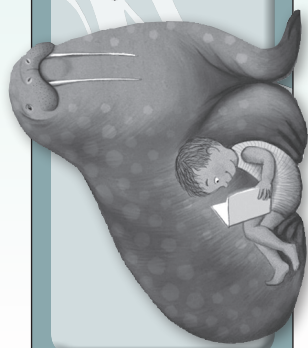


JUNE, JULY
& AUGUST
2022

footnotes & Calendar of Events

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Adult Summer Reading, June 7 – August 19

Register yourself in person, online, or by phone. Read or listen to the library books of your choice at your own pace beginning Tuesday, June 7. Receive one prize ticket for each book completed. Tickets will be available at the library, online, or you can call to have one submitted. Weekly drawings held on Fridays. All weekly entries will be entered into the grand prize drawing which will be held on Friday, August 19.

Adult Summer Reading Registration – Oceans of Possibilities

Tuesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Outside in the library parking lot.



CHILDREN'S & TEEN Summer Reading Kickoff 2022

Friday, June 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

* **TEEN** Join us for an exciting kickoff! Teens who sign up at the kickoff can enter a drawing for a prize basket & gift card.

* **CHILDREN'S** Help us kick off a great summer of reading activities! Get an Activity Passport and visit all the stations at the kickoff. Check out our bubble dance party! There will also be balloon twisting, glitter tattoos, and more.

* Friends Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Friends Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with the election of officers, the Friend of the Year announcement, and other recognitions. All are welcome to attend.



* Author Visit: Stewart O'Nan – Hybrid

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is excited to announce that in collaboration with area libraries in Avon, Berlin, Canton, New Hartford, Rocky Hill, Torrington, Wethersfield, and Winsted, we will be hosting Stewart O'Nan for a live hybrid program speaking about his new book *Ocean State: A Novel*. Registration required to receive Zoom link or view with staff at the library. See inside for book discussions for *Ocean State: A Novel* by Stewart O'Nan.



Library Board Annual Meeting – Save the Date

Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Many of the programs the library offers are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. These programs are identified by the symbol above.

All programs now require registration. They will be identified by this symbol. Unless noted, registration will be taken over the telephone at the Adult Information Desk by calling 860-665-8700 or the Children's Dept. at 860-665-8720.



Tiny Art Show – All Ages Begins Friday, July 1

Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Call beginning July 1 to register for a mini artist kit. Once you've finished your masterpiece, return it to the library by Friday, August 5 to be part of the exhibit! The art will be on display from August 10 through the end of the month. The mini artist kit includes: 4"x4" canvas and easel, acrylic paint, and brushes. All ages are welcome to participate!



Front Porch Book Sale Saturday, June 11,

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will be holding a small front porch book sale. Come and stock up on some great summer items!



NEW! The CapiraMobile app is here!! Download our new mobile app to

view the library catalog, access your checkouts, holds, and reading history; as well as databases, museum passes and more! Available in the App Store and Google Play for iOS and Android.



NEW! Lawn Games @ the Library

Looking for a new lawn game to try with friends and family for a fun-filled weekend? Try one of our outdoor lawn games that can be checked out for one week. Games include Spikeball, YardZee, Jazzminton, bocce, cornhole, and ladder toss. Call the library or check the website for more information.



Dining Partner Program

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, continues to offer the Dining Partner Program. See what discounts or special deals your favorite participating restaurants will be offering. Dining tickets will be distributed by curbside pickup and other events, and identified with the waiter symbol.

Program Reminders

Information on how to join a program can be

found on our website. Please contact the library or visit our website for the most up-to-date information. These programs may need to change based on COVID-19 restrictions or inclement weather. We appreciate your patience in this matter – our primary concern is everyone's safety.



Online Registration for Library Programs!!

Register online for programs and events. Some programs require registration to receive Zoom link.



In-Person, Outdoor, and Hybrid programs are designated with an [*] asterisk. Numbers of participants may be limited.



Virtual Programs will continue to be held on Zoom. Program information, as well as the Zoom link to access the program, will be emailed prior to the event.



Hybrid Programs are a combination of virtual programming that can be viewed at home or in person at the library.



Other Programs that are recorded and do not require registration can be found on our YouTube channel or on our website.



