

Public Library of New London

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Dungeons & Dragons for Teens - 4-5, 4/10 - Join the beginner-friendly D&D game for teens! They have everything you need for your game, they just ask first-timers arrive 15 minutes early.

Casual Coding @ The Library - 4-5, 4/11 - Learn how the Python coding language works through games; teens; free.

Children's Book Club - 5-6, 4/11 - The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks; children; free.

Art Workshop Series with MMoA: Painting CT Surrealism - 5:30-6:30, 4/11 - Learn how to paint an acrylic landscape with instructor Meredith Andrews from the Mystic Museum of Art. Registration required; adults; free.

Mechanical Mini Golf - 2-4, 4/12 - Make your own battery-powered golf clubs and play some chaotic mini golf; teens; free.

Competitive College Admissions - 4-5, 4/15 - Learn how to navigate the college admission process and what top colleges are really looking for; teens and parents; free.

Make Your Own Poetry: Centos - 4-5, 4/15 - Learn about the form of poetry known as a cento and even make your own using retired books from the library; adults; free.

Storytelling Through Music: Taylor Swift - 5:30-6:30, 4/15 - Discuss Taylor Swift's greatest hits; adults; free.

Crane Building w/ Society of Women Engineers - 4-5, 4/16 - Build your own crane out of household objects!; teens; free.

Engineering 101 - 5-6, 4/16 - Niantic Children's Museum is bringing hands-on stations to learn about basic machinery and engineering.

Earth Day - 4/17-4/23 - Stick Together community art collaboration! Assembling 4,070 stickers into a collage; children; free. →



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Income Planning and Retirement with Jack Peregrim - 5-7, 4/17 - Registration required; adults; free.

Grantseeking in Challenging Times - 2-4, 4/18 - A virtual session on grant funding strategies. Registration required; adults; free.

Water Harvesting with Harvest Every Drop - 7-8, 4/18 - Learn about rainwater harvesting systems. Registration required.

Mystic Chamber Music Series Story Time - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 4/20 - A very special musical storytime.

Robot Hands - 10-5, 4/20 - Build your own robot hand and learn about the mechanics of your body; children; free.

Paint the Zodiac: Aries - 4-5, 4/22 - Make your own watercolor painting of April's dominant Zodiac constellation, Aries.

Teen Book Club: A Fire In My Hands - 4-5, 4/22 - Snacks will be provided and the book will be available at the circulation desk; free.

Classics Book Club - 4-5, 4/24 - Watership Down by Richard Adams. Copies are available at the circulation desk; adults; free.

Lawyers in Libraries - 4-6, 4/25 - One-on-one 20-minute sessions with an attorney to answer your legal questions. Registration required; adults; free.

Teen Manga Book Club: Fullmetal Alchemist - 4-5, 4/29 - Read as little or as much as you would like—but bring your hot takes, theories, and get ready for a great discussion.

Vive el Cuento! (Live the Story!) 10-5, 4/30 - Join Leeny Del Seamonds, master storyteller, for tales of bravery and kindness; children; free.

Backyard Birding - 5-6, 4/30 - Learn what kind of birds are in your own backyard! Registration required; adults; free.



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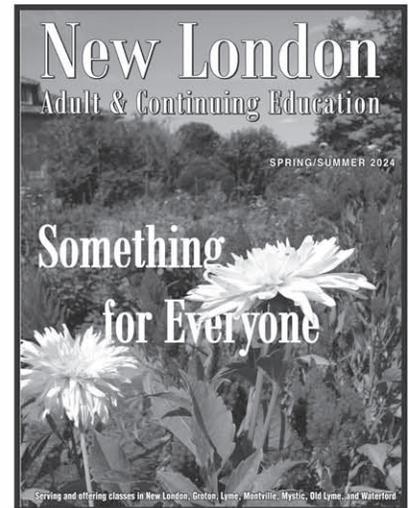


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Grab & Go Bunny Craft - 4/1-4/12 - Pick up supplies to make a Bunny Craft! Check the WPL Facebook page for a step-by-step video tutorial on how to make your craft.

Drop in Craft: VelvetArt 3-D Turtle - 4-6:30, 4/1 - Recommended for ages 5 and up; no registration required.

Virtual Author Talk with Paula J. Johnson - 2-3pm, 4/2 - online - Paula Johnson discusses the book Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us. For adults. Registration required.

Intro to the CT State Library Website: a virtual genealogy workshop - 6-7pm, 4/2 - online - This program familiarizes Connecticut residents with the resources of the Connecticut State Library. For adults. Registration required.

Mystery Book Club: This Might Hurt by Stephanie Wrobel (2022) - 6:30, 4/3 - Multiple copies of this title are available for check out in the library. The facilitator for this discussion is Pam Bedore, associate professor English, UConn.

