

Children & Families

BABY & TODDLER TUESDAYS

Mother Goose on the Loose

Tuesdays Sep 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 10:30–11:15 am

Join us for a fun, interactive program of songs, rhymes, finger plays, puppets & stories for babies & toddlers. Followed by a casual playgroup. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Special Event: Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tuesday, Oct 1 | 10:30–11:15am

Bring your babies, toddlers & preschoolers to sing & dance along with musician Robert Messori or join us streaming live on Facebook! Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few surprises. Program is followed by a casual playgroup. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Tuesday Playgroup

Tuesdays Oct 8 & 15 | 10:30–11:15 am

No storytime this week, but drop in to join other parents, babies, toddlers & preschoolers for a casual playgroup! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Toddler Tuesdays

Tuesdays Oct 22, 29 & Nov 12, 19, 26 | 10:30–11:15 am

A new series of special songs, movement & stories is coming to Hagaman this fall! Perfect for babies to preschoolers, the program is followed by a casual playgroup. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Special Event: Election Day Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tuesday, Nov 5 | 10:30–11:15am

Bring your littles to sing & dance with Robert Messori, or join us streaming live on Facebook! Note: election day is a great day to bring older children, too, since school is closed but the library is open! Program is followed by a casual playgroup. Drop-ins welcome!

STORYTIME FRIDAYS

Friday Crafty Tales

Fridays Sep 6, 13 & 20; Nov 1, 8, 15 | 10:30 – 11:30am

A special series of stories & crafts, designed with babies, toddlers & preschooler in mind! No need to sign up, just drop-in to join the fun!

Friday Playgroup

Friday, Oct 4, 11 & 18 | 10:30–11:15 am

No Crafty Tales in October, but drop in to join other parents & preschoolers for a casual playgroup! Drop-ins welcome!

Community Family Bilingual Storytime & Playgroup

Fridays Sep 27, Oct 25 & Nov 22 | 10:30 – 11:30am

Join the East Haven Family Resource Center, Adult Education & the Library on the last Friday each month to explore music, movement & conversations about raising children in our town. Each month will bring new topics & sometimes free book giveaways! Drop-ins welcome!

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

LEGO Builders Club

Saturday, Sep 21 | 2 – 3 pm

Wednesday, Oct 23 | 2 – 3 pm

Saturday, Nov 16 | 2 – 3pm

Build your own unique construction with library LEGOs! Meet new friends & browse our LEGO books for inspiration. Your creation will be displayed until the next month's meeting! Drop-ins welcome!

Special Event: Joan Joyce: The Wonder Girl

Tuesday Oct 15 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Authors Keely Knudsen, Anthony Renzoni & Lauren Salatto-Rosenay will be here to join us, live & in person for a special, one day only event! Do you love sports? Step up to the plate & learn about Joan Joyce, one of the greatest athletes of all time! Joan played Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Bowling & more. In fact, she was inducted into an astounding 21 Halls of Fame! A reading of the book will be provided by the authors. No registration required, drop-ins welcome! Recommended for age 5 & up

Special Event: Tasty Crafternoon

Saturday Oct 19 | 2 – 3pm

Join Miss Sue & Miss Angela, two talented cooks who work at the library, to learn how to create a delicious seasonal snack! Of course, making the craft is half the fun... eating it is the other half! Recommended for age 4-12. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

STEM Club

Third Wednesdays, Sep 18, Oct 16 & Nov 20 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Join a librarian & some extremely smart, science-loving high school volunteers who will take you on a monthly adventure that explores the worlds of science, technology, engineering & math! Recommended for age 5-12. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Read to Samantha

Saturdays Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 16 | 10:30 – 11:30 am



Bring your own favorite book or pick one of ours & read one-to-one to Samantha, a beautiful therapy dog who loves to hear stories. Practice reading skills in a gentle environment, or show Samantha the pictures & tell her your own story! Recommended for ages 3-8. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursdays Sept 26, Oct 24 & Nov 14 | 5 – 8 pm