Outdoor Programs will take place as offered, weather permitting



Bonus Collaborative Programming

We continue to collaborate with our neighboring libraries in Berlin, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield as a way to bring amazing programs to all of our patrons! You can register in Newington online or in-person and receive Zoom links for all programs.

It's a win-win! Enjoy!!

Adult Events

Please check the Adult Events webpage for up-to-date program info and access.

JUNE



OCEAN STATE: A Novel Book Discussion and Hybrid Author Visit



Page Turners Book Discussion

Ocean State: A Novel by Stewart O'Nan
Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.,
Community Room

Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat. All are welcome.

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library!!

Ocean State: A Novel by Stewart O'Nan
Thursday, June 9, noon,
Community Room

Back by popular demand is the *Brown Bag It* series. Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. The author will discuss his book at a live hybrid presentation on June 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Author Visit: Stewart O'Nan - Hybrid

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is excited to announce that in collaboration with area libraries we will be hosting Stewart O'Nan for a live hybrid program speaking about his new book *Ocean State: A Novel*.



In-Person Coloring/Puzzle Get-togethers and Grab & Go Coloring for Adults

June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19 and August 9 & 23

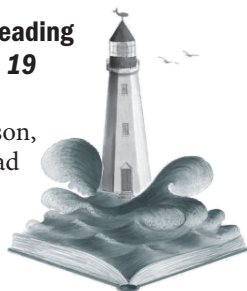
We are happy to offer in-person coloring and puzzle mornings, each with their own theme. Come join in the fun! Pick up on or after the dates listed. Please register to attend in person.



Adult Summer Reading June 7 – August 19

(see front cover)

Register yourself in person, online, or by phone. Read or listen to the library books of your choice at your own pace.



Adult Summer Reading Registration – Oceans of Possibilities

(see front cover)

Tuesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Outside in the library parking lot.

Registration for the Adult Summer Reading Program.

Spice It to GO! — Explore a different culinary spice each month. We'll provide a small FREE take-it home kit, which will include a small sample of the spice, recipes and information and the history of each featured spice. Supplies are limited.

June's Spice It to Go - Honey Powder

Recipe: Sports Splasher

Pickup: June 13 – 18

July's Spice It to Go - Dill

Recipe: Herb Cream Cheese Dip

Pickup: July 5 – 9

August Spice It to Go - Lavender Extract

Recipe: Melt-in-Your-Mouth

Lavender Shortbread

Pickup: July 18 – 23



"Queen of the Coop" Author Lisa Steele - Hybrid

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

Join the award-winning blogger Lisa Steele, better known as "Queen of the Coop." A native New Englander and resident of Maine, with over 1 million followers on her blog *Fresh Eggs Daily*, Steele is now the go-to eggspert on how to raise chickens and what to do with all your fresh eggs! In her newest book, *The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook*, Lisa will expand your egg repertoire beyond the usual breakfast fare of fried, poached, and scrambled. Register to receive the Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.



Save at the Supermarket - Hybrid

Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join Jill Patterson, RDN, for this engaging workshop! As a registered dietitian and nutrition expert, Jill brings her background of menu planning on a budget for school systems, consulting for grocery store chains, and being a cost-conscious shopper. Her strategies to save money while meeting nutrition recommendations, along with "Price Is Right"-style game questions and recipe resources, will be included in this presentation.



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

- June 14 & 28
- July 12 & 26
- August 16 & 30

We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Stop by and pick up your packet on or after the dates listed above.



* Author Visit – Stewart O’Nan – Hybrid

(See front cover)

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is excited to announce that in collaboration with area libraries we will be hosting Stewart O’Nan for a live hybrid program speaking about his new book, *Ocean State: A Novel*.

* Getting Started with Hoopla Digital and Libby

Thursday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create an account and how to use the popular reading apps Hoopla Digital and Libby on your smartphone, tablet, or web browser. These platforms provide access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more. All you need is a library card!



* All About the Connecticut Humane Society

Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.

Want to learn more about the Connecticut Humane Society? Interested in learning how you can make a difference for pets in need? Take a closer look at the services that the CHS provides and how you can get involved with pets in need.



Oceans of Possibilities – Hybrid

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 p.m.

Join our friends at French’s Travel for another evening of travel possibilities in the oceans, including cruises and islands.

Registration required to receive Zoom link or view program in person at the library with staff. Sponsored by French’s Travel and the NCC.



