

Children & Families



BABY & TODDLER TUESDAYS

Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob

Tues Sept 5 & 19; Oct 3 & 17; Nov 7 & 21 | 10:30–11:15am

Bring your littles to sing & dance along with musician Robert Messore. Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few surprises on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from September through December. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome! Tuesday programs are followed by a casual playgroup.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Tues Sept 12 & 26; Oct 10 & 24; Nov 14 & 28 | 10:30–11:15 am

Mother Goose on the Loose is a fun interactive program of songs, rhymes, finger plays, movement, puppets & short books, designed for babies & toddlers. Join us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome! Tuesday programs are followed by an informal playgroup.

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

LEGO Builders Club

Thursdays & Saturdays | dates & times listed below



Once a month, we're inviting all builders to visit the library & show us what you can create! Build your own unique creation with library LEGOs. Meet new friends & browse our collection of LEGO books for inspiration. Each month, we'll have a new theme & your work will be displayed in the until the next meeting! Suggested for age 4-11. Drop-ins welcome! Upcoming Schedule:

- Thursday Sept 7 | 4 – 5 pm; *Theme: Build a Scene with a Fall Tree*
- Saturday Oct 28 | 2 – 3pm; *Theme: Monster Creations!*
- Thursday Nov 16 | 4 – 5 pm; *Theme: Build a Carnival Ride or Game*

Storytime & Read to Samantha the Therapy Dog!

Saturdays September 30 & October 28 | 10:30–11:30am



Join Miss Sascha for a story & craft, followed by an opportunity to read one-on-one with Samantha, a beautiful therapy dog who loves to hear stories! Practice your reading skills in a gentle environment with the world's most accepting audience. Not ready to read yet? That's okay, too. Show Samantha the pictures and tell her your own story! A special thank you to Samantha's owner, Miss Dianne. Recommended for ages 3-6. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Tasty Crafternoon

Saturday Sept 30 | 2–3pm

Miss Sue & Miss Angela are two talented cooks who also happen to work at the library circulation desk. Join them for an afternoon of edible crafts as they show you how to create a delicious seasonal snack! Of course, you'll also get to eat what you make! Recommended for age 4-11. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Kids' Art with Kristin Cafferty

Thursday October 5 | 5:30–6:30pm

Young artists will use oil pastels, watercolor resist & collage techniques to make colorful, fun projects with art teacher Kristin Cafferty. Recommended for ages 6-12. To sign up, call the library at (203) 468-3890 or email the Children's Librarian: sgardiner@hagamanlibrary.org

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Bremen Town Musicians with CactusHead Puppets

Saturday December 2 | 10:30–11:30 am

What can a donkey, a dog, a cat, and a rooster do when they have to leave their farm? Become world famous musicians, of course! CactusHead Puppets bring to life the hilarious tale of four farm animals who set out on the road to Bremen to pursue their dreams of stardom. Along the way, they encounter a fortune, foil some



robbers, and learn how to work together in harmony. This production features lovable rod puppets, elaborate shadow scenes & the CactusHead puppets' signature sense of humor. Show length is 35 minutes plus a Q&A after the show. Sponsored by CT Humanities who are also providing free books for all. To sign up, call the library at (203) 468-3890 or email the Children's Librarian: sgardiner@hagamanlibrary.org

The Tree of Knowledge



As a member of our community of thinkers, learners & makers, are you interested in leaving a lasting mark on our library?

Consider supporting Hagaman by donating a leaf to the Tree of Knowledge. Each unique leaf is crafted of bronze & inscribed with the personal message of your choice. Whether you add a leaf with your favorite quote,

your family name, or the name of a loved one as a special tribute, we welcome you to join our list of local library supporters who have left their mark at Hagaman Memorial Library.

The Tree of Knowledge is on permanent display in The DeMayo Room & is featured on the front of this brochure.

All are welcome to visit us during library hours to read the beautiful thoughts & messages that other donors like you have already left behind.

Leaves are available for a donation of \$50; donations help fund maintenance costs & programming at Hagaman Memorial Library. If you are interested in donating a leaf, please call the library at (203) 468-3890 or email us at: justaskhagaman@biblio.org

Fall Hours:

Mon, Fri & Sat: 10am – 5pm
Tues – Thurs: 10am – 8pm

Hagaman Library

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Hagaman Happenings



Fall 2023

Adult Programs

SERIES PROGRAMS

Game Night

Tuesdays Sept 05 & Nov 07 | 5 – 7:30pm
Do you love games? Us too! Make new friends while playing our favorite games, or bring your own. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!



Casual & Fun FREE Yoga

Wednesdays | 6 – 7:15 pm
Join us for this FREE weekly class, sponsored by the library. No prior knowledge necessary, no need to sign-up, drop-ins welcome!



Casual & Fun Saturday Yoga

Starts Saturday Sept 09 | 10:30 – 11:45am
A weekly chance to learn basic positions in a beginner class. Note: this is not a library-sponsored event. A \$5 donation is suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!



