

Children & Families

BABIES & TODDLERS

Special Events: Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tuesdays Jun 25; Jul 9, Jul 23; Aug 6 | 10:30 – 11:15 am

Bring your Littles to sing & dance 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

Toddler Tuesdays: Mother Goose on the Loose

Tuesdays Jun 4, 11; Jul 2, 16, 20; Aug 13 | 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

Last Fridays Jun 28, Jul 26 & Aug 30 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

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

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

LEGO Builders Club

Saturday Jun 15, Thursday Jul 11 & Friday Aug 9 | 2 – 3 pm

Build your own unique construction with library LEGOs. Get creative, meet new friends & browse our LEGO-themed books for inspiration. Your creation will be displayed at the library all month long!

EH Summer Gaming Academy

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Open to ages 10–17; drop-ins welcome. Play board & card games to explore different concepts & work towards creating your own game. Special events include: building a Rube Goldberg machine, exploring creative problem solving & learning how to cartoon for game design! This project is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum & Library Services under the provisions of the

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Tasty Crafternoons

Thursdays Jun 27 & Jul 25 | 2 – 3 pm

Miss Sue & Miss Angela, two talented cooks who also work at the library, 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!

Monday Adventure Club, Featuring Special Guests

Every Monday in Jul | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Events include Kindness Rock Painting with Miss Kristina, Smokey the Bear origami, stories & songs with Miss Fran, Crafty Storytimes & more! Dates & details updated online. Recommended for age 4 & up. Drop-ins welcome!

Joan Joyce, Wonder Girl Book Talk with Tony Renzoni

Wednesday, Jul 10 | 10:30am – 11:30 am

Join CT author, Tony with co-authors Keely Baisden Knudsen & Lauren Rosenay as they bring to life the story of Joan Joyce, CT superstar athlete & wonder girl, via their fascinating picture book & song. A great adventure for all ages. Drop-ins welcome!

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Adventure begins at your Library:

Children & Family Summer Reading Game!

All Summer Long | June 20 – Aug 14

Everyone is invited! Just read for 20 minutes per day to earn a sticker. (family readers are also welcome to participate!). When you earn 7 stickers, come to the library to collect a prize, plus a raffle ticket for the BIG prize drawing at the end of the summer!

Read to Samantha plus Take & Make Crafts

Saturday Jun 15 & Mondays Jul 15 & Aug 12 | 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. We'll also have crafts to complete in the library or take home.

Recommended for ages 3-8. Drop-ins welcome!

Around the World with Animal Embassy!

Thursday, Jun 20 | 2 – 3pm

Animal Embassy will take us on a journey around the globe with incredible live Animal Ambassadors, representing diverse habitats such as a Eurasian Eagle Owl or an Indian Peahen. We'll discover some amazing adaptations with an Indonesian Carpet Python, an African Sulcata Tortoise, an African Bullfrog & an Argentine Black & White Tegu. For the softer side of nature, we'll learn about a family of South American Chinchillas. We will also explore the Ambassador's varying habitats as well as conservation issues & challenges they face.

Sponsored by CT Humanities

Family Concert Featuring Liz McNicholl!



Wednesday, Jul 24 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a festive family concert performed by musician & singer Liz McNicholl! A variety of styles will be explored, including Celtic, Americana, & Folk. Fun for all ages, drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Grand Finale:

Ed Pop Magic Workshop!

Thursday, Aug 08 | 11 am – 12 pm

Ed Pop will present a very special workshop for budding magicians, age 9 & up. Amaze your family & friends!

Grand Finale:

Ed Pop Magic Show!

Thursday, Aug 08 | 2 – 3 pm

We're so excited to welcome back our favorite comic magician, Ed Pop, for mind-blowing tricks & side-splitting laughter! There will be lots of chances for audience participation to add to the fun! A great afternoon of family entertainment. All ages welcome to drop-in!

Looking for more family fun?

Visit us online to learn more!

Summer Hours:

Mon: 10am – 5pm

Tues – Thurs: 10am – 8pm

Fri: 10am – 5pm

Hagan Memorial Library

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Hagan Memorial Library Happenings

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Summer 2024

Adult Programs

SERIES PROGRAMS

Adventure Begins at Your Library: Adult Summer Reading Raffle 2024! All Summer Long | June 20 – Aug 14

Summer is a great time for new adventures & Hagaman Library is challenging **you** to explore a new chapter this summer! For every book you read, fill out a review & use it as your raffle entry for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses!

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



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

More Casual & Fun Yoga Mondays | 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Saturdays until June 29 | 10:30 – 11:45 am
Note: Not a library-sponsored event. \$5 donation suggested per class. Drop-ins welcome!