Study Buddies - 4-6pm, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25 - Run by tutors from the Waterford High School Honor Society. Students in elementary and middle school are welcome, no registration required. Parents and caregivers must remain at the library while their child is participating.

Square Foot Gardening - 10-11, 4/5 - This gardening method is estimated to cost 50% less, uses 20% less space, 10% of the water, and only 2% of the work compared to single row gardening. Program presenter is Dan Williams, certified instructor for the Square Foot Gardening Foundation. Registration required.

Sign and Sing - 10:30-11, 4/6 - This fun storytime will include basic signs that both children and their caregivers will benefit from knowing. For ages birth to 5, no registration required.

Marc Chagall: Joy, Color & A Celebration of Jewish Culture - 6-7:30, 4/8 - online - This program provides an introduction to Chagall's personal and professional resilience, his work and favorite subjects. Registration is required for this event.

Speculative Fiction: Homo Deus - A Brief History of Tomorrow by Yuval Noah Harari - 7pm, 4/8 - online - Registration is required.

Virtual Author Talk with Diane Foley & Colum McCann - 2-3, 4/9 - A one-of-a-kind conversation with National Book Award-winner Colum McCann and Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book American Mother. For adults, registration required.

Habitats are Homes - 2-3, 4/10 - Join up for a special program with the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center to learn more about our local habitats and why they are so important. You will also get the chance to meet some different animals and learn about their habitats. Recommended for ages 4 and up, no registration required.

***Special* Teen Craft Night** - 6-7:30, 4/10 - Focus up, Swifties! This teen craft night is Taylor-themed in honor of her new album coming out in April. Come listen to music, do a few crafts, and have a snack. Ages 12-18. Registration required.

Lyman Allyn Art Program - 3-4pm, 4/11 - Participants will create a unique themed painting that they can take home! Ages 6 to 12, registration required.

Morning Family Movie - 10:30-12:30, 4/12 - Stay in your jammies and bring cozy blankets for a Morning Family Movie! All ages. →

Waterford Public Library

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Make your own Plant Based Cleaners - 10-11:30, 4/13 - Each participant will receive a PDF of powerful plant recipes, and together with other participants, will make an infused vinegar and all-purpose surface cleaner. Registration is required as space is limited.

Guest Author Stephen Diana - 2-3, 4/13 - Of Leaf, Wing, and Water, Stephen Diana's debut novel, explores knowing without understanding, faith and doubt, redemption, the natural world, and human connection. Stephen is a marriage/family therapist in New London.

Drop In STEM Activity: Pinwheel - 4-6:30, 4/15 - Build a Pinwheel while discovering the principles of motion and energy. This activity is a simple yet effective way to foster a love for science and art. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.

Writing Workshop: The 7 Elements Every Novel Needs - 6-7, 4/15 - First in a 2-part series on writing with author Susan Strecker. All experience and ability levels are welcome. Registration is required.

Toddler Art - 11-11:45, 4/17 - This hands on art session is for young ones to explore through process art with the help of their adult. Miss Ashlee will start the session with a short story! For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.

Virtual Author Talk with Xochitl Gonzalez - 8-9pm, 4/17 - online - Chat with award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez about her newest novel Anita de Monte Laughs Last. Adults. Registration is required.

Art Workshop: Painting Southeastern Connecticut Surrealism - 6-7:30pm, 4/18 - Pop-up art class offered by the Mystic Museum of Art Outreach Program to complement the Celebrating Cultural Heritage through Art lecture series. Participants will be led step-by-step through an acrylic painting referencing Chagall's famous colors, creatures and whimsy. For adults. Registration required.

Toddler Story and Sensory Play - 11-11:45, 4/19 - Join Miss Ashlee for a story and then explore multiple sensory stations. Recommended for ages 2 to 5 years old with a caregiver. No registration required.

Grab & Go Craft: Earth Day - Stop by the Children's Room to pick up supplies to make an Earth craft in Honor of Earth Day on April 22nd. Check the WPL Facebook page for a step-by-step video tutorial on how to make your craft. Available while supplies last.

Read to Scout - 2:30-3:30, 4/20 - Come practice your reading skills and give Scout, a certified therapy dog, a cuddle. All ages are welcome, no registration required.

Junior Thrills and Chills Book Club - 5-6, 4/22 - Delve into the exciting action, adventure, and mystery of your favorite books together! Bring any book from the thriller genre to share with the group then do a fun activity. Recommended for ages 9 to 12 years old, no registration is required.

Writing Workshop: Traditional Publishing vs. Self-Publishing - 6-7:30, 4/22 - The second in a 2-part series on writing with author Susan Strecker. Adult writers of all experience and ability levels are welcome. Registration is required.

