

SEPTEMBER &
OCTOBER 2025


footnotes & Calendar of Events

FALL into a
Book @ Your
LIBRARY



Friends Annual Membership Drive


September 1 through October 18

Join the Friends or renew your membership during this time and you will be entered into the special Friends Membership Prize Giveaway drawing that will be held on Saturday, October 18. 



Library Board Annual Meeting

Monday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees invites you to attend this year's meeting. There will be a brief business meeting and the board will recognize this year's honorees. This meeting will be in person with an online option as well. 

George G. Hanel Fine Art Series

Perfido & Humbert Jazz Concert



Friday, October 17, 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)

The George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series presents the **Perfido & Humbert Jazz Concert**. The Perfido/Humbert Duo is comprised of Dominique Humbert performing on alto & soprano saxophones and Peter Perfido on drums, gongs, and percussion. Their repertoire is expansive, covering some of the great modern jazz composers as well as experimenting with improvised and original pieces. Come join us for a wonderful evening of jazz music! *This concert is made possible by a bequest from George G. Hanel to the Library Board of Trustees.* 



Friends Reception

Saturday, October 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Friends of the Library Week with Lucy's favorite Friends. A reception will be held on Saturday, October 18. Membership drawing, a free gift, light refreshments, and more!  

National Friends of the Library Week (See inside)

October 19 – 25

John and Adella Sliva Memorial Young People's

Literary Series – Debbi Michiko Florence

Monday, October 27 and

Wednesday, October 29 (See inside)

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All-Ages Library Card Sign-up Month!

Children, Teens, and Adults!!! (New registrants only)


September 2 – 30

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Savvy Seniors (See inside)

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A Funny Program About Funny Programs: The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time (See inside)

Thursday, October 9

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, *The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time*. He will show funny snippets from the most iconic sitcoms, challenge patrons with sitcom trivia, and talk about how they have evolved over the decades in humor, presentation, and content.  

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.



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

Fall Book Sale

November 7, 8 & 9.

First Sunday Opening

November 9, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friends Adult Craft Fair

Fundraiser - November 22.

Registration begins October 1, \$30 per table.

George G. Hanel Holiday Concert

- The Jukebox Show Band

Friday, December 5

Friends Winterfest

- January 17.

Snow date January 23.



ADULT PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER

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Culinary Delights

September - Beef and Butternut Squash Stew

October - Mozzarella, Tomato, and Basil Quesadillas with Parmesan Crust
Chef Rob Scott will share a video and recipe each month. The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will be on the library website. **F**



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Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every second and fourth Tuesday

September 9 & 23 and
October 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. **F**

In-Person Coloring/ Puzzle Get-Togethers

Every first and third Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

September 2 & 16 and October 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!

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. in the Community Room. **F**

The Brutal Telling

by Louise Penny - Thursday, September 4

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride - Thursday, October 2



VIRTUAL Author Talks

Accomplice to the Villain

with Hannah Nicole Maehrer

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.

Argue Less and Talk More

- with Communication Expert Jefferson Fisher

Wednesday, September 10, 2:00 p.m.

Our Failed Attempts to Make English Easier to Spell

with Author Gabe Henry

Wednesday, September 17, 2:00 p.m.

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

Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States with Smithsonian Educators

- with Smithsonian professionals Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key
Thursday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m.

10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy

- with Leigh Bardugo
Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons

- with Historical Fiction Queen Philippa Gregory
Wednesday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m.

**WHAT EVERYBODY SHOULD
KNOW TO AFFORD TO AGE WELL
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 P.M.**

Technology to Keep You Safe

September 17

This presentation focuses on the use of advanced technology to ensure the safety of older adults as they age. It covers devices and systems designed to monitor health, wearable tech to alert caregivers in emergencies, smart home devices, and other tech solutions for overall safety in the living environment.

How to Find and Get the Help You Need

October 1

This presentation covers the byzantine labyrinth of the long-term care system and how an Aging Life Care™ Professional can use their knowledge and resources to help families plan,

problem solve, and prepare to better understand the changes their loved one may experience. It explains what home care is and isn't, how to select a quality home care agency, and discusses the ways in which a quality home care agency can tailor services to meet the unique needs of each client.

**Top 10 Financial Planning Ideas for
Successfully Navigating Your Senior Years**

October 15


This session delves into various financial strategies that are crucial for

planning a secure retirement. Common pitfalls to avoid will be discussed, as well as various financial planning techniques, which are essential for maintaining financial independence and security in later life.

