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& Calendar of Events

APRIL / MAY, 2022

Connect WITH YOUR LIBRARY!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



APRIL 3 – 9, 2022

Passport to CT Libraries

April 1 – April 30

Discover the world of Connecticut libraries with a Passport to Connecticut Libraries. Get a passport with your library card, visit participating libraries, get it stamped and receive a token gift. Visit at least five libraries and return your passport to a participating library and you will be entered into a state drawing, one for adults and one for children. More details at the library or on the library website.



The 25th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. at Mill Pond Park

The 25th running of this event will be held at Mill Pond Park on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Runners will compete by age category with awards for the winning male and female runners within each division. Walkers are also welcome. Registration forms are available at the library, on the library's website, or you can register online at raceentry.com. Preregistration is \$10 for children (12 & under) and \$25 per adult. Same-day registration is \$10 for children (12 & under) and \$30 per adult. Registration area will be in front of the library. Race packet pickup will be available on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the library parking lot, and on race day. For more information see the library's website.



New!! Online Registration for Library Programs!!

We are excited to offer online registration for programs and events. You may register through our website on our home page or our adult, teen and children's event pages. Look for the [Register Online Here for Library Programs](#) button on these pages. You may also call the library to register for programs.

* Page Turners Book Discussion with Author Matthew Dicks @ the Library!! (see details inside)

Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend by Matthew Dicks
Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., Community Room

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Monday, May 9, noon & May 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.

Superhero and Villains Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. (see details inside)
Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.



Friends of the Library

Book Sale (See inside for details)

Newington Senior and Disabled Center
Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1

Preview: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. \$5.00

General Sale: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bag Sale: Sunday, Noon – 3:00 p.m. \$10.00

Programming

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.

*** In-Person Programs** will be designated with an [*] asterisk. Numbers of participants may be limited. Coloring Days, Book Talks and Crafts will be offered in the Adult Department.

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. 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.

Reminders

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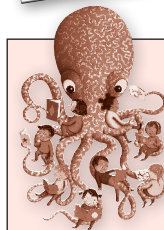
All programs now require registration. They will be identified by this symbol. Unless noted, registration will be taken over the telephone at the Adult Information Desk by calling 860-665-8700 or the Children's Dept. at 860-665-8720.

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, June 15
Friends Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 16
Stewart O'Nan

More details to follow...



Summer Reading Kickoffs

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SUMMER 2022

Adult: June 7 – August 19

Teen & Children's: June 15 – August 24

Adult Events


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

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 **Passport to CT Libraries**
April 1 – April 30 (See front cover)

The Big Count – Finding Your Relatives in the 1950 Census – Virtual

Monday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. or
Thursday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

The census is a great starting point for searching for information about your ancestors. The census can contain a person's address, education level, marital status, occupation, languages spoken, children, and more. The U.S. Census Bureau publicly releases individual records after 72 years. The results from the 1950 census will be available in April 2022. Learn how to access the 1950 census as well as all previous census data. Go behind the scenes to see how the data was collected and how the first non-military computer was used to help tabulate statistics. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library. 




Planting for Pollinators with Xerces Society – Virtual

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.

Loss of habitat is one of the biggest issues contributing to the decline of pollinators. With the loss of prairies, forests, and other natural areas to development and agricultural use, pollinators are having a harder time finding the resources they need. You can help! Join Emily May from the Xerces Society to learn how to turn your backyard into a space for pollinators to thrive. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library. 



Page Turners Book Discussion with Matthew Dicks @ the Library!!

 Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Community Room

Author Matthew Dicks will join the group to talk about his book *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* – a Novel. Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by Assistant Director Karen Benner and listen to an engaging and enjoyable presentation by this dynamic author. Registration required. All are welcome. 



Frugal Living – Virtual
Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Join Librarian Elizabeth Morin from the Wethersfield Library as she discusses tips and tricks to enjoy frugal living. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Wethersfield Library.



Technology

Get to Know Your iPhone

Tuesday, April 12


Learn about the functions and features of Apple's iPhone. This video will cover basic iPhone skills, searching with the iPhone's browser, and finding and installing apps. Video will be available on the library's website on the day of the program.

