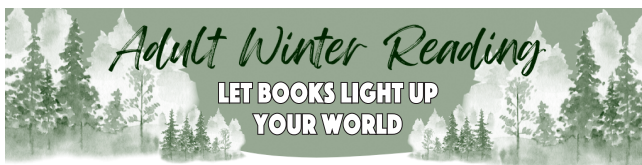


FEBRUARY &
MARCH
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footnotes & Calendar of Events

LET BOOKS
LIGHT UP YOUR WORLD
@ your Library



January 28 – March 7 (See inside)

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Children & Teens Winter Reading Program

LET'S GLOW @ THE LIBRARY!

will begin on Friday, January 31 (See inside)

Registration and a Winter Reading Log will be available on the library's website.

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— John Brighenti Music (see inside)

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Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30

The George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series presents the Dan Ringrose Celtic music concert. Dan Ringrose is a Connecticut-born singer who grew up on the music of the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem. By the age of three, Dan had committed their repertoire to memory! With a rich baritone voice that has been described as "stunning," Dan has a mischievous sense of humor and a comfortable command of the stage. His first love is Celtic folk music; however, he has also absorbed the music of many of this country's greatest troubadours and singer-songwriters over the years. Come join us for a wonderful evening of Celtic music! This concert is made possible by a bequest from George G. Hanel to the Library Board of Trustees.



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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.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Friends of the Library
Spring Book Sale**

May 2, 3 & 4



LIBRARY ROAD RACE

Sunday, May 18

Register today for the Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race that will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025.



REGISTRATION FEES:

Adults:

\$25 — January 1 – March (Early Bird)

\$30 — April thru closing of online registration

\$35 — Packet pickup/race day

Kids: (12 and under)

\$10 — January 1 thru race day

Reminders!

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

All programs now require registration. They will be identified by this symbol.



ADULT PROGRAMS

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

FEBRUARY

Adult Winter Reading: Let Books Light Up Your World

January 28 – March 7

The Adult Winter Reading Program kicked off on January 28 but you can still join the fun! Register online, at the library, or call us and we will do it for you. Adults will earn a ticket for each book they read or listen to, which will be entered into the weekly prize drawings. All tickets collected during the 5-week program will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held on Friday, March 7 at noon.  



CULINARY DELIGHTS


February: Mussels, Clams, and Shrimp in Fire-Roasted Tomato Broth

March: Irish Soda Bread Muffins

Chef Rob Scott will share a video and recipe each month. The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will be on the library website.      

Getting Healthy in the New Year



Tuesday, February 4, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an informational talk on the causes and symptoms of hip and knee pain from our panel. Get your questions answered! Registration Required. Sponsored by Revolution Sports Club, Robo Physical Therapy, and Middlesex Orthopedics. 





Let's Talk – Puzzles and Pretzels

Wednesdays, February 5 & March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Join us to practice your English in a comfortable setting. A librarian will lead the conversation, with a new topic each month.  



Page Turners Book Discussions

Join us for lively book discussions facilitated by Karen and Pat, the first Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.  



Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Thursday, February 6

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Thursday, March 6



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets Every second and fourth Tuesday

February 11 & 25,
March 11 & 25

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.  

Be My Valentine! Crochet Heart

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Crochet a squishy heart for your sweetheart, your friend, or yourself! Basic crochet knowledge is strongly recommended.  



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. 

February – Ground Cayenne pepper

Recipe: Stacey's Hamburger Seasoning

Pickup: February 10 – 14

March – Bourbon Barrel Smoked Salt


Recipe: Bourbon Barrel Smoked Salted Triple Chocolate Cookies

Pickup: March 10 – 14

National Cancer Prevention Month

Wednesday, February 12, noon

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

(repeat) Welcome Maggie Donahue from the Neag Cancer Center at UConn and learn about different medical screenings and options for preventing cancer. Sponsored by the Neag Cancer Center @ UConn. 





Brown Bag It with a Book

Discussion @ the Library:

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Thursday, February 13, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.  

VIRTUAL Author Talks

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

How We Create Pandemics, From Our Bodies to Our Beliefs

– With Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts

Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 p.m.



Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective

– In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.



I Am Nobody's Slave

– An Author Talk with Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Hawkins

Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.



Power of Reset and How to Change What's Not Working

– With Author Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12, 2:00 p.m.



How Women's Liberation Transformed America

– In Conversation with Clara Bingham

Thursday, March 20, 2:00 p.m.





Dreams We Chase

– An Author Talk with Novelist Jennifer Weiner

Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.



In-Person Coloring / Puzzle Get-Togethers — Every first and third Tuesday — February 4 & 18 and March 4 & 18

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!  



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Refreshments provided. Snow date:


Friday, February 28.

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A new year means new books! Join us librarians as we highlight some of the most

anticipated books of 2025 that we are excited to read. And if the weather outside is frightful, join us online through Zoom. 

Solo Agers on the Rise

Thursday February 20, 6:30 p.m.



