

# Children & Families

## BABIES & TODDLERS

### Special Events: Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

**First Tuesdays Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 | 10:30–11:15am**

Bring your littles to sing & dance along with musician Robert Messoro, or join us streaming live on Facebook! Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few surprises. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome! Program is followed by a casual playgroup. Sponsored by The Jules Block Children's Music Fund.

### Toddler Tuesdays: Mother Goose on the Loose

**Tuesdays Mar 12, 19, 26; Apr 9, 16, 23; May 14, 21, 28 | 10:30–11:15 am**

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



### Community Family Bilingual Storytime & Playgroup

**Fourth Fridays Mar 22, Apr 26 & May 24 | 10:30 – 11:30am**

Are you interested in building family connections in your community? East Haven Adult Learning Center, East Haven FRC & Haganman Memorial Library are hosting "You, Your Child & the Community" each month for all East Haven parents & children. Come join the team as we explore music & movement, as well as relevant conversations about raising children in our community. Each month will bring new topics to explore & sometimes free books! Join us the fourth Friday of each month. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

## PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

### Kindness Rock Painting with Miss Kristina

**Saturday, March 9 | 10:30 – 11:30am**



Miss Kristina brings all of the materials & helps us paint magical & inspiring Kindness Rocks to leave around town to brighten the finder's day! Free & open to all. Please sign up to make sure we have enough supplies. To sign up, call the library or email: [sgardiner@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:sgardiner@hagamanlibrary.org)

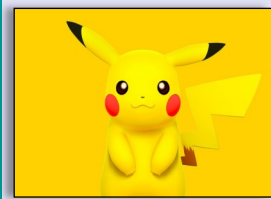
### Dog Man Book Club! (A chance to win the newest book!)

**Thursday, March 28 | 2 – 3pm (early dismissal day)**

The library is celebrating the release of *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder* with a brand new book club! We're giving away a copy of the book in our raffle, open to all who attend the club! Plus, we'll talk about your favorite books, enjoy activities, games, quizzes & snacks! No need to sign up, just drop in & be ready to howl with laughter!

### New! Pokémon Club

**Sat Mar 9; Thurs Apr 11 (school vacation), Sat May 11 | 2 – 3pm**



Collect, trade, battle, watch & chat all things Pokémon! We'll be playing Pokémon TCG: My First Battle—Pikachu & Bulbasaur, plus other Pokémon activities. Bring your friends, family & rivals & come have fun! Don't have a deck? The library has basic decks & training sheets to borrow, to help get you started! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

### Tasty Crafternoon

**Saturdays April 6 & May 4 | 2 – 3pm**

Miss Sue & Miss Angela, two talented cooks who also work at the library circulation desks, will show you how to create a delicious seasonal snack. Of course, you'll also get to eat them! Recommended for age 4-11. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

### LEGO Builders Club

**Saturdays Mar 23, Apr 13, May 18 | 2 – 3pm**

Build your own unique constructions with library LEGOs. Get creative, meet new friends & browse our LEGO-themed books for inspiration. Each month we have a suggested theme & your work of art will be on display until the following meeting. Suggested for age 4-11. Drop-ins welcome! Upcoming events:

- March 23 Theme: *Escaping Rapunzel's Tower*

- April 13 Theme: *Balancing Act*

- May 18 Theme: *Build Houses for the Three Little Pigs*

## FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

### St. Patrick's Day Family Concert Featuring Liz McNicholl!

**Saturday, Mar 2 | 2 – 3:30pm**



Join us for a festive family concert performed by seasoned musician & singer Liz McNicholl! A variety of styles will be explored, including Celtic, Americana, & Folk. Renditions of Irish favorites, *Danny Boy* & *Molly Malone* are not to be missed! Fun for all ages, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

### PJ Storytime

**Thursday, Mar 21, Apr 18 & May 16 | 6 – 7 pm**



Bring your PJs & your favorite stuffed-animal friends for a soothing, gentle storytime & relaxing songs with Ms. Sascha & guests. This program is both in person & streaming on Facebook Live. Recommended for babies, toddlers & children through age 6. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

### Read to Samantha & Take & Make Crafts

**Saturdays March 23, April 13 & May 18 | 10:30 – 11:30 am**

Read one-to-one to Samantha, a beautiful therapy dog who loves to hear stories. Practice your reading skills in a gentle environment. Not ready to read yet? Show Samantha the pictures & tell her your own story. A special thank you to Samantha's owner, Miss Dianne. We'll also have crafts to complete in the library while waiting your turn to read. Recommended for ages 3-6. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!