JULY

* Tiny Art Show – All Ages

(see cover for details)

Begins Friday, July 1

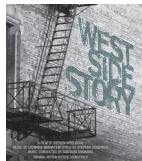
Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Call beginning July 1 to register for a mini artist kit. The art will be on display from August 10 through the end of the month. The mini artist kit includes: 4"x4" canvas and easel, acrylic paint, and brushes.



* Movies @ Your Library! West Side Story

Tuesday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

An adaptation of the 1957 musical *West Side Story* explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. Starring Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler and Ariana DeBose. PG-13.



* Aromatherapy 102: Hydration Station

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

Explore some of the most natural effective skin hydrators with Certified Aromatherapist Kim Larkin. There will also be a hands-on workshop where you will create personalized hydrating products to take home.



Star Wars Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

May the Force be with you! Join us online for a trivia night all about Star Wars. Answer trivia questions by yourself or with a group of friends. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.



* Book Talks by Librarians

Thursday, July 28, 1:00 p.m.

Looking for a hot summer read? Join your librarians for book recommendations of all genres! Cool off with some great titles during these dog days of summer.

AUGUST

Soul Speake Alchemy Boxes

Tuesday, August 2, 6:00 p.m.

Join Kim Larkin for a unique soulful, meditative art program that transforms an 8 x 8 craft



box into your own 3-D alchemy box. A wide variety of supplies will be provided.

Sponsored by the family of Cecile Deschler.

* Oceans of Possibilities Paint Afternoon

Thursday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

Join Laura Healy for an afternoon of painting at the library. All materials included. Sponsored by Middlewoods of Newington.



* Page Turners Book Discussion The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff

Thursday August 4, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by a library staff member. All are welcome.



* Movies @ Your Library! Dog

Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Two former Army Rangers are paired against their will on the road trip of a lifetime as they race down the Pacific Coast to get to a fellow soldier’s funeral on time. Starring Channing Tatum. PG-13.



* Getting Started with Instagram and Snapchat

Thursday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to create an account and how to use the popular social media platforms. This program will cover creating posts, stories, reels, sending messages, and more!



* Adult Summer Reading Finale – Oceans of Possibilities

Friday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

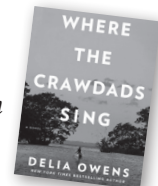
Finale information will be sent out to participants in early August.



* Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Thursday, August 25, noon

Back by popular demand is the *Brown Bag It* series. Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.



Teen Events

Please check the Teen Events webpage for up-to-date program info and access.

JUNE

SUMMER READING KICKOFF – ALL AGES

Summer Reading 2022 – Oceans of Possibilities



Friday, June 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Help us kick off the summer! Teens who sign up at the kickoff can enter a drawing for a prize basket. Earn an extra prize ticket by filling out a library survey. Also, Teen Volunteer Network applications will be available!





Teen Pop-up

Tuesday, June 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner to design and make your own buttons.  

Teen Indoor Laser Tag

Friday, June 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Teens will be able to play laser tag in the library! Rolling Video Games of New England is coming with their gear for a special after-hours adventure. Waiver forms will be available at the Adult Information Desk.  



Teen Grab & Go: Japanese Mini Food



Monday, June 27

For grades 6 – 12. These are the DIY candy kits made popular all over the world. Just add water! Call beginning June 27 to reserve.  



Teen Cookbook Club

Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m.



For grades 6 – 12. Welcome to our first Cookbook Club for Teens! Channel your inner chef as we make mango parfaits and lazy thin mints.  



JULY

Tiny Art Show – All Ages



Begins Friday, July 1

Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Call beginning July 1 to register for a mini artist kit. Once you've finished your masterpiece, return it to the library by Friday, August 5 to be part of the exhibit! The art will be on display from August 10 through the end of the month. The mini artist kit includes: 4"x4" canvas and easel, acrylic paint, and brushes.  



Teen Pop-Up


Tuesday, July 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Drop by for a Perler bead program in the Teen Corner. Choose from dozens of templates or design your own!  





Teen Slime Time

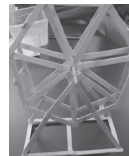
Thursday, July 7, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Join us and create your own ocean slime. Let your imagination run wild as you concoct your very own creation! 

