April & May 2024

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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.*



Friends of the Library Book Sale — May 3 – 5 Newington Senior and Disabled Center

- **Preview:** Friday, May 3, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m., \$10.00 Admission
- **General Sale:** Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday Bag Sale: Noon 3:00 p.m. Buy a Friends green bag for \$12.00 and fill it with books for free! Refills are \$10.00. Stock up and save.



Saturday, May 4
Stop by the library and pick up a
Star Wars Loot Bag while supplies last!



The 27th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. at Mill Pond Park
The 27th running of this event will be held
at Mill Pond Park on Sunday, May 19,
2024 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 website, or you can register online at <u>raceentry.com</u>.

Pre-registration is \$10 for children (12 & under) and \$25 per adult. Same-day registration is \$10 for children (12 & under) and \$30 per adult. Little Reader's Sprint for kids ages 2 – 5 will be held at 9:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 or fee is waived if parent/escort is registered for the race. Race day registration area will be in front of the library. Race packet pickup will be available on Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. in the library parking lot and on race day. For more information see the library website.

Race Packet Pickup

Saturday, May 18, 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.

New at the Library - Virtual Zethos Salks

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders with this exciting virtual event series! Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

POLLINATOR/ GARDENING SERIES

(See inside for details)
Presentations by
The Humble Bee Honey Co.

Protecting Our Pollinators, Bees, and Butterflies

Wednesday, April 3, 2:00 p.m. 🕙

The History of Honey Bees and Honey Tasting

Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. In part two of the pollinator series, learn all about bees – where they came from, why we love honey, and so much more. Sponsored by the Deschler family in honor of their mother, Cecile Deschler.

Grow Your Garden

Seed Library and Propagation Station

Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Earth Day with the launch of this year's Seed Library and Propagation Station.

Teddy Bear Clinic

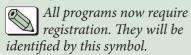
Saturday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Volunteer teddy bear doctors are running a pop-up repair clinic here at the library for teddy bears and all gently loved stuffed toys. Drop in and enjoy crafts and reading materials while you wait for your wounded one to be repaired. Sponsored by the GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club.

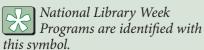
Teen Grab & Go: Earth Day Crafts

Beginning Monday, April 22
For grades 6–12. Let's celebrate our planet this Earth Day! Earth Day craft kits will be available to reserve starting April 22 and will be available while supplies last.

Reminders!

Programs offered by Friends of the Library are identified by this symbol.





Program Reminders

Information on how to join a program can be found on our website. Register online for programs and events. Virtual programs are held on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed prior to the event. Other programs that are recorded and do not require registration can be found on our YouTube channel on our website. Please contact the library for the most updated information.



Be a Legacy Champion

Become a sustaining donor by making monthly, quarterly,

or annual gifts of a recurring amount. You decide the amount that will work best for you! See insert for more information or go to the library website, www.newingtonct.gov/library.



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Summer Reading Kickoff: Read, Renew, Repeat!

Adult Summer Reading Kickoff Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. Children's and Teen Kickoff

Friday, June 14, 5:30 p.m.

Friends Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please check the Adult Events webpage for program info and access.

APRIL

Passport to CT Libraries April 1 - April 30 (See cover for details)



Page Turners Book Discussion: Still Life by Louise Penny

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat.



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets Every second and fourth Tuesday

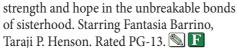
April 9 & 23 and May 14 & 28 We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Stop by to pick up your packet on or after the dates listed above.





Movies @ Your Library: The Color Purple

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. In this musical drama, a woman faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary







Money Smart Week April 14-21

Silver and Gold: A Brief History

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. Fred Carter, from KC's Gold and Collectibles, will give us a historical perspective of the universal value and demand for silver and gold and other currencies through, and including, current times. Sponsored by Fred Carter.

