

HAGAMAN HAPPENINGS

May 2026

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Grand Reopening Celebration

Saturday, May 2 | 10:30am – 5 pm
Hagaman Library, 227 Main Street

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Hagaman Library: Now Open!

Hagaman Library will be open for normal business hours beginning Monday, May 4. Program spaces will be reserved for Library events for the first two weeks. If you would like to reserve a meeting space, please contact the Community Services Librarian at cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org after Monday, May 18 so the staff have time to adjust to the new space & can better serve you. Library Hours:

Mondays 10am – 5pm
Tuesdays 10am – 8pm
Wednesdays 10am – 8pm
Thursdays 10am – 8pm
Fridays 10am – 5pm
Saturdays 10am – 5pm*

*Open Saturdays through June 27, closed on Saturdays for the Summer

Ask-A-Lawyer Free Consultations

Wednesday, May 20 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Have a legal question? Ask an expert! This monthly event features a free 15-minute consultation with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar & a referral, as needed. Consultations first come, first served

AA Meetings

Meeting Locations Below | 12 – 1 pm
Help is available, you are not alone. Join us for a meeting & share your strength & hope. AA will meet at Christ & The Epiphany Church on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays through Wednesday, May 13. Beginning Monday, May 18, the group will meet at the Library Monday through Friday

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitting Club for Everyone!

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 6 – 7:45 pm
Enjoy the library's Knitting Club for everyone! Whether you are a beginner or a more experienced knitter, this is the club for you! Space is limited. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Crochet Club

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 6 – 7:45 pm
Enjoy the library's Crochet Club! If you have basic knowledge of crochet stitches, attend our crochet club! Space is limited. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Mexican Train Dominoes Night

Tuesday, May 5 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a game of Mexican Train Dominoes! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Free Casual & Fun Yoga

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 6 – 7:45 pm
Learn basic yoga postures & positions. No prior knowledge of yoga is necessary. This is a beginner to intermediate class. No need to RSVP-drop-ins welcome!

Jewelry Making for Mother's Day!

Wednesday, May 6 | 6 – 8 pm
Make jewelry for Mom! Learn the basics of designing jewelry & using beading tools. Make a bracelet & earrings set & take home the beading board. Presented & facilitated by crafter Vanessa Fasanella. Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org.

Poetry Appreciation Club

Thu, May 7 | 6 – 7pm
Bring your love of poetry! May: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Drop-ins welcome!

Reader's Roundtable Discussion

Monday, May 11 | 3- 4pm
What are you reading this spring? Join us at to discuss our favorite reads & recommend books! Go home with a brand new book list! Refreshments served. Drop-ins welcome!

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 | 5:30 – 8 pm
Looking for a place to volunteer? Help make the library a better place! Fundraise, plan events & more. New friends welcome!

Science Fiction Book Club

Tue, May 12 | 6 – 7pm
Read & discuss classic & contemporary science fiction. May Book: *World War Z* by Max Brooks. Drop-ins welcome!

Genealogy Club

Wednesday, May 13 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Join us one Wednesday each month for a chance to trace your family tree! Whether you're new to genealogy or an experienced researcher, this club is free & open to all. A zoom option is also available. For details, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Shakespeare Reading Club

Thu, May 14 | 6:30 – 7:30pm
Read & discuss the great works of William Shakespeare. May: *Pericles*

Classics Book Club

Mon, May 18 | 3 – 4pm
Read & discuss classic novels. May Book: *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville

Lafayette History & Trivia Night

Thursday, May 19 | 6pm – 7:30pm
Learn about the American Revolutionary War hero, Marquis de Lafayette & win a prize! No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Arlington Cemetery: A Guided History

Wednesday, May 20 | 6:30 – 8 pm
This talk, based on Cynthia Parzych's book on the topic, published by Globe-Pequot Press, presents the backstory of this iconic spot & highlights some of the stories of the interesting people who lived & were buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

What a Glorious Crash They Made! Musick of Connecticut's Revolution

Saturday, May 23 | 2-3pm
In celebration of the country's semiquincentennial, enjoy “New Songs” & Hymns published in Connecticut during the American Revolution. Richard Franklin Donohue, Tenor & Harpsichord, will explore this fiery repertoire that in the words of John Adams “cultivated the sensations of Freedom.” Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Estate Planning

Wednesday, May 27 | 6:30 – 8 pm
This seminar, presented by Attorney Amanda Gilbert-Largent, is designed to educate seniors, young families, & small business owners on how to safeguard their assets, provide for loved ones, & ensure their wishes are clearly documented. Sign-up is required to attend. To sign up, email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

