

# footnotes

## & Calendar of Events

November / December 2015  
January 2016



## 'TIS THE SEASON @ YOUR LIBRARY

### How Do You Turn This Thing On?

#### Learn how to use a RealPad Tablet

**FRIENDS** The Library has been chosen by AARP to lead a pilot program to teach small hands-on classes on how to use their tablet, the RealPad. AARP has donated 10 RealPads for class use. The Library is looking for 8 students who are new to using a tablet and who can commit to attending all 4 sessions. The sessions will be held at the Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays: November 5, 12, 19 and December 3. Students will learn how to use the RealPad, how to type on the device, how to take photos and videos and how to use the device to search the Internet. Students in the class can also sign up to use a RealPad in the Library so they can practice what they learn in class. The skills learned in this class can be applied when using other types of tablets. If you are interested in being a part of this fun and interesting program, please contact Diane Durette at 860-665-8700.



### Fall Book Sale

**FRIENDS** The Friends of the Library will hold their fall book sale on Friday, November 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 15 from 12 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior and Disabled Center. All types of books, including fiction and non-fiction, will be on sale as well as CDs, audiobooks, DVDs, videos, and specially priced items. Admission on Friday evening is \$5 and free on Saturday. On Sunday, only books will be available. Buy a GREEN Friends' book sale bag for \$6 and fill it with books for free. Refills are \$5. Stock up and save!



### John and Adella Sliva Memorial Young People's Literary Series – Ben Hatke

Due to the generosity of the Sliva Family, children's author Ben Hatke will be coming to Newington on November 6. He is the author and illustrator of the very popular children's books about *Zita the Spacegirl*, and several mystical picture books. Mr. Hatke will be speaking to all third and fourth graders at Newington High School in the morning and signing books and answering questions at the Library that afternoon. Be sure to stop by! The fun continues on *Friday, November 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.* as we continue to celebrate the books of Ben Hatke. Enjoy an evening of games, crafts and even a science show with the always awesome Sciencetellers. Children in grades 3 – 6 should call to register.



### Friends Wine and Cheese Social

*Friday, January 22, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (snow date Jan 29)*

**FRIENDS** This annual event will be held on Friday, January 22. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Come taste test a variety of wine, beer and cheese and enjoy the crudités. Place orders for bottles of wine or beer you liked at special prices offered only at the wine tasting event. Orders placed during the event makes you eligible for a special prize. After the wine and beer tasting, participate in the teacup auction. Dessert will follow and The DeChamplain Trio will be entertaining us with jazz music throughout the evening to make it a more memorable evening.



### Teen Volunteer Meeting

*Tuesday, November 3, 1:00 p.m.*

**FRIENDS** Calling all of our teen volunteers! Join us for pizza and cake so we can thank you for all the hours of help you gave us this summer, and let you know all the events we have coming up for which we will need your help again.

### Winter Craft Night

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**FRIENDS** Join us for a night of family fun! Use your creativity to make a gingerbread house with graham crackers and frosting. Then make beautiful holiday decorations and gifts to keep for your family or to give to a special person. This program is recommended for ages 4 and up.



### Winter Reading Programs

#### Be a Smart Cookie – READ!

#### Adult Winter Reading Kick-Off

*Thursday, January 7*

*10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

**FRIENDS** Drop in between these hours or register online to receive a free gift and a chance to win the kick-off giveaway basket. Refreshments will be provided. Adults will earn a prize ticket for each book they read or listen to, which will be entered into the weekly drawings for special gifts. All tickets collected will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held on Friday, February 12.



#### Children's Winter Reading Kick-Off

*Saturday, January 9, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

**FRIENDS** Children of all ages can help us kick off our sweets and treats themed winter reading program, Be a Smart Cookie...READ! Join in the fun of making crafts, playing games and more! A detailed flyer of the Winter Reading Program will be available December 1.

### Sunday Hours Resume this Month

The Library will be open on Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. beginning November 15.

### Reminder

Please note that many of the programs the Library offers are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. These programs are identified by this symbol.