Get to Know Your Android Smartphone


Tuesday, May 10

Learn about the functions and features of an Android Smartphone. This video will cover basic Android skills, searching with the Android's browser, and finding and installing apps. Video will be available on the library's website on the day of the program.


In-Person Programs

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Dining Partners Program

 **Dining Partner Program**
The Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, present year three of the Dining Partner Program. See what discounts or special offers your favorite participating restaurants will be offering. Dining tickets will be distributed by curbside pickup and at other events.

Collaborative Programs


 **Bonus Collaborative Programs**
We continue to collaborate with our neighboring libraries in Berlin, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield and the Beekley Community Library in New Hartford 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 Coloring/Puzzles

 **Coloring/Puzzles Get-togethers and Grab & Go Coloring**
April 5 and 19 & May 3 and 17
10:00 a.m. – noon
We are happy to offer in-person coloring and puzzle mornings. Come join in the fun! Or reserve your coloring and puzzle packets to pick up on or after the dates listed. Please remember to reserve your packet for in-person or pickup. 



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

April 12 and 26 & May 3 and 17

Stuck in the house? Try something new. We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Call to reserve packets. 



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.  

April's Spice It to Go

– **Tomato Powder**

Recipe: Bloody Mary Popcorn

Pickup: April 11 – 17

May's Spice It to Go

– **Chai Seasoning**

Recipe: Chai Chia Pudding

Pickup: May 16 – 22



Adult Events continued...

Breathwork - Virtual

Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join Charleen Miele from The Sacred Self to learn about the benefits of breathwork and how it affects our nervous systems. She will share with us the value of integrative sessions. These are done in a seated position and involve less active breath patterns. Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library.*



The Queen Requests your Presence for an Enchanting Evening - Virtual

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

Hey armchair travelers! Let's explore the destinations that you've read about or seen on the screen: London's Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey), Beatrix Potter's Cotswolds, Jane Austen's Bath, the stunning sights of Outlander's Scotland. We end with tips and tricks for travel to the UK and a review of passports and travel requirements. Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by French's Worldwide Travel.*



Fascial Fitness - Virtual

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

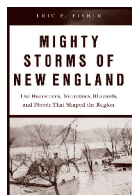
Fascia is the connective tissue that holds us all together. Some researchers think fascia might be an organ—making it far more important than anyone knew. So what is your fascia, why does it matter, and what can it do for you? We will discuss all these topics and do some movements to activate and feel your fascia. You are sure to feel revitalized and energized after this workshop (hint: that's partly what fascia does for you). Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library.*



Eric Fisher, Meteorologist & Author - Virtual

Monday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an interesting and engaging evening with Eric Fisher, Chief Meteorologist at Boston's WBZ-TV. He will discuss his book *Mighty Storms of New England* and the weather events that have become local lore. Register for Zoom link. *Co-sponsored by collaborating libraries.*



Health and Wellness with Dr. Nicole Klughers - Sleep and Sleep Apnea - Virtual

Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for another talk with Naturopathic physician, Dr. Nicole Klughers! She will discuss sleep and sleep apnea. More than half of all Americans report feeling sleepy during the day, or are sleep deprived. She will address over the natural process of sleep, why sleep is so important to our health, and give tips on getting better rest! Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.*

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

The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

Thursday, April 28, 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.



Friends of the Library Book Sale Newington Senior and Disabled Center

(Bring your own bags or crates on Saturday only)

Saturday, April 30 - Sunday, May 1

Preview: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

\$5.00 admission

General Sale: Saturday,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 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.



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Page Turners Book Discussion @ the Library!!

The Red Badge of Courage
by Stephen Crane

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.
Community Room

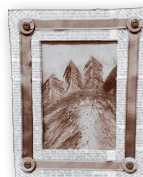
Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by a library staff member. All are welcome.