East Haven Land Trust

Wednesday, May 27 | 7 – 8 pm
Membership meeting for East Haven Land Trust

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Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursday, May 28 | 5 – 8 pm

One Thursday each month, you're invited to a free night out! Free pizza is served at 5pm, then a film starts at 5:30pm. Refreshments are sponsored by Tweed/New Haven Airport. Sign-up is required to attend. To register: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org. May film: *Rental Family* (2025) (PG-13)

Comic Book & Game Club

Sat, May 30 | 10:30 – 11:30am

Read & discuss classic & contemporary graphic novels! May Theme: 40th Anniversary of The Legend of Zelda series. No need to sign up, drop-ins are welcome!

Cookbook Club

Sat, May 30 | 2 – 4pm

Cook a dish, then share your cooking experience with the group! May Theme: BBQ Favorites. No need to sign up, drop-ins are always welcome!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BABIES & TODDLER TUESDAYS

Toddler Tuesdays

Tuesdays May 5, 19 & 26 | 10:30–11:30 am

Join us for our Mat session 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 are always welcome!

Cool Tunes with Mr. Rob!

Tuesday, May 12 | 10:30–11:30 am

Bring babies, tots & toddlers to join local musician Robert Messor. Don't have time to join us in person? We've got you covered! You can also join us streaming live on Facebook! Hear your favorite tunes, requests & a few special surprises. No need to sign up; drop-ins are always welcome!

STORYTIME FRIDAYS

Friday Crafty Storytime

Fridays May 8, 15, 22 | 10:30–11:30 am

A special series of stories & crafts, designed with babies, toddlers, preschoolers & their families in mind! Help strengthen fine motor skills by crafting with a variety of mediums & art supplies, plus develop the early literacy skills they need to start reading! No need to sign up, just drop-in to join the fun!

FRC Community Bilingual Storytime

Friday May 29 | 10:30–11:30 am

Join the East Haven Family Resource Center, Adult Education & Hagaman Library on the last Friday each month to explore music, art & conversations about raising children in our town. Each month will bring new topics, crafts, snacks for littles, & sometimes free book giveaways! No need to sign up, drop-ins are welcome!

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

LEGO Club

Saturday, May 16 | 4 – 5 pm

Build your own construction with our amazing LEGO collection! Get creative, meet new friends, collaborate on builds & see what you can create! No need to sign up; drop-ins are always welcome!

Crafternoon Hangout

Tuesday May 26 | 4 – 5 pm

Kids, Tweens & Teens can drop in to hang out & try out a different craft each month! In May, we'll be making beaded tapestries! Contact Miss Caitlin, our new Youth Services Librarian (criccitelli@biblio.org) or Miss Emily, our Teen Services Librarian (ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org) for more information!

EVENTS FOR TEENS

Drop-In Gaming

Every Wednesday | 3:30 – 5 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

Take & Make Kits

Pick up a free take & make craft kit in our teen room! May's craft is a Gummy Bear Charm Keychain. Available first come, first serve to teens age 12 to 18

Teen Advisory Group

Thursday May 7 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Help us make the library a better place for yourself & all teens! The Library thrives & grows when dedicated, smart, creative members of our community come out to help shape its future. Do you have ideas on how to improve? We want to hear them! All teens are invited to join this club where we 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. Bonus: teens joining us earn community service hours for their participation! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome!

Manga Club

Thursday May 14 | 4 – 5 pm

Discuss our featured manga title plus all your favorite series at manga club! This month's title is *Haikyuu!!*, Vol. 1 by Haruichi Furudate. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Sign-Up required - Please contact our teen services librarian, Miss Emily, at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org. Free copy provided to first 6 teens to sign-up!

Tabletop Club

Thursday May 21 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Learn to play *Dungeons & Dragons* at Tabletop Club! The only requirement is imagination. Play as woodland creatures in this grand adventure to fight the fires threatening all of Humblewood! All materials are provided, no experience is required to join. Library Character Sheets will be available, but players may bring their own character for *Dungeons & Dragons* 5th edition if they prefer. Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome

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Movie Matinee: *The Dark Crystal*

Saturday May 30th | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Party like it's 1982! Join us for a throwback classic with our free screening of the 1982 fantasy film *The Dark Crystal*. Fresh popcorn & other movie-theater style refreshments will be served. This event is open to teens age 12 to 18 & their families. Sign-Up Required. Please contact our teen services librarian, Miss Emily, at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

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