

Children & Families

SUMMER READING

Plant a Seed, Read! Reading Game Monday, June 22 – Friday, August 28

Our theme this summer is all about enjoying nature, plants & growing your imagination! Join us in the Children's Department to sign up for this 10 week contest that encourages reading for all ages & offers free prizes from our treasure chest! We can't wait to read & grow with you!

SUMMER KICKOFF

Dinosaur Day! Journey to the Past with Danielle Hill Tuesday, June 30 | 2 – 3:30 pm

We're celebrating the start of our summer program with a very special visit from a real-life paleontologist! All dinosaur lovers are invited to this program for all ages about prehistoric life & the fossils that help us explore the mysteries of the past! We'll have dinosaur-themed crafts & activities & perhaps even a few fossils for curious minds to examine! Space is limited; please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

BABY & TODDLER TUESDAYS

Toddler Tuesdays

Tuesdays Jun 2 – Aug 18 | 10:30–11:30am

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

Friday Crafty Storytime

Fridays Jun 5 & 26; Jul 10, 17, 24 & 31; Aug 7, 14, & 21 | 10:30–11:30am

A series of stories & crafts, designed with babies, toddlers, preschoolers & families in mind! Help your child strengthen fine motor skills through crafts & develop early literacy skills they need to start reading!

FRC Bilingual Community Storytime, Craft & Playgroup Thursday, Jun 18 & Friday, Jul 31 | 10:30–11:30am

Join the Family Resource Center, Adult Education & the Library each month to explore music, art & 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 are always welcome to stop in & join the fun!

Toddlers & Tots Bubble Ball

Thursdays, Jun 25, Jul 16 & Aug 13 | 10:30–11:30am

Don't be afraid to burst your bubble; that's what our Bubble Ball is all about! Let your Little join the pop music dance party in a bubble storm & practice making their own bubbles with jumbo-sized bubble wands! No need to sign up, just drop-in to join the fun!

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY

LEGO Club

Sat, Jun 13 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Mon, Jun 29 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Mon, July 13 | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mon Jul 27 & Aug 10 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join us one Saturday in June & then every other Monday during summer vacation for a meeting of LEGO Club! No experience or Lego required. Drop in to join the fun & build a unique construction!

Tasty Crafternoon

Tuesday, Jun 23 | 2 – 3 pm

Friday, Jul 24 | 2 – 3 pm

Wednesday, Aug 12 | 2 – 3 pm

Join us once a month for an event where making the craft is only half the fun – eating it is the other half! In June, we'll be crafting custom candy jewelry; in July, we'll be creating colorful mosaics out of graham crackers, frosting & candy; in August, we'll be creating edible dirt cups modeled after earth's soil layers! Program is free & open to all. Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

STEM Club

Thursday, Jun 25 & Aug 20 | 2 – 3 pm

Wednesday, Jul 15 | 2:00–3:00pm

June's experiment will be Eruptions & Explosions; in July, we'll be experimenting with Bubble Magic; & in August, we'll be customizing batches of Slime! Recommended for ages 5-12. Program is free, but registration in advance is recommended. Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

Paint Club

Thursday, Jul 2, 9, 16 & 30 | 2 – 3 pm

Join us on Thursday afternoons in July for a relaxing hour of painting! Try out different painting mediums like acrylic, gouache, watercolor & paint pens, & enjoy some snacks while 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

Wednesday, Jun 24, Jul 29, & Aug 19 | 2 – 3 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 Wednesday afternoon each month this summer for our Pokémon drawing club & 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grow Your Garden Gardening Club

Tuesdays Jul 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 2 – 3:30 pm

Come learn about gardening, pollinators, & more. During Tuesday afternoons this July, we'll be learning about the basics of gardening, making mini mason jar terrariums, planting native flowers to expand our library's garden, creating arts & crafts that support our local pollinators, & tracking the weekly progress of window boxes that you can take home with you at the end of the month! This program is open to all kids, tweens, & teens! Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org. This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum & Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by CT State Library



Monday Movie Matinees

Mondays Jun 22; Jul 6 & 20; Aug 3 & 17 | 2 – 3:30 pm

What better way to kick off a week than with a free movie matinee on a Monday afternoon? Every other Monday this summer, join us for a few hours of fun, laughs & free popcorn with some of the most popular children's films released during the past few years.

