Children **& Families**

BABY & TODDLER TUESDAYS

<u> Foddler Tuesdays & Playgroup</u>

Tues. Mar 4, 18 & 25; Apr 1, 15, 22 & 29; May 13, 20 & 27 | 10:30 - 11:30am

Join us for our spring sessions of Toddler Tuesdays, 30 minutes of singing, dancing & instruments! Perfect for babies, toddlers & preschoolore this are babies, toddlers & preschoolers, this program is followed 📷 🧏 by a casual playgroup

Special Event: Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tues. Mar 11, Apr 8, & May 6 | 10:30-11:30am Bring your babies through preschoolers to sing & dance along with musician Robert Messore, or join us streaming live on Facebook! Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few surprises!

STORYTIME FRIDAYS

Friday Crafty Storytimes

Fri. Mar 7, 14 & 21; Apr 4 & 11; May 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:30 - 11:30am

A special series of stories & crafts, designed with babies, toddlers & preschoolers in mind! Help your child strengthen their fine motor skills by crafting with a variety **MUSS** of different mediums & art supplies, and develop the early literacy skills they need to start reading!

FRC Community Storytime, Craft & Playgroup

Fri. Mar 28, Apr 25 & May 30 | 10:30 - 11:30am Join the East Haven Family Resource Center, Adult Education & Hagaman Library on the last Friday each month to explore music, art & relevant conversations about raising children in our town. Each month will bring new topics, snacks for littles, & sometimes free giveaways!

TODDLER SPECIAL EVENTS

Toddlers & Tots Bubble Ball

Thurs. Mar 20 | 10:30 – 11:30am



Don't be afraid to burst your bubble; that's what our Bubble Ball is all about! Your little one can dance in a bubble storm, learn to pop bubble wrap using their fingers & feet for a fun sensory experience & practice making their own bubbles with our jumbo bubble wands!

Toddlers & Tots Bear Hunt Adventure

Mon. May 19 | 10:30 - 11:30am There's a bear hiding somewhere in the Hagaman & we Sat. May 10 | 2 - 4 pm

need your help to find it! Follow our Youth Services Librarian on a musical hunt around the library to figure

PRE-K& ELEMENTARY

LEGO Club

Sat. Mar 8 & May 3 | 2–3pm, Thur. Apr 17 | 3 – 4pm Build your own unique construction with our library's amazing LEGO collection! Get creative, meet new Friends, & browse our LEGO-themed books for

inspiration. Your creation will be displayed at the library until the next month's meeting!

Tasty Crafternoons Sat. Apr 5 | 2 – 3pm

Miss Sue & Miss Angela, two talented cooks who also work at the library, will show you how to create a delicious seasonal snack. Making the craft is half the fun...eating it is the other half! Recommended for ages 4-12. No need to sign up, drop-ins are always welcome!

STEM Club

Wed. Mar 19, Apr 16 & May 21 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

Every third Wednesday of the month, join our Youth Services librarian & some smart, science-loving volunteers from our local high school for an adventure through the worlds of science, technology, engineering & math through a hands-on experiment! Recommended for ages 5-12. No need to sign-up, drop-ins are always welcome!

Tales & Treats Book Club

Every afternoon, Apr 14 - 17 | 2 - 3 pm

What happens when you give a Mouse a Cookie, a Moose a Muffin, or a Pig a Pancake? Come find out at our Tales & Treats Book Club! During the week of April 14-17, join us every afternoon for a reading of one of Laura Numeroff's classic 'If You Give a ... ' picture books. Follow up each storytime by trying mini-versions of the tasty treats mentioned in the tale & settle down with your snacks in our cozy Large Print Room for an optional half hour of quiet, independent reading

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Read to Samantha

Sat. Mar 8, Apr 5 & May 31 | 10:30 - 11:30am

Practice your reading skills by sharing a book during one-on-one reading sessions with our wonderful therapy pup, Samantha! Still a prereader? Show Samantha pictures & make up your own story! A special thank you to Samantha's owner, Miss Dianne!

<u>Kindness Rock Painting</u> Sat. Mar 8 | 11:30 – 1:30 pm; Sat. May 3 | 11:00 am – 1 pm



Miss Kristina will help us create magical & inspiring Kindness Rocks to leave around town to brighten the days of the people who find them! Program is free & open to all. <u>Registration required to ensure we have</u> <u>enough supplies</u>. To register, please call the library or email Miss Caitlin: criccitelli@biblio.org

Sow & Grow: Make a Spring Greenhouse! Saturday, Mar 15 | 10:30 - 12:30 pm

Join the Shoreline Community Garden Club to get a jump on your spring planting! We'll show you how to create a mini greenhouse, complete with your own plants! All supplies provided, followed by a Q&A session. Open to all ages, but planting activities require assistance from an adult. Registration required. To register, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Popcorn & Pajamas Movie Night!