**Estate and Essential Planning for
Everyone Over 65**

October 29

This presentation focuses on why preparing legal documents such as wills, trusts, health care directives, and powers of attorney are critical for managing and protecting assets as one ages. It also emphasizes the significance of early planning to ensure one's wishes are respected and to simplify the legal processes for family members in the future.

*Sponsored by the CT Care Planning
Council Advisory Board.* 



**Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @
the Library: All the Dangerous Things**
by Stacy Willingham


Thursday, September 11, noon

Join us for this lively discussion of *All the Dangerous Things* by Stacy Willingham while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. Desserts will be provided.  



Understanding Hoarding Disorder

Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Hannah Levy from Hartford Healthcare. She will give valuable information regarding the signs and symptoms of hoarding, why the condition continues and specific treatment options available. *Sponsored by Hartford Healthcare.* 



Puzzle Party

*Thursdays, September 25 & October 23,
11:00 a.m.*

Join us for a fun and relaxing morning! Unwind and have fun with fellow puzzle lovers. Enjoy relaxing music and snacks while working on a variety of community puzzles.



 



Sound Bowl Healing

Friday September 26, 7:00 p.m.


Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Join Daria for an immersive sound healing experience. Relax with the vibrational frequencies of singing bowls and calming meditation.  



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Elder Abuse and What You Should Know

Saturday, September 27, 11:00 a.m.

Join Denise Talbot from All Ages Care Management and learn about elder abuse. *Programs are sponsored by the Newington/Wethersfield GFWC in honor of GFWC International Day of Service.* 

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Craft Fair Fundraiser


Registration begins October 1

Attention crafters and craft lovers of all ages! Mark your calendars for the first Friends of the Library Craft Fair Fundraiser on Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Buyers of all ages are welcome. Stop by to view the creative talents of your Newington neighbors! Stop by to reserve a table beginning October 1. Registration fee: \$30 cash or check please.  



Newington Art League Reception

Monday, October 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meet Newington's amazing artists and see their talented work. Refreshments will be served. Registration required. 



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best of the best, including *I Love Lucy*, *The Honeymooners*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Get Smart*, *All in the Family*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Seinfeld*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, and *The Big Bang Theory*. This program is really entertaining so join in on the fun!  

Brown Bag It with a Movie! – Thunderbolts

Tuesday, October 14, noon

After finding themselves ensnared in a death trap, an unconventional team of antiheroes must go on a dangerous mission that will force them to confront the darkest corners of their past. Join us for this entertaining film while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. Refreshments provided.  



Pumpkin Paint & Sip



Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Head on over to the library for a relaxing evening painting your own unique pumpkins while enjoying a refreshing mocktail. Pumpkins and paint supplies will be provided; all you need to bring is your creativity!  



Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library: *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray

Thursday, October 16, noon

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

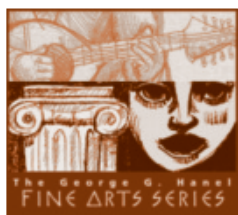


George G. Hanel Fine Art Series *Perfido & Humbert Jazz Concert*

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Let's Talk Nature: Art with Leslie

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join natural art teacher Leslie Mathews to talk about nature and create art! Join Leslie, a creative encourager, who enjoys helping others find joy. *Sponsored by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Newington Greater Together Community Fund.* 



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Crochet Pumpkin Grab & Go Kit

Pickup: October 20 – 25

Feel the spirit of autumn by crocheting your own pumpkin! Previous crochet experience is highly recommended. Craft kits will be available while supplies last.  



Spooky Movies Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the *spirit* of the season with trivia from your favorite scary movies! All ages are welcome and small treats will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.

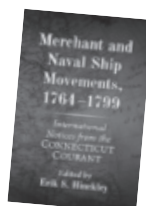



Maritime Shipping News:

The Historical Power of the Sea

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.



Ahoy, mateys! Join local author Erik Hinckley as he discusses his latest book, *Merchant and Naval Ship Movements: 1764-1799*. Erik will present first-hand accounts of significant maritime events gathered from the Connecticut Courant, including shipwrecks, piracy,



privateers, naval warfare, and merchant shipping. Learn about the vital role that shipping and naval power played during this era. 

Tarot Cards 101

Thursday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Join Linda Poland, an experienced Tarot reader, as she teaches you the basics of Tarot! Feel free to bring your own deck of Tarot cards (if you have one), and a notebook.  



TECHNOLOGY


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. Call 860-665-8700 to request an appointment.



Make a Fall or Spooky-Themed Photo Collage in Canva!

