September & October 2022

Softmoftes & Calendar of Events



Fall Days are Fun Days @ Your Library



Library Card Sign-up Month! Children, Teens, and Adults!!!

September 1 - 30 (New registrants only)

Calling all children from birth through grade 6 who live in Newington! Apply for a library card at the Circulation Desk, then come to the Children's Department to receive a free goody bag. Teens and Adults, fill out your application at the Circulation Department and receive a gift.

Library Board Annual Meeting

Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees invites you to attend this year's meeting on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief business meeting at 6:00 p.m. The board will recognize this year's honorees beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be in person with an online option as well.

Children's Booktalk Buddies (See inside for details)

Do you have a book you absolutely love? Do you want to share it with the community? Film a short clip of you recommending the book and email the clip to lucykiddept@gmail.com. Children in grades 1–6 are invited to participate. Videos must be submitted no later than September 26. Please note a waiver form must be completed if your child is selected.

Welcome to the Land of the Aurora Borealis

Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.

Alaska's motto is "North to the Future!" Is Alaska in your future? Join us to learn about the possibilities of visiting our 49th state. Should I cruise? Big ship?

Small ship? Should I tour? Should I drive? Come hear about all the wonderful opportunities in Alaska and get some expert advice on the best way to match the right trip to your traveling style. Sponsored by French's Travel.



FYI — Library Circulating Hotspots

Did you know that for Newington residents hotspots are available with your library card for patrons 18 years and older. Sponsored by The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving – Newington Greater Together Community Fund.

Spooktober

Thursday, October 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. If you're looking for some scary good fun, you'll have a scream at the library! Kids of all ages will enjoy making spooktacular crafts to celebrate the spooky season.

Registration begins September 29.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale –

October 28 — 30 at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center

Preview:

Friday, October 28, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$5:00

General Sale:

Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Bag Sale:

Noon – 3:00 p.m. Buy a Friends green bag for \$10.00 and fill it with books for free! Refills are \$8.00.

Stock up and save!

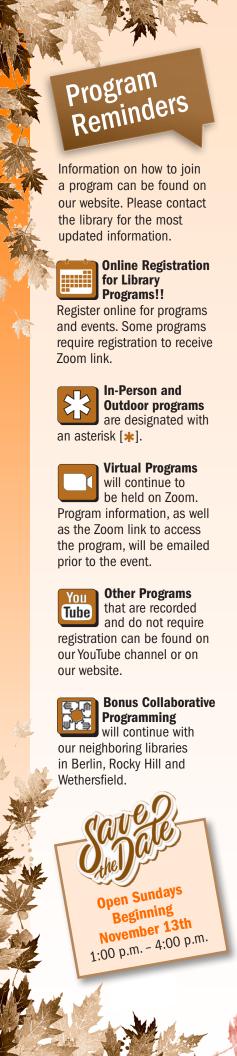
If you are interested in volunteering for the book sale, contact the Friends @ https://friendsofthelucy robbinswelleslibraryinc. wildapricot.org



Reminders!

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





Adult Events

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

SEPTEMBER

Page Turners Book Discussion
The End of Your Life Book Club

by Will Schwalbe *Thursday, September 1, 6:30 p.m.* Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat. All are welcome.



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

Every First and Third Tuesday of the Month September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18 10:00 a.m. – noon

We are happy to offer in-person coloring and puzzle mornings, each



with their own theme. Come join in the fun! Pick up your coloring and puzzle packet on or after the dates listed. Please register to attend in person.

Spice It to GO!

Explore a different culinary spice each month. We'll provide a small FREE take-home kit, which will include a small sample of the spice, recipes and information and the history of each featured spice. Call to reserve your kit. Supplies are limited.

September's Spice It to Go — Cinnamon Sticks

Recipe: Cinnamon Spice Apple Juice **Pickup:** September 12 – 17

October's Spice It to Go

Cordomon

Cardamon

Recipe: Cardamom Overnight Oats

Pickup: October 17 – 22

Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25

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.

