

Children & Families

BABY & TODDLERS

Toddler Tuesdays
Every Tuesday, Sept – Nov | 10:30–11:30am

Join us for our autumn sessions of Toddler Tuesdays — a half hour of singing, dancing & fingerplays, followed by a half hour of play using scarves, musical instruments, parachutes, & more! This program is perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, & their families! No need to sign up; drop-ins welcome!

Family Resource Center Playgroup
Every Wednesday Sept – Nov * | 10:30–11:30am

A weekly playgroup for children ages 0-5 who are not yet enrolled in school & their caregivers, hosted by the East Haven Family Resource Center. A safe, welcoming space for children & caregivers to connect, play, & learn together. *Note that there is no Playgroup on Wednesday, November 11, as the Library will be closed in observation of Veterans Day. No need to sign up; drop-ins welcome!

Friday Crafty Storytime
Every Friday Sept – Nov * | 10:30–11:30am

A special series of stories & crafts, designed with babies, toddlers, preschoolers & their families in mind! Help your child strengthen their fine motor skills by crafting with a variety of different mediums & art supplies, & develop the early literacy skills they need to start reading! * Note that we will be joined on the last Friday of each month by the FRC for even more fun (details below)! No need to sign up; drop-in welcome!

FRC Bilingual Community Storytime, Craft & Playgroup
Fridays, Sept 25, Oct 30 & Nov 20 | 10:30–11:30am

On the last Friday of each month, our storytime is even more fun! Join the East Haven Family Resource Center, Adult Education & the Hagaman Library on the last Friday each month to explore music, art & relevant conversations about raising children in our town. Each month brings new topics, snacks for littles, & sometimes free book giveaways! No need to sign up; drop-ins welcome!

Toddlers & Tots Bubble Ball
Thursdays, Sept 17 & Oct 15 | 10:30–11:30am

Don't be afraid to burst your bubble; that's what our Toddlers & Tots Bubble Ball is all about! At the Bubble Ball, your little one can have a pop music dance party in a bubble storm, learn to pop rolls of bubble wrap using their fingers & feet for a fun sensory experience, & practice making their own bubbles with our jumbo-sized bubble wands! No need to sign up, just drop-in to join the fun!

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

Vision of the Graduate Adventures!
Saturdays Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 21 | 2–3:30 pm

A special series of events for kids ages 6-11 & their families, brought to you in collaboration with the East Haven School District! One Saturday each month, join us for adventures at Hagaman! In September, we'll be holding a scavenger hunt all about the different helpers in our community; in October, we'll be working together to solve the mystery of the missing library book & in November we'll be decorating a gratitude graffiti mural to display all winter long!

LEGO Club
Saturdays Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 21 | 11 am – 12 pm

Once a month on Saturday morning, join us for a meeting of the Hagaman's LEGO Club! Build your own unique construction with our library's amazing LEGO collection, & display it here in the library! Get creative, meet new friends, collaborate on builds & see what you can create! No need to sign up; drop-ins are always welcome!

STEM Club
Wednesday, Oct 21 | 4:30–5:30 pm
This October, join our Youth Services librarian for an adventure through the worlds of science, technology, engineering & math through a hands-on experiment! In preparation for Halloween, we'll be learning how to make our own spooky, slimy, & ooey-goey gummy worms from scratch using some scary-cool molecular gastronomy!

Tasty Crafternoon
Wednesdays Sept 23 & Nov 18 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for one Wednesday evening in September & November for a Tasty Crafternoon project, where making the craft is only half the fun — eating it is the other half! In September, we'll be decorating sugar cookies with edible paint; in November, we'll be sculpting tasty turkeys out of apples & candy. Program is free & open to all; registration in advance is recommended so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Please email our Miss Caitlin at cricitelli@biblio.org if you have questions & to RSVP

Youth Paint Club
Thursday, Jul 2, 9, 16 & 30 | 2 – 3 pm
Join us on one Thursday evening each month this autumn for a relaxing hour of painting! Try out different painting mediums like acrylic, tempera, watercolor & paint pens, & enjoy some snacks after you craft your masterpiece! This program is recommended for children 6-12; no need to sign up, drop-ins are always welcome.