Monday, October 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Gather all your fall and spooky photos to create a themed collage! Bring your photos on a flash drive or have access to them digitally. Please have a Canva account created before the program. Note in the registration if you need to borrow a laptop as availability is limited. Some Canva experience is recommended but not required. 



TEEN PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER

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

Library Card Sign-up Month!!!!

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Teen Movie Night: A Minecraft Movie
Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Come hang with your friends, eat some treats, and watch *A Minecraft Movie*. Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a quest with an unexpected, expert crafter. Feel free to bring bean bag chairs, pillows, or blankets.



Teen Pop-Up: Water Color Bookmarks
Tuesday, September 30, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Drop by the library for a relaxing hour of crafting! Design your own unique bookmarks using watercolor paints.



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Teen Fall Mason Jar Crafts

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Get creative with us as we decorate festive fall-themed mason jars! We'll provide the supplies and inspiration; you bring your imagination!



Teen Grab & Go: Crochet Pumpkin

Beginning Monday, October 20
Feel the spirit of autumn by crocheting your own pumpkin! Previous crochet experience is highly recommended. Beginning October 20, teens entering grades 6 – 12 can call to reserve a kit. Craft kits will be available while supplies last.

Teen Author Event: Forever Darkness: Twisted Short Stories & Poems

Thursday, October 23, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come meet teen author Ma'ayan Harel-Sibelman at the library! Ma'ayan is a high school sophomore who recently self-published her first book, *Forever Darkness*, a collection of spooky short stories and poems. She'll be reading a few selections, answering questions, and signing books. Participants will also get to practice writing their own spooky short stories! Don't miss this fun and inspiring event! Books will be available to purchase.



Teen Sewing Workshop: Glove Monsters

Tuesday, October 28, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Join us for a beginner-friendly sewing workshop where you'll transform gloves into fun and spooky monster creations! No sewing experience needed, and all materials will be provided.



CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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.

MONTHLY STORYTIMES:

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, September 15, 22, 29 and
October 6, 20, 27, 10:15 a.m.

(No class on October 13)

Stories and songs for children 9 – 24 months, siblings, and their caregivers.

Play For All

Tuesdays, September 16, 23, 30 and
October 7, 14, 21, 28

10:15 a.m. – 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, September 17, 24 and
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers.

Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds

Thursdays, September 25 and October 2,
9, 16, 23, 30, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages 3 – 5, **without caregivers**. Children must be 3 at the start of the session.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 30, 6:30 p.m.
(No class on October 23)

Stories and songs for the family. Materials are geared towards grade 2 and younger.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Tales to Tails

Saturdays, September 20 & October 25,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with Maple Bacon.

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



Baby Soft Play

Fridays, September 26 & October 31,
10:15 – 11:00 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. *Costumes are welcome on October 31!*



SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

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September 2 – 30

Calling all children from birth through grade 5 who live in Newington!

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PJ Music

Thursday, September 4, 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. Finally, we will wind down with a bedtime story. Come join the fun! Registration begins August 21.



Movers & Shakers: A Musical Storytime

Tuesday, September 9, 10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2 – 4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music in this high-energy program. Come sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, dance, and more. Registration begins August 26.



Li'l Chefs

Wednesday, September 10, 6:15 p.m.

Love cooking with your kids? This is a program for preschoolers ages 3 & 4 with a caregiver. We will be making microwave cinnamon apples! Registration begins August 27.



Prepare with Pedro: Wash Your Hands

Thursday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.

The American Red Cross will teach kids how to effectively wash their hands and to stay germ-free through a fun interactive presentation. Kids ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver can register beginning August 28. *Sponsored by the American Red Cross.*



Little Yogi

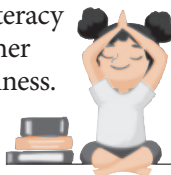
Saturday, September 13, 11:00 a.m.

For ages 2 – 5, with a caregiver. Have you ever wanted to move along with the characters in a book? Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins August 30.

Storytime Yoga

Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.

For ages 5 – 9. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins September 2.



My Gym Mobile

Thursday, September 18, 10:15 a.m.

Get your body moving! Kids ages 2 – 5 can have fun through exercise, games, music, and more with an instructor from My Gym West Hartford. Registration begins September 4. *Sponsored by My Gym West Hartford.*



LEGO Builders

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

Design, build, and play! Work on your own creation or do a LEGO challenge. Kids in grades K – 5 can register beginning September 4. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.



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Pokémon Kids

Monday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.



For kids in grades 2 – 5. Play games, meet fellow fans of Pokémon, and trade

cards! It doesn't matter if you're a Pokémon master or beginner! Registration begins September 15.  