State-mandated Retirement Program

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.

The new state mandate is here.

Employers are now required to offer an employee retirement program. Deadlines are phasing in from June 30, 2022 to March 30, 2023. Join Brian Williams from Northshire Consulting, a Connecticut-based investment advisory firm, regarding the retirement program that may affect you or someone in your family. Sponsored by the Newington Chamber of Commerce.

Greater Hartford Quilt Guild Learn to Make a Place mat

Saturday, September 17 & 24, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Want to learn how to make a quilt? This two-part program is designed to teach quilting methods to aspiring quilters. While making a quilted place mat you will learn the basic skills of how to make a quilt of any size. All you need is a sewing machine, how to use it and some basic sewing supplies, and a desire to learn quilting. Quilting tools, material and batting will be

and batting will be provided. The class will be taught by members of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.



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Movies @ Your Library! King Richard

Tuesday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after the coaching from their father Richard Williams.

Starring Will Smith, Aunjanue Ellis. PG-13. Running time

144 mins.

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

Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty Thursday, September 22, noon Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.
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Keep Moving Collaboration

Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. Everyone has pain at some point in life. Pain can be complicated, but there are some simple tools that can help relieve pain. Join Maggie Downie, author of Keep Moving: Take Steps to Relieve Pain & Improve Your Life, to learn small steps

you can take to reduce and manage pain without drugs or surgery. Registration is required to receive Zoom link. 🔊 🖪



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Anxious People by Fredrik Backman Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. Community Room Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by

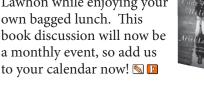


Mental Health and the American Dream

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 p.m. Join Heather Hitchcock, Community **Education Manager from Bristol** Behavioral Health, for information to prepare your mental health for retirement. Registration required. Sponsored by Bristol Hospital.



Code Name Hélène by Ariel Lawhon Thursday, October 13, noon Join us for this lively discussion of Code Name Hélène by Ariel Lawhon while enjoying your own bagged lunch. This book discussion will now be a monthly event, so add us



Movies @ Your Elbin, P Downton Abbey: A New Era **Movies @ Your Library!**

Tuesday, October 18, 2:00 p.m. The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. Starring Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery. PG. Running time 124 mins. 🔊 🖪

Sensational Slime Sensational Similar Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. Slime is an amazing sensory experience, and you can make it yourself with a few simple ingredients!

You will be able to customize your slime with fall-themed items. Slime makes a great gift for kids or adults who just want to de-stress! 🔊 🗈



Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. Armed with only a camera and a sense of humor, Mathew Duman embarked on a "grotesque safari," traveling to 10 universities to photograph the unique grotesques and gargoyles roosting on

their buildings. Join Mathew for an illustrated lecture as he gives you a taste of these campuses' history and art. 🔊 🖪



Sitcoms of the 2000s Trivia Night Virtual

Friday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. Cue the laugh track! Play some trivia with us from home about the best sitcoms of the 2000s, including Friends and The Office. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link. *Co-sponsored by the* Beekley Community Library. 🔊 📭

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale – October 28 — 30

(See front cover for information)

Technology

Karen and Pat. All are welcome.

Tech 4U is back!

Make an appointment with a librarian and get help with your technology questions! Services offered include creating an email or social media account, using library applications, and help with using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. Appointments are 30 minutes. Call the Reference Desk to request an appointment.

New! The CapiraMobile App

Download our new mobile app to view the library catalog; access your checkouts, holds, and reading history; use the databases; reserve museum passes and more! Available in the App Store and Google Play for iOS and Android.



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Getting Started with Facebook and Twitter

Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create an account and use the popular social media platforms. This program will cover creating posts, stories, sending messages, and more!

