Dining Partners Program
The Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, is pleased to present the Library’s Dining Partner Program. Participating restaurants will be offering a discount or special offer that will be listed on the Dining Partner ticket. Dining tickets will be distributed at designated library programs and events and identified with the waiter symbol. This program supports participating restaurants that are helping the Lucy Robbins Welles Library with its 2020 events including the Friends’ Winterfest, the annual 5K road race scheduled on May 17, 2020, and the summer reading programs for adults, children and teens. The Trustees and Friends are delighted to collaborate with these local dining establishments and offer a new service for both the restaurants and the Library’s patrons. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information.

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Take Your Child to the Library Day AND
Winter Reading Kickoff – Reading Through Time
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10:15 a.m. – Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator
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Winter Reading Finales
Adult – Reading Through Time
Friday, March 6
All tickets collected for the program’s weekly drawings will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held at 12 noon. Winners will be notified.

Children’s – Time Traveling Party
Saturday, March 7
Travel through time and enjoy an hour of crafts, movies and snacks. Children ages 4 –10 may bring their completed Winter Reading Activity Log as admission into the party.

Preparing for Kindergarten: What Every Parent Needs to Know
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.
Lucy Robbins Welles Library Community Room
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Tabletop Game Night
Thursday, March 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
For ages 12 and up. Learn some new & non-traditional games from a Tabletop Gaming Center expert! Adults are welcome too.

Reminders:
Many of the programs the library offers are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. These programs are identified by the symbol above.

Many programs require registration. They will be identified by this symbol. Unless noted, registration will be taken in person or over the telephone at the Adult Information Desk or by calling 860-665-8700 or the Children’s Dept. 860-665-8720.

Designated Dining Partner Programs will be identified with this symbol.
February

Thurs. Page Turners Book Discussion
American Marriage by Tayari Jones
February 6, 7:00 p.m.
The discussion will be facilitated by a library staff member and light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested is invited to attend any or all. We hope to see you there! F

Movies & More: Downton Abbey
Tuesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.
The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early twentieth century. Starring Matthew Goode, Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery. Running time 121 minutes. Get your free tickets at the Adult Information Desk. Snacks provided. F

Essential Oils with Cailin McBee
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Using Essential Oils to feel good about you! Join Cailin McBee for an interesting presentation on essential oils and how to use them for yourself and happiness. F A

How To Navigate the World of Assisted Living and Memory Care
Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.
Senior Care Consultant Liz Cornish, MSPT, provides information on different types of assisted living and memory care communities, cons and cons, and how they differ in services offered. Questions will be provided that families should ask and how/when to start a conversation with your family members. The cost of assisted living vs. the cost of remaining in the home is also discussed. Registration required. Co-Sponsored by Middlewoods of Newington. F

Brown Bag it With a Documentary
American Masters: Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise
Tuesday, February 25, 12:00 noon.
The film presents the incredible journey of Dr. Maya Angelou, shedding light on the untold aspects of her life with remarkable unmatched access. Running time 114 minutes. Refreshments provided. F

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion
Thursday, February 27, noon
Join us for a discussion of the book Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. F A

March

30 Days to Better Organization
Tuesday March 3, 6:30 p.m.
Whether you are thinking of moving or staying right where you are, this program is for you! Come meet Donna Finocchiaro, an estate organizer and author of 30 Days to Better Organization. Learn a few new tips and tricks to conquer your clutter! Registration required.

Thursday Page Turners Book Discussion
Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.
Dead Wake by Eric Larson
The discussion will be facilitated by a library staff member and light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested is invited to attend any or all. We hope to see you there! F

Movies & More: Judy
Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.

Paint Night Fun
Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.
Come out of the cold and paint a picture at the library. Snacks provided. Registration required. Sponsored by Middlewoods of Newington.