- June 22: *Dog Man* (PG)
- July 6: *A Minecraft Movie* (PG)
- July 20: *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG)
- August 3: *The Wild Robot* (PG)
- August 17: *Zootopia 2* (PG)

BYOT (Bring Your Own T-Shirt) Tie-Dyeing!

Wednesday, Jul 22 | 1 – 3:00 pm

Thursday, Jul 23 | 5 – 7 pm

Join us for 2 back-to-back afternoons of crazy colorful tie-dyeing fun with Miss Kristina! This event is strictly B.Y.O.T. — bring your own T-shirt! You bring the shirt, & we'll bring the dye, the elastic bands, & the patterns! This program is free & open to all. Registration in advance is recommended. Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

Fairy House Decorating

Thursday, Aug 6 | 1 – 2:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of crafting as we decorate tiny terra cotta fairy houses to place in our gardens, at home & at the library! This program is free & open to all, but registration in advance is recommended. Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

Kindness Rock Painting

Wednesday, Jul 8 & Friday, Aug 7 | 2 – 4:30 pm

This program is free & open to all. Registration in advance is recommended so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Please email Miss Caitlin to RSVP: criccitelli@biblio.org

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

HAGAMAN HAPPENINGS SUMMER 2026

Let your imagination bloom
this season with our Summer
Reading Theme:
PLANT A SEED: READ!

HAGAMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SUMMER HOURS:

Mon: 10am-5pm

Tues-Thurs: 10am-8pm

Fri & Sat: 10am-5pm

(Closed Sat July - Sept 12)

ADDRESS:

227 Main St

East Haven, CT 06512

hagamanlibrary.org

(203)468-3890

Adult Programs

Note: most events are drop-in, some require registration, as marked. To register, call the library at (203) 468-3890 or email the contact listed. Thank you!

SERIES PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Raffle (for Grown-ups!) Monday, June 22 – Friday, August 28

Our Summer Theme is: Plant a Seed, Read! Join us for a summer of reading fun & for every book you read, earn a reading raffle ticket. Rate each book & enter to win!

FREE Casual & Fun Yoga

Wednesdays | 6 – 7:15 pm
FREE class, sponsored by the library. No experience required, drop-ins welcome!

Crochet Club for Everyone!

Every Tuesday, June – August | 6 – 7:45 pm
If you know basic stitching but wish to hone the craft, this is the club for you! Space is limited. To sign up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

NEW! History & Trivia Night!

Tuesdays June 2, 23, & 30 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Thursday, Jul 16 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Tues, Aug 18 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Study up & test your luck to win a prize! Drop-ins welcome! Topics: 6/2: John Adams; 6/23: Ben Franklin; 6/30: Thomas Jefferson; 7/16: John Hancock; 8/18: Alexander Hamilton

Game Night

Thurs Jun 4, 11, & 25; Jul 28 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Tues, August 11 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Do you love games? We do, too! Bring your favorites or try some of ours. Drop-ins welcome!

Knitting Club for Everyone!

Tuesdays Jun 9 & 23, Jul 7 & 21, Aug 4 & 18
6 – 7:45 pm
A club for all knitters! Space is limited. To sign up, please call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tues, June 9, Jul 14, & Aug 11 | 5:30 – 8 pm
Help make the library a better place! Join an all-volunteer organization that fundraises, plans events & more! Drop in to learn more

Genealogy Club

Wed, June 10, Jul 8, & Aug 12 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Drop in monthly & learn to trace your family tree! Zoom option also available.

Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursdays Jun 25, Jul 30, & Aug 27 | 5 – 8 pm
Free pizza at 5 pm, film at 5:30 pm! Pizza & drinks provided by Tweed. Registration required. To sign up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

- June 25: *Hoppers (2026) (PG)*
- Jul 30: *You, Me & Tuscany (2026) (PG-13)*
- Aug 27: *Michael (2026) (PG-13)*

Special Events

Non-profit Fundraising Workshop

Wednesday, June 3 | 6 – 8 pm
Marketing Professional Ken Engelman will help your community nonprofit grow

Movie Afternoon: Johnny Tremain (1957)

Friday, June 5 | 2 – 4pm
Walt Disney's 1957 classic

Revolutionary War Fashion

Tuesday, June 9 | 6 – 7:30pm
A presentation of fashion history, 1775-1783. Replica articles of clothing & textiles presented

DIY: Candle Making & Tie Dye Fun!

