June 12: 10am - 8pm**

Sneak Peak at Summer

**Summer Reading Registration and
In-Person Program Registration
begins Monday, June 10.**

**Camp Cragin – Goodbye Schoolyear...
HELLO Summer!**

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 pm

**Join us for a kick-off to summer reading with this special Thursday Family Fun Night!
No registration required.**

Some other programs we are hosting this year:

- Foodie Fun: S'mores Edition (Weds.)**
- Spy Camp for Grades 3 - 7 (Tues.)**
- Take & Make: Adventure Craft (Fri.)**

April

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Passport to CT Libraries Runs April 1 - April 30. Return your finished passport to any participating library by May 10. 	1 Teen Subscription Box Registered teens can pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Lion Pick up at the library! Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am Eat if you dare... 3:00 - 3:30 pm Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm	2 Walkers & Talkers 10:30 am Music & Movement 11:30 am Teen Advisory Board 3:00 - 3:30 pm	3 Mother Goose 10:30 am	4 Baby Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30 am	5 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	6 Super Saturday Storytime 10:30 am
7 Colchester Public Schools April Break (No Storytimes) 	8 Superhero Party 2:30 - 3:15 pm Registration Required.	9 Fairy Garden Crafting 10:30 - 11:30 am Registration Required.	10 All Ages Craft: Seed Bombs Pick up at the library! Children's Craft: Farm Animal Pick up at the library! Family Movie Night: Wish (2023, PG, 1hr35mins) 5:30 pm	11 Free Play: Tubes and Tunnels 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Life Insurance Educational Event 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm Medicare Educational Event 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm	12 All Ages Craft: Pipecleaner Lilies Pick up at the library! Sensory Table+ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	13 STEAM Saturday Pick up at the library!
14	15 Children's Craft: Construction Pick up at the library! Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am	16 Walkers & Talkers 10:30 am Music & Movement 11:30 am	17 Mother Goose 10:30 am Writing Club 3:00 - 3:45 pm Nerd Camp: Sticker Swap 4:15 - 4:45 pm Registration required.	18 Baby Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30 am	19 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	20 Foodie Fun Pick up at the library! Lobby Craft: Watercolor Bookmarks 10:30 - 11:30 am
21	22 Children's Craft: Pets Pick up at the library! Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm	23 Walkers & Talkers 10:30 am Music & Movement 11:30 am	24 Adult & Teen Craft: Felt Flower Bookmark Pick up at the library! Mother Goose 10:30 am Children's Art Night: Watercolor Flowers 6:00 - 7:00 pm	25 Baby Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30 am Teen & Adult Art Night: Resin Art 6:00 pm Registration Required.	26 Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Teen 1/2 Day Gaming 1:00 - 2:00 pm	27 Lobby Craft: Rock Snake 10:30 - 11:30 am
28	29 Children's Craft: 3D Flower Pick up at the library! Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am	30 Walkers & Talkers 10:30 am Music & Movement 11:30 am	Stop in this month to see Ted Dubay's miniature wood carvings in the Adult Department Display Case.			