One Thursday each month, you're invited to a free night out! Free pizza served at 5pm, film starts at 5:30pm. Refreshments sponsored by Therapy Works of East Haven. Please note that some films are rated PG-13, family discretion is advised. Sign-up is required to attend, to sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

- Sept 26: *Arthur the King (2024)* (PG-13)

- Oct 24: *Haunted Mansion" (2023)* (PG-13)

- Nov 14: *Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)* (PG)

Concert: Surcari

Saturday, Sept 28 | 2 – 3 pm

Join us in welcoming an award-winning musical trio, in celebration of Latinx Heritage Month! Open to all ages & presented in Spanish (en español). Event sponsored by CT Humanities. Recommend arriving early to select your seat, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Concert: Indigenous Music

Saturday, Oct 12 | 2 – 3:30 pm

In celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, join musician & author Craig Harris for an unprecedented eye & ear opening look at the Indigenous soundscape. An interactive program appropriate for all ages. Recommend arriving early to select your seat, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Looking for more family fun? Research topics that interest you, access the library calendar, connect with our library team & find free ebooks, audiobooks & even free streaming movies, all on the library website! Visit us online to learn more!

www.hagamanlibrary.org



HAGAMAN HAPPENINGS

FALL 2024



Hagaman Memorial Library

227 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512

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(203) 468-3890

Autumn Hours:

Mon: 10am –5pm
Tues 10am –8pm
Wed: 10am –8pm
Thurs: 10am – 8pm
Fri: 10am –5pm
Sat: 10am –5pm*

*Open on Saturdays
Starting September 14

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Adult Programs

We've got a calendar full of events this season & we can't wait for you to join us! Note: most events are drop-in friendly, some require registration, as marked

SERIES PROGRAMS

Autumn Reading Raffle!

Tuesday, Sept 3 – Friday, Nov 22

For every book you read this fall, enter for a chance to win one of four great prizes!

FREE Casual & Fun Yoga

Wednesdays | 6 – 7:15 pm

FREE class, sponsored by the library. No experience necessary, no need to sign-up, drop-ins welcome!

More Casual & Fun Yoga

Mondays | 1 – 2:15 pm

Saturdays | 10:30 – 11:45 am

Note: Not a library-sponsored event. \$5 donation suggested per class. Saturdays start September 14

Monthly Game Night

Tuesdays Sept 3, Oct 1 & Nov 26 | 5 – 7:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to bring their favorite games to play, or try some of ours!

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesdays Sept 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12 | 5:30–8pm

Help make the library a better place! Join a volunteer group that fundraises, plans events & more!

Knitting Club for Everyone!

Tuesdays Sept 10 – Dec 17 | 6 – 7:45 pm

A club for beginners & experienced knitters, alike! Space is limited. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Genealogy Club

Wednesdays Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 | 6:30–8pm

Drop in monthly & learn to trace your family tree! Zoom option also available. No experience required!

Crochet Club for Everyone!

Tuesdays Sept 17 – Dec 17 | 6 – 7:45 pm

A club for beginners & experienced crocheter, alike! Space is limited. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

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NEW! Vinyl Records Club

Thursday, Nov 7 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Connect with other collectors to share, discuss & trade in a brand new, casual club that meets once each season!

Internet Basics Workshop Series

Tuesdays Sept 17, Oct 15 & Nov 19 | 2 – 4 pm

Learn internet & email basics in a 3 part series. Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

BOOK CLUBS

*Note: all of our book clubs require registration. To sign up, call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

NEW! Comic Book Club

Saturday, Oct 26 | 10:30am – 12 pm

Bring your comics to share, discuss & trade in a club that's all about embracing your fandom!