Monday Mar 17 & Tuesdays Apr 15 & May 20 | 6 – 8 pm Grab your PJs, slippers & plushies, because it's time for a movie night! Settle in for a few hours of fun, laughs & free popcorn with some of the most popular children's films released during the past few years

-March 17: *Inside Out 2* (PG) -April 15: *The Wild Robot* (PG) -May 20: The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)

Jewelry Making with Vanessa Fasanella

Happy Mother's Day! Children 10+ are invited to participate with moms, grandmoms & other caregivers to learn the basics of jewelry making. Make out where the bear is hiding, then make a map recording your adventure as a great keepsake! galaxies a bracelet & earrings to keep! Space is limited, <u>registration required</u>. To sign up, call the library or email: <u>cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org</u>

Lionheart Puppet Show & Shadow Puppetry Workshop! Saturday, May 31 | 1 – 3:15pm

We're saying goodbye to spring & hello to the start of summer with a fantastical puppet performance of The Reluctant Dragon by The Lionheart Puppet Company, followed by a free shadow puppetry workshop. Arrive early to save your seat! The show starts at 1 pm, workshop at 2:15 pm. Recommended for ages 4-12. Drop-ins welcome!

Support Hagaman Memorial Library : Great Give Star. Mark your calendars! On May 7-8, 2025 Hagaman is participating in The Great Give,

great Give MAY 7-8, 2025 6-hour, online-giving ev support local nonprofits

a 36 hour online giving event! Your donations will be eligible for matching funds & prizes to help us continue providing essential programs, resources & services to our community!

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SPRING HOURS MON: 10AM-5PM **URS: 10AM - 8PM SAT: 10AM - 5PM**

Adult Programs

We can't wait for you to join us this season! Note: most events are drop-in friendly, some require registration, as marked

SERIES PROGRAMS

FREE Casual & Fun Yoga Wed. | 6 – 7:15 pm

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

More Casual & Fun Yoga Mon. | 1 – 2:15 pm

Sat. | 10:30 - 11:45am



Please note: not a library-sponsored event. \$5 donation suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!

Crochet Club for Everyone!

Tues. Feb 4 – April 29| 6 – 7:45 pm A club for beginners & experienced crocheters, alike! Space is limited. To sign up, call the Thur. Mar 27, Tues. May 6 | 6 - 7:30pm library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Knitting Club for Everyone!

Tues. Feb 4 – May 13 | 6 – 7:45pm A club for beginners & experienced knitters, Cookbook Club alike! Space is limited. To sign up, call the Sat. Mar 29, Fri. Apr 4, May 2 | 2-3pm library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Game Night

Aaron Sanchez; May: Recipes from Japan Tues. Mar 4, Apr 29, May 27 | 5:30 - 7:30pm Do you love games? We do, too! Bring your Star Wars Book & Fan Club friends (or make new ones while you're here) Sat. Mar 29, May 24 | 10:30am - 12pm & stop in for a casual opportunity to play A group for Star Wars fans! Our March Book: some of our favorite board games...or bring Tales of the Bounty Hunters by Kevin your own to share!

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tues. Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 | 5:30 - 8pm Mon. Apr 7 | 3 - 4:30pm Help make the library a better place! Join this all-volunteer group to learn more!

Genealogy Club

Wed. Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | 6:30 - 8pm Tues. Apr 8 | 6 - 7:30pm Drop in monthly for a chance to learn to trace Read & discuss historical selections. April your family tree! Zoom option also available. Book: The House on Greene Street by Leo Marino No experience required!

LGBTQ Coffee & Conversations

Thur. Mar 13, May 22 | 6 - 7:30pm

Members of the LGBTQ community & allies are invited for coffee, conversation & light crafts. Come to share your experiences or just listen. Sponsored by a grant from IMLS under the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by the CT State Library



Writing Workshop Series

Wed. Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28 | 6 – 8pm Join teacher & author Carla Stockton for 3 writing workshops this spring! Registration required, limit of 15. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Mar 26: Introduction to Memoir Writing -Apr 30: Introduction to Poetry -May 28: Introduction to Novel Writing