Join Jill Kovalich for a presentation that explores the shifting demographics in our aging nation. Next she will talk about strategies for coping,

managing, and conquering loneliness, while gaining a positive outlook for living your best life as a solo ager. 



Ocean Painting


Tuesday, February 25, 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Follow along and create an ocean-themed painting of a turtle! All materials will be provided.  

MARCH

End of Adult Winter Reading – Let Books Light Up Your World

Friday, March 7, noon

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



George G Hanel Fine Art Series

Dan Ringrose Music (see cover)

Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30

The George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series presents the



BROWN BAG IT WITH A MOVIE!

Tuesdays @ noon  

Join us for an entertaining film while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. Refreshments provided.

Saturday Night – February 11

At 11:30 p.m. on October 1, 1975, a ferocious troupe of young comedians and writers changed television forever. Find out what happened behind the scenes in the 90 minutes leading up to the first broadcast of

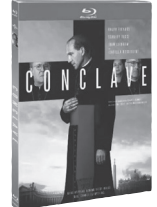



Saturday Night Live (1975). Starring Gabriel LaBelle, Rachel Sennott, Cory Michael Smith. Rated R.

Conclave – March 11

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow. Rated PG.




Dan Ringrose Celtic Music concert. Come join us for a wonderful evening of Celtic music! Registration required. *This concert is made possible by a bequest from George G. Hanel to the Library Board of Trustees.* 

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library:

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline



Thursday, March 13, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. 

Spring Into New Opportunities!

Thursday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.

Volunteering can provide valuable opportunities, such as career development and job prospects.

Learn more about the advantages of volunteering and discover Newington organizations you can volunteer with at our program. Make an impact on your community! The first 50 people will receive a door prize.  



Musical Theatre Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.


It's Broadway, baby! Join us for a trivia night of musicals, both on the stage and in the theater. All ages are welcome and small treats will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link.

Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library. 



TECHNOLOGY

NEW! Tech Help @ Lucy

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



Morning Tech Talk – Adults

First Wednesday of the month

Wednesday, February 5 & March 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.


Let's start the morning discussing



new and relevant technology topics! Bring your devices, technology questions, and make new friends! Each session will be led by a librarian.  

Learning LinkedIn – Adults

Thursday, March 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to sign up and navigate the professional social media for jobs platform, LinkedIn! 



TEEN PROGRAMS

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

FEBRUARY

TEEN WINTER READING 2024:



Friday,
January 31
– Monday,
March 3

Join the Teen Winter Reading Program! Beginning Friday, January 31, registration will be available online. A Winter Reading Log will be posted on the library's website. Once registered, you may print the Bookopoly game board from home or come to the Adult Information Desk to pick up a copy. When your game board is complete, please visit the Adult Information Desk to claim your reward!

Teen Pop-Up: Valentine Card Making

Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Hang out with friends in the Teen Corner as we prepare for Valentine's Day by making homemade cards. Drop in and make a valentine for the special people in your life!

Teen Glow in the Dark Art

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Get your glow on and join us for an evening of painting in the dark under black light! Using fluorescent paints, you'll create your own masterpiece and see how it glows.



Teen Science Heroes: Dry Ice Lab

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Make your winter even 'cooler' ... with dry ice! Through hands-on experimentation, teens will investigate and explore the amazing properties of frozen carbon dioxide – also known as dry ice! Participants will touch a cloud, get fog poured on their heads, taste "dragon's breath," and make their own fog-filled bubbles! Sponsored by the TRIUMPH Charitable Foundation.



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Teen Mario Day Party

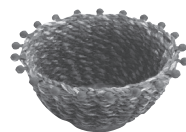
Monday, March 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
March 10th or MAR10 is Mario Day! So, let's-a-go to the library to celebrate with a night of Mario-themed video games and activities.

Spring Into New Opportunities!

Thursday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.
For Teens in grades 9–12
Volunteering can provide valuable opportunities, such as career development and job prospects. Learn more about the advantages of volunteering and meet Newington organizations you can volunteer with at our program. Make an impact on your community! The first 50 people will receive a door prize.

Teen DIY – Basket Weaving

Tuesday, March 25, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to create an adorable basket with yarn and a bit of simple weaving. Using a basket form, weave multi-colored yarn through the spokes to create a unique small basket.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24,
(no storytime on February 17)
and March 3, 24 & 31, 10:15 a.m.
Stories and songs for children 9–24 months, siblings, and their caregivers.

Play For All

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25
and March 4 & 25, 10:15–11:00 a.m.
Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. All are welcome!

Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26
and March 5 & 26, 10:15 a.m.
Stories, songs, and crafts for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers.

Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27
and March 6 & 27, 10:15 a.m.
Stories, songs, and crafts for children ages 3–5, without caregivers.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27
and March 6 & 27, 6:30 p.m.
Stories and songs for the whole family.



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

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Children's Winter Reading 2025: Let's Glow @ the Library!

Friday, January 31 – Monday, March 3
Join the Children's Winter Reading Program! Beginning on Friday, January 31, registration will be available online. This reading program is for all children up to grade 5.