ReDefined READS - Literary Frames

Friday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

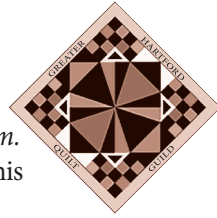
Join us after hours and make your own literary frame using frame matting, old book pages, Mod Podge, ribbon and embellishments. A great gift for that someone special! All supplies are provided but supplies are limited.



It's Not Your Grandmother's Quilt

Monday, May 9, noon &
Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the art of quilting in this introduction and see unique examples of items to wear and ones for home and travel. See what tools you need to start this adventure and where you can attend classes, obtain fabric and threads, and of course meet other quilting buddies. *Sponsored by the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.*



Inside Information on a Forensic Crime Scene - Virtual

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Join Professor Lisa Dadio, Assistant Dean of the Department of Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven for an inside look at crime scene investigations that we see on TV. How much of what we are fed by pop culture is true? She will be discussing her 20 years at the New Haven Police Department. Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by the Wethersfield Library.*



Superhero and Villains Trivia Night - Virtual

Friday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Get comfy in your living room in your favorite superhero cape and join area libraries for a trivia night. Answer trivia questions by yourself or with a group of friends. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded.

Register for Zoom link. *Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.*




Thank you for donating to the I Love Lucy Because... fundraiser in February! A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the Friends volunteers who helped make it a great success.



Race Packets Pickup


Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Newington Library 5K Challenge race packets can be picked up in the library parking lot the day before the road race. Please bring ID to pick up your packet.

Newington Library 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 a.m.
Mill Pond Park
(See front cover for details.) 



Social Media Workshop: The Three Cs of Social Media

Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.
Social media is a powerful tool for promoting yourself and your business, connecting with potential clients, and communicating with customers. However, starting out with social media can be intimidating. This workshop is a starting point to enhance your knowledge of social media and understand how to use it. We'll focus on the three Cs of social media: create, connect, and communicate. *Sponsored by Eric Lopkin of The Modern Observer Group.* 



Health and Wellness with Dr. Nicole Klughers Healthy Breathing, Natural Support for Asthma and Allergies – Virtual

Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 p.m.
Join us for another talk with Naturopathic physician Dr. Nicole Klughers! It's that time of year again – the dreaded allergy season! Whether you suffer from asthma, have seasonal allergies or other breathing issues, Dr. Nicole will offer some natural support to help you breathe a little easier this spring. Register for Zoom link. *Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.*



Friends Corner is Open!

Offering great prices on a selection of gently used fiction, non-fiction, children's books and audio/visual materials.



Friends of the Library Book Sale
Newington Senior and Disabled Center
Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1 (see info on page 3)

If you are interested in volunteering for the book sale, contact the Friends @ info@friendslrwlibrary.org

Book Donations: The Friends are accepting donations by appointment. Call Michelle @ 860-665-8700 to schedule.

EXTRAS!

Grab & Go crafts:

Each week 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.



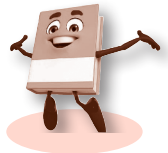
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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.



Pop-Up Picks

Watch out for our pop-up book picks! A curated batch of children's books & a small prize will pop up on our library's Facebook page. If you're interested, act fast! Call the Children's Department to reserve the books for checkout and YOU get to keep the prize.



Spring Indoor Challenges

The Children's Department has put together some fun, passive activities for kids to enjoy indoors! Come check out our I-Spy tank and see what you can spot. Challenge yourself with our Spring Scavenger Hunt to see if you can find all the books. Lastly, check out the 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 will be 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. A new story, *The Thing About Spring*, will be up in early April. Use #lrwkids 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'll have a chance to win a prize! Call 860-665-8720 for more details. 



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.




Teen Events

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

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* Teen Grab & Go: Junk Drawer Robots



Monday, April 11

For grades 6-12. Have fun designing your own mini robot with recyclable items you can find in your junk drawer at home! Beginning April 11, drop in or call to reserve your kit. 



* Teen Anime Club

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 p.m.

For grades 6-12. Hang out and talk all things anime with other fans! This meeting will include an anime showing.  



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* Teen Book Club

Thursday, May 5, 3:30-4:15 p.m.


