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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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## Adult Programming

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

Sponsored by Friends of Cragin Memorial Library

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.

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

Sponsored by The Colchester Garden Club & Friends of Cragin Memorial Library

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.

Registration is required. Please call 860-537-5752 or stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to register.



# Adult Programming

## Life Insurance Educational Events

**Thursday, May 23, 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, May 23, 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

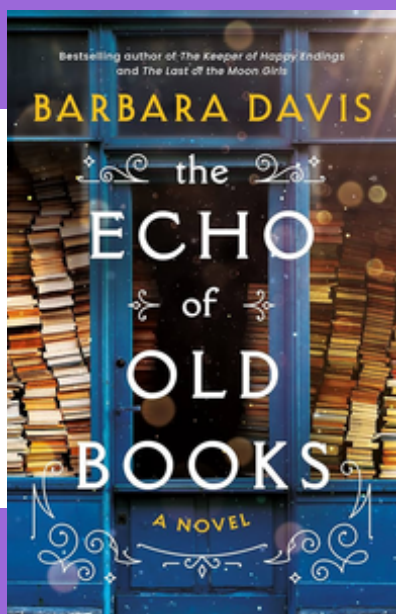
## A Court of Fantasy Readers

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

Join us at the library for our special fantasy book club! This month we are reading *The Hurricane Wars* by Thea Guanzon.



## Cragin Book Club



**Monday, May 20, 6:00 pm**

Join us outside in the senior center parking lot (bring a chair) if it is nice, or at the library if it's raining for Cragin Book Club. This month we are reading *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis.

## Teen & Adult Take and Make Crafts



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

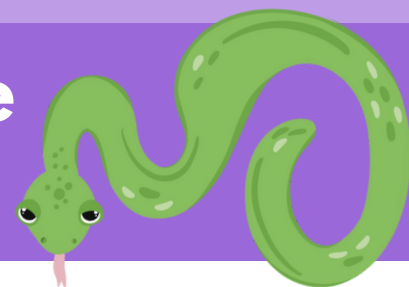
**Wednesday, May 8: Macramé Gnome**

**Wednesday, May 22: Felt Corgi Bookmark**





# All Ages 2nd Annual Nature Photography Show!



Calling all amateur photographers! We will be hosting a gallery opening filled with your work! During the month of May take a nature photo and send it to [craginlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:craginlibrary@gmail.com) with a title and your name to be included in our gallery opening on **Monday, June 17 at 6:00 pm**. Send your photos to us by **Saturday, June 1**.

## Teen Programming For those in grades 6 - 12

### Writing Club

**Wednesday, May 1, 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!

### Teen Advisory Board

**Tuesday, May 7, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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

### Foodie Fun

**Saturday, May 11**

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

### Chip Taste Test

**Thursday, May 16, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Try some different (maybe weird?) flavors of chips with us!

### Teen Drop-In Craft

**Thursday, May 30, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Drop-in to the teen room for a quick craft!



# Children's Programming

## Star Wars Day: May 4

### Super Saturday Storytime: Star Wars Day

**10:30 am**

**All ages**

Join us for our super awesome Star Wars Saturday storytime!

### Princess Leia Take & Make Craft

**All ages**

Stop by the library for a craft inspired by Princess Leia.

### Find the Baby Yodas Hidden in the Children's Room

**All ages**



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**Saturday, May 11**

**For Kids and Teens**

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



## Nerd Camp

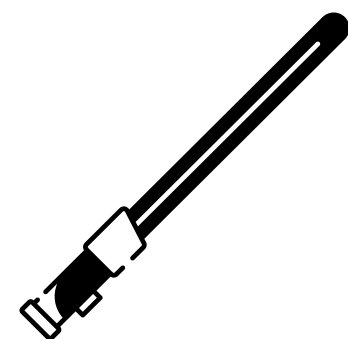
### Nerd Camp: Star Wars

**Wednesday, May 15, 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.

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



## STEAM Saturday

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**Saturday, May 18**

**For Families**

Grab your bag, follow along with the video, and enjoy some flower experiments.



## Children's Crafts

**Take & Make: Taco**  
**Monday, May 6**  
 All ages



**Children's Art Night: 3D Ant**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**  
 All ages

**Mother's Day Cards**  
**Thursday, May 9 - Saturday, May 11**  
 All ages

**Take & Make: Parrot**  
**Monday, May 13**  
 All ages

**Take & Make: Hamburger**  
**Monday, May 20**  
 All ages



**Take & Make: Snail**  
**Friday, May 24**  
 All ages



**Take & Make: Tiara**  
**Friday, May 24**  
 All ages

**Take & Make: Flip Flop**  
**Friday, May 31**  
 All ages

## Children's Storytime and 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**

## Fairy Garden Opening

**Fairy Garden Opening**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 pm**  
 All Ages

Join us as we officially open our new fairy garden!

Refreshments will be served. Thank you to The Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library for sponsoring this garden. **Rain Date: May 14, 4:30 pm.**





# Children's Planting Morning

**Saturday, May 18, 10:30 - 11:30 am**

Join us outside in front of the building to paint a pot and get a plant!  
This program is sponsored by The Colchester Garden Club Youth Division and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.