### Shoreline Garden Club Junior

**Saturday, March 23 | 10:30 – 11:30am**

Families with children of all ages are welcome to join us for our first gardening program! Learn to start indoor planters for spring & summer gardens. The Shoreline Garden Club will be bringing containers, soil, seeds & supplies. Plus, they'll be on hand to teach us about the club & growing plants from seeds. Dress to have fun & get your hands dirty! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

### Meet the Easter Bunny!

#### Easter Storytime & Family Fun

**Saturday, Mar 30 | 10:30 – 11:30 am**

The Easter Bunny is coming to town! Join the Easter Bunny & Haganman librarians for a special storytime & free candy! Story will be followed by a craft for children. No need to sign-up, drop-ins welcome! For more information contact:

[cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Author Tony Renzoni Book Talk

**Saturday, April 27 | 11am – 12pm**

All families are invited to join us for this fun-tastic book reading & book signing event, focused on children 4-8 years old. Join co-authors Keely Baisden Knudsen & Lauren Rosenay from Legacy Theatre in Stony Creek, and Tony Renzoni, as they bring the story of Joan Joyce, the Wonder Girl, to life! Sure to be fun for the whole family! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

# Haganman Happenings

## Spring Hours:

Mon, Fri & Sat: 10am – 5pm

Tues – Thurs: 10am – 8pm

## Haganman Library

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East Haven, CT 06512

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# Spring 2024



# Adult Programs

## SERIES PROGRAMS

### Casual & Fun FREE Yoga

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

### Casual & Fun Saturday Yoga

Saturdays | 10:30 – 11:45 am  
Note: this is not a library-sponsored event. A \$5 donation suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!

### Casual & Fun Monday Yoga

Mondays | 1:00 – 2:15 pm  
Note: this is not a library-sponsored event. A \$5 donation suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!

### Crochet Club for Everyone

Tuesdays Mar 5 – Apr 30 | 6 – 7:45 pm  
Open to beginners & experts alike! Taught by Sue Carrozza & Claire Carrano. Drop-ins welcome!

### Knitting Club for Everyone

Tuesdays Mar 5 – Apr 30 | 6 – 7:45 pm  
Open to beginners & experts alike! Classes taught by Lori Pellegrino. Drop-ins welcome!

### Game Night

Tuesdays Mar 5, Apr 16, May 7 | 5–7:30 pm  
Bring your friends or make new ones while playing board games! Drop-ins welcome!

### Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesdays Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | 5:30 – 8pm  
Help make the library at better place! The Friends is an all-volunteer group that fundraises & more. No need to sign-up, new friends welcome! Drop-in to learn more!

### Genealogy Club

Weds Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8 | 6:30 – 8 pm  
Join us to trace your family tree! No experience required, drop-ins welcome!

### Opera for Everyone!

Wednesdays Mar 6 – Mar 27 | 2:30 – 4 pm  
Join teacher & opera enthusiast, Tony Lambert, as he discusses the oral tradition of opera. Drop-ins welcome!

### Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursdays Mar 28, Apr 25, May 30 | 5–8pm\*  
You're invited to a free night out, featuring free pizza & a film! Program begins at 5pm.  
\*Note: March begins at 4pm. Refreshments sponsored by Therapy Works of East Haven. Sign-up required. Call the library or email: [cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org)

- March 28: *Oppenheimer* (R) *begins at 4pm*  
- April 25: *The Color Purple* (2023) (PG-13)  
- May 30: *Wonka* (2023) (PG)

## BOOK CLUBS

### Shakespeare Club

Tuesdays Mar 12 & May 14 | 6:30 – 7:30pm  
March Topic: *Julius Caesar*; May Topic: *As You Like It*. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### NEW! Star Wars Book & Fan Club

Sat Mar 16, Apr 20, May 11 | 10:30 am – 12 pm  
A group for fans! To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Cookbook Club

Sat Mar 16, Apr 20, May 11 | 2 – 4 pm  
Cook a dish to share! March Theme: Irish dishes; April: Mary Ann Esposito; May: Ainsley Harriott. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Classics Book Club