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tues Jun 11, Jul 9 & Aug 13 | 5:30 – 8 pm
Looking for a place to volunteer? Help make the library at better place! The Friends of the Library is an all-volunteer organization that fundraises, plans events & more. No need to sign-up, new friends welcome!

Genealogy Club

Weds Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Join us one Wednesday each month to trace your family tree! Whether you're new to genealogy or an experienced researcher, this club is open to all. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Game Night

Tues Jun 25, Jul 23 & Aug 20 | 5 – 7:30 pm
Do you love board games? We do, too! Bring your friends (or make new ones here) & stop in to play some games. Bring your favorite games to play, or try ours. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Pizza & A Movie Night

Thurs Jun 27, Jul 18 & Aug 29 | 5 – 8 pm
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 required to attend. To sign up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

- June 27: *Barbie* (2023) (PG-13)
- July 18: *The Little Mermaid* (2023) (PG)
- August 29: *The Boys in the Boat* (2023) (PG-13)

Internet Basics Workshop Series

Mondays Jul 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 2 – 4 pm
Explore a different topic each class to increase your computer skills. This series is taught by Cynthia, Community Services Librarian. Space is limited to 10 people. Registration required. To register, call (203) 468-3890 or email cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

- July 1: Learn to fill out an online form
- July 8: Learn to set up an email account
- July 15: Learn to search on the internet
- July 22: Review of sessions 1-3

BOOK CLUBS

**Our book clubs require registration so we can provide enough books for all. To register, please call the library at (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org*

History Book Club

Tuesdays Jun 4 & Aug 6 | 6 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss historical fiction & nonfiction. June Book: *Savin Rock Memories* by Gil Johnson. August Book: *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

Mystery Book Club

Fri, Jun 7 & Mon, Aug 5 | 3 – 4:30pm
Read & discuss classic & contemporary mysteries. June Book: *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. August Book: *Casino Royale* by Ian Fleming

Star Wars Book & Fan Club

Saturday, Jun 8 | 10:30am – 12pm
A group for Star Wars fans! June's Book: *The Phantom Menace* by Terry Brooks

Cookbook Club

Sat, Jun 8, Fri, Jul 19 & Fri, Aug 09 | 2 – 4pm
Cook a dish & share with the group! June Theme: Gordon Ramsay; July: South Korean Recipes; August: French Recipes

Philosophy Book Club

Mondays Jun 10 & Aug 12 | 3 – 4:30pm
All you need to bring is an open mind! June Topic: *Utilitarianism* by John Stuart Mill. August Topic: *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Toqueville

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Mondays Jun 17 & Aug 19 | 3 – 4 pm
Read & discuss a contemporary novel, every other month. June book: *The House of Eve* by Sadeqa Johnson; August: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. Discussion led by Cynthia Gwiazda

Shakespeare Club

Tuesday, Jul 16 | 6:30 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss the great works of William Shakespeare. July Topic: *Antony & Cleopatra*

Classics Book Club

Monday, Jul 29 | 3 – 4:30pm
Read & discuss classic novels. July Book: *The Moon and Sixpence* by W. Somerset Maugham

Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, Jul 30 | 6 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss classic & contemporary science fiction. July Book: *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Process of Criminal & Civil Law in CT

Monday, Jun 3 | 2 – 4 pm
Join Dr. David Thomas for an exploration of Civil & Criminal Action & the intricate workings of our legal system. Dr. Thomas is a former attorney with a Law Degree from Harvard, PhD in Religion & BA in Political Science. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Book Talk & Sing Along with Albert Ruggiero

Wednesday, Jun 5 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Albert Ruggiero will discuss his quest to honor his late wife's memory by publishing a collection of her essays. All are invited to meet, greet, & enjoy a rousing sing along while Mr. Ruggiero plays the saxophone. Copies of *Pearls from Carol* will be available for \$15; a copy has also been donated to the library & is available to borrow. Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Flag Day Stamp Club

Friday, Jun 14 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Bring your stamps in to share with the group! Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Summer Yahtzee Party

Tuesday, Jun 18 | 5 – 8 pm



Adults are invited to a "Summer Party," complete with music, raffles & refreshments. Learn to play the classic game of Yahtzee! Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

Diamond Art Painting

Saturday, Jun 22 | 2 – 4 pm
Join crafter Vanessa Fasanella to learn a new skill! Receive a free canvas & learn to organize diamonds, use wax & use an applicator pen. End the day with your canvas half-finished & with skills to finish your art at home! All materials included. For adults & children ages 9+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Limited to 15 seats, registration required. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Chess For Beginners