## Friends of Cragin Memorial Library June Book Sale

### Pre-Sale

**Fri, June 7**

**\$5 Admission**

**4pm - 7pm**

### Regular Sale

**Sat, June 8**

**10am - 4pm**

**Sun, June 9**

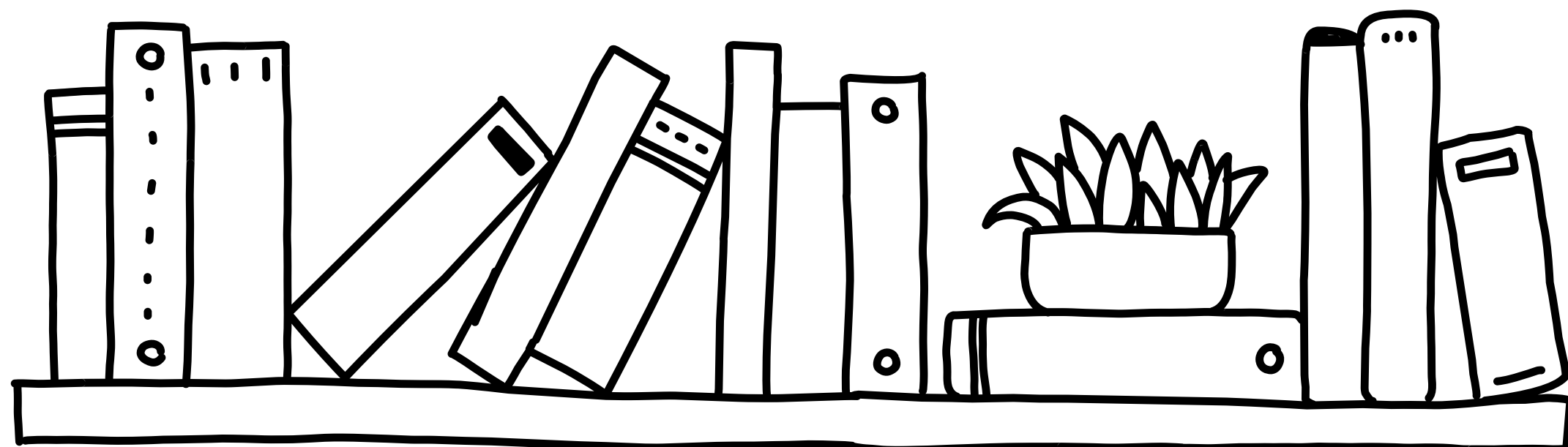
**11am - 3pm**

### Bag sale - \$5 a bag

**Mon, June 10: 10am - 8pm**

**Tue, June 11: 10am - 5pm**

**Wed. June 12: 10am - 8pm**



**Visiting the Book Sales help fund and sponsor all of the library programs we host throughout the year.**

**Thank you!**

## Summer Reading

# ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

**Sign up for programs (call the library) and start logging your reading on Monday, June 10.**  
**[craginlibrary.readsquared.com](http://craginlibrary.readsquared.com)**

Welcome to Summer at Cragin! This year we have programs for:

- Adults (ages 18+)
- Teens (ages 11-18, or entering grades 6-12)
- Kids (ages 0-11, or entering grade 5)

**Adults:** With each book you finish (up to 25) stop by the library for a raffle ticket and prize. Put your raffle tickets toward one of our grand prizes.

**Teens:** When you log **300** minutes stop in and pick up your Summer bag! Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in our store!

**Kids:** When you log **200** minutes stop in and pick up your Summer bag! Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in our store!

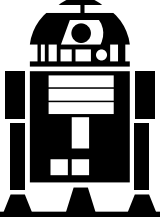




## June Puzzle Tournament

**Saturday, June 15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Do you love puzzles? Join us for an amateur puzzle tournament. Register groups of up to 5 people by calling the Adult Circulation Desk at 860-537-5752. Best suited for teens and adults.**

# May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Stop in this month to see art hanging in the Norton Rooms by Christine Nosal.</b></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Nature Photo Show Submissions Open! Send to <a href="mailto:craginlibrary@gmail.com">craginlibrary@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Mother Goose #1 10:30 am</p> <p>Mother Goose #2 11:30 am</p> <p>Teen Writing Club 3:00 - 3:45</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Author Event 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>May the Fourth!</p> <p>Children's Craft: Princess Leia Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Super Saturday Storytime 10:30 am</p> 
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Taco Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am</p> <p>Court of Fantasy Readers 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Walkers &amp; Talkers 10:30 am</p> <p>Music &amp; Movement 11:30 am</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Fairy Garden Opening 4:30 pm (Rain Date 5/14/24)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Macramé Gnome Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Mother Goose #1 10:30 am</p> <p>Mother Goose #2 11:30 am</p> <p>Children's Art Night: 3D Ant 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Mother's Day Cards Make one in the Children's Department!</p> <p>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Mother's Day Cards Make one in the Children's Department!</p> <p>Passports to CT Libraries due today!</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Mother's Day Cards Make one in the Children's Department!</p> <p>Foodie Fun Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Success with Hydrangeas 10:30 - 11:30 am Registration required.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Parrot Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Pre-K Storytime 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Walkers &amp; Talkers 10:30 am</p> <p>Music &amp; Movement 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Mother Goose #1 10:30 am</p> <p>Mother Goose #2 11:30 am</p> <p>Nerd Camp 4:15 - 4:45 pm Registration required.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Baby Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30 am</p> <p>Teen Chip Taste Test 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>STEAM Saturday Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Garden Club Children's Event 10:30 - 11:30 am</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Hamburger Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Cragin Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Adult &amp; Teen Craft: Felt Corgi Bookmark Pick up at the library!</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Life Insurance Educational Event 2:00 pm &amp; 5:00 pm</p> <p>Medicare Educational Event 3:00 pm &amp; 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Snail Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Children's Craft: Tiara Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>  <p><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Teen Drop in Craft 3:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Children's Craft: Flip Flop Pick up at the library!</p> <p>Sensory Table 10:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	