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& Calendar of Events

February / March 2015

WHAT'S COOL @ THE LIBRARY

Fetch a Good Book!

Winter Reading Continues

There's still time to register and join this year's winter reading programs for adults and children. Children can register at the library's homepage and then record the number of days they've read or been read to. Adults can still earn a prize ticket for every book they read or listen to, and enter the weekly drawing for special gifts. The adult program ends on Friday, February 13 and the children's program wraps up on Saturday, February 14. The Friends of the Library sponsor both winter reading programs.



Newington Library 5K Challenge

This year marks the 19th running of the library's annual road race which is scheduled for May 17. Applications will be available at the end of March at the library and on the library's webpage.



Blind Date with a Book

Go on a blind date with a book! Just in time for Valentine's Day, we'll select a variety of books and wrap them. To meet your date, come to the library between January 23 and February 15, and choose a blind date book. You choose the genre. Will it be fiction or non-fiction? Funny, informative, a mystery, true-crime? You won't know the identity of your blind date until you check it out and unwrap it at home. Return the rating card inside the book before March 20 for a chance to win a prize.



Take Your Child to the Library Day!

To celebrate the day, which is Saturday, February 7, we will have crafts and art in the Children's Room all day. At 11:00 a.m., Greg and his dog Axel return to help us make a magical snowman.

Bring your lunch and watch the movie *Frozen* at 12:30 p.m. See inside for more details.



Adult Activities

February

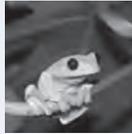
Brown Bag It with a Documentary- Fetching Documentaries

Fabulous Frogs

Thursday, February 5, Noon

Sir David Attenborough takes us on a journey through the weird and wonderful world of frogs. Running time is 60

minutes. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Tech Troubleshooting with Teens

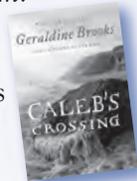
Thursday, February 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Attention all adults! Stop by with the gadgets that drive you crazy and let our teen techs help you. This list can include cell phones and text messaging, e-Readers, social media, email, tablets, and iPods. Registration required.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

This month's reading is *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. All interested persons are invited to attend.



Brown Bag It with a Documentary- Fetching Documentaries

DisneyNature: Bears

Thursday, February 12, Noon

Showcases a year in the life of a bear family as two impressionable young cubs are taught life's most important lessons. Running time is 78 minutes. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Tech 4 U

Thursday, February 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Do you need help downloading your eBook or searching for work on the Internet? For help with your specific technology questions, make an appointment for a 45 minute session with a librarian. Stop by the Adult Information Desk or call to make your appointment today!

End of Adult Winter Reading:

Fetch a Good Book

Friday, February 13

All tickets collected for the program's weekly drawings will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held at Noon.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Get to Know Your iPad

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

This class will cover basic iPad skills, including the iPad's physical features, charging the battery, settings, finding and installing apps, and more.

Bring your device and questions to the class. Call to register.



Movies and More @ the Library:

The Hundred Foot Journey

Thursday, February 26, 1:00 pm

A film that tells the story of a feud between two adjacent restaurants, one operated by a recently relocated Indian family and the other managed by a Michelin-starred French chef.

Starring Helen Mirren and Manish Dayal.

Rated PG. Running time is 122 minutes.

Refreshments will be served. Please pick

up your **FREE** ticket at the Adult Information Desk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

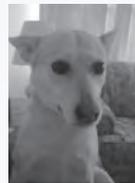


March

Understanding Your Best Friend

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

If you want to gain a much better understanding of your dog and its challenging behaviors, this one-night session led by Phil Klein, Certified Dog Listener, is for you. Learn simple, dog-friendly changes to transform your best friend's behavior in a kind and lasting way. Bring your questions, but not your dogs, for an enlightening evening! No registration required.



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and iPods. Registration required.

Get to Know your iPad Apps

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

Join us for this fun and informative class where you will learn how to find, install, and organize apps on your iPad. We will also share our favorite apps with you! Bring your device and questions to the program. Register at the Adult Information Desk.



Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

This month's book is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. All interested readers are invited to attend.



Redefined READS – Literary Keepsake Boxes

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Learn how to repurpose old books into literary keepsake boxes! All materials will be provided during this fun makerspace program, but if you have any old books you would like to see transformed, please bring them along. Register at the Adult Information Desk as space is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

Thursday, March 19, Noon

Join us for a book discussion of *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. No registration necessary.



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Movies and More @ the Library:

Jersey Boys

Thursday, March 26, 1:00 p.m.

A 2014 musical drama directed by Clint

Eastwood and based on the Tony Award-winning musical of the same name. The film tells the story of the musical group The Four Seasons. Rated R for strong language. Running time is 134 minutes. Refreshments will be served. Please pick up your **FREE** ticket at the Adult Information Desk. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Chinese New Year Song and Dance Celebration!