Saturday, June 20 | 2 – 4 pm
Join Mary Rauber of M.MoonChild Scented Creations & Jamie Trantum of Seymour Blank Canvas to create something totally your own at this hands-on class. Make two 2oz soy candles & a custom tie-dye tea towel! No experience needed. Limit of 12. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Lotus Lantern Craft Workshop

Wednesday, June 24 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) for a hands-on workshop where participants will create beautiful lotus lanterns! Along the way, discover Korea's rich history & unique cultural heritage. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Musick of Connecticut's Revolution

Thursday, July 9 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Join us in celebrating America's 250th with a concert of songs published in CT during the Revolution, with tenor & harpsicord by Richard Franklin Donohue. Sign-up is required to attend. To register, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

How to Eat The Wild

Wednesday, July 15 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Explore culinary possibilities & original recipes featuring edible wild plants & mushrooms from southern New England, with Karen Monger. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Out of the Shadows: A One-Person Play

Wednesday, July 22 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Join us for The Story of William Lee, Enslaved Valet to President General Washington. Brought to you by CT Humanities and the initiative By the People: Conversations Beyond 250 & performed by Andre Keitt. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Summertime Medicinal Herbs

Wednesday, July 29 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Learn the health benefits of summer herbs, with Clinical Herbalist Nora Toomey. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Movie & Popcorn Afternoon

Friday, Jul 31 | 2 – 4pm
Celebrate America 250 with a viewing of *Captain America* (2011)(PG-13). Drop-ins welcome!

Revolutionary Connecticut

August 4, 2026 | 6 – 7:30pm
Join us for a presentation by Jen Busa from the CT Museum of Culture & History examining our state's role in the Revolution

Crystal Terrarium Workshop

Wednesday, August 5 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Explore various crystals & learn how to incorporate each into your home. Take a fun crystal quiz, then assemble a glass terrarium of small plants, soil, crystals & sand. Most importantly, plant your "seed of intention" in the soil! Calming music & tea will set the mood. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Thriving in Your Third Act Series

Thursdays, Aug 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 2 – 4 pm
This popular 4-part workshop, with certified expressive arts facilitator Amy J. Barry, will implement creative visualizations, hands-on art & writing exercises & group discussion to help you get "unstuck" & move into a rewarding third act. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Registration required. To sign-up, call or email: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Coin Collector's Club

August 7, 2026 | 3 – 4pm
Join us for a look at coins pertaining to the American Revolution and the 50 states and learn the fascinating history behind them. No need to sign up, drop-ins welcome!

Book Talk with Dustin Ray Shannon

August 21, 2026 | 12 – 3pm
A discussion with the author of *Towns & Beaches of America*, celebrating Cosey Beach through postcards, history & more. Books will be available for purchase. Drop-ins welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

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

Philosophy Book Club

Mon Jun 29; Wed Jul 1; Mon Aug 3 | 3 – 4pm
Bring an open mind! June 29 Topic: *The Wisdom of Thomas Jefferson*; July: *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville; August: *The Social Contract* by Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Cookbook Club

Sat, Jun 6 & 27; Jul 17; Aug 6 | 2 – 4pm
Cook a dish & share! June 6: Recipes of George Washington; June 27: Colonial Cooking; July: All-American; August: Recipes from Morocco

Mystery Book Club

Mon, Jun 8 & Aug 24 | 3 – 4pm
June Book: *The President is Missing* by James Patterson & Bill Clinton; August: *The Last Flight* by Julie Clark

History Book Club

Fri, Jun 12 & Mon, Aug 10 | 3 – 4pm
June Book: *Ben & Me* by Thomas Lawson; August: *The British Invasion of New Haven* by Charles Hervey Townshend

NEW! 1776 Book Club

Mon, Jun 10 & Wed, Aug 5 | 3 – 4pm
American Revolution-themed works. June Book: *John Adams* by David McCullough; August: *1776* by David McCullough

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Mondays June 15 & Aug 17 | 3 – 4:30 pm
June: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans; August: *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

Comic Book & Game Club

Fri, Jun 26 | 2 – 3pm; Sat, Jun 27 | 10:30am – 11:30am; Fri, Aug 28 | 10:30 – 11:30am
June 26: George Washington; June 27: Superman: Truth, Justice, & the American Way; Aug: *He-Man & the Masters of the Universe*

Science Fiction Book Club

Tue, Jul 14 | 6:30 – 7:30pm
July Book: *The Andromeda Strain* by Michael Crichton

Star Wars Book & Game Club

Fri, Jul 17 | 10:30am – 11:30am
A group for Star Wars fans! July Topic: Mandalorian and Grogu

Poetry Appreciation Club

Thu, Jul 21 | 6:30 – 7:30pm
Bring your love of poetry! July Poet: Mercy Otis Warren

Classics Book Club

Mon, Jul 27 | 3 – 4pm
Read & discuss classic novels. July Book: *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac

Reader's Roundtable Discussion

Monday, July 13 | 3 – 4:30 pm
No reading list required! Drop in to discuss your favorite books with other readers. Refreshments served, drop-ins welcome!