Top Scams to Watch Out For

Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. Scammers are getting smarter and trickier. Find out how you can stay safe by learning about the latest scam trends from Newington's American Eagle Financial Credit SCAM ALERT Union.

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library: The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Thursday, April 18, noon Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.



Pollinator/Gardening Series

Presentations by The Humble Bee Honey Co.

Protecting Our Pollinators, Bees, and Butterflies

Wednesday, April 3, 2:00 p.m. Protecting our pollinators begins with us! Meet our endangered monarch butterfly and our charismatic honey bee through a presentation by Catherine, "the bee lady" Wolko. Learn about their plight and how we can help them. Arrive early to browse literature and brochures. Sponsored by the Deschler family in honor of their mother, Cecile Deschler.

The History of Honey Bees and Honey Tasting

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Grow Your Garden

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. Join us for the second annual planting party to start your home garden this spring. Sign up to make your very own herb garden or select from a variety of beginner-friendly vegetables and spring floral seeds to plant. 🕙 🖪

Seed Library and Propagation Station

Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. Celebrate Earth Day with the launch of this year's Seed Library and Propagation Station. Drop in anytime to pick up or donate a variety of seeds and houseplant clippings.

Pink Full Moon Sound Bowl Healing Meditation

Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. Join Daria Ann for an inspiring healing sound bath meditation, dedicated to embracing and celebrating the incredible journey of self-love in the season of spring. During Sound Healing, she will use instruments that work to re-balance frequencies in our body, mind, and aura using the power of harmony and vibration.

Spring Painting

Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Create an ocean-themed painting to celebrate Earth Day! All materials will be provided.

The Art of Plein Air Painting

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. Join Newington Artist Jane Zisk Founder of the Connecticut Plein Air Society for

an afternoon of art. First watch her paint and then she will speak about her 6 decades of painting, her accomplishments and her art reception!



Brown Bag It with a Health Discussion Talk the Talk and *Walk this May*

Tuesday, April 30, noon − 1:00 p.m. Join students from the University of Saint Joseph to discuss proper snacking, hydration, stretching, and almost anything else related to nutrition and fitness. The Central Connecticut Health District will also be here to talk about the Walk This May Walking Competition. Dessert will be provided. Sponsored by The Central Connecticut Health District.

MAY

Page Turners Book Discussion: The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a lively book discussion facilitated by Karen and Pat.



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Photography 101 with Larry and Faith Bilansky

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. Come view the photography of Larry and Faith Bilansky. You'll meet this month's artists and learn all about their photography process as they talk about their fine art photography. Sponsored by LJB Photography.

Movies @ Your Library: Bob Marley: One Love

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 p.m. The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music. Starring Kingsley Ben-Adir, Lashana Lynch. Rated PG-13.



You'll Do Book Talk by author Marcia Zug

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. Join author Marcia Zug to hear about her new book, You'll Do: A History of Marrying for Reasons Other Than Love. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library: Behold the Dreamers

by Imbolo Mbue

Thursday, May 16, noon Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.



Race Packets Pickup for 5K Challenge

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring ID to pick up your packet.

Newington Library 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. Mill Pond Park (See front cover for details).



Brain Fitness Fun

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. Our friends from Livewell are back and offering a fun brain fitness class! Come learn new tricks and tips. Sponsored by Livewell.

Trivial Trivia Night - Virtual

Friday, May 31, 7:00 p.m.

Test yourself with some general knowledge trivia from all categories. All ages are welcome and small prizes will be awarded.

Register for the Zoom link.

Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.



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 –
Baking Spice
Recipe: Baked Apples
Pickup: April 15 – 20

MAY — Bay Leaves Recipe: Chocolate Bay Pudding Pickup: May 13-18

Culinary Delights with Chef Rob Scott

April - Chocolate Chip Scones with Vanilla Drizzle May - Hummingbird Cake

Chef Rob Scott will share a video and recipe each month.

The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will all be on the library website.