Brown Bag it With a Documentary
American Masters: Joseph Pulitzer
Tuesday, March 24, 12:00 noon.
Joseph Pulitzer arrived in the United States penniless and proceeded to create two best-selling newspapers - and a major fortune. From the start of his career, Pulitzer championed the sacred role of free press in a democracy. Running time 85 minutes. Refreshments provided. F

Tabletop Game Night
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Recycling 101
Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Confused about what you can and cannot recycle? Then attend this program to learn all about recycling in Connecticut: what can, can’t and must be recycled; why towns recycle different things, the new plastic bag law, and more. Presented by CT DEEP facilitator Sherill Baldwin. The Assistant Superintendent from the Newington Highway Department, Robert Hillman, will also participate to answer local recycling questions. F A

Crafts and Conversation
• Thursday, February 13
• Wednesday, February 26
• Thursday, March 12
• Tuesday, March 31

10:00 a.m. – noon
Bring the craft of your choice and join the conversation! Light refreshments provided. Registration required.
Teen Activities

March

Teen Winter Reading
Cozy up with a good book! The Teen Winter Reading program will run Feb 1 – Feb 29. Teens can enter one reading log submission online for every book/graphic novel read. Each week a winner will receive a $10 Starbucks gift card. Two winners will be picked to win the grand prize, a $25 gift card. More info will be offered online.

Teen Makerspace

Thursday, March 19, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
For grades 6 – 12. Drop in to check out the variety of projects we will have available!

Teen Essential Oil Makerspace

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
For grades 6 – 12. Drop in to check out the variety of essential oil makerspace projects we will have available with Cailin McBee.

Tabletop Game Night

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Girls Coding Community

Saturday March 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to create and send secret messages? There are many ways to do it and computers have been doing it for a long time! In this program some of NHS’s brightest computer scientists will show you how images and text can be converted to numbers and how you and your friends can use this to send and decode messages to each other. No computers required!

Pajama Music

Recommended for ages 4 – 12. All day we will have crafts and activities in the Children’s Room. Also pick up a Winter Reading program Activity Log to participate in the program and collect cool prizes.

February

Tech 4 U Thursdays

• February 6, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
• February 13, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
• March 5, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
• March 26, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Do you need help downloading your ebook or using your new smartphone? Want to set up a Facebook or Twitter account? For help with your specific technology questions, make an appointment for a 45-minute session with a librarian today!

Registration is required for all technology programs.

Ready, Set, Stream!

Thursday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
Looking to take the plunge into online streaming? Join us for a basic overview of quality online entertainment options using a streaming service and device.

iPad Essentials

Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about essential iPad skills, such as the iPad’s physical features, settings, finding and installing apps, and more. Bring your device and questions to the class!

Children’s Activities

Ongoing Drop-in Winter Preschool Storytimes
January 6 – February 27
Various preschool storytimes for ages 9 months through 6 years. Pick up a detailed schedule in the Children’s Department or check out our webpage at www.newingtonct.gov/library.

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Pajama Music

Mondays, February 3 and 10, 6:00 p.m.
Children ages 2 – 4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music together. We will sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, and listen to great music that will get you moving and dancing. Finally, we will wind down with a bedtime story. Come join the fun! Pajamas are optional.

Play with Us!

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:15 – 11:15 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. Partnered with Creative Interventions, LLC. *

**Movers and Shakers: A Musical Storytime**
Tuesday, February 4, noon
Children ages 2 – 4 and a caregiver are invited to come to the library in comfortable pajamas to have fun doing yoga together. Beth Agdish, a certified Next Generation Yoga for Kids instructor, will teach us techniques and traditional poses. Mats will be provided to those who do not bring one. Please call to register beginning January 28.

**Family Storytime**
Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Stories, songs and more for the whole family all year. (no program 2/20).

**Pajama Yoga**
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
Namaste everyone! That means peace. Children ages 4 – 8 and their caregivers are invited to come to the library and have fun doing yoga together. Beth Agdish, a certified Next Generation Yoga for Kids instructor, will teach us techniques and traditional poses. Mats will be provided to those who do not bring one. Please call to register beginning January 28.

**Junior Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Love is in the air! Join us as we read Chick ‘n’ Pug: The Love Pug by Jennifer Gordon Sattler. Later we will make petit fours desserts. Junior chefs in grades K – 2 may register beginning January 29.

**Tales to Tails**
Saturday, February 15, 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. Registration begins February 1. Donated by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts.

**Stories and Art**
Tuesday, February 18, noon
Join us for a story and art program for 2 – 4-year-olds and their caregivers.
Registration begins February 4.

**Fun Through Time**
Tuesday, February 18, 2:30 p.m.
Children in grades K – 4 are invited to play games and enjoy a flying saucer snack. Call to register beginning February 4.