Shakespeare Reading Club

Thu, Jul 30 | 6:30 – 7:30pm
July: *Comedy of Errors*

Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Wednesday, Aug 26 | 6:30 – 8 pm
Escapist & romance readers, unite! Join us to escape reality, find true love & explore some of today's top authors of the romance genre at Hagaman Library's new "Between the Covers" Romance Book Club! Help us pick the subgenres to explore at future meetings & help shape this club into a group where you can explore the topics you love to read most! August is our inaugural meeting, so this is a club that will be shaped by YOU! August Topic: Read & discuss *Just for the Summer* by Abby Jimenez

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ask-A-Lawyer: Free Consultations

Wednesdays: June 17, Jul 15 & Aug 19
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Have a legal question? Ask the experts! On the third Wednesday each month, get a free 15-minute consultation with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar Association & a referral, as needed. Consultations are done on a first come, first served basis.

AA Meetings

Monday–Friday | 12–1pm
Help is available. You are not alone. Share your experience, strength & hope. Free, open meetings available 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)

Summer Reading Challenge

Jun. 22 to Aug. 14
This summer we're challenging teens to build strong habits by reading every day! Participate in our Summer Reading Challenge for the chance to win awesome prizes including gift cards, manga volumes, & more.

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)

Teen Advisory Group

Thur, Jun 4, Jul 2 & Aug 6 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Earn community service hours by helping us make the library a better place for yourself & all teens! 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. Open to teens 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome!

Tabletop Club

Thur, Jun 18, Jul 9 & Aug 20 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Learn to play *Dungeons & Dragons* at Tabletop Club! Play as woodland creatures in this grand adventure to fight the fires threatening all of Humbledwood! 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!

Teen Lounge

Every Friday, Jun 26 – Aug 21 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Join us for a variety of different activities on Friday Afternoons throughout the summer, including bingo, board games, movies & much more! Open to teens 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!

Drop-In Gaming

Wednesdays | 3:30 – 5 pm
Have you seen our new gaming station? Come check it out every Wednesday on our new PlayStation 5 & Switch 2! Open to teens age 12 to 18. Drop-ins welcome!

Grow Your Garden

Tuesday Jul. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 2:00 to 3:30 PM
Learn about gardening, pollinators, & more this summer! Learn the basics of gardening, make mason jar terrariums, plant native flowers to expand our Library garden, create arts & crafts that support our local pollinators & track weekly progress of window boxes that you can take home with you at the end of the month! Please email Miss Emily to RSVP: ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org! This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum & Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act, administered by CT State Library



SPECIAL EVENTS

Cookies & Coloring

Thursday, Jun 11 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
De-stress from studying for finals by enjoy some relaxing coloring & tasty snacks! Open to teens age 12 to 18, drop-ins welcome!

Movie Matinee: National Treasure

Saturday, Jun 27 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Enjoy a free screening of the 2004 action-adventure starring Nicolas Cage. Fresh popcorn & other treats served. Open to teens 12 to 18 & their families; drop-ins welcome!

YA Book Buzz

Thursday, Jul 23 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Have you read something amazing lately? Itching to share? Now's your chance! Enjoy an exciting discussion of your favorite books (graphic novels & manga too!) along with tasty treats at our new YA Book Buzz! Open to teens 12 to 18; drop-ins welcome!

Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, Aug 13 | 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Enjoy an evening of mystery! Act as your character throughout the party as you gather evidence & try to figure out whodunnit! Open to teens age 12 to 18; registration is required to attend: please contact the teen services librarian at ekalotai@hagamanlibrary.org

TEEN SERVICES

Community Service Hours

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

Teen Discord Server!

Join us on Discord! Our server is only open to teens with a CT library card, which makes it a safe place to socialize, stay in the loop about upcoming programs & participate virtually! To sign up, email: