



Adult Events

Adult DIY Pick-Up July Craft Kit! Kits can be reserved beginning July 1st by calling the library at 860.489.6684.

Draw Nature in Colored Pencil (3-week program) Instructed by Collette Hurst

Thursday, July 7, 14 and 21 from 6-7:30pm

Capture nature subjects in textured and vibrant drawings using the easily portable medium of colored pencils. Learn drawing basics in a class presenting composition, creation of shapes, shading, layering and blending techniques. Students of all levels welcome. The library will provide basic supplies. If you cannot attend all three sessions, we ask you not register for the program. Limited to 15 people.

Connection Innovations That Helped to Change the World

Thursday, July 14th at 6:30

Registration begins July 1st

Innovation is often defined simply as a new idea, device or method of accomplishing something. To be remembered, a typical innovation has to have provided a better solution to an existing problem. Connecticut has been a national leader in innovation for centuries. Join John Cilio as he uncovers some of the background stories about several Connecticut innovations that changed the lives of people across the nation and beyond.

Zoom Program

Beatrix Potter: The Woman Behind The Rabbit

Thursday, August 4th at 6:30

Registration begins July 15th

Peter Rabbit and Squirrel Nutkin fans take note: Betsy Bray, an international authority on Beatrix Potter presents a lively look at the remarkable life of this acclaimed children's author/illustrator. Her 45-minute Zoom talk includes the various roles played by Beatrix Potter over 77 years of her life, as author/illustrator of 23 children's books to her later life as sheep farmer, land conservationist, entrepreneur and community activist. Betsy has been a Member of The Beatrix Potter Society for 38 years and served as the first overseas Trustee in the London based Beatrix Potter Society.

Amelia Earhart's: Pioneer in Aviation

Thursday, August 11th at 6:30

Registration July 15th

Join Sheryl Faye as she presents Amelia Earhart's: Pioneer in Aviation Amelia Earhart's fearless, adventuresome spirit leads to hair-raising rides down her homemade roller coaster, and she is enthralled with the wonders of the new "flying machines" during a family vacation to the Iowa State Fair. As she matures, she is fulfilled by her work as a nurse's aide and begins to consider a career in medicine. This idea "flies out the window," however, when she pays a pilot \$1.00 to take her up for a short "hop" in his plane. From then on, the science of aviation becomes her passion as flying becomes her career. She follows her dreams with an indomitable spirit, and her story will inspire everyone to pursue their own budding interests, whatever they may be, and will also reinforce the importance of family, respect for others and individuality.

BYOD and a Movie: Lost City

Thursday, July 28th at 6:00pm

Registration begins July 1st

Reclusive author Loretta Sage writes about exotic places in her popular adventure novels that feature a handsome cover model named Alan. While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta gets kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire who hopes she can lead him to an ancient city's lost treasure from her latest story. Determined to prove he can be a hero in real life and not just on the pages of her books, Alan sets off to rescue her. *We will have tables and chairs set-up just like an old fashioned dinner theater! You can bring anything from a sandwich, to sushi, to a take-out meal from your favorite restaurant. PG 13 / 1 hr 23 min*

FREE Coffee Friday and Book Sale

July 29th

Stop by the library for a cup of coffee and browse our small book sale (also on Saturday the 30th) in the TDP Used Book Nook! Purchase a bag for \$5.00 and fill it for free! It's the best deal in town! And a great way to support the library. Open during library hours!

Children & Teen Events

Always Available!

STEAM Station! Rotating activities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Hands-on fun and learning for ages 6 and up

Games! We have a wide variety of board games and learning games that can be used during your visit! Check out our menu the next time you're here!

Programs

Wiggles & Giggles (0-2)

Mondays at 10:30 am

No Registration Required

Music, movement, and stories for our littlest patrons and their grown-ups!

Budding Bookworms (3-5)

Tuesdays at 11am

No Registration Required

Music, movement, and stories, featuring monthly themed books, activities, games, and art!

