

HAGAMAN HAPPENINGS

December 2025
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Pop-Up Satellite Library!

Tuesdays | 9:30am – 2:30pm

Thursdays | 9:30am – 8pm*

91 Taylor Ave (located Inside Senior Center)

Join us at our Satellite Location! All ages are invited to a Popup Library! Select free books, get a library card & more! *Note that we will be closed on December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. This program is brought to you by Hagan Library staff, in partnership with the East Haven Senior Center. Special thanks to Read to Grow for their donation of children's books to give away! If you have questions about the library reopening, please email the Library Director: smallory@biblio.org

Tech Help & Notary Services

Tuesdays & Thursdays | By Appointment

91 Taylor Ave (located Inside Senior Center)

Have a document notarized or to receive one-on-one training with your smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer! To schedule call the Senior Center at (203)468-3277 or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Ask-A-Lawyer Free Consultations

Wednesday Dec 17 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Law Offices of Patricia A. Cofrancesco, 89 Kimberly Ave

Have a legal question? Ask an expert! Free 15-minute consultations with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar & a referral, as needed. Consultations are first come, first served. Made possible by the Law Offices of Patricia A. Cofrancesco



AA Meetings

Mon, Wed & Thurs | 12 – 1pm

Christ & The Epiphany Church, 39 Park Pl

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Virtual Event: Philosophy Book Club

Monday, Dec 1 | 3 – 4pm

Bring an open mind! December Topic: *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius. For a Zoom code email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Virtual Event: History Book Club

Tuesday, Dec 2 | 6 – 7pm

Read & discuss historical fiction & nonfiction. December Book: *The Man Who Changed How Boys and Toys Were Made: The Life of A.C. Gilbert* by Bruce Watson. For a Zoom code, email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Classic Game Night

Tuesday Dec 4 | 5:30 – 7:30pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Do you love board games? We do, too! Join us for this monthly chance to get out, make new friends & try new games! Bring your favorite games to play, or try some of ours. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome for this fun, free casual night out. This event was made possible by the East Haven Senior Center

Knitting Club for Everyone!

Thursdays Dec 4, 11 & 18 | 6 – 7:45 pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced knitter, this club for you! To sign up, please email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. Following the holidays, the club will start up again in January. Made possible by the East Haven Senior Center

Crochet Club

Thursdays Dec 4, 11 & 18 | 6 – 7:45pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

All you need to join is a basic knowledge of crochet stitches & a will to learn more! To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. Following the holidays, the club will start up again in January. Made possible by the East Haven Senior Center

Virtual Event: Yule Traditions

Saturday, Dec 6 | 2 – 4pm

Learn about Yule, the ancient winter festival celebration of the Winter Solstice. Learn about the history of the holiday and how to make a "wishing" pinecone. All you will need is: 1 pinecone, paper and pen, and some twine or string. Optional: cinnamon essential oil. Pinecones (with strings) will be available to pick up at the library's satellite location at the East Haven Senior Center on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (with the exception of the 3rd Thursday when we close at 6pm to make room for town meetings). This program will be held over Zoom and is presented by Rachel Koladis. For a Zoom code, contact: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Virtual Event: Mystery Book Club

Monday, Dec 8 | 3 – 4pm

Read & discuss classic & contemporary mysteries. This December, our book will be: *The Sign of Four* by Arthur Conan Doyle. What will we read next? Drop in to learn more! For a Zoom code contact: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Virtual Event: 50 Years of Toads Place

Thursday, December 9 | 6 – 7pm

Join us for a special book discussion as we discuss *The Legendary Toads Place* by Brian Phelps and Randall Beach. Share your stories of New Haven's most iconic venue! For a Zoom code, email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Virtual Event: Genealogy Club

Wednesday Dec 10 | 6:30 – 8 pm

Join us one for a monthly chance to trace your family tree! Whether you're new to genealogy or an experienced researcher, this club is free & open to all. For a zoom code, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain:

An American Hero

Thursday, December 11 | 6 – 7:30pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Historian Phil Vitiello will tell the story of the legendary Civil War General on the anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg. RSVP to: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org. Made possible by the EH Senior Center

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Monday, Dec 15 | 3 – 4 pm

Shoreline Trolley Museum, 17 River St

Read & discuss a contemporary novel, every other month. To sign-up, send an email to Cynthia at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org December Book: *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan; February Book: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Event made possible by The Shoreline Trolley Museum

Virtual Event: Jane Austen's Birthday

Tuesday, December 16 | 6 – 7pm

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with a discussion of *Pride and Prejudice*. For a Zoom code, email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursday, Dec 18 | 6 – 8pm

ETV Media Studio, 230 Main Street

The weather outside might be frightful, but you're invited to a free night out that's so delightful! Join us for an evening of free pizza served at 6pm, with the film starting at 6:30pm. Refreshments sponsored by Tweed/ New Haven Airport. This program made possible by ETV. Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. December Family Film: *Elf* (2003) (PG)

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Christmas Cribbage Game Night

Thursday, Dec 18 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Learn to play the classic game of Cribbage! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome! Drop-ins welcome. Event made possible by the East Haven Senior Center

Virtual Event: Comic Book Club

Friday, Dec 19 | 10:30am – 11:30am

Read classic & contemporary graphic novels. December Book: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles Schultz. For a Zoom code, please contact: chemingeway@hagamanlibrary.org