**FRIENDS**

# Adult Activities

No registration is necessary unless otherwise noted. Please call 860-665-8700 for programs that required registration.

## November

### Nothing but the Best Frank Sinatra Film from the 60's – Von Ryan's Express

Wednesday November 4, 6:30 p.m.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Francis Albert Sinatra, CCSU Professor, author, and Sinatraphile, Gil Gigliotti will give a short introduction before the screening which will be followed by a closing discussion. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Registration required. Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard, Raffaella Carrà, Brad Dexter. An American POW leads a group of mainly British prisoners to escape from the Germans in WWII. Running time 117 minutes. Registration required. Sponsored by Mary Ellen Procko and her family in memory of her husband Tom.



### Author Talk with Amy Melissa Kirby: Legendary Locals of New Britain

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a captivating discussion by author Amy Melissa Kirby who will talk about her book *Legendary Locals of New Britain*. The book is a pictorial history of New Britain and features notable residents using vintage photographs. Ms. Kirby's presentation is rich with the colorful history of the city and will highlight many locally known individuals. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.

This month's reading is *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown. Everyone is invited to attend.



### Forever YA Book Club

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### Movies and More @ the Library:

#### Unbroken

Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS** Directed by Angelina Jolie, starring Jack O'Connell. Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in WWII, only to be caught by the Japanese Navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. Running time 137 minutes. Pick up your FREE ticket at the Adult Information Desk. Beverages and desserts will be provided.



### Brown Bag it with a Documentary

#### The Wrecking Crew

Thursday, November 19, 12:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS** The story of the unsung musicians who provided the backbeat, the bottom and the swinging melody that drove many of the number one hits of the 1960s. Running time 101 minutes. Beverages and desserts will be provided.



## December

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS** All are invited to attend a planning session for the coming year.

### Veterans Today and Yesterday

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Newington's own Col. Evon will speak about Veterans of today and yesterday and why they are so special to us. Registration required.



### Movies and More @ the Library:

#### St. Vincent

Tuesday, December 15, 1:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS** Starring Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy. A single mother moves to Brooklyn with her 12 year old son. Forced to work long hours, she leaves her son in the care of their new neighbor Vincent, a retired curmudgeon with a desire for alcohol and gambling. An unlikely friendship blossoms between the pair. Running time 102 minutes. Pick up your FREE ticket at the Adult Information Desk. Beverages and desserts will be provided.



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Start the new year with a discussion of a good book. Please check with the library in early December for this month's selection. All are invited to attend.

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### Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

Thursday, January 14, 12:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS** Join us for a book discussion of *The Light Between the Oceans* by M.L Stedman. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. No registration necessary.

### Friends Wine and Cheese Social

Friday, January 22, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (snow date Jan. 29)

**FRIENDS** Join the Friends of the Library on Friday evening, January 22 for wine tasting, beer tasting, savory refreshments, great conversation, and a few surprises. Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Live jazz will be provided by the DeChamplain Trio. Tickets will be available at the Adult Information Desk in early December.



## Holiday Series

### Holiday Couponing 101

Monday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Want to cut your holiday shopping bills in half and never pay for health or beauty items again? Join Gina Juliano, The Connecticut Coupon Lady, for Holiday Couponing 101. Learn how to save money, time, and get free stuff. REALLY! Registration required.

### Holiday Jewelry Making

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

How about enjoying an evening of creativity and making a beautiful bracelet for the holidays? You can make a bracelet for yourself, a family member or friend. Registration required.

### Holiday Bake and Taste and Swap

Wednesday December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Start your holiday baking off with a bang! Come and bring your favorite holiday dessert and recipe to share. Cakes, pies, cookies, bars, breads and more are welcome. Fill a plate to take home or eat at the library. New fun recipes will be your prize! Registration required.



## Technology and Computers

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### Tech 4 U

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Thursday, December 10, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 7, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Do you need help downloading your eBook or searching for work on the Internet? For help with your specific technology questions, make an appointment for a 45 minute session with a librarian today!

### Winter Craft Night – Children's Event

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Join us for a night of family fun! Use your creativity to make a gingerbread house with graham crackers and frosting. Then make beautiful holiday decorations and gifts to keep for your family or to give to a special person. This program is recommended for ages 4 and up. Please call to register.

### Redefined READS – Repurposed Holiday Gifts

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

With the holiday season upon us, create a unique gift made from a book. Choices include a literary clock, rolled back page art, wreaths, trees and bookmarks. All materials are provided. Registration required.

### Throwback Holiday Crafting: Making CD Ornaments!

Thursday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

'Tis the season to craft for the holidays! Come join us for a night of some tech throwback crafting where you can make your own ornaments and decorations out of old CDs. All materials will be provided during this fun makerspace program. Registration required.

### Resumes & Cover Letters with Word 2013

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

Discover how Microsoft Word 2013 can help you create the perfect resume and cover letter to fit your particular job search! Registration required.

### Technology Programs Computer Troubleshooting

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Uncomfortable dealing with computer problems? This class is for you if you're not an IT person, but would like to learn the basics to a happy, healthy computer. We will cover some basic troubleshooting techniques to tackle common problems. Registration required.

### Tech Troubleshooting with Teens

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Alerting all adults! Stop by with the gadgets that drive you crazy and let our teen techies help you. This list can include: cell phones & text messaging, E-readers, social media, email, tablets, and iPods. Registration required.

## Brown Bag It with a Documentary –

### Culinary Cuisine

Tuesdays 12:00 p.m.

People love food and love documentaries. What better way to celebrate this year's winter reading culinary theme than to show a series of 4 films that focus on the culinary arts. No registration necessary. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

January 12

#### Kings of Pastry

Sixteen chefs compete for the Meilleurs Ouvriers de France, France's Nobel Prize for pastry. Running time 84 minutes.



January 19

#### Jiro Dreams of Sushi

Learn about 85-year-old Jiro Ono who is considered by many to be the world's greatest sushi chef. Running time 82 minutes.



January 26

#### Spinning Plates

The story of three extraordinary restaurants and the incredible people who make them what they are. Running time 93 minutes.



February 2

#### Three Stars

Profiles ten world-class chefs and learn about the everyday drama that accompanies working in gourmet restaurants. Running time 94 minutes.



### Useful Sites & Apps: Keeping Your Resolution!

Thursday, January 14, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. What's your New Year's resolution? Want to save money? Get organized? Meet new people? Come join us to get a preview of all the awesome and free websites and apps you can use to keep your goal to become a better you! Registration required.

### Edit and Share Your Holiday Photos with Picasa!

Thursday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to organize, edit and share your photos with family and friends. Picasa by Google is a free photo-editing software program. Registration required.

# Teen Activities

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## November

### Teen Volunteer Meeting

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### Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For ages 13 – 18. Help us make the Library a better place for you! Give input on teen events, and help develop the collection of teen materials. Earn a community service hour for sharing your opinion! You must be willing to participate in discussions. Pizza will be served. Registration required.

## December

### Teen Jewelry Workshop

Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For grades 6 –12. Teens will work with local jewelry artists, Sue Raybine and Renee Antaya, to put together custom jewelry pieces including boot cuffs. We'll use a variety of materials such as metal, leather, chain, glass, ceramic, feathers, and more. Guys are welcome to attend too! Gift boxes will be provided if you want to make something special for someone. Registration is necessary as space is limited.

### Teen Fitness Workshop

Monday, December 28, 6:30 –7:30 pm

For grades 6–12. Prepping for a New Year's Resolution to stay and be active? Come dressed and ready for a workout! Leehna Ware, a local fitness trainer, will lead a workout and share additional

information for teens about health and fitness. Registration required.

### Teen Craft Blowout

Tuesday, December 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For grades 6–12. It's vacation! Keep calm and get your craft on. Featuring wash tape crafts, artsy cocoa mugs, teen coloring, marble magnets, and duct tape crafts. Registration required.

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### Snack & Study

Thursday, Jan 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

It's a flash card fest in the Program Room! Bring your friends, study until your brain hurts, and refuel with some serious free snackage!


