



Educators' e-Newsletter Winter 2014

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Database Update

Just a reminder that the library subscribes to many different databases that can be used in the classroom or by students at home. PebbleGo offers four databases for emergent readers in grades K—3.: PebbleGo Animals, PebbleGo Earth and Space, Biographies and Social Studies. *PowerKnowledge*, for students in grades 3—6, has three online science resource databases covering physical science, life science and earth and space science. Check them out under the Homework Help button on the Children's page.



Book Discussion Sets

Our list of titles to the book discussion sets continues to grow. Just call us to put together a set of books (as many as are available at the time) and materials to go with your title. Check it out for six weeks under your teacher card. Call the Children's Department at 860-665-8720 to set it up.



Freegal Music Gets Better

In addition to three free downloads of songs each week, Newington Library cardholders can also stream three hours of music every day. Counters are in the upper right hand corner and will keep you informed of your allotments and usage. Check the library's web site for more information.



Winter Reading Programs

Reading is Our Thing

There's still time to join us for this year's winter reading programs for adults and children. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Adults will earn a prize ticket for each book they read or listen to, which will be entered into the weekly drawings for special gifts. All tickets collected will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held on Friday, February 28.

Children can register at the library's homepage and then record the number of days they've read or been read to. The children's reading program also wraps up on Saturday, March 1.

75 Years and Counting

2014 is the 75th anniversary of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library. It was 75 years ago, in 1939, that the library first opened its doors to the Newington community. Through the years there have been many changes, but the library remains committed to offering exceptional services and programs. Watch for special events throughout the year to mark this special time in the history of the library.



Newington Library 5K Challenge

This year marks the 18th running of the library's annual road race which is scheduled for May 18. Applications will be available at the end of March at the library or on the library's web site.



Don't Forget Sunday Openings

The library is open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. through May 11. Students may use the library Internet computers for up to one hour or have unlimited access to the wi-fi network with their laptops. Study rooms may also be reserved for one hour so students can work together on class projects.

A Selection of Programs @ the Library

Teen Afterhours Movie Night: Valentine's Day Edition

Friday, February 14, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

For ages 13 -19. Come by to watch romantic comedies (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. Call the library at 860-665-8700 to register.



Chess Club for Children

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Like to play chess? We will set up our program room for all who want to come and 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 is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Tech Troubleshooting with Teens

Thursday, March 6, 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 but is not limited to cell phones & text messaging, eReaders, Facebook, cameras, email, videogames, and iPods. Registration is necessary.



Redefined READS - Literary Clocks

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to repurpose old books into literary clocks! 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 or call 860-665-8700, as space is limited. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



QR Code Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 9 – Saturday, March 15 (anytime during library hours)

For ages 13 -19. In celebration of Teen Tech Week, visit the library to participate in our QR Code Scavenger Hunt. You'll have the opportunity to enter our Teen Tech raffle! More details will be available @ the Adult Information Desk during the first week in March. Contact Bailey, teen librarian, at bortiz@newingtonct.gov, with questions.



NutmegMania

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Talk to friends and everyone else about your favorite funny Nutmeg books. Hear about other great funny Nutmegs, play games, enter raffles and MORE! Stop by the Children's Department to get a raffle ticket for each new Nutmeg book you have read and enter for a chance to win a free Nutmeg book. Children ages 8 and up who have read some of the Nutmeg books are welcome. No registration is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*