Pokémon Drawing Club
Tuesdays, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 17 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Do you like Pokémon? Do you like to draw? Would you like to learn how to draw some of the most popular Pokémon? Then join us on one Tuesday evening each month this autumn for our Pokémon drawing club, where our Youth Services Librarian Miss Caitlin will walk you through the steps of drawing the month's featured Pokémon! Don't forget to stop by the Children's Desk to vote for the Pokémon you want us to feature next, & see the winner of last month's poll! This program is recommended for children 6-12; no need to sign up, drop-ins are always welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

It's Halloween! Costume Party & Family Movie Night 🎃
Thursday, Oct 22; | 6:30–8 pm
Children of all ages & their families are invited to join us for an evening of Halloween crafts, snacks & costumes, followed by a screening of Disney's classic 1993 film The Nightmare Before Christmas (rated PG)! Costumes for all members of the family are welcome & encouraged but not required

Looking for more family fun? Visit us online to learn more!
www.hagamanlibrary.org

Discover What's New

Our doors are open, and there's even more to explore! From new public computers and expanded meeting spaces to refreshed furnishings and renovated spaces, Hagaman Memorial Library is ready to welcome you back!



Stop by, explore what's new, and rediscover your library this fall!

HAGAMAN HAPPENINGS FALL 2026



HAGAMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FALL HOURS:

Mon:10am-5pm
Tues-Thurs:10am-8pm
Fri & Sat:10am-5pm*

*Join us on Saturdays starting September 19!

ADDRESS:

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East Haven,CT 06512
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Adult Programs

SERIES PROGRAMS

Fall Into Reading Contest for Grown-ups!
Tuesday, Sept 1 – Nov 30
Enjoy those cozy mysteries & bestselling novels as we move into fall with the clear, crisp weather! For every book you read, fill out a book slip with your contact information & a brief review of the book. The book slip becomes your raffle ticket for a chance to win 4 prizes throughout the fall!

Crochet Club for Everyone!
Tuesday, Sept 15 – Nov 24 | 6 – 7:45 pm
If you know basic stitching but wish to hone the craft, this is the club for you! To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Knitting Club
Tuesdays Sept 1 & 8, Oct – Dec | 6 – 7:45 pm
A club for beginners & experienced knitters, alike! Space is limited. To sign up, please call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Free Casual & Fun Yoga
Wednesdays* | 6 – 7:15 pm
*Note: There will be no class Sep 16, 23, 30 & Oct 7
FREE class, sponsored by the library. No knowledge necessary, no need to sign-up, drop-ins welcome!

Game Night
Tue, Sept 1, Oct 27 & Nov 24 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Bring your friends (or make new ones while you're here) & stop in to play some games. Bring your favorite games to play, or try some of ours. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays starting Sept 8 | 10:15 - 11:15 am
Certified yoga teacher Michele Antisdal will teach this weekly class. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

History & Trivia Night
Tue, Sept 8 & 22, Thursday, Oct 1 & Wednesday, Nov 18 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Bring your friends (or make new ones while you're here) & stop in to try your luck. Maybe, win a prize! Drop-ins welcome! September 8 Topic: 60th Anniversary of Star Trek September 22 Topic: Nathan Hale October 1 Topic: Benedict Arnold November 18: Roger Sherman

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tue, Sept 8, Oct 13, & Nov 10 | 5:30 – 8 pm
Join a volunteer group that fundraises, plans events & more! Drop-ins welcome!

Genealogy Club
Wed, Sept 9, Oct 14, & Nov 18 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Drop in monthly & learn to trace your family tree! Zoom option also available. No experience required!

Pizza & A Movie Night
Thur, Sep 24, Oct 29, & Nov 12 | 5 – 8 pm
A free night out! Free pizza at 5 pm, film at 5:30 pm. Refreshments sponsored by Tweed New Haven Airport. Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

- Sept 24: Devil Wears Prada 2 (2026) (PG-13)
- Oct 29: Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (‘24) (PG-13) 🍎
- Nov 12: Wicked: For Good (‘25) (PG)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Non-profits: How to Market & Fundraise
Wednesday, Sept 2 | 6:00 – 8 pm
Marketing Professional Ken Engelman will provide you with a playbook to help your community nonprofit move beyond survival & into real sustainable growth. Registration required. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Book Talk with Jackson Kuhl
Thursday, Sept 10 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of Samuel Smedley, Connecticut Privateer, the remarkable story of a Connecticut patriot. Reservations required. To sign up, call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

History of the U.S. Constitution
Tuesday, Sept 15 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join us for a presentation by Reference Librarian Chris Hemingway. Sponsored by Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Special Movie Screening of Radio Days
Wednesday, Sept 16 | 5:00 – 8 pm
Join us for pizza, drinks, & a screening of the Woody Allen film *Radio Days* (1987) (PG). Film scholar Fred Guida will provide an introduction & answer questions after the screening. Sponsored by Tweed/New Haven Airport. Registration required. To sign up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Nathan Hale Day
Tuesday, Sept 22 | 10-8 pm
Join us as we celebrate the life of Connecticut hero, Nathan Hale! 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