In-Person Coloring / Puzzle Get-Togethers — Every first and third Tuesday — April 2 & 16 and May 7 & 21

Come to the library and socialize while coloring or working on puzzle packets. If unable to attend, coloring packets will be available at the Adult Reference Desk beginning on these days!



TECHNOLOGY

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One-on-One Technology Services

Make a 45-minute one-onone tech appointment with a librarian! Services include using your phone, tablet, laptop, etc. Please bring necessary passwords & chargers. Call to request an appointment.

Technology Drop-in Hour!

Theme: iPhone and Android **Smartphones**

Tuesday, April 2, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come to the library and get help with using your



Let's Learn Instagram!

Tuesday, May 7, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This program will cover how to navigate the popular social media platform and get started on creating your own posts! Instagram can be used on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. The Instagram app can be downloaded for iOS on the App Store, for Android on the Google Play Store, and can be accessed through an internet browser using www.instagram.com. This program is presentation style, but feel free to bring and use your device to follow along!



TEEN EVENTS

Please check the Teen Events webpage for program info and access. All programs are for Teens in grades 6-12.

APRIL

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Nintendo Switch Game Night - All Ages Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Come to the library and play some fun Nintendo Switch games. Feel free to bring your own Nintendo Switch to go one-on-

one with other players. Teen Bean Art

Thursday, April 11, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Join us where we will get creative and make a unique piece of art using different

kinds of beans! Make a pattern or design an animal with colorful beans and then paint them to bring your art to life. 🔊 🖪

Teen Grab & Go: Earth Day Crafts

Beginning Monday, April 22 Let's celebrate our planet this Earth Day! Earth Day craft kits will be available to reserve starting April 22 and will be available while supplies last.

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Teen Movie Night: The Tiger's Apprentice

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Come hang with your friends, eat pizza,

and watch The Tiger's Apprentice, a fantasy film based on the book by Laurence Yep. Feel free to bring bean bag

chairs, pillows, or blankets.

Teen Pop-Up: Diamond Painting Stickers

Tuesday, May 21, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner where you will make sparkling stickers

using diamond art. Together we'll create stickers that can be used to personalize your notebooks, bags, and more! **F**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Please check the Children's Events webpage for program info and access. 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.

APRIL & MAY

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; May 6, 10:15 a.m. Stories and songs for children 9-24

months, siblings, and their caregivers.

Play For All

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; May 7, 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Join us for this program geared for families with young children who



have special needs. All are welcome! Partnered with Big Hearts ABA.

Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24; May 1 and 8, 10:15 a.m. Stories, songs, and a craft for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers.

Storytime for 3 – 5-year-olds

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25; May 2 and 9, 10:15 a.m. Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages 3 – 5, without caregivers.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25; May 2 and 9, 6:30 p.m. Stories and songs for the whole family.

(Children's **Programs** continued on next page)



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (continued)

Passport to CT Libraries 🤎 April 1 – April 30 (See cover for details)

APRIL & MAY

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Gross Out Grab & Go

Monday, April 1 Beginning April 1, kids in grades K – 5 can drop in to pick up a disgusting yet delightful goody bag. While supplies last!

Autism Awareness Storytime

Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. In honor of World Autism Awareness Day, Newington author Geraldine Andre-Major will be reading her book, Through Maverick's Eyes, with a sensory bottle craft to follow. Members of SEPTO and Big Hearts ABA will be speaking as well. Registration begins March 19.

Storytime Yoga

Wednesday, April 3, & Monday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. For ages 5-9. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to the program 🕙

Teddy Bear Clinic (See front cover)

Saturday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Volunteer teddy bear doctors are running a pop-up repair clinic here at the library for teddy bears and all gently loved stuffed toys.

Ramadan Storytime

Monday A Monday, April 8, 3:00 p.m. Let's celebrate Ramadan with a special guest reader! Families can enjoy a story and a craft as we learn together. Registration will begin March 25. 🔊 🖪

Crafternoon

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. Children in grades 1 – 5 are invited to get creative with some fun craft activities! Registration begins March 26.