Teen Grab & Go: Snap it Kits



Monday, July 18

Build a Ferris wheel out of popsicle sticks simply by “snapping” them together. Call beginning August 1 to reserve while supplies last.  




Teen Roller Coaster Raucus

Monday, July 18, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Join the Connecticut Science Center as you roll, twist, loop, and speed down the track YOU design! Can you get your passengers safely to the end?  

Teen Book Club



Thursday, July 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Come discuss the bestselling *Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. The library will have a limited supply of copies available. 



Teen Horror Movie Night



Tuesday, July 26, 5:45 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Hang out with friends, eat snacks, and watch a horror movie! Movie to be determined by a vote. Dress comfy! All movies are rated PG-13.  



Teen Paper Quilling

Thursday, July 28, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.



For grades 6 – 12. Learn the art of paper quilling – rolling, shaping, and gluing strips of paper to create decorative designs. All supplies provided.  



AUGUST

Teen Cricut Creations


Tuesday, August 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Let your creativity flow! Design your own logo for a book bag, Chromebook or water bottle. Have fun with your one-of-a-kind creation.  



Oceans of Possibilities Paint Afternoon

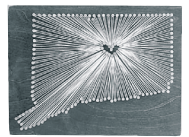
Thursday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

Join Laura Healy for an afternoon of painting at the library. All materials included. Registration required. Sponsored by Middlewoods of Newington. 

Teen Grab & Go: String Art



Monday, August 8

Grab a hammer! Using only nails, wood, and string, create this fun craft to display in your home! Call beginning August 8 to reserve your kit!  





Teen Ocean Reef Basket Weaving

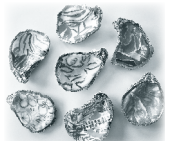
Tuesday, August 16, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Using a basket form, weave multicolored yarn through the spokes to create a unique small basket.  

Teen DIY & Decoupage

Thursday, August 18, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Come with a friend and spend the afternoon making trinket dishes out of oyster shells and designing your very own banners. There's something for everyone!  



Last day for Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading 2022!

Wednesday, August 24, 2022



Children's Events

Please check the Kids Events webpage for up-to-date program info and access.

JUNE

Indoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for an all-ages storytime INDOORS! We'll welcome in the morning with stories and songs. Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity. 



Outdoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine


Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for an all-ages storytime OUTDOORS! Weather permitting, we'll enjoy a story (or two) and a song (or two). We will be located on the Library Green. Please remember to bring seating (blankets or chairs). **This will be a repeat storytime from the previous indoor session.** Registration required. 



Indoor Family Storytime


Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and July 5, 6:00 p.m.

Stories, songs and more for the whole family! Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity. 



SUMMER READING KICKOFF – ALL AGES

Friday, June 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Help us kick off a great summer of reading activities! Get an Activity Passport and visit all the stations at the kickoff. Check out our bubble dance party! There will also be balloon twisting, glitter tattoos, and more. Plus, receive your summer reading game board and starter kit! 



Submarine Serenade

Wednesday, June 22, 11:00 a.m.

Michele Urban from *My Music Room* is back in person to share a rich musical adventure teeming with songs, movement, fun games, and ocean-themed rhythm instruments. Children ages 1 – 7 may register beginning June 8.

JULY




WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Please note that registration is required for all programs. You may register up to two weeks in advance for programs. All programs except for *Outdoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine* will be indoors. Call 860-665-8720 or visit the Kid's Events webpage to register.


Storytime for Ones

Mondays, July 25 – August 29, 10:15 a.m.

Stories and songs for children 9 – 24 months, siblings, and their caregivers. 


Outdoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine

Tuesdays, July 19 – August 30, 10:15 a.m.

Join us for an all-ages storytime OUTDOORS! Weather permitting, we'll enjoy stories and songs. We will be located on the Library Green. Please remember to bring seating (blankets or chairs). 

Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays, July 20 – August 31, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and take-home crafts for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers. 


Storytime for 3 – 5-year-olds

Thursdays, July 21 – September 1, 10:15 a.m. (No storytime August 4)

Stories, songs, and take-home crafts for children ages 3 – 5, **without caregivers.**

Family Storytime

Thursdays, July – September 1, 6:00 p.m. (No storytime July 14


& August 18) Stories and songs for the whole family. 



SPECIAL PROGRAMS: JULY


Tiny Art Show – All Ages

Begins Friday, July 1

Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Call beginning July 1 to register for a mini artist kit. Once you've finished your masterpiece, return it to the library by **Friday, August 5** to be part of the exhibit! The art will be on display from August 10 through the end of the month. The mini artist kit includes: 4"x4" canvas and easel, acrylic paint, and brushes. All ages are welcome to participate!  



Catch the Hatch: Baby Chicks @ the Library!

Tuesday, July 5 – Tuesday, August 9
Starting Tuesday, July 5, we'll have special guests – little chicken eggs that are getting ready to hatch – in the Children's Department. We'll have an incubator set up and families may even get to see the eggs start to hatch! After hatching, the chicks will stay at the library until August 9 before heading back to the farm. 



Babies Love Art! – Outdoor



Monday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

Babies 6 – 24 months will bond, play and engage in stimulating art activities. Our little artists will take home an age-appropriate art project. So much fun and a little messy! Registration begins July 4.  



Crafternoon


Tuesday, July 19, 4:00 p.m.

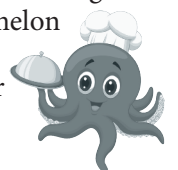
Children **entering grades 1–5** are invited to join us for an hour filled with activities designed to let you explore and create! Registration begins July 5.  



Cookbook Club



Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 p.m.

Cookbook Club is back featuring a summer theme – watermelon salsa! Kids **entering grades 3 – 5** may register beginning July 6. 




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Childrens Events

*** Junior Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.
 Explore our Oceans of Possibilities as we create ocean-themed treats. Kids entering grades 1 – 2 may register beginning July 13.  



*** Mermaid Tea Party - Outdoor**
Thursday, July 28, 1:00 p.m.
 Come meet your favorite mermaid princess! We will sing songs, sip tea, hear a story, and more. Snacks will be served. Costumes are welcome! Children ages 4 and older may register beginning July 14.  





*** Foam Party - Outdoor**
Saturday, July 30, 1:30 p.m.
 It's like a pool party without a pool! Come to the library for an afternoon of foam and fun! Dress in clothes you don't mind getting wet and remember to bring a towel and water shoes with you. Children ages 6 – 11 may register beginning July 16.  





AUGUST

Special Programs



*** Ready for Kindergarten**
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, and 16, 6:30 p.m.
 Children who will be starting kindergarten for the 2022 – 2023 school year, and a caregiver are invited to listen to stories and participate in lots of hands-on activities that will help children to develop the skills needed for a successful start in school. In order to create a special one-on-one learning

time with your soon-to-be kindergartener, please make other arrangements for siblings. Please call to register beginning July 19.  



*** We Like to Move It!**
Thursday, August 4, 10:30 a.m.
 Does it slide, roll, or stay put? The Children's Museum will be here with ramps to explore concepts of energy, force, and motion. Children ages 3 – 5 may register beginning July 21.  

*** Crafternoon**
Monday, August 8, 4:00 p.m.
 Children entering grades 1 – 5 are invited to join us for an hour filled with activities designed to let you explore and create! Registration begins July 25.  





*** Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.
 Cool off as we make our own ice cream in a bag. Kids entering grades 3 – 5 may register beginning July 27.  





*** Junior Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, August 17, 6:00 p.m.
 Explore our Oceans of Possibilities as we create Frushi (fruit sushi). Kids entering grades 1 – 2 may register beginning August 3.  





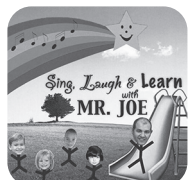
*** Polymer Power**
Thursday, August 18, 6:00 p.m.
 The Children's Museum will be help us conduct slimy experiments to learn about solids, liquids, and the strange chains called polymers. Children in grades K – 5 may register beginning August 4.  



*** Family Game Night - Outdoor**
Friday, August 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 We will have a handful of GIANT games, courtesy of The Carnival Party LLC, for families to play outside. Registration will begin on August 5. Registered families can stop in at any time to play during those two hours!  



*** Mr. Joe Sings: An Outdoor Family Concert**
Monday, August 22, 6:00 p.m.
 We invite you to come sing, laugh, and learn with Mr. Joe! Bring a blanket, some snacks, and get ready to sing along. This program is best suited for ages 2 – 7. Registration will begin on Monday, August 8.  