For grades 6-12. Join us to discuss *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

The library will have a limited supply of copies available. 



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, May 9, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

For grades 6-12. Help us make the library a better place for you! Give input on teen events and help develop the collection of teen materials. Earn a community service hour for sharing your opinion! You must be willing to participate in discussions. 




Children's Events

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

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* Indoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.* 



* Indoor Family Storytime

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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. 



Mini Garden Grab & Go Kit

Beginning Monday, April 11

For grades 2-5. Decorate, plant, and grow your own mini garden! Kids will have the option of a dinosaur or unicorn terrarium. Parents may drop in or call to arrange



for pickup on Monday, April 11 and continuing through the month, while supplies last.

Pete the Cat and My Music Room - Virtual

Wednesday, April 13, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a musical show with Michele Urban from My Music Room! We will take an adventure with Pete the Cat as we weave through a quick tale with fun children's songs along the way. Be ready to use your imagination to see how groovy life can be! Register for Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library and the Cora J. Belden Library.




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Spring is in the Air - Grab & Go Kit

Beginning Monday, May 2

Kids in grades 2-5


can get a special craft bag with spring-themed crafts to make at home.

Parents may drop in or call to arrange for pickup on Monday, May 2 and continuing through the month while supplies last. 



* Indoor Stories, Songs, and Sunshine


Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 31, 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. 

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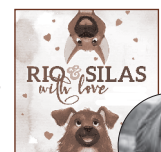
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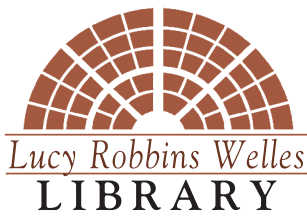


* Children's Author Spotlight: Michele Kean

Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.

Local author Michele Kean will be reading from her debut, *Rio & Silas With Love*, a children's book which focuses on two canine brothers looking for a forever home and, most importantly, love. We will also have a Q&A session and books will be available for purchase. This event will be outside on the Library Green. Please bring blankets or chairs for your family. 





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From the Library Director

As we head into spring the library is pleased to be able to once again offer two of our popular springtime fundraisers that were disrupted due to the pandemic. On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. Thousands of books and audiovisual materials will be available to purchase at this two-day sale. In May, the Library Board of Trustees will hold its Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race on Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. This is the 25th year of the library's road race that begins and ends on Garfield Street near Mill Pond Park. Help support the race AND the library by running or walking in this annual fundraiser and community event. Join us as we celebrate this milestone!

We look forward to seeing you at these fundraisers as well as seeing you at the library. As always, if there is anything we can do to assist you please do not hesitate to visit, email refdept@newingtonct.gov or call the library at 860-665-8700.

Dining Partners

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

- Alvarium Beer Company
- Arby's
- Boiling Soho
- The Boss Grill
- Campus Spirit & Liquors
- Carvel
- Checkers Pizza
- Chef's Dog House
- Chick-fil-A
- Chili's Bar and Grill
- Cisco's

- Craftbird Sandos & Tenders
- DiBella's Subs
- Elm Hill Pizza
- The Flying Monkey Grill & Bar
- Friendly's
- GoldBurgers
- King Donuts
- Lou & Mo's
- Mediterranean Market
- Ming Palace
- Mooyah
- Naija Restaurant
- Newington Pizza & Grinders

- Outback Steak House
- Phoenix Pizza
- Plaza Azteca
- Ruth's Chris Steak House
- Smoothie King
- Steve's Place
- TGI Fridays
- The Kakery
- The Sloppy Waffle
- TJ's on Cedar
- Town Line Pizza and Restaurant
- Turnpike Pizzeria
- Veggie World
- Village Pizza



Art Exhibits

May - Gr. Hartford Quilt Guild - Quilts

Library Meetings:

Library Board

Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11, 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.

Sunday, May 22 - last Sunday opening.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular

Monday - Saturday library hours.

Library Closings

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

Saturday, May 28 - library opens at noon.

Monday, May 30 - Memorial 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

www.newingtonct.gov/library



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