Field Trip! The ABC's of Beavers (6-10)

Tuesday, July 5th @ 2pm Please arrive by 1:55

Registration open

When it comes to North American Beavers, it all about the ABC's: their adaptations, their building abilities, and the need for their conservation. This outdoor program takes place along the shore of the beaver-inhabited Ongley Pond. After dressing up a lucky participant with the adaptations of a beaver, we'll stroll past a real beaver lodge and chewed tree stumps, discussing beavers' architectural skills and their importance as engineers in wetland ecosystems. Please wear appropriate hiking shoes and layers. Also includes a dam-building challenge!

Perler Bead Craft Night (5-10) Wednesday July 6th OR Thursday, July 7th @6pm

Registration open

Create fuse-bead art with our supplies! Will you make an animal? A super hero? A planet? Will you turn it into a zipper pull or a necklace? A keychain or a magnet? We can't wait to see! Choose ONE session.

Black Glue Art (5-10)! 2 nights, 1 fantastic work of art! 2 sessions available! Choose ONE session.

Session 1 - Wed., July 13th @ 6pm and Wed. July 20th @ 6pm

Session 2 - Thur., July 14th @ 6pm and Thur., July 21st @ 6pm

Registration Open

On the first night, we'll draw and make our black glue lines. On the second night, we'll use watercolors to add beautiful color and finish our paintings.

BYOB Family Paddle @ Burr Pond

Thursday, July 14th @ 10:30am

Rain Date: Thursday, July 28th @ 10:30am

Registration open

Bring your own boats (or SUPs, or whatever), and come paddling with us! We'll meet at the boat launch, and paddle the day away exploring the pond. Don't forget your PFDs, sunscreen, water, and snacks! Older kids welcome - the more the merrier! All ages!

Field Trip! Orienteering 101 (6-10)

Tuesday, July 19th @ 2pm Please arrive by 1:55!

Registration open

Get out and discover the fun & adventure of orienteering! Orienteering is a sport that combines racing with navigation, using tools like a map and a compass. Don't worry, though - we won't be focusing on the racing part so much as the navigation element in this class! Maybe you'll discover a new family activity!

Exploring Sunny Brook with Conrad & Sirius Black -Hérons, Beavers, & Brook Splash (6 & up)

Monday, July 25th at 10am / Rain Date: Monday, Aug. 8th at 10am

Our good friend Conrad, along with his furry companion, Sirius Black, will lead us through some of the trails at Sunny Brook - one of the best kept secrets in town - to the Heron & Beaver pond. We'll do a group scavenger hunt for natural and man-made items along the way, and afterward, we'll get refreshed splashing and exploring one of the many brooks that run through the park! Don't forget your bug spray, sunscreen, water, snacks/lunch, and clothing & footwear appropriate for these activities! Ages 6 & up

Punched Tin Lanterns (6-10)

Wednesday, July 27th @6pm

Registration open

Grab your hammer and head on over - we're making punched tin lanterns with recycled tin cans! No hammer? No problem - just let us know on your registration and we'll provide one for you!

Teen Programs

Burr Pond Hike

Friday, July 1st at 2:30pm

Manhunt

Friday, July 8th from 6:30-8:00pm

Play Hide and Go Seek at night!

Picnic at White Memorial

Monday, July 11th from 12:30-2:00

We will meet at White Memorial and have a picnic lunch! We will walk around White Memorial and take a peek at the animals on sight! Teens must bring their own lunch!

Amazing Race

Wednesday, July 20th from 5:30-7:30

Teens will be put into groups of 3 or 4. They can choose either Challenge 1 or Challenge 2! They will venture down Main Street as a group to complete the Amazing Race! Group who gets back first wins gift certificates to The Donut Station!

Cupcake Wars

Friday, July 22nd from 4:00-5:30

You will be given a cupcake and decorations. We will vote on Best in Show and that winner will get a \$15.00 gift card to DQ!

Sunnybrook Hike

Saturday, July 30th at 11:00-12:30pm

We will hike Sunnybrook while taking in the beautiful sights! Teens should bring their own water and wear sneakers!

Life Raft!

Monday, August 1st from 5:00-5:45

You and a teammate will create a boat out of supplies and see if it floats!