Pizza & A Movie Night

Thur. Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29 | 5 – 8pm Sat. Apr 26 | 10:30am – 12pm Join us for a night out! Free pizza at 5 pm, Read classic & contemporary graphic novels. film at 5:30 pm. Sponsored by Tweed New Haven April Book: American Born Chinese by Gene Yang Airport. Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

-Mar 27: It Ends With Us (2024) (PG-13) -Apr 17: Conclave (2024) (PG) -May 29: Wicked (2024) (PG)

BOOK CLUBS

Note: Registration is required for all book clubs. To sign up, call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Ella Grasso, Katharine Hepburn, Marian Mon. Mar 10, May 12 | 3 - 4:30pm Read & discuss classic novels. March Book: Notes from Underground by Fyodor Dostoevsky; May: Ragtime by ELDoctorow

Shakespeare Reading Club

Tues. Mar 11, May 20 6:30 - 7:30pm Read & discuss great works of William Shakespeare. March Topic: Two Gentlemen of Verona; May: Thur. Mar 6, 2025 | 6 - 8pm The Merchant of Venice

Science Fiction Book Club

Read & discuss science fiction. March Book: Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein; May: The Martian by Andy Weir

Cook a dish, then share your experience with the group! March Theme: Jamie Oliver; April:

Anderson; May: Chewbacca by Gerry Duggan

Mystery Book Club

Read & discuss a selection of classic novels & contemporary mysteries. April Book: TBA

History Book Club

Philosophy Book Club

Mon. Apr 14 3 - 4:30pm

Bring an open mind! April Topic: Two Treatises of Government by John Locke

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Mon. Apr 21 | 3 – 4:30pm Read & discuss a contemporary novel, every other month. April book: The Heaven & Earth *Grocery Store* by James McBride

Prism Book Club Tues. Apr 22 | 6:30 – 8pm

Members of the LGBTO community & allies are invited to a discussion hosted by podcaster, advocate & author, Clare McCarthy. April Book: Family by Joy Ladin. Sponsored by a grant from IMLS under the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by the CT State Library

Comic Book Club

SPECIAL EVENTS

Addiction: A Family & Community Challenge Sat. Mar 1 | 2 – 4pm

Join certified Family Recovery Specialist & trauma-sensitive instructor, Karen Bernetti, for a presentation on addiction awareness & family recovery

300 Years of CT's Remarkable Women Wed. Mar 5 | 6:30 – 8pm

Join us in celebrating well-known figures like

Anderson & many other inductees into the CT Women's Hall of Fame, from politics & sports to the arts & sciences! Registration required. To register, please call the library or email: cewiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

The Trans Experience with Jillian Celentano

Members of the LGBTQ community & allies are invited to presentation by counselor & author Jillian Celentano, a transgender woman who transitioned at the age of 55. Sponsored by a grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services under the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by CT State Library

Revolutionary War Fashion

Tues. Mar 18, 2025 | 6 – 7:30pm



available for the audience to see & touch, to really experience what our own East Haven ancestors wore during the Revolutionary War!

April Fool's Spring Setback Party

Tues. April 1, 2025 | 5:30 - 8pm Adults are invited to a spring-themed party to earn the trick-taking card game, Setback!

Explore the Meteorite Collection! Wed. Apr 2 | 6:30 – 8pm Al Washburn of the Astronomical Society of New Haven will discuss where meteorites come from & what types are commonly found.

Real meteorites from the Astronomical Society will be on display to see (& hold)!

Drop-In Tech Help Wed | 10am-5pm

Drop in for one-on-one help with a Have your document notarized. Ask an expert! Free, 15 minute librarian! Can't make our drop-in Drop-in to check availability, or consultations with an attorney hours? Schedule an appointment, to make an appointment, call the from the New Haven County Bar & strength & hope. Free open instead! Call the library or email: hemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

The Titanic and Her Sisters April 3, 2025 | 6 – 8pm



Join historian Phil Vitiello

for a fascinating retelling of the history of Titanic & her sister ships, Britannic & Olympic. Period items her sister ships, Britannic will be displayed

Author Event: Five White Swans Wed. Apr 23 | 6:30 – 8pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month & Earth Day with one special event! Join poet & author SERIES PROGRAMS Lisanne Winslow for a journey into ecological, spiritual & experiential poetry

History of The Hagaman Sat. April 26, 2025 | 1 - 3pm

Join Reference Librarian Chris Hemingway for an exploration into the history of our library. Sponsored by the East Haven Historical Society