World Hijab Day

Saturday, February 1, 1:00 p.m.
Celebrate World Hijab Day with us! Hear a story, make a small craft, and learn about this movement for global awareness and education. Families with kids in grades K–5 can register beginning January 18.



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Galactic Glow: Out Of This World Crafts



Tuesday, February 4, 6:15 p.m.

Children in grades K – 5 will be able to make space-themed crafts that feature glow-in-the-dark materials!

Registration is required and begins on January 21.  

Poop-A-Palooza


Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

In honor of National Poop Day, Kids in grades K – 2 will celebrate with special crafts and activities. Feel free to wear your poojamas! Registration is required and begins January 27.  



Take Your Child to the Library Day!



Saturday, February 15

In honor of this day, kids can get a special grab & go craft bag. Drop in to pick up a craft bag beginning February 15, while supplies last. 





Crafternoon

Tuesday, February 18, 1:00 p.m.

Children in grades 1 – 5 are invited to join us for an hour filled with activities designed to let you explore and create! Registration begins February 4.  

Li'l Chefs

Wednesday, February 26, 6:15 p.m.



Love cooking with your kids? This is a program for kids ages 3 & 4, with a caregiver. Prepare to blast off when we make Galactic Bark. Registration begins February 12.  



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Pokémon Kids

Monday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.

For kids entering grades 2 – 5. Play games, meet fellow fans of Pokémon, and trade cards! It doesn't matter if you're a Pokémon master or a beginner! Registration begins February 18.  

Teddy Bear Clinic

Saturday, March 8, 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. Co-Sponsored by the GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club. 



Tales to Tails

Tuesdays, February 11, &


March 25, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

with Maple Bacon. Donated by Amanda Collin.

Saturdays, February 15, &

March 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts, Inc.


Children who love dogs or need to boost their reading skills may sign up for a 15-minute session reading to certified therapy dog. Call to register two weeks before each date. 



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Grab & Go Kit

Monday, March 10

Kindergarten registration is upon us! Beginning March 10, sign up for a fun and educational kit containing a variety of activities you can do at home with your soon-to-be kindergartener. Supplies are limited so kits must be picked up within five days of registration. 

PI Music

Tuesday, March 11, 6:15 p.m.



Children ages 2 – 4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music together. We will sing, explore instruments, and listen to great music that will get you moving and dancing. Finally, we will wind down with a bedtime story. Registration begins February 25.  

Baby Soft Play

Friday, February 14, &

Thursday, March 13, 10:15 a.m.



For babies 6 to 24 months, with a caregiver. A program where babies can play and self-explore in a soft play environment.

Call to register two weeks before each date.  



Art Exploration

Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.



Kids ages 2 – 5 and their caregiver will bond, play, and engage in stimulating art activities. So much fun and a little messy! Registration begins March 4.  

Block Party

Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.

For grades K – 5.



Join us for a free play session with Legos, and other fun building toys.

Registration begins March 5.  



Squishmallow DIY Madness



Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

For grades 2 – 5. Learn how to make DIY Squishmallows using only paper and tape! All supplies will be provided. Registration is required and begins on March 6.  



Junior Cookbook Club

Wednesday, March 26, 6:15 p.m.

Tomorrow morning's breakfast is all set when we make overnight oats to take home. Kids in grades K – 2 may register beginning March 12.  

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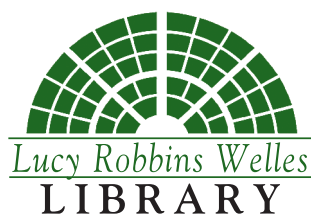


Day in the Life Storytime

Saturday, March 29, 2:00 p.m.

Newington resident Pam Garde will share her life experience as a visually impaired person and will read a story in Braille! Families can register beginning March 15. Sponsored by the General Federation of Woman's Club of Newington/Wethersfield. 





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From the Library Director – *Lisa Masten*

Let the library keep you engaged during the cold, winter months. Join the Winter Reading Programs, *Let's Glow @ the Library*, for kids and teens and *Let Books Light Up Your World* for adults, that run through the beginning of March. Read and be eligible for the many opportunities to win special prizes. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Because the library is now open seven days a week, there are more opportunities for you to come see all that we have to offer. Look inside this newsletter to find a variety of programs for all ages that are sure to be fun and entertaining. The library offers a great collection of books, movies, and music for you to check out in print or digital versions. Learn something new with the many online databases you can access from the library's website. All you need to access them is your library card! You can also go to our website www.newingtonct.gov/library for the latest information. We look forward to seeing you and are always happy to help you in-person, on the phone, or online.

Happy Holidays!

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Venus Nutrition
Village Pizza

Art Exhibits

February: Newington High School
March: Dan Carsten, *Ballpoint pen*
and pencil portraits

Library Meetings:

– Library Board

Monday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
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– Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 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.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

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

Library Closings

Monday, February 17, Presidents' Day

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