# Children's Activities

No registration is necessary unless otherwise noted. Please call 860-665-8720 to register for programs.

## November

### Fall Drop-in Weekly Storytimes

October 5 – November 19

 Our regular fall weekly storytimes for ages 9 months through 6 years. To choose the right one for your child, pick up a detailed schedule in the Children's Department or check our webpage at [www.newingtonct.gov/library](http://www.newingtonct.gov/library).


### Parent – Child Workshop

Mondays, November 2 and 9,

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.\*

Tuesdays, November 3 and 10,

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.


 Family Place is presenting a 4-week series of free workshops for parents and their 1–3 year-old children. Meet other families, share thoughts,



and talk with librarians and child development experts as you play and read with your child. Find out about community services that can help you and your family. Brothers and sisters under 5 are invited to join the fun! Please call to register. \*A light supper will be served before the evening sessions.


### Let's Make Music Together

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 Children ages 2–4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music together. We will sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, dance and more. Come join the fun!

### Teen Volunteer Meeting

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 Calling all of our teen volunteers! Join us for pizza and cake so we can thank you for all the hours of help you gave us this summer,



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### Family Storytime

Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

(except Thanksgiving, November 26)

Stories, songs and more for the whole family all year 'round.

### Sliva Author Visit

Friday, November 6, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Ben Hatke, author and graphic illustrator of several children's books, is our Sliva guest author this year. During the morning he will have presented a program to all third and fourth graders at the Newington High School. Between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. he will hold an Open House at the Library, to greet visitors of all ages, answer questions and sign books. A limited number of books will be




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sold at the Library. Stop by to join the fun. *Sponsored by the Adella S. and John M. Sliva Memorial Fund*


## Stories and Art

Tuesday, November 10, 12:00 p.m.

 Join us for a story and art program for 2–4 year olds and their caregivers. Please call to register.

## Cozytime Stories


Thursday, November 12, 4:00 p.m.

 Children in grades K–2 are welcome to relax with their pillow and blanket, and listen to some wonderful stories. A snack will be provided.



## Fantastical Hatke


Friday, November 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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## Read, Play, Learn

Monday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

 Children ages 3–4 years old and their caregivers are welcome to join us for a special evening of fun! We will begin with a story, followed by a variety of engaging activities you can enjoy with your preschooler. We will end the evening with singing! To keep this a special one to one time with your preschooler, please make other arrangements for siblings. Please call to register.


## Play with Us!

Tuesdays, November 17 and 24, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for this program geared for  families with young children who have special needs. Meet with birth to three-year-old resource professionals and socialize with your peers. All are welcome.

## Half-Day FUN


Tuesday, November 17, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

 You have a half day, so it's Craft Day at the Library. This week stop by and make some recycled paper cards and candles!




## Chess Club

Wednesday, November 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

 Like to play chess? We will set up our program room for all who like to play chess. Bring a friend or find one here! Sets will be available to use here and to check out for use at home.

## Cookbook Club

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

 Chefs in grades 3–6 will be making Raspberry Jelly Rock Cakes, inspired by the *Redwall Cookbook*. Cakes will need to be baked at home. Please call to register.



## Tales to Tails

Thursday, November 19, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session, reading to Jessie, a certified therapy dog. Please call to register. *Donated by Kerry Lurate, Registered Therapy Dog Trainer.*

## Tales to Tails

Saturday, November 21, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session reading to a certified R.E.A.D. dog. Please call to register. *Donated by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts.*



## LEGO® Junior Makerspace

Sunday, November 22, 2:00 p.m.

Junior LEGO® Makerspace combines reading with building using Lego bricks and our imagination. First we'll read an architect inspired story, and then we'll make a Lego brick creation. The program is designed for children ages 4–7 and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome. Please call to register. *This program is sponsored by The LEGO Group, Inc. and the American Library Association, Association of Library Service for Children.*




## Just a Story and a Song!

Wednesday, November 25, 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a thirty minute all ages storytime. We'll enjoy a story (or two) and a song (or two) to welcome in the morning.