Using Technology in the Library

Thursday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. This program will go over how to connect your device to the library's Wi-Fi, as well as how to print, use the copier, and the fax machine. S



Teen Events

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

Customized Reading Recommendations

Need help finding a book? Answer some questions online by filling out a special form (located on the Teen webpage) and we will choose up to five customized book suggestions for you.



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Teen Surprise Pop-up Tuesday, September 27, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

For grades 6 – 12. Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner and choose from several crafts to make.



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Teen Creepy Craft Night

Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For grades 6 – 12. Celebrate the start of fall and all things creepy. Decorate creepcakes and create some fun fall crafts. 🔊 🖪

Teen Horror Movie Night

Thursday, October 20, 5:45 p.m. For grades 6 – 12. Hang out with your friends, eat some treats, and watch a scary movie! Movie to be determined by a vote. Feel free to bring bean bag chairs, pillows or blankets. All movies are rated PG-13. N



Teen Cookbook Club

Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. For grades 6 – 12. Welcome fall with pumpkin chocolate chip bread! Mix everything at the library, then bring it home to bake.

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Children's Events

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Please note that registration is required for all programs. You may register up to two weeks in advance for programs. Call 860-665-8720 or visit the Children's Events webpage to register.

Storytime for Ones
Mondays, September 19 – October 31, 10:15 a.m. (No storytime on October 10) Stories and songs for children 9 – 24 months, siblings, and their caregivers.

Storytime for Twos Wednesdays, September 21 - October 26, 10:15 a.m. Stories, songs, and crafts for children 24 months and older, siblings and their caregivers.

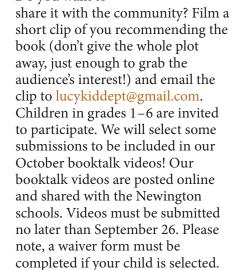
Storytime for 3–5 year-olds * Storytime for October 27, 10:15 a.m. Stories, songs, and crafts for children ages 3 – 5, without caregivers. 🔊

Family Storytime Thursdays, September 22 October 27, 6:30 p.m. Stories and songs for the whole family. 🔊

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Booktalk Buddies

Do you have a book you absolutely love? Do you want to



SEPTEMBER

Babies Love Art! - Outdoor Monday, September 12, 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

August 29. The rain date will be Tuesday, September 13. 🔊 🖪

Itsy Bitsy Yoga

Wednesday, September 14, 10:15 a.m.

For birth to age 3 with caregiver. Michelle Saucier of Tiny Yogi will share a playful yoga experience designed

around building foundational muscular and motor functions. This class offers opportunities for families to connect with each other and other members of the community. No experience necessary. Please bring a yoga mat/blanket/or towel. Registration will begin August 31.

Junior Cookbook Club Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. Join us as we close out the summer with blackberry fool. Registration for kids in grades K−2 begins August 31.

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Pajama Music

Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. Children ages 2 – 4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music together. We will sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, and listen to great music that will get you moving and dancing. Finally, we will wind down with a bedtime story.



Come join the fun! Registration begins September 1. 🔊 🔟





Children's Events

Play For All
Tuesdays, September 20 and 27, 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. All are welcome!

Partnered with Creative Interventions, LLC. 🔕



Kids Yoga

Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m. For ages 5-8. A social class for children that focuses on body awareness, playful poses, engaging games, and simple breathing techniques. Bring your yoga mats/

towels/blankets as we explore movement and mindfulness with Michelle Saucier from Tiny Yogi. Registration begins



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September 7. 🔊 🖪 Li'l Chefs

Li'l Chers
Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. Love cooking with your kids? This program is just for preschoolers, 3 – 4 years old, with a caregiver. We will start with a story, then make our own dirt cups. Registration begins September 14. 🔊 🖪

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pumpkin Painting with Cinderella

Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. Cinderella cordially invites you to attend! Spaces are limited as your seat comes with not just your pumpkin and supplies, but also direction from Cinderella herself as you work together to create your perfect pumpkin. There will be



singing, music, stories, and more! Kids ages 4 and up can register beginning September 20. Costumes are welcome! 🔊 🖪

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Kids Yoga
Tuesday, October 11, 4:00 p.m. For ages 5-8. A social class for children that focuses on body awareness, playful poses, engaging games, and simple breathing techniques. Bring your yoga mats/ towels/blankets as we explore movement and mindfulness with Michelle Saucier from Tiny Yogi. Registration begins September 27.