Saturday, March 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Come delight in the songs and dances of the Dream Performing Arts group, a group of dedicated performers who have performed Mongolian, Tibetan and Chinese traditional dances in places such as Carnegie Hall, Chicago Symphony Hall and Yale's own Woolsey Hall. In addition to dancing, they will sing solos, duets and trios for your entertainment. Please register at the Adult Information Desk or call. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Unless noted in the program description, registration is required for all Children's programs in the Children's Department or by calling 860-665-8720.

February

Ongoing Drop-in Winter Preschool Storytimes

January 5 – February 19

Various preschool storytimes for ages 9 months through 6 years. Pick up a detailed schedule in the Children's Department or check our webpage at www.newingtonct.gov/library.

Parent – Child Workshop

Mondays, February 2, 9 and 23, and March 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

(No class on February 16)

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Family Place is presenting a 4-week series of free workshops for parents and their 1–3 year-old children. Meet other families, share thoughts, and talk with librarians and child development experts as you play and read with your child. Find out about community services that can help you and your family. Brothers and sisters under 5 are invited to join the fun! Register by calling 860-665-8720. *A light supper will be served before the evening sessions. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Let's Make Music Together

Tuesday, February 3, Noon

Children ages 2–4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music together.

We will sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, dance and more.

Come join the fun! No registration is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Family Storytime

Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs and more for the whole family all year 'round. No registration is necessary.

Take Your Child to the Library Day! – Let's Get Frozen!

Saturday, February 7

All day we will have crafts and art in the Children's Room.

Teen Activities

Unless noted in the program description, registration is required for all teen programs at the Adult Information Desk or by calling 860-665-8700.

February

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (due to school half day)

For ages 13–18. 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. Pizza will be served. Email Bailey at bortiz@newingtonct.gov with questions. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Tuesday, February 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

For grades 6–12. Join us to play this fun game and meet other players! No experience necessary. Registration required.



Teen Movie Night: Valentine's Day Edition

Friday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For grades 6–12. Come by to watch a movie (to be voted on) and eat chocolate! Feel free to bring bean bag chairs, pillows or blankets. Pizza will be served, so please register so we can order accordingly. All movies are rated PG-13. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Teen Crafternoon

Tuesday, February 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (due to school half day)

Crafts will include candy sushi and Japanese mini marshmallows. Snacks and music will be provided. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

March

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

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Lotus Lantern Workshop

Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.

The members of Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show a short film and then be on hand to help you make a lotus flower lantern using colorful paper and wire frames. Traditional Korean refreshments will be served. Registration required. Teens and parents are welcome! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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Tuesday, March 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (due to school half day)

Stop by to make and take a mason jar craft and more. Snacks and music will be provided. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

At 11:00 a.m., Greg and his dog Axel return to help us make a magical snowman!



Call the Children's Department to register. Recommended for children ages 4 and up.

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and stay to watch the movie *Frozen*. Sponsored by donations in memory of Gertrude Osburn.

Stories & Art

Tuesday, February 10, Noon

All you need is love! Come feel the love in the air through sharing stories and doing a craft that is all heart. In order to have enough craft supplies, please call the Children's Department to register children ages 2-4 and a caregiver.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Half Day FUN

Tuesday, February 10, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Join us for games and activities during your half day free time. No registration required. Just drop in. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Junior Cookbook Club

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

As we wind down our winter reading program, we will enjoy *Black Dog* by Levi Pinfold. Then, we will make peanut butter dog treats (edible for dog lovers too). Junior chefs in grades K-2 may call the Children's Department to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Cozytime Stories

Thursday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through grade 2 are welcome to relax with their pillow and blanket, and listen to some wonderful stories. A snack will be provided. No registration is necessary. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

WINTER READING FINALE

Saturday, February 14, Noon-3:00 p.m.

Come into the library on Valentine's Day and make pet crafts. Then, we'll watch a Clifford the Big Red Dog movie. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



LEGO® Junior Makerspace - NEW

Sunday, February 15, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Junior LEGO® Makerspace combines reading with building using Lego bricks and our imagination. First we'll read an architect inspired story, and then we'll make a Lego brick creation. The program is designed for children ages 4-7 and their caregiver. Older siblings are welcome. Call the Children's Department to register. This program is sponsored by The LEGO Group, Inc. and the American Library Association, Association of Library Service for Children.

Charlotte's Web

Tuesday, February 17, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Come meet the cast of the Newington Children's Theatre Company, and watch a preview of their upcoming show. No registration required.

Donated by the Newington Children's Theatre Company.