Here we come! Hey Hey! It's The Monkees!
Wednesday, Sept 23 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Mark Arnold & Charles Rosenay!!! will present their new book *The Monkees* Comic Book. Registration required. To sign-up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Fright Night! 🍎
Tuesday, Sept 29 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join us for a night of scary stories, trivia, & prizes with local authors from the CT Chapter of the Horror Writers Association. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Medicare Made Clear Workshop
Wednesday, Sept 30 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Are you or someone you know turning 65? Not sure about enrollment periods or penalties for signing up for Medicare? If so, this workshop is for you! Medicare Insurance Agent Christie Bondos will tell you what's new with Medicare. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Mark Your Calendar: Local Author Showcase!
Saturday, Oct 3 | 10:30 – 2:30 pm
A one-day-only event for book lovers everywhere! Authors from the local area & beyond will be here in person to meet fans & sell signed copies of their books! Drop in during the event to stroll through displays, meet authors, enjoy free refreshments & update your reading list! For more information & a list of authors, contact Cynthia at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

The History of Halloween 🍎
Wednesday, Oct 7 | 6 – 8 pm
Join Sydney Sherman for a fun & fascinating look at how Halloween became the holiday we know today. You will be invited to share favorite Halloween memories & costumes from years past. Drop-ins welcome. Contact: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Apples to Apples Game Night
Thursday, Oct 8 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Learn how to play the classic game of Apples to Apples! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Book Talk with Mr. Haunted 🍎
Tuesday, Oct 20 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Meet Paranormal Investigator & Photographer Jimmy Petonito (aka Mr. Haunted) for a presentation about ghosts, aliens, & more. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Psychic Readings with Patti Griffin 🍎
Wednesday, Oct 28 | 6:00 – 8 pm
Connecticut based psychic medium Patti Griffin will give readings for the audience. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

18th Century Chocolate Making
Thursday, Oct 29 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join Robert Lecce of The Pewter Pot, LLC in Salem, CT for an engaging chocolate-making demonstration! Registration required. To sign up, call or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

The Spirits of New England 🍎
Saturday, Oct 31 | 2-4 pm
Paranormal Investigator and former Ghosthunters star, Dustin Pari will chronicle his favorite New England investigations. Enjoy a bit of local history colored with some chilling tales of the supernatural! Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Arlington National Cemetery: A Guided Tour through History
Wednesday, Nov 4 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Cynthia Parzych will present the backstory of this iconic spot & highlights some of the stories of the interesting people who lived & were buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Registration required. To sign-up, call the library or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Vinyl Records Club
Friday, Nov 20 | 2 – 3 pm
Bring your old records & meet like-minded music folks! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

BOOK CLUBS
*To sign up, call the library or email: chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

Poetry Appreciation Club
Thur, Sept 3 & Tue, Nov 3 | 6 – 7 pm
Bring your love of poetry! September Poet: Percy Shelley November Poet: T.S. Eliot

Reader's Roundtable Discussion
Mondays, Sept 14 & Nov 9 | 3 – 4:30 pm
Join us at the library as we discuss our favorite reads, & review & recommend books to each other! Refreshments will be served.

Shakespeare Reading Club
Thursdays Sept 17 & Nov 19 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Read & discuss the great works of William Shakespeare. September: *Richard II*; November: *Richard III*

Star Wars Book & Game Club
Saturday Sept 19 & Nov 21 | 10:30 – 11:30 am
June Book: Ben & Me by Thomas Lawson; August: The British Invasion of New Haven by Charles Hervey Townshend

Cookbook Club
Saturday Sept 19, Oct 17, & Nov 21 | 2– 4 pm
Cook a dish, then share your cooking experience with the group! September Theme: Joël Robuchon; October Theme: Ghoulish Recipes; November Theme: Sara Moulton

Science Fiction Book Club
Thursday Sept 24 & Nov 5 | 6:30- 7:30 pm
June: The Correspondent by Virginia Evans; August: The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

Classics Book Club
Monday Sept 28 & Nov 2 | 3 – 4 pm
Read & discuss classic novels. September Book: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker; November Book: *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

Philosophy Club
Monday, Oct 5 | 3 – 4 pm
Bring an open mind! October Topic: Pythagoras

History Book Club
Tuesday, Oct 6 | 6 – 7 pm
Read & discuss historical fiction & nonfiction. October Book: *Secrets of the Tomb: Skull & Bones, the Ivy League, & the Hidden Paths of Power* by Alexandra Robbins