Last day for Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading 2022!
Wednesday, August 24, 2022



Friends Corner is Open!

Offering great prices on a selection of gently used fiction, non-fiction, children's, tween and teen books and DVDs, CDs and puzzles. Look for Friends Corner specials.


Thank you to all of the Friends who made our Spring Book Sale possible.




Friends Book Sale
 Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 The Friends of the Library will be holding a small front porch book sale. Come and stock up on some great summer items!

Friends Donation Day
 Please call the library for updated information.


EXTRAS!

Grab & Go crafts: Through the end of June, we will have crafts ready for pickup! There will be a **pre-K – 1st Grade** available weekly. Please note that supplies are limited. Parents may call to reserve a craft bag & arrange pickup beginning the Monday of that particular week. 


Children's Book Bundles

Let us create a personalized book bundle for your child! Visit our Reading Recommendations page to answer some questions online by filling out a special form. Your librarians will select up to 10 customized book titles for your child. 


1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We are excited to share the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program with our patrons! This self-paced program encourages families to explore the world of books, get prizes, grow as readers, and have fun together. The library is here to cheer you on and connect you and your baby, toddler, or preschooler with books perfect for laughs, cuddles, and building literacy skills. More information is on our website. 



Summer Indoor Challenges

Our department has put together some fun, passive activities for kids to enjoy indoors! Come check out our Under the Sea I-Spy tank and see what you can spot. Also, hop along our ocean-themed obstacle courses we have waiting for you in our book stacks. We hope you enjoy! 

Topic Totes

Have a child who loves bugs? Trucks? Cooking? Need some books to encourage potty training or sharing? Totes with books focused on one topic are available for circulation. Parents can check out up-to-date topic lists and information on the Children's Reading Recommendations webpage. Call for more details 

StoryWalk

Our special StoryWalk® is located on the **Library Green**. Walk together and enjoy *a story* along the way. Our new story *Off & Away* by Cale Atkinson will be up in late June. Use #lrwlkids on Instagram so we can see that you visited or scan the QR code to answer a brief survey. If you take the QR Code survey, you have the chance to win a prize! Call 860-665-8720 for more details. *Sponsored by Kuman of Newington.*  

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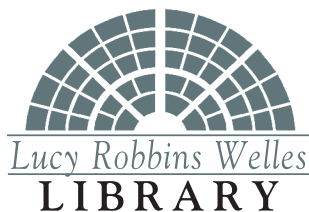
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From the Library Director – Lisa Masten

With summer finally here, we hope you'll come to the library to find a good book, check out one of our new lawn games, or join us at one of the many library programs that will be offered to all ages over the next few months. The library will offer *Oceans of Possibilities* this summer with ocean-themed summer reading programs for kids, teens and adults. Participation in the reading programs not only encourages reading but also provides the opportunity to have fun with others and win incentives and prizes. Look inside this newsletter to see the lineup of programs and events that promise to make this summer the best yet! Visit us in person or virtually. We look forward to making your experience at the library positive and fulfilling, as has been the goal since the doors first opened in 1939.

We would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who donated money, services, refreshments and prizes for two recent, successful library events – the 25th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race and the Dining Partner Program.

Dining Partner Program Sponsors include:

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| Chick-fil-A | Mediterranean Market | TJ's on Cedar |
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| Cisco's | Mooyah | Town Line Pizza and Restaurant |
| Craftbird Sandos & Tenders | Naija Restaurant | Turnpike Pizzeria |
| DiBella's Subs | Newington Pizza & Grinders | Veggie World |
| Elm Hill Pizza | Outback Steak House | Village Pizza |

See the 25th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race Sponsors on page 7.

Art Exhibits

- June – Pat Tanger – Variety of Mediums
- July – Melanie Stoddard – Water Colors
- August – Tiny Art Show (begins August 10)

Library Meetings:

Library Board

- Monday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Save the Date - Library Board Annual Meeting: Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

- Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.
- Friends Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday August 10, 7:00 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

- Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular Monday – Saturday library hours.

Library Closings

- Saturday, July 2 – Independence Day
- Monday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Saturday, July 17 – Extravaganza
- Monday, September 5 – Labor Day

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