Homeschool Open House

Tuesday, September 30, 1:30 p.m.

This will be a great opportunity to learn about library resources and to make connections with other homeschooling families. Families can register beginning September 16.  




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Celebrate Diwali

Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

The Layavinyasa Company will run this fun, hands-on workshop for youth of all backgrounds. Paint and decorate your 'Diya' or lamp and enjoy a lively presentation exploring the timeless stories and traditions that inspire this colorful festival. Kids in grades 1–5 can register beginning September 17.


Sponsored by The Hartford Foundation and the Friends of the Library. 



Storytime @ the Old Firehouse

Saturday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.

Please join staff member and firefighter Joanna and other members of the Newington Volunteer Fire Department for a Storytime at the old fire house on the corner of Main Street and Garfield Street. Don't miss it! Registration for families begins September 20.

Sponsored by the Newington Volunteer Fire Department. 



Prepare with Pedro: Fire Safety

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.


The American Red Cross is back to teach about home fire safety and other local hazards. Safety skills will be taught in a fun, interactive way. Kids in grades K–3 with a caregiver can register beginning September 23.

Sponsored by the American Red Cross. 



Hooked on Llamas

Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Are you hooked on llamas? We are! Debbie Labbe from Country Quilt Llama Farm will share a story and talk about all things llama. Kids can also pet and take a picture with the visiting llama! Registration begins September 24. 



Bedtime & Toilet Training Battles

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

The struggle is real! If you are looking for strategies, Jessica Orr, an ABA Pre-K teacher, will be here to share her tips & tricks.



Please note this program is for parents only.

Registration begins September 30.



Junior Cookbook Club


Wednesday, October 15, 6:15 p.m.

We're making mini apple pies! Kids in kindergarten through grade 2 may register beginning October 1.  



Water Safety @ Safesplash Swim School



Sunday, October 19, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

This event will take place at the Safesplash Swim School in Newington Let's swim this fall! Safesplash Swim School will provide a demonstration on water safety tips & tricks. Afterwards, there will be a free open swim! *All children must be accompanied in the pool by an adult.* Remember to wear a swimsuit and bring a towel! There will be games, raffles, and a tour! Registration begins Saturday, October 4. *Sponsored by the Safesplash Swim School.* 



Storytime Yoga



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For ages 5–9. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. Registration begins October 8.  



Spooktober

Thursday, October 23, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

If you're looking for some scary good fun, you'll have a scream at the library! Kids will enjoy making spooktacular crafts to celebrate the spooky season. Kids in grade 5 and under can register beginning on October 9.  



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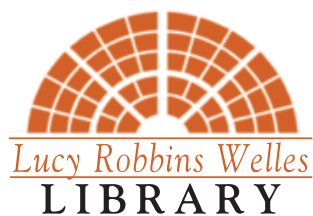


Cookbook Club

Wednesday, October 29, 6:15 p.m.

Let's make apple turnover crescent rolls! Registration for kids in grades 3–5 may register beginning October 15.  





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From the Library Director – Lisa Masten

Fall is a busy time at the library with a variety of fun library programming and special events – please take a look inside this newsletter to see all that is being offered! The Library Board of Trustees will hold their annual meeting on Monday, September 8, where new officers are elected, this year's honorees are recognized, and new members are inducted into the Legacy Society. The Library Board of Trustees will also present an afterhours concert on Friday, October 17 with the Perfido & Humbert jazz duo at the library, featuring music from some of the great modern jazz composers as well as their own original pieces and improvisations. *This concert is made possible by a bequest from George G. Hanel to the Library Board of Trustees.*

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The Friends are also preparing for their Fall Book Sale that will be held on November 7, 8, & 9 at the Newington Senior & Disabled Center. Money raised from membership dues and fundraisers like the book sale help to fund more than 95% of library programming for all ages, the Museum Pass program, and library technology. Please consider supporting the Friends, who support the library.

Thank you to our Dining Partners and businesses that donated to our Summer Reading programs!

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The Rockin Chicken

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Summer Reading Partners

Bowl-O-Rama
Chick-fil-A
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Jump On In
Lutz Children's Museum
LaserMaxx
New Britain Bees
The Pottery Piazza
Safari Mini Golf

Art Exhibits

September: Felix Freudzon

– Mixed Media

Tuesday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.

Artist Reception

October: Newington Art League

– Mixed Media

Monday, October 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Artist Reception

Library Meetings:

– Library Board

Monday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

– Friends of the Library

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday beginning November 9

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

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

Library Closings

Monday, September 1, Labor Day

Monday, October 13, Indigenous Peoples Day

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