**Lucy’s Chess and Checkers Club**
Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.
Like to play chess and/or checkers? We will set up our program room with sets and a knowledgeable adult and teens who can provide basic assistance. Snacks will be available. Bring a friend or find one here!

**Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.
This month we will be making chicken lettuce cups. Chefs in grades 3 – 6 should call to register beginning February 5.

**Tales to Tails**
Thursday, February 20, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Children who love dogs or need to boost their reading skills may sign up for a 15-minute session reading to Ellie, a certified therapy dog. Registration begins February 6. Donated by Natalie Harbeson.

**My Gym**
Thursday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. (REPLACES FAMILY STORYTIME)
2 – 4-year-olds and their caregivers are welcome to join in with a movement program presented by My Gym of West Hartford. Be prepared to climb, move and have FUN!

**Building with LEGO® Bricks**
Saturday, February 22, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Come to our monthly gathering to build projects with LEGO® bricks. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.

**Teddy Bear Clinic**
Saturday, February 29, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Volunteer teddy bear doctors are running a popup repair clinic at the library for teddy bears and other gently-loved stuffed toys and their clothing. Drop in and enjoy crafts and reading materials while you wait for your wounded one to be repaired. Cost is a donation to Newington Human Services or a gently used book. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman’s Club.

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**Just a Story and a Song!**
Wednesdays, March 4 and 11, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a 30-minute all ages story time. We’ll enjoy a story (or two) and a song (or two) to welcome in the morning.

**Family Storytime**
Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Stories, songs and more for the whole family all year round.
Children’s Activities

Winter Reading Finale – TIME TRAVELING PARTY
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Parent – Child Workshop
Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Family Place is presenting a four-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! Registration begins February 24. *A light supper will be served before the Monday evening sessions.

Junior Cookbook Club
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
Join us as we read Dough Knights and Dragons by Dee Leone. Then we will make our own mug cakes. Please bring a microwave-safe (no metallic designs!) mug from home. Junior chefs in grades K – 2 may register beginning February 26.

Zentangle Art with Laura
Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28, and April 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Zentangle is a method of creating abstract art through patterns.

Anyone can be an artist using this art form. In these four weeks, we will have fun making a variety of unique and original works of art using many different mediums. Children in grades K – 2 may register beginning February 29.

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Our regular spring session weekly storytimes for ages 9 months through 6 years. To choose the right one for your child, pick up a detailed schedule in the Children’s Department or check our webpage at www.newingtonct.gov/library.

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Books and Babies!
Monday, March 30, 9:15 a.m.
Join us in a program for our youngest library fans! Babies, ages 0 – 12 months, and their caregivers will enjoy a stimulating, age-appropriate program that will gently introduce them to the library. Babies will also receive a “Welcome to the library” gift bag. Please call to register beginning March 16.

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Art Exhibits
Located in the Community Room
February – Newington High School
– multi-media
March – Samantha Dziubeck – multi-media

Library Meetings
Library Board
Monday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library
Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

Library Hours
Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Library Closings
Monday, February 17 – Presidents’ Day

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From the Library Director
The Library’s New Dining Partner Program that kicked off at the Friends Winterfest is a way for the library to collaborate and support local restaurants who give and support the library’s many fundraisers and events throughout the year.

How do you participate? Library patrons will directly benefit from the Dining Partner Program by attending a library program designated as a Dining Partner Program featured event or by participating in the library’s annual 5K Road Race Challenge. Attendees at a featured library program or the race will receive a ticket which can be brought to any participating restaurant listed on the ticket to obtain the restaurant’s special offer or discount offer by the expiration date (four weeks from the date the ticket is handed out). A sampling includes 10% or 15% off the check, $5 off purchase of $30 or more, buy one/ get one half off, and several other options. The Library’s website will be updated monthly to announce the list of featured library programs which will distribute tickets.
We are thrilled to offer the new program to our patrons and encourage you to use them and support our local restaurants who support the library.

— Lisa Masten

Love Your Library!
Give to the Lucy Robbins Welles Library Legacy Society and help the library thrive and grow.

Call the Library Director at 860-665-8724 for more info.

Important Information
The library will be open regular hours and offer the same great services and programs during the Town Hall renovation. During this time you will be able to visit the library but access will be different. Please call the library at 860-665-8700 or go to the library’s website, www.newingtonct.gov/library, for the most up-to-date information.