Mondays Mar 25, May 20 | 3 – 4:30pm  
March: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker; May: TBA. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays Mar 26 & May 28 | 6 – 7:30pm  
March Book: *20,000 Leagues Under The Sea* by Jules Verne; May Book: *Contact* by Carl Sagan. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Mystery Book Club

Monday, Apr 1 | 3 – 4:30pm  
April Book: *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### History (Nonfiction) Book Club

Tuesday, Apr 2 | 6 – 7:30pm  
April Book: *Sinatra & Me* by Franz Douskey & Tony Consiglio. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Mondays, Apr 15 | 3 – 4pm  
April Book: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. To sign up, call the library or email: [cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Philosophy Book Club

Monday, Apr 29 | 3 – 4:30pm  
April Topic: *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli. To sign up, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### St. Patrick's Family Concert

Saturday, Mar 2 | 2 – 3:30 pm  
Join Liz McNicholl for a family concert of Celtic, Americana, & Folk music, including favorites *Danny Boy* & *Molly Malone*! Arrive early to get a good seat, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

### Fun with Nutrition Bilingual Workshop

Wednesday, Mar 6 | 6 – 7:45 pm  
Join Hannah Morillo-Galindo from UConn's EFNEP Program for a workshop about enjoying more fruits & vegetables in your diet! A recipe for chicken salad will be explored with free samples for the audience! Presented in English & en Español. Drop-ins welcome!



### Friday, Mar 8 | Doors open at 5:30pm

Help support your library by joining the Friends of Hagaman Library at the EH Senior Center for an evening of Bingo, door prizes, cash prizes, raffles, refreshments & more! Game starts at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 per book of 10 games, sold at the door.

The Friends support our community by sponsoring library programs & services. For more information, call the library or contact: [marycacace@yahoo.com](mailto:marycacace@yahoo.com)

### Connecticut Chapter of Horror Writers Presents "Fright Night"

Thursday, Mar 14 | 6:30 – 8 pm  
Join us for a group panel of horror writers from all over Connecticut & hear more about their writing experiences & spooky stories. Drop-ins welcome!

### Artist's Reception: Stefania Munzi

Saturday, Mar 16 | 2:30 – 4:30pm  
The public is invited to attend a reception for local artist, Stefania Munzi as she introduces her watercolor painting exhibition, "La Dolce Vita." Drop-ins welcome!

### Estate Planning Workshop

Wednesday, Mar 27 | 6 pm  
Attorney Erin Duques of Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri will answer practical questions on estate planning, including why a will is important. Drop-ins welcome!

### The Process of Criminal & Civil Law

Wednesday, Apr 3 | 6:30 – 8 pm  
Join David Thomas for an exploration of the intricate workings of our legal system. David is a retired attorney with a Law Degree from Harvard & a PhD in Religion & a BA in Political Science. Drop-ins welcome!

### Poetry Lounge and Open Mic

Wednesday, Apr 24 | 6 – 8 pm  
In celebration of National Poetry Month, join us for a night of ambiance & poetry. Share a reading or join us as a member of the audience. Performances include poet Deborah Elmore. Open to mature teens & adults. Drop-ins welcome while space allows.

### Connecticut Author Showcase:

Saturday, April 27 | 11 am – 3 pm  
Meet authors Elizabeth Breslav, Colin Caplan, Mat Duman, George Gdovin, Charles Harvey, Chris Hemingway, Jason Marchi, Charles McNair, Marty Podskoch, Christine Polanco, Tony Renzoni, Albert Ruggiero & Janet Stadolnik. Drop-ins welcome!

### Spring Pinochle Card Party

Tuesday, Apr 23 | 5 – 8 pm  
Join us for an adults-only spring card party, complete with music, raffles & refreshments. Learn to play the classic game of Pinochle! Drop-ins welcome!

### Coin Collector's Expo

Thursday, Apr 25 | 6 – 7:30pm  
To celebrate National Coin Week, bring your collection & share with the group. Drop-ins welcome!

### A Visit from Charles Darwin

Thursday, May 9 | 6 – 8 pm  
Biologist, Naturalist & Evolutionary Theorist, Charles Darwin—as portrayed by Dr. Kenneth Noll—will join us for a conversation that's sure to evolve into quite a show! Drop-ins welcome while space allows!



### Book Talk with Deborah Levison

Tuesday, May 21 | 6 – 8 pm  
Meet author Deborah Levison for a discussion of her suspense novels, *The Crate* & *A Nest of Snakes*. Drop-ins welcome!