Casual & Fun Monday Yoga

Starts Monday Sept 11 | 1:00 – 2:15 pm
A weekly chance to learn basic positions in a beginner class. Note: this is not a library-sponsored event. A \$5 donation is suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!

New! Piano Classes with Tony Lamberti

Mondays, Sept 11 to Nov 20 | 10:30am – 12pm
Join pianist Tony Lamberti for a chance to learn piano! Lecture is followed by a chance to play. Recommended for adults & ages 12+. Note: this is a group class. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Friends of the Library

Sept 12, Oct 10 & Nov 14 | 5:30 – 8pm
Help make the library a better place! The Friends is an all-volunteer organization that helps support the library & they need you! No need to sign-up, new friends are welcome!

Genealogy Club

Sept 13, Oct 11 & Nov 8 | 6:30 – 8pm
Join us on the 2nd Wednesday each month for a chance to trace your family tree! Whether you're a novice or an experienced genealogist, this club is free & open to all. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome. A zoom option is also available, to learn more email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Hagaman Collectors' Club

Monday Sept 18 | 3pm – 4:30pm
It's like show & tell for adults! Bring your hobby or collection to share with the group. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

New! Crochet & Knitting Club

Tuesdays, Sept 19 to Dec 5 | 6 – 7:45 pm
Calling all crafters! Join artists Sue Carrozza & Lorie Pellegrino to learn a new skill! Some tools available to share, or bring your own supplies. Waiting list will open when class is full. Call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

New! Veterans Book & Writing Group

Saturdays Sept 23, Oct 21 & Nov 25 | 10:30am – 12pm
A club for those who have served & would like to express themselves creatively. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

BOOK CLUBS

Shakespeare Book Club

Tuesdays Sept 12 & Nov 14 | 6 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss the great works on the second Tuesday, every other month. September: *The Tempest*. November: *The Winter's Tale*. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Classics Book Club

Monday Sept 25 & Nov 20 | 3 – 4:30pm
Read & discuss a classic novel, every other month. September: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Mystery Book Club

Monday Oct 02 | 3 – 4:30pm
Read & discuss a mystery every other month. October: *The Secret Agent* by Joseph Conrad. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

History (Nonfiction) Book Club

Tuesday Oct 03 | 6 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss nonfiction every other month. October: *Connecticut Witch Trials: The First Panic in the New World* by Cynthia Boynton. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

New! Philosophy Club

Monday, Oct 23 | 3pm – 4:30pm
A new topic every other month. All you need to bring is an open mind! October Topic: Artificial Intelligence. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Monday Oct 16 | 3–4pm
Read & discuss a contemporary novel, every other month. October: *The Last Heir to Blackwood Library* by Hester Fox. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Cookbook Club

Sat Sept 23, Oct 21 & Nov 25 | 2 – 4pm
Share your cooking with the group! September theme: Recipes of Rachael Ray, October: Jacques Pepin, November: Ree Drummond. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Book of Top 10 Beatles Lists

Wednesday Sept 06 | 6:30 – 8pm
If you've got Beatlemania, this event is for you! Join author Charles Rosenay for a presentation on the revolutionary band. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Medicare & Medicaid Information

Monday Sept 11 | 2 – 3pm
Leslie Pruitt of the Agency on Aging will explain how to navigate applications for both Medicare & Medicaid. Drop-ins welcome!

Drafting of the U.S. Constitution

Tuesday Sept 19 | 6pm – 8pm
Join research scientist & teacher Ray Vermette for a historical presentation sponsored by Mary Clapp Wooster Branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Meet Nonprofits on the Greenway Trail

Saturday Sept 23 | 10am – 12pm
Join Hagaman Library & other East Haven Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Groups for a fun, free meet & greet on the Shoreline Greenway Trail! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome! Tables will be set up at the D.C. Moore trail entrance. Rain Date TBA.

Pizza & Movie Night

Sept 28, Oct 26 & Nov 30 | 5 – 8pm
One Thursday each month, you're invited to a night out! Free pizza served at 5pm, film starts at 5:30pm. Refreshments sponsored by Therapy Works of East Haven. Sign-up is required to attend, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

-Sept 28: *Book Club... Next Chapter*, PG-13
-Oct 26: *Scary Stories...In the Dark*, PG-13
-Nov 30: *Miracle on 34th Street*, PG

An Evening of Connecticut Ghosts

Wednesday Oct 04 | 6:30 – 8pm
You're invited to a spirited retelling of true, local stories of the supernatural. Join author Charles Rosenay for an exploration of his book, *True Ghost Stories of Connecticut*, to hear accounts of real, Connecticut hauntings. Space is limited, early registration highly encouraged! Waiting list will open when event is full. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Writer's Haven: Spark & Strategize