Friday, Jul 12 | 3 – 4:30 pm
Learn to play the classic game of Chess! To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Summer Songs & Sea Shanties Concert

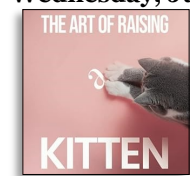
Wednesday, Jul 24 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Bring your chairs, picnic blankets & snacks & join us on the front lawn for a family concert by singer/songwriter Liz McNicholl! In case of rain, concert will move indoors. To sign up, please call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

A Visit to Downton Abbey

Friday, Jul 26 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Join author Stephen Spignesi for an exploration of all things Downton Abbey. Behind-the-scenes fun & surprises will delight both superfans & casual viewers, alike! Drop-ins welcome while space allows!

The Art of Raising a Kitten

Wednesday, Jul 31 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Calling all cat moms & dads! Whether you've rescued a ragamuffin or selected feline royalty, meet author Sally E. Bahner & special guest, her cat Zilya! Sally will give tips & answer questions about care. Recommended for adults & children ages 9+. *Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.* Signed copies of the book available for \$10. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org



Songs of Lafayette's Time in America

Wednesday, Aug 7 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Bring your chairs, picnic blankets & snacks & join us on the front lawn for a patriotic, musical event! Join Rick Spencer & Dawn Indermuehle for a concert honoring Lafayette's visit to East Haven on August 21, 1824, when he received a celebrity welcome. In case of rain, concert will move indoors. To sign up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org



Lafayette Day: A Bicentennial Celebration!

Wednesday, Aug 21 | 10am – 8 pm
Join a state-wide celebration of the Bicentennial of Lafayette's visit to Connecticut! The library will host a variety of historically-themed events throughout the day. For a schedule of events, visit our website or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org



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

Notary Services

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

Ask-A-Lawyer: Free Consultations

Wed Jun 26, Jul 17 & Aug 21 | 5:30–7:30pm
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
Help is available. Share your experience, strength & hope. Free, open meetings available. No need to sign up, all are welcome

Canasta & Cannoli Party

Tuesday, Aug 27 | 5 – 8pm
Adults are invited to an "Italian Party," complete with music, raffles & refreshments. Learn to play the classic game of Canasta! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

New Haven: Almost the Capital

Wednesday, Aug 28 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Join author Louis Nargi for a discussion that looks into the soul of New Haven history! Copies of his book available for \$39.95. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Teen Events

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Finals Study Lounge

Tuesday, Jun 4 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Looking for a quiet spot to study for finals? Drop in to the library! We'll have snacks & quiet de-stressing activities available when you're ready to take a break

EH Summer Gaming Academy: Mentor Info Session

Thursday, Jun 13 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm
We're looking for high school teens interested in helping as mentors during our Summer Gaming Academy. Earn community service & teaching skills! Join us for this info session to learn more about what our mentors do & how you can get started

End-of-School Party

Friday, Jun 14 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Join our Teen Advisory Group to celebrate the last day of school & the start of summer with games & ice cream!

Cozy Movie Night: Edward Scissorhands

Tuesday, Jun 18 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Bring your own blanket & get comfy for our screening of the 1990 fantasy/romance film. Fresh Popcorn & other treats served!

Live-Action Game of Life

Saturday, Jun 29 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Play the classic board game on a grand scale! To sign-up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: 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

SERIES PROGRAMS

Adventure Begins at Your Library:

Teen Summer Reading Challenge
All Summer Long | June 20 – Aug 14
This summer, we're challenging teens age 12 to 18 to read every day! Build good reading habits & complete fun challenges to earn raffle tickets for great prizes. Visit the teen room to pick-up your reading challenge log

Teen Lounge

Every Fri, starts Jun 21 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Join us on Friday afternoons for something different every week, including video games, book discussions, & more!

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Tabletop Club

Every Other Thurs, starts Jun 27 | 5:30–7:30pm
Are you a fan of Dungeons & Dragons? Join us for our Tabletop Club to play D&D, plus learn about world-building, running games, & improving your roleplaying skills! All materials provided



Teen Crafting Club

Every Other Tues, starts Jul 2 | 3 – 4:30 pm
Learn & try different crafts! This summer, we'll explore crochet, scrapbooking, jewelry-making & more! To sign-up, call (203) 468-3890 or email: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Teen Advisory Group

Tues, Jul 23 & Thurs, Aug 1 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Help us make the library a better place for you & all teens! Discuss new library programs, vote on new books & more! Plus, earn community service hours for your participation!