### Jewelry Making Basics

Wednesday, May 1 | 6:30 – 8 pm  
Make jewelry for yourself or for Mother's Day! Make a bracelet & earring set. Presented by Vanessa Fasanella. Ages 10+. All material provided. Registration required. Call or email: [cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Memorial Day Concert

Saturday, May 25 | 2 – 4pm  
Bring your lawn chairs & picnic blankets to the library lawn for a concert by our first Official State Troubadour! Tom Callinan will perform patriotic music in honor of Memorial Day. Sponsored by Connecticut Humanities. Drop-ins welcome while space allows. In case of inclement weather, concert will move indoors.



## 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 the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Notary Services

By Appointment | Drop-Ins Welcome  
Have a document notarized. To make an appointment, call the library or email: [chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Ask-A-Lawyer: Free Consultations

Mar 20, Apr 17 & May 15 | 6 – 8 pm  
Have a legal question? Ask an expert! Free, 15 minute consultations with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar & referrals to find more help. 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.

### Grief and Loss Educational Seminar

Wednesday, May 29 | 6 – 7:30pm  
Grief is universal, but often hard to talk about. Join Cheryl Cole, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, for a class on processing grief in a healthier way, including identifying signs of grief, different types of loss, tools to overcome grief, & myths, misinformation & belief systems. Drop-ins welcome while space allows. For more information, email [cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Board Game Mash-Up

Thursday, March 14 | 6 – 7:30pm  
Grab some of our old board games & make something new! Find the most interesting bits, put them together, create the rules & playtest your new game! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Movie Night: Big Hero 6

Tuesday, April 2 | 5:30 – 7:30pm  
Join us for a screening of the 2014 animated classic *Big Hero 6*. Fresh popcorn & other refreshments served. Open to teens 12 to 18 & their families, drop-ins welcome.

### Make Your Own Carnival Game

Saturday, April 6 | 10:30am – 12pm  
Work together to create your own carnival-style games! We'll provide the supplies – you bring the creativity! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Tiny Art Paint & Soda Sip

Thursday, April 11 | 5:30 – 7pm  
Create mini works of art on tiny canvases while enjoying soft drinks! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Make Your Own Jar Terrarium

Tuesday, April 23 | 4 – 5pm  
Create a mini moss terrarium using a recycled jar. All supplies provided. Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Movie: Star Wars: A New Hope

Sat May the 4<sup>th</sup> (Be With You) 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Celebrate "May the 4th" @ the library! We'll be showing the 1977 film that started it all. Fresh popcorn & other refreshments served. Open to all ages, drop-ins welcome.

### Teen Crafternoon: Card Making

Tuesday, May 7 | 4:30 – 5:30pm  
Need a card for Mother's Day? Or for Teacher Appreciation? We have supplies! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

### Teen Monopoly Tournament

Thursday, May 23 | 5:30 – 7:30pm  
Compete in a timed challenge! Whoever has the most \$\$ & most valuable properties @ the end of 90 minutes will be the victor & win a prize of delicious candy! Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

# Teen Events

## SERIES PROGRAMS

### Hagaman Teen Advisory Group

Every Friday | 3:30 – 5pm  
Help make the library a better place! Plan programs, vote on new books & more! Earn community service for your time. Open to teens 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome.

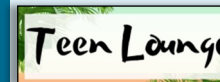


### HTAG, Too

Thurs Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2 | 5:30 – 7:30pm  
Can't make it to HTAG? Earn community service hours by joining HTAG, too! Open to teens 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome.

### Teen Lounge

Every Other Weds; Starts Mar 6 | 3:30 – 5pm  
Every other week, we're doing something new & different. Join us for everything from movies to crafts to games! Open to teens 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome.



### Tabletop Club

Sat Mar 9, Apr 6, May 4 | 1 – 3:30pm  
Are you a fan of D&D? This club is for you! Open to teens 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome.



### Teen Topics

Tues Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28 | 3:30 – 4:30pm  
Your mental health matters! Join us monthly to learn new mental health skills while eating free pizza! Sponsored by the East Haven Youth Services Bureau. Open to teens 12 to 18. To sign up, call the library or email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)

## TEEN SERVICES

### Teen Discord Server!

Open to Teens Ages 13–18  
Join us on Discord! Discord is a free platform where users can share messages in a closed community. Our server is only 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 & participate virtually! To sign up, email: [ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org](mailto:ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org)