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Cookbook Club

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October 5. N

Spooky Halloween Science Tuesday, October 25, 4:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate this creepy time of the year with some easy experiments and demonstrations that will amaze, entertain, and educate! Cool-ology will be here to share activities that include: Sick Pumpkin, Glow-inthe-Dark Spooky Images, Exploding Ghosts, and Halloween Slime!

Children ages 6 - 11 may register beginning October 11. N



EXTRAS!

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.

Topic Totes

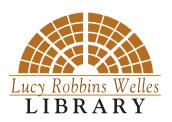
Have a child who loves bugs? Trucks? Cooking? Need some books to encourage potty

training or sharing? Totes with books focused on one topic will be available for circulation. Parents can check out up-todate 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. A new story will be up early October. 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.





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From the Library Director — Lisa Masten

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. A Newington Library card is free, easy to obtain, and can be used at any public library in the state! You just need to fill out an application and show a valid form of identification that shows you live in Newington. Each time you use your library card you are saving money by not having to purchase the item or pay for the service yourself. In addition to being able to check out books and audiovisual materials from the library, your library card gives you access to library technology and programming; permits you to reserve museum passes online; and allows you to download books, audiobooks, movies and music to your devices to enjoy from wherever you are. The added bonus is that the Newington Library is part of a consortium of 31 area libraries, giving you immediate access to many of the items in their collections as well. If you currently have a library card, we hope you're enjoying all these benefits. If you know of someone who does not have a card but could benefit from it please have them come to the library or call the library at 860-665-8700 and we will be happy to help them get their own card so that they can enjoy all that the library has to offer.

We would also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who donated money, services, refreshments and prizes to two recent, successful library events: Library Summer Reading Programs and the Dining Partner Program.

Dining Partners

A huge "thank you" to new partners and the businesses who continue to support the library.

Alvarium Beer Company Applebee's Restaurant Arby's Boiling Soho Bowl-O-Rama The Boss Grill Campus Wine & Spirits Carvel Checkers Pizza Chef 's Dog House Chick-fil-A Chili's Bar and Grill Cisco's Connecticut Sun DiBella's Subs Doogie's Restaurant Dunkin' Donuts Elm Hill Pizza The Flying Monkey Grill & Bar Friendly's GoldBurgers Hartford Yardgoats iKura Sushi Bar and Grill Joey B's Restaurant Jump On In King Donuts Kumon of Newington

Lou & Mo's Lutz Children's Museum Mediterranean Market Ming Palace Mooyah Naija Restaurant New Britain Bees Newington Children's Theatre Company Newington Little League Softball Team Newington Pizza & Grinders Omar Coffee Company Outback Steak House Phoenix Pizza Plaza Azteca

Pottery Piazza Ruth's Chris Steak House Safari Miniature Golf Smoothie King Steve's Place TGI Fridays The Kakery The Sloppy Waffle TJ's on Cedar Toasted Oat Café Town Line Pizza and Restaurant Turnpike Pizzeria Veggie World Village Pizza

Art Exhibits

September – Leslie Civitello – Oils and Watercolors October – Newington Art League – A Variety of Mediums

Library Meetings:

Library Board

Monday, September, 12, 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 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. Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Sundays beginning November 13)

Library Closings

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day

To Reach the Library

General Info & Reference: (860) 665-8700 Hours: (860) 665-8710 Children's Department: (860) 665-8720 Administration: (860) 665-8730 Fax: (860) 666-0034

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