Chess Club

Wednesday, February 18, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Like to play chess? We will set up our program room for all who like to play chess. Bring a friend or find one here! Sets will be available to use here and check out for use at home. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Cookbook Club

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Chefs in grades 3-6 will measure, layer and make a little magic. Magic Bars will need to be baked at home after the program. Call the Children's Department to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Join us for games and activities during your half day free time. No registration required. Just drop in. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Just a Story and a Song!

Wednesday, February 25, 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a thirty minute all ages storytime. We'll enjoy a story (or two) and a song (or two) to welcome in the morning. No registration required.

Tales to Tails

Thursday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session, reading to Jessie, a certified therapy dog. Call to register.

Donated by Kerry Lurate, Registered Therapy Dog Trainer.



Construction Club

Saturday, February 28, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Come to our monthly gathering to build projects with Lego® bricks. This month we will be building with **Dr. Seuss** a Seuss theme in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room. Please call to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



March

Play with Us!

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. Meet with resource professionals who specialize in birth to three year old children, and socialize with your peers. All are welcome. No registration is necessary. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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We'll explore Dot Art! Children ages 2-4 and a caregiver will hear colorful stories and create a Dot project. Call the Children's Department to register. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Half-Day FUN

Tuesday, March 10, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

It's Nutmeg Day at the library. We will be discussing and learning about all the current and past Nutmeg Book Award nominees that the librarians and your friends have read. Join us for snacks, booktalks and games. No registration is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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Chefs in grades 3-6 will measure, knead and shape a "Super" soft pretzel. Pretzels will need to be baked at home after the program. Call the Children's Department to register. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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Preparing for Kindergarten: What Every Parent Needs to Know

Thursday, March 19

Session I - 6:00-6:45 (includes an optional storytime for the child entering kindergarten)

Session II - 7:00-7:45 (for parents ONLY)

Lucy Robbins Welles Library Community Room

Parents of children attending kindergarten in the fall are invited to hear a panel of experienced professionals offer advice and tips for this often stressful time. A storytime for those children entering



kindergarten will be held concurrently during the first session only. A flyer detailing panel information and registration for the program will be available in the Children's Department and must be returned to the Human Services Department by March 14. Call the Department of Human Services at 860-665-8590 for more information. *Sponsored by the Early Childhood Council.*

Tales to Tails

Saturday, March 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session reading to a certified R.E.A.D. dog. Call to register. *Donated by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts.*

Ready for Kindergarten - NEW

Mondays, March 23 - April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 3-5, with a caregiver, are invited to listen to stories and participate in lots of hands-on activities that will help children develop the skills needed for a successful start in kindergarten. Call the Children's Department to register. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Half Day FUN

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From the Library Director

As we continue into the new year the library is pleased to offer new online services via the library's website www.newingtonct.gov/library to help you achieve your New Year's Resolutions, whether that means learning something new, attending a cultural event or just relaxing and having fun.

Three new online educational services have been added to the library's website that can be accessed both in the library and remotely. *StarWalk for Kids*, is a digital service that delivers eBook titles from a wide variety of well-known children's book authors and illustrators, including a large selection of non-fiction ebooks. *Transparent Languages Online* is a comprehensive online learning solution for library patrons with a Newington library card. Over 80 different languages are available including 24 ESL courses. And finally *Lynda.com*, is a 24-hour access to free online technology tutorials. Create an account with your Newington library card and watch step-by-step videos on how to use the latest technology, software, and apps, including everything from GoPro to Photoshop, Microsoft Excel and Word to CAD, podcasting, and using your Kindle, to management and QuickBooks.

Printing museum or attraction passes on demand is a new feature of our museum pass program. Many of our museums now allow print-on-demand, which means that you are able to printout the museum pass from home or a local printer. These passes do not need to be returned. Simply make your reservation, print the pass, and you're good to go! The library, through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, is able to purchase 29 museum and attraction passes for patrons to check out that offer free or reduced admission on the day of use. This service offers a more convenient way to access the passes and there is never an overdue fee because the pass is only good to use on the day of the reservation.

And finally, the library is pleased to offer a new digital streaming service called *Hoopla Digital*. With *Hoopla*, patrons with a Newington library card, have access to thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access. It is very easy to set up and can give you hours of viewing and listening enjoyment. So, try out and enjoy these new services and as always if we can help you in any way please call us at 860-665-8700 or email us at refdept@newingtonct.gov.

— Lisa Masten

Art Exhibits

February – Sonny Lin, photographs
March – Lori Barker, multimedia

Library Meetings

Library Board

Monday, February 9, 7 p.m.

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Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m.

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Library Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sundays 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

(Through May 10)

Library Closings

Monday, February 16 – Presidents' Day

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