1776 Book Club
Wednesday, Oct 7 | 3 – 4 pm
Read fiction & nonfiction American Revolution-themed works. October Book: *George Washington's Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade

Comic Book & Game Club
Monday, Oct 19 | 3 – 4:30 pm
Read classic & contemporary graphic novels. October Topic: Batman

Contemporary Fiction Book Club
Monday, July 13 | 3 – 4:30 pm
October Topic: Read & discuss *My Name is Emilia Delvalle* by Isabel Allende
To join the book club, contact Cynthia at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Mystery Book Club
Monday, Oct 19 | 3 – 4 pm
Read & discuss classic & contemporary mysteries. October Book: *Eggs Benedict Arnold* by Laura Childs

NEW! Between the Covers Romance Book Club
Wednesday, Oct 21 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Escape reality, find romance at Hagaman Library's new "Between the Covers" Romance Book Club! If you enjoy all things romance, join us for refreshments & fun discussion! To join, contact Cynthia at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org
October Topic: Read & discuss *The Spellshop* by Sarah Beth Durst

COMMUNITY SERVICES

AA Meetings
Monday–Friday | 12–1pm
Help is available. You are not alone. Share your experience, strength & hope. Free, open meetings every weekday. No need to sign up, all are welcome!

Teen Events

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

SUMMER FUN (ON YOUR SCHEDULE)

Take & Make Kits
Pick up a free take & make craft kit in our teen room! New craft available each month! Available on a first come, first serve basis

SERIES EVENTS (CLUBS TO JOIN)

Drop-In Gaming
Every Wednesday | 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Try out our new gaming station & play fun Nintendo Switch 2 & PlayStation 5 games with your friends! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome. Want to play but can't make it on Wednesdays? Email Miss Emily to make a reservation for you & your friends! ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Teen Advisory Group
Thursdays Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Help us make the library a better place! Discuss new library programs, vote on new books to add to our teen collection, & more! Open to all Middle & High School students in East Haven & 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

Afternoon Trading Card Games
Tuesdays Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Drop-In to the teen room to play trading card games! We will have a selection of decks for Magic: the Gathering, Disney Lorcan & Pokémon! Plus, you can trade with your friends or from our library binder. Open to teens age 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome

Drop-In Crafts
Every Monday (starts July 6) | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Visit our Teen Room for free crafts like perler beads, kandi bracelets, diamond painting & more on Monday afternoons! Open to teens 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome!

Crafternoon
Mon, Sept 14, 28, Oct 26, Nov 9, 23 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Visit our Teen Room for free crafts every other Monday afternoon! Open to teens age 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome!

Tabletop Club
Thur, Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 19 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Learn to play *Dungeons & Dragons* at Tabletop Club! Journey into the feywild as we kickoff a new campaign: *Wild Beyond the Witchlight*! All materials are provided. Library Character Sheets will be available, but players may bring their own character for *Dungeons & Dragons* 5th edition. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome

Afternoon Board Games
Tue, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Try out a new board game from our collection! We'll have different titles available each month. Open to teens age 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS

B.Y.O.Book Bedazzling
Thursday, Sept 10 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Create a beautifully bedazzled cover on your favorite book! You bring the book of your choosing & we'll provide the rest! Sign-Up required - Please contact : ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

D&D Character Creation
Tuesday, Sept 15 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Want to create your own character for our new D&D campaign, but not sure where to start? Drop into the teen room to get guidance through the process! Blank character sheets, dice, & copies of the player's handbook will be available. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome

Movie: Five Nights at Freddy's 2 🍎
Saturday, Oct 10 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Enjoy a free screening of the 2025 horror film *Five Nights at Freddy's 2*. Fresh popcorn & other refreshments will be served . Sign-Up Required. Please contact our teen services librarian, Miss Emily, at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Atmos-Fear Game Night 🍎
Thursday Oct 23 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Once a year, we take out our copies of this cult classic, vintage, horror-themed board game for one day only! Take on the mantle of a classic monster as you race against the clock & “The Gatekeeper” to be the first to face your fears & create chaos on Earth! Horror themed game, jump scares. Parental discretion is advised. Sign-Up Required. Please contact : ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

Will It Waffle?
Saturday Nov 7 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Experiment with different ingredients to create unique, creative & tasty treats using a waffle iron! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Sign-Up Required. Please contact our teen services librarian, Miss Emily, at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

TEEN SERVICES

Community Service Hours
By Appointment | Teens Ages 12–18
Need Community Service Hours for school? Help make our library a better place. Email Emily to learn more: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

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