Shakespeare Club

Tuesday, Sep 10 & Nov 12 | 6:30 – 7:30pm

Read & discuss the great works of William Shakespeare. September Topic: *Othello*. November: *The Taming of the Shrew*

Star Wars Book & Fan Club

Saturday, Sep 14, & Nov 9 | 10:30am – 12 pm

A group for Star Wars fans! September Book: *Cloak of Deception*. November: *The Life and Legend of Obi-Wan Kenobi*

Cookbook Club

Saturday, Sep 14, Oct 26 & Nov 9 | 2 – 4pm

Cook a dish, then share your cooking with the group! September: Wolfgang Puck; October: Carla Hall; November: Friendsgiving

Classics Book Club

Monday, Sep 23 & Nov 18 | 3 – 4:30pm

Read & discuss classic novels. September Book: *All The King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren. November: *A Doll House* by Henrik Ibsen

Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, Sep 24 & Nov 19 | 6 – 7:30pm

Read & discuss classic & contemporary science fiction. September Book: *Dune* by Frank Herbert. November: *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov

History Book Club

Tuesday, Oct 29 | 6 – 7:30pm

Historical fiction & nonfiction. October Book: *The Old Leather Man* by Dan DeLuca

Mystery Book Club

Monday, Oct 7 | 3 – 4:30pm

Read & discuss mysteries. October Book: *The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Monday, Oct 21 | 2 – 4 pm

Book Discussion & Author Visit! *The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna* by Juliet Grames. A raffle will following the discussion!

Philosophy Book Club

Monday, Oct 28 | 3 – 4:30pm

Bring an open mind! October Topic: *Leviathan* by Thomas Hobbes

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fright Night

Thursday, September 12 | 6 – 8pm

A group panel of horror writers from across the state will share their writing experiences! Presented by the CT Chapter of the Horror Writers Association

History of the U.S. Constitution

Tuesday, Sept 17 | 6 – 8pm

Join Historian Ray Vermette for a presentation sponsored by Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the DAR

Fraud & Scam Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, Sept 25 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join Robert Jaekle & experts from Webster Bank to learn steps to avoid being a victim of fraud. This program is free & open to all

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Medicare Made Clear Workshop

Wednesday, Oct 2 | 2 – 3:30 pm

Join Medicare Insurance Agent Christie Bondos to learn about proposed 2025 Part D changes, plan types, enrollment periods & more. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Empowering Women Workshop

Wednesday, Oct 2 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join Jessica Leone, Founder of The Conscious Connection Co, for a presentation on setting boundaries, embracing self-care & cultivating resilience! Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Book Signing With “Mr. Haunted”

Thursday, Oct 3 | 6 – 8 pm

Meet Paranormal Investigator & Photographer Jimmy Petonito for a presentation of his newest book, *Mr. Haunted Origins*

Book Launch Party!

Thursday, Oct 10 | 6:30 – 8pm

Drop in to meet local authors Amy Derbacher & Ralph Vuolo Jr for the launch of their new book *East Haven: A Guide For Residents by Residents*. Enjoy refreshments from local businesses, while supplies last!

Concert: Indigenous Music in North America

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In celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, join musician & author Craig Harris for an unprecedented eye & ear-opening look at the Indigenous soundscape. An interactive program appropriate for all ages. Recommend arriving early to select your seat, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe

Tuesday, Oct 22 | 6 – 8 pm

Learn the truth behind the life, death & legacy of Edgar Allan Poe. Stories & poems performed live by actor Campbell Harmon

Narcan Workshop

Wednesday, Oct 23 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Join John Marquis of the East Shore District Health Department to learn how opiates interact with the body, why people use them & how to identify & respond to an overdose. What you learn could save a life! Drop-ins welcome!

Spooky Spades Card Party

Thursday, Oct 24 | 5 – 8pm

Adults are invited to a Halloween Party! Learn to play the classic game of Spades!