LGBTQ Pizza & a Movie Night: Disclosure Wed. May 7 | 5 - 8pm

Members of the LGBTO community & allies are invited to a screening of Disclosure (2020, rated TV-MA), a Netflix documentary which explores Hollywood's impact on the trans community. A discussion will follow, facilitated by Prism Counseling. Pizza at 5 pm; film at 5:30 pm. Registration required. To register, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. Sponsored by a grant from IMLS under the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by the CT State Library

Jewelry Making with Vanessa Fasanella Join special guests Sat. May 10 | 2 - 4 pm

Celebrate Mother's Day (for moms of all ages!) by exploring the basics of jewelry design & learning <u>Tabletop Club</u>

tools. Make your own bracelet & earrings to 5:30 - 7:30pm keep! Space is limited, Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Chess for Beginners

Fri. May 23, 2025 | 1 - 2:30pm No experience required, all players are invited **Teen Advisory Group** to learn how to play the classic game of Chess! Fri. | 3 - 4:30pm

Art Reception: Reflections of India Sat. May 24, 2025 | 2 - 4pm



Join us for an open art reception, hosted by local artist Stirling Davenport. This event is held in celebration of her work, "Reflections of India," which will be on display for the public to enjoy!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Notary Services Ask-A-Lawyer By Appt | Drop-Ins Welcome Wed Mar 19, Apr 16 & May 21 Mon - Fri | 12-1pm referrals to help. Program begins

library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org at 5:30pm, first come, first served. Early arrival recommended!

TEEN

Our teen events are open to ages 12 - 18& are all drop-in, unless otherwise noted

Anime Club

<u>Teen Crafting Club</u>

-Apr 22: Paper Flowers

& Dragons 5th edition.

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Advisory Group

Anime

Cluba



Thur. Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1 | 6 – 7:30pm Do vou love comics, manga, & anime? Join us each month on the first Thursday to dive into the world of anime & manga @ our Trading Card Night Teen-Only Anime Club! Open to all teens age 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome!

Wed. Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20 | 4 – 5pm The perfect club for those who craft! Explore a variety of projects, with each month bringing something new! Want to make something different? Attend an event & tell Miss Emily what kind of craft you'd like to try next! Free & open to all teens, all materials provided. Registration required. Upcoming crafts listed below. To sign up, call the library or email Miss Emily: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

-Mar 25: Make Your Own Plushie

-May 20: Friendship Bracelets

to use jewelry-making Thur. Mar 20, Apr 10, May 15

Learn to play *Dungeons & Dragons* at Tab-letop Club! All materials are provided. Library **Quick Games Tournament** Character Sheets will be available, but players may bring their own character for Dungeons

library a better place for teens? We need your help! Bring your ideas to life, plan programs, vote on new books & more! Earn community service hours for every meeting you attend & create the space <u>YOU</u> want!

AA Meetings

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Board Game Afternoon

Sat. March 22 | 1:30 - 3:30pm Drop in & try out a new game from our board game collection or play an old favorite! Open to all teens age 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome.

Teen Movie: Raiders of the Lost Ark Sat. April 19 | 1:30 - 3:30pm



Join us for a free screening of the 1981 classic adventure film Raiders of the Lost Ark starring Harrison Ford, Karen Allen & Paul Freeman. Fresh Popcorn & other refreshments will be served! (PG)

Wed. April 23 | 5:30 - 7:30pm



Drop into the teen room @ the library to play trading card games! We will have decks on hand for Pokémon Trading Card Game, Disney Lorcana, & Magic: The Gathering. Use our decks, or feel free to bring your own! You can also make trades with the library's collection

Topic Takeover

Thur. May 8 | 6:30 – 7:30pm Do you want to share your knowledge on something? Dying to talk about your favorite manga series? Have fun shark facts you're itching to share? Now's your chance! All teens are invited to have 5 to 10 minutes totally devoted to talking about any topic of their choice (as long as it is library appropriate). Need more information? Email Miss Emily or just drop in! ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Sat. May 17 | 1:30 - 3:30pm Play quick games including Uno, Jenga, Sorry & more in a fast-paced tournament! Prizes awarded to top winners! Drop-ins welcome!

Nintendo Switch Night

The library is meant to be a **Thur. May 22** | **5:30** - **7:30pm** place to spend time, wheth- Drop in for Nintendo Switch Games! Choose er that's for homework, for from a wide variety of games to try out & play fun, or just for hanging out. with your friends! Open to teens age 12 to 18 But HOW do we make the only. Drop-ins welcome!

TEEN SERVICES

Community Service Hours By Appointment | Ages 12–18 Need Community Service Hours for school? Help make our library a better place. Email:

ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Teen Discord Server! Ages 12-18 Join us on Discord! Our server is open to teens with a CT library card. Email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org