Nintendo Switch Game Night - All Ages

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Come to the library and play some fun Nintendo Switch. Feel free to bring your own Nintendo Switch.

Block Party

Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. For grades K – 5. Join us for a free play session with Keva planks, Legos, and other fun building toys. Registration begins March 27. N

Li'l Chefs Wednesday, April 10, 6:15 p.m. Love cooking with your kids? This is a program just for preschoolers, ages 3-4, and a caregiver. We'll start with a story then make mini quiches. Registration begins March 27. 🔊 🖪

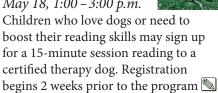
Earth Day Grab & Go: Mini Birdhouses

Monday, April 22 Happy Earth Day! Beginning April 22, families can stop by the Children's Department to grab a mini birdhouse.

Tales to Tails

Tuesdays, April 23, & *May 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.* Saturdays, April 27, & *May 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

While supplies last!



Jr. Cookbook Club

Wednesday, April 24, 6:15 p.m. Kids in grades K −2 can come hear a story then make a mini quiche. Registration begins April 10. 🔊 🖪

Little Yogi

Monday, April 29, & May 13, 6:00 p.m. For ages 2-5, with a caregiver. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to the program. 🕙 🖪

MAY

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cookbook Club

Wednesday, May 1, 6:15 p.m. Love cooking? We will be making cheese empanadas! Kids in grades 3-5 can register beginning April 17. 🔊 🖪

May the 4th Be With You! - All Ages

Saturday, May 4 Stop by the library and pick up a Star Wars Loot Bag while supplies last! **F**



Art Exploration

Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. Children ages 2-5 or PreK will bond, play and engage in stimulating art activities. Our little artists will take home an age-appropriate art project. Registration begins April 30. S

Wormy Wednesday

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 p.m. Children in grades 1 – 5 can learn all about worms and even get to interact with real, live worms in this worm-filled program! Registration begins May 1. 🔊 🖪

Sing & Sign with Ms. Janine LaMendola

Friday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. Come enjoy a morning of children's music with sign language fun! Infants to age 6 are welcome to attend with caregivers! Registration begins May 10. 🔊 🖪



Babies Love Music

Wednesday, May 29, 10:15 a.m. Babies 6-24 months will have fun experiencing music with a caregiver. Come dance, sing, explore instruments, and hear a musical story. Registration begins May 15.

Teddy Bear Breakfast

Thursday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. Preschoolers ages 3 – 4, with a caregiver, are invited to a special breakfast along with their favorite stuffed animal. Kids will make teddy bear pancakes to enjoy with their stuffy. Registration begins May 16. 🔊 🖪

Wiggle Workshop

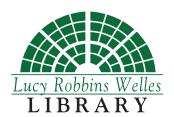
Thursday, May 30, 6:00 p.m. Mr. Nate will be here to get kids moving! Be prepared to climb, move and have FUN! Kids, ages 2-7,











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From the Library Director - Lisa Masten

On behalf of the library, our thanks go out to the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, as well as all who attended our Friends Winterfest. It was an amazing success! I would also like to thank all of the people who donated items to the sale listed below. Without these generous people, businesses, and volunteers, including the high school students and of course our tireless and dedicated Friends' volunteers, we would not be able to have our wonderful event. Winterfest is one of our major fundraisers and the money we raise through fundraising and membership dues provides funding for programming, the museum pass program, and new furniture; as well as seed money for new and emerging technology and staff training.

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Starbucks

Steve's Place

Art Exhibits

April: Jane Zisk – Fine Art Founder of the CT Plein Air Society May: Larry and Faith Bilansky – Photography

Library Meetings:

- Library Board

Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

Mon. – Thurs. 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 – 4:00 p.m. (Last Sunday Open May 19)

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular library hours, Monday – Saturday.

Library Closings

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

To Reach the Library

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