An Evening of Connecticut Ghosts

Wednesday, Oct 30 | 6:30 – 8 pm

Join the author of *True Ghost Stories of CT*, Charles Rosenay, for local, true stories of the supernatural! Due to content, program is recommended for adults & mature teens. Space is limited! To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Silent Film Screening: City Lights (1931)

Wednesday, Nov 6 | 5 – 8 pm

Enjoy free pizza & a showing of a silent film, introduced by local expert, Fred Guida; a Q&A will follow. Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Old Stone Church History Night

Thursday, Nov 14 | 6 – 7:30 pm

To mark its 250th anniversary, come in to share your memories of one of East Haven's most beloved landmarks!

Holiday Film: Shop Around the Corner

Saturday, Nov 23 | 2 – 4 pm

We're starting the holiday season early with a showing of a festive classic! The film will be introduced by local expert, Fred Guida; a Q&A will follow. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesdays | 10am–5pm

Drop in for one-on-one help with a librarian! Can't make our drop-in hours? Schedule an appointment, instead! Call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Notary Services

By Appt | Drop-Ins Welcome

Notarize a document. To make an appointment, call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Ask-A-Lawyer: Free Consultations

Weds Sept 18, Oct 16 & Nov 20 | 5:30 pm

Ask an expert! Free, 15 minute consultations with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar & referrals to help. Consultations are first-come, first-served, early arrival suggested

AA Meetings

Monday–Friday | 12–1pm

Help is available. You are not alone. Share your experience, strength & hope. Free, open meetings available every weekday. No need to sign up, all are welcome!



Fundraiser

Friday, October 18 | Doors open 5:30 pm

Help support the library by joining us for an evening of Bingo, cash prizes, raffle prizes & more! \$10 per book of 10 games, sold at the door. Event held at the EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue. Drop-ins welcome! The Friends support our community by sponsoring library programs & services. For more information, call (203) 468-3891 or contact: marycacace@yahoo.com

Tabletop Club: Character Creation

Wednesdays Sept 11 & 18 | 6 – 7:30 pm

This season, our Tabletop Club is playing through the D&D *Humblewood* campaign. Pre-made character sheets are available for gameplay days (below), or join us for a Character Creation Sessions to build a character all your own! No experience required, all materials provided

Tabletop Club: Gameplay Sessions

Thurs Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 | 5:30–7:30pm

This season, our Tabletop Club is playing the D&D *Humblewood* campaign. Play as a woodland creature in a grand adventure to fight the fires threatening all of Humblewood! Join us for a Character Creation session (above) or drop in on a Gameplay Session to play with a premade character. No experience required, all materials provided

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trading Card Night

Tuesday, September 12 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Drop in to test your skills with trading card games! Play *Pokémon*, *Magic: the Gathering*, or *Disney Lorcana*. No supplies or experience required. Bring your own deck or use one of ours! Card trading also available! Open to teens age 12 to 18

Murder Mystery Party

Saturday, Oct 5 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy a thrilling afternoon of mystery ... & murder! Be the one to spot the clues & discover whodunit! To sign up, call the library or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)

Thursday, Oct 10 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Drop in for a free, Halloween screening of the 2023 supernatural horror film, based on the hit videogame! Fresh popcorn & seasonal refreshments served. Open to teens age 12 to 18 & their families

Teen Choice Afternoon

Saturday, Nov 30 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Once each season, you choose what we do! Drop in to the library for your choice of games, crafts & more!

TEEN SERVICES

Community Service Hours

By Appointment | Teens Ages 12–18

Need Community Service Hours for school? The library needs you! Help make our library a better place. Reach out to Miss Emily for to learn more: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Teen Discord Server!

Join us on Discord! Our server is only open to teens with a CT library card, which makes it a safe place to socialize, stay in the loop about upcoming programs & participate virtually! To sign up, email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org



Teen Advisory Group
Every Friday | 3 – 4:30 pm
Help make the library a better place! Discuss new library programs, vote on new books to add & more! Plus, earn community service hours for your participation!