Saturday Oct 07 | 2 – 3pm
Authors Velya Jancz-Urban & Ehris Urban will discuss how to bring your book to life! A Zoom option is available. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Halloween Uno Card Party

Tuesday, Oct 24 | 5pm – 8pm
Adults are invited to a Halloween Card Party, complete with music, raffles & refreshments! To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Meet Author Tony Renzoni

Wednesday Oct 25 | 6:30 – 8pm
Join author Tony Renzoni for a discussion of his books of local history. Presentation is free; books will be available for \$20. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

A Visit From Abraham Lincoln

Wednesday Nov 01 | 6 – 8pm
Join actor Lou Del Bianco for an interactive, dramatic portrayal of the life of Abraham Lincoln as both Civil War President & frontiersman. Endorsed by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Book Talk with Charles McNair

November 2, 2023 | 10am-12:30pm
Join Vietnam Veteran Charles McNair for a discussion of his experiences in Vietnam as a medical surgeon & his books, *Soldiers of a Foreign War* and *In a Dark Wood*. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Knit So as to Turn Water

Saturday Nov 04 | 2 – 3pm
Join Rebecca Bayreuther Donohue to explore the history of New England's maritime knitting. Rich in origin mythology & salty with sailors' yarns, this presentation will cover garments like nippers, half-handers, and the infamous fisherman's sweater, weaving a tale of our coastal history like you've probably never heard before! Sponsored by the East Haven Historical Society. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesdays | 10am–5pm
Have a question about your smartphone or other device? Drop in for one-on-one assistance with a librarian! Can't make our drop-in hours? Schedule an appointment, instead! Call us at (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Notary Services

By Appointment | Drop-Ins Welcome
Have a document notarized. To make an appointment, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Ask-A-Lawyer: Free Consultations

Wed Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 | 6pm
Have a legal question? Ask an expert! Free, 15 minute consultations with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar. Consultations are first-come, first-served, early arrival suggested before all spots are full!

AA Meetings

Monday–Friday | 12–1pm
Share your experience, strength & hope. Free, open meetings available. No need to sign up, all are welcome.

Teen Events

SERIES PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group

Every Other Friday 3:30 – 5pm



Starting September 01, join us every other Friday to help us make the library a better place! Discuss programs, vote on new books & more! Earn community service hours for your time. Open to teens age 12 to 18. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Teen Lounge

Every Other Friday | 3:30 – 5pm

Starting September 08, join us every other Friday for something different every session! We'll be exploring everything from crafts to games & more. Open to all teens age 12 to 18. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Tabletop Club

Sept 16, Oct 14 & Nov 18 | 1 – 3:30pm
Are you a fan of Dungeons & Dragons? Curious about different games? Join us one Saturday a month for our Tabletop Club! All materials provided; open to teens age 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Volunteer Info Session

Thursday, Sept 07 | 6 – 7pm
Learn about the library's volunteer opportunities & about our Teen Advisory Group. Open to Teens age 12 to 18 & parents. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Jackbox Games

Thursday, September 14 | 4:30 – 6pm
Join us in-person or on our discord server to play games. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Please note: you will need an internet-enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) to play. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Magic the Gathering Night

Tuesday, September 26 | 5:30 – 7pm
Learn the basics of the infamous trading card game that's celebrated by teens & adults around the world! While you're here, create a deck to keep! All materials are provided; open to Teens age 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org



Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, October 05 5:30 – 7:30pm



An evening of mystery! Take on the role of a unique character & unravel the clues to find the murderer! Open to teens age 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library (203) 468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Movie Night: The Corpse Bride

Tuesday, October 17 | 5:30 – 7pm

Join us for a screening of the 2005 film *The Corpse Bride*. Fresh popcorn served! Open to teens age 12 to 18 & their families. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Why Choose Community College?

Thursday, November 02 | 6 – 7:30pm

Join Bernard Shea, Outreach & Recruitment Specialist for CT STATE Community College/Gateway CC & learn how a community college might ease your college search burden. Open to Teens age 12 to 18 & their parents. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Blacklight Paint & Soda Sip

Thursday, November 09 | 5:30 – 7pm

Create fantastic fluorescent paintings under black light while enjoying a variety of soft drinks! All materials provided; open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Pie & Book Tasting

Tuesday, November 21 | 6 – 7pm

Sample a variety of pie flavors & get a taste of what our YA collection offers! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library (203)468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

TEEN SERVICES

Community Service Hours

By Appointment | Teens Ages 12–18

Need to earn Community Service Hours? The library needs you! Help make our library a better place. Organize shelves, sort books & help the Teen Services Librarian with special projects. To sign up, email Miss Emily: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Teen Discord Server

Open to Teens Ages 13–18

We're excited to announce the launch of our Teen Discord Server! Discord is a free platform that allows users to share messages within a closed community. Our server is open to teens ages 13 – 18 with a registered CT library card. It's a safe place to socialize online with other teens & stay in the loop about upcoming events. To sign up, email Miss Emily: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org