Cookbook Club

Friday, Dec 19 | 3 – 5pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Cook a dish, then share your cooking experience with the group! December Theme: Cookie Swap! Bring your favorite cookie recipe to share with the group. Event made possible by the East Haven Senior Center

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BABY & TODDLER TUESDAYS

Toddler Tuesdays

Tues Dec 2, 16, 23 & 30 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St

Join us for a half hour of singing, dancing & fingerplays, followed by a half hour of play with musical instruments, parachutes, scarves & more! This program is perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers & families! No need to sign up; drop-ins welcome! Made possible by EH Bradford Manor Hose Co # 4

Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tuesday, Dec 9 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St

Mr. Rob and his cool tunes are back again! Bring your babies, tots, and toddlers to sing & dance along with musician Robert Messore, or join us streaming live on Facebook! Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few surprises. No need to sign up; drop-ins are always welcome! Made possible by EH Bradford Manor Hose Co # 4

STORYTIME FRIDAYS

Friday Crafty Storytime

Fridays Dec 5, 12 & 19 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St

If your Little loves bedtime stories, crafts & play, this special series of stories & crafts is for you! Designed with babies, toddlers, preschoolers & their families in mind, these easy crafts can be completed with help from a family caregiver while you enjoy stories & more! Help your child strengthen their fine motor skills by crafting with a variety of mediums & art supplies & develop the early literacy skills they need to start reading! No need to sign up, just drop-in to join the fun! Program made possible by the EH Bradford Manor Hose Co # 4

FRC Bilingual Story, Craft & Playgroup

Friday, Dec 26 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St

Join the Family Resource Center, Adult Ed & the library to explore music & conversation about raising children in our town. Each month will bring new topics, snacks for littles & sometimes free book giveaways! No Drop-ins welcome! Made possible by EH Bradford Manor Hose Co # 4

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

STEM Club

Thursday, Dec 19 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Join us for an adventure through the world of science, technology, engineering & math with hands-on experiments! Recommended for ages 5-12. Drop-ins welcome! Made possible by the EH Senior Center

LEGO Club

Saturday, Dec 27 | 2 – 3 pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Build a own unique construct with the library's LEGO collection! Get creative, meet new friends, collaborate & create! No need to sign up; drop-ins welcome! Made possible by the EH Senior Center

Crafternoon Hangout

Tuesday, Dec 30 | 4 – 5pm

EH Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave

Kids, Tweens and Teens can drop in to hang out, and try out a different craft each month! We'll be making bath fizzies in December, creating kandi bracelets in January, and sculpting with polymer clay in February! Contact Miss Caitlin, our Youth Services librarian, at criccitelli@biblio.org or Miss Emily, our Teen Services librarian, at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org for more information! Made possible by the EH Senior Center

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Family Movie Night: "Elf" (2003) (PG)

Thursday, Dec 18 | 6 – 8pm

ETV Studio, 230 Main Street

You're invited to a free night out! Free pizza served at 6pm, film starts at 6:30pm. Refreshments sponsored by Tweed/New Haven Airport. This program made possible by ETV. Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. December Family Film: *Elf* (2003) (PG)

EVENTS FOR TEENS

Take It & Make It!

Available All Month | On Your Own Schedule!

Pick up take & make craft kits at any of our teen programs or at our weekly PopUp Library at the East Haven Senior Center. A new kit will be available each month! Crafts to be announced. Available on a first come, first serve basis to teens age 12 to 18. If you're unable to pick-up at a teen program, contact Miss Emily to pick up a kit at the Pop-Up Library at the Senior Center: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Tabletop Club

Thursday, Dec. 18 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Teen Rec Room, Hays School, 1 Maple St

Learn to play *Dungeons & Dragons* at Tabletop Club! Play as woodland creatures in this grand adventure to fight the fires threatening all of Humblewood! All materials are provided. Library Character Sheets will be available, but players may bring their own character for D&D 5th edition. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome. This program made possible by East Haven Rec & Youth Services Departments

Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, Dec. 4 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Teen Rec Room, Hays School, 1 Maple St

Help us make the library a better place for yourself and all teens! Discuss new library programs, vote on new books to add to our teen collection, and more! Open to all Middle and High School students in East Haven and the surrounding areas. All teens joining us will earn community service hours for their participation! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome. This program made possible by East Haven Rec & Youth Services Departments

Virtual Event: Teen Gaming Hour

Saturday, Jan. 10 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Play online games like Gartic Phone and Jackbox Games, including Trivia, Drawing, Puzzles & much more! Program offered via Zoom. Open to teens age 12 to 18. For a Zoom code, please contact:

ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Inventors' Lab

Thursday, Dec. 11 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Teen Rec Room, Hays School, 1 Maple St

Learn about STEM topics and try out an exciting experiment during our new, peer-led Inventor's Lab! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Sign-Up Required. Please contact Miss Emily: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org. This program made possible by East Haven Rec & Youth Services Departments

Virtual Event: Teen Murder Mystery

Saturday, Dec. 13 | 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Test your deductive skills in this special seasonal event! Hop on Zoom this December to solve a holiday-themed mystery! First, you'll interrogate your fellow players, then follow the evidence to discover who among you did the crime! Open to teens age 12 to 18. For a Zoom code, please contact: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

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