## Cinema City

Friday, November 27, 1:00 p.m.

 Curl up to watch the newly released film, *Inside Out*, and enjoy some snacks. The movie is rated PG and runs for 94 minutes.




## The Great Gracie Chase

Saturday, November 28, 11:00 a.m.

One Book; One Craft; One Snack & One Dog—Gone good time! Ages 5 and older will enjoy the story and activities around the book *The Great Gracie Chase: Stop that Dog* by Cynthia Rylant. Please call to register.

## Construction Club

Saturday, November 28, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.


 Come to our monthly gathering to build projects with Lego bricks. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.

## December

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## Jr. Cookbook Club

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 Join us as we read *Gingerbread for Liberty* by Mara Rockliff. Then

we will measure and mix to create our own gingerbread to take home and bake. Please call to register Junior chefs in grades K–2.



## Cozytime Stories

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

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## Construction Club

Saturday, December 26, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

 Come to our monthly gathering to build projects with Lego bricks. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.



## Wonderful World of Music

Monday, December 28, 1:30 p.m.

The young and young-at-heart are invited to hear the *Sam Pasco Orchestra* perform in the Library's Community Room. The audience will receive a lesson on the sounds of each musical instrument and how notes are strung together to make beautiful songs. *Sponsored by the Newington Kiwanis.*

## Star Wars Party

Wednesday, December 30, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

 Join the party in celebration of the New Year and the release of the movie, *Star Wars VII – The Force Awakens*. Star Wars fans in grades K–6 should dress up or wear your favorite Star Wars t-shirt. We'll enjoy a snack from a galaxy far, far away, play games, complete crafts and more! Please call to register.



## A Family New Year's Eve Celebration!

Thursday, December 31, 11:15 a.m.


 It's time to ring in the New Year at the Library! Join us for New Year's Eve themed party including, crafts, games, face painting and more! There will also be a special ball drop at 12:00 to welcome the year 2016. Please call to register.



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# Children's Activities

## Winter Reading Kick-Off

### Be a Smart Cookie... READ!

Saturday, January 9, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.


 Children of all ages can help us kick off our sweets and treats themed winter reading program, Be a Smart Cookie...READ! Join in the fun of making crafts, playing games and more! A detailed flyer of the Winter Reading Program will be available December 1.



### Sweet Saturdays –


#### Be a Smart Cookie... READ!

Saturdays, January 16, 23, 30 and February 6

 There will be something special to do at the library on each Saturday during the Winter Reading Program. A detailed flyer will be available December 1.


### Read, Play, Learn

Monday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

 Children ages 3–4 years old and their caregivers are welcome to join us for a special evening of fun! We will begin with a story, followed by a variety of engaging activities you can enjoy with your preschooler. We will end the evening with singing! To keep this a special one to one time with your preschooler, please make other arrangements for siblings. Please call to register.

### Stories and Art


Tuesday, January 12, 12:00 p.m.

 Join us for a story and art program for 2–4 year olds and their caregivers. Please call to register.



### Half Day Tuesday Treats – Be a Smart Cookie... READ!

Tuesdays, January 12 and 26 and  
February 9, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

 Treat yourself to crafts, games and FUN when school lets out early. Stop by to see what's happening!

### Jr. Cookbook Club

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

 More cookies! Join us as we read *Meteor!* By Patricia Polacco. Later we will make our own meteor cookies. Please call to register Junior chefs in grades K–2.

### Tales to Tails


Saturday, January 16, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session reading to a certified R.E.A.D. dog. Please call to register. *Donated by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts.*



### Chess Club


Wednesday, January 20, 4:00 p.m.

 Like to play chess? We will set up our program room for all who like to play chess, to come and play. Bring a friend or find one here! Sets will be available to use here and to check out for use at home.



### Cookbook Club

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.


 READ a cookie recipe! Chefs in grades 3–6 will make Peanut Butter cookies. Please call to register.

### Tales to Tails

Thursday, January 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Children who need to boost their reading skills, or just love a good doggie cuddle, may sign up for a 15 minute session, reading to Jessie, a certified therapy dog. Please call to register. *Donated by Kerry Lurate, Registered Therapy Dog Trainer.*

### Mystery Theater

Saturday, January 23, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

 Become a Detective by helping to solve the interactive mystery *Who's a Fraidy Kat?* Children in grades 3–6 should call the Children's Department to register. When the mystery is solved, we will all celebrate with a sweet treat.




### LEGO® Junior Makerspace

Sunday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.

Junior LEGO® Makerspace combines reading with building using Lego bricks and our imagination. First we'll read an architect inspired story, and then we'll make a Lego brick creation. The program is designed for children ages 4–7 and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome. Please call to register. *This program is sponsored by The LEGO Group, Inc. and the American Library Association, Association of Library Service for Children.*

### Construction Club

Saturday, January 30, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

 Come to our monthly gathering to build projects with Lego bricks. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room.

## Winter Storytimes — Session runs January 4 – February 25

### MONDAYS

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. .... 9–24 months (w/caregiver and siblings) .... Jan. 4 – Feb. 22  
*(no class 1/18 or 2/15)*

### WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. .... 2–3 year olds (w/caregiver and siblings) .... Jan. 6 – Feb. 24

### THURSDAYS

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. .... 3–6 year-olds (NO caregiver or siblings) ... Jan. 7 – Feb. 25

Weekly storytimes are drop-in, with no registration required. All programs are free of charge



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## From the Library Director

Fall and winter is a busy fundraising time for the Friends. The Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is a group of hard-working individuals who are dedicated to raising money and advocating for the Library. The money the Friends raise fund most of the Library programming, the summer and winter reading programs, the Museum Pass program, and it supplements the Library collection. If you would like to support the Library, support the Friends with the fundraising events mentioned below.

Recently Friends' membership renewals were sent out as part of their annual membership drive. Membership provides you access to the Friends newsletter that has information about all of the upcoming Library programs, first before it is put out for the public. You can receive it by snail mail or email. You are also eligible to receive coupons that can be used at the Library or the book sales. Membership is one way the Friends raise money to support the Library. If you are already a Friend, thank you. If you haven't renewed or joined the Friends yet, please consider it.

In November the Friends will hold another popular fundraiser, the fall book sale from November 13 – November 15 at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. Thousands of books (non-fiction, fiction, teen and children), music CDs, DVDS, Blu-Ray DVDs and special priced books will be available at very affordable prices. The Friends work throughout the year to

sort through all of the donations and organize them so you will have an easier time finding what you want. Preview night on November 13, the first day of the sale has a \$5 admission fee but if you are looking for the best selection this is the time to come. On Saturday, November 14, admission is free and with three rooms filled with books and more, there is plenty to choose from. Sunday, November 15 is "Bag of Books" day. Buy a Friends green bag for \$6 and fill it with as many books as you can. It is amazing how many books you can stuff into the bag if you put your mind to it. This book sale offers something for everyone.

As soon as the book sale is over, the Friends will be hard at work planning for their next fundraiser, The Wine and Cheese Social. This annual event will be held on Friday, January 22. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Come taste test a variety of wine and beer and enjoy the crudités. Place orders for bottles of wine or beer you liked at special prices offered only at the wine tasting event. After the wine and beer tasting, browse the teacup auction and place your tickets in front of the item you would like for a chance to win. The DeChamplain Trio will be entertaining us with jazz music to make it a more memorable evening.

Enjoy the holiday season and I hope to see you at one of these great events.

— Lisa Masten

## Art Exhibits

Located in the Community Room  
November – Becky Shemms – *Fused Glass Plates*  
December – Patty Bengsten – *Acrylics*  
January – Newington High School Artists

## Library Meetings

### Library Board

Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

### Friends of the Library

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00, p.m.  
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

## Library Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.  
(November 15 – May 9)

## Library Closings

Wednesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day  
Wednesday, November 25 – Closing at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving  
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve  
Friday, December 25 – Christmas  
Thursday, December 31 – Closing at 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day  
Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## To Reach the Library

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