Build Club - 4-6pm, 4/23 - Stop by the Children's Room to build with a variety of STEM sets! Try some challenges and prompts from the library or just let your imagination take over. Recommended for ages 4 and older, no registration required.

Chess Club - 5:30-6:30, 4/24 - Students from Waterford High School will be teaching basic chess skills as well as offering a space for more advanced students to practice against one another. Ages 6 and up, no registration required.

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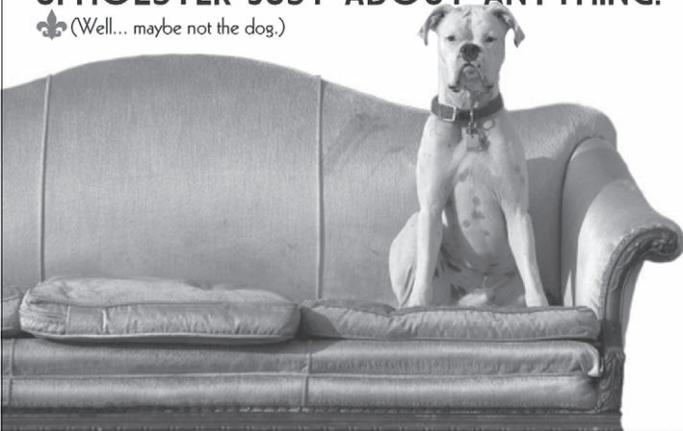
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**Rotary Club of Mystic
seeks sponsors for
Mystic Half Marathon & 10k**

The Rotary Club of Mystic supports many local, national and international charitable organizations and provides scholarships to local students through its fundraising activities. As the Hartford Marathon Foundation prepares to produce the 10th Mystic Half Marathon and 10K on May 19, 2024, the Rotary Club of Mystic seeks continued community support to benefit local scholarships.

The Rotary Club of Mystic began its partnership with the non-profit Hartford Marathon Foundation (HMF) in May 2015 on the premier athletic event in southeast Connecticut. The race hosts more than 2,000 participants and volunteers annually, with thousands more spectators along the course and in Olde Mistick Village for the start and finish.

The event generates positive economic impact locally each year, and HMF invests in the community's single largest annual public safety presence to support its professional event production. Additionally, significant benefit is provided through sponsorship fundraising for the multiple scholarships granted by the Rotary Club of Mystic to area graduating seniors, with more than \$172,000 raised to date. The 2024 Mystic Half Marathon remains the most significant fundraiser for Rotary Club of Mystic, which is currently seeking community sponsorships and supporters.

"The important sponsorship of the 2024 Mystic Half Marathon and 10K will demonstrate to your customers, neighbors and community that you care about the Greater Mystic area and support the charitable works of the Rotary Club of Mystic," said Bill Smith, treasurer and past president of the Rotary Club of Mystic. "We invite you to join our other sponsors in aligning yourself with the healthy, athletic lifestyle the Mystic Half Marathon and 10K stands for."

"This event is a highlight on our race calendar and we greatly appreciate the strong community support that remains a key component to its success," said Josh Miller, Hartford Marathon Foundation president. "We're excited to bring thousands of runners and their friends and families to Mystic to enjoy the beautiful course through your scenic community, many coming for the weekend to support local merchants, hotels and restaurants."

For more information on Rotary Club of Mystic sponsorship opportunities, contact Bill Smith at wksmith@aol.com. Details on the 2024 Mystic Half Marathon and 10K can be found at hartfordmarathon.com/mystic-half-marathon-10k/

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Teen Drop In: Butterfly Bookmark - 5:30-7pm, 4/25 - Stop into the Teen Area to make a 3-D butterfly bookmark. Ages 12-18.

Toddler Craft: Spring Flower and Bunny - 11-12, 4/26 - Do you love Spring and Spring crafts? Join a storytime and crafting session where the little ones will enjoy making not one, but two crafts—a colorful spring flower and a cute bunny. Recommended for ages 3 to 5 years.

Friday Afternoon Book Club: Independence, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni (2023) - 1pm, 4/26 - Multiple copies of this title are available for check out. Facilitator for this discussion is Lynne Rogers. No registration required. Program for adults.

Community Volunteer Fair - 10-1, 4/27 - Community members of all ages are invited to learn more about local volunteer organizations and service clubs. This event is open to the public and registration is not required for attendees. Local organizations and non-profits are invited to exhibit. Registration is required to exhibit and will be confirmed by the library.

Boardgame Bonanza - 1-6pm, 4/30 - Looking for something to do while the kids have the day off from school? Stop by the library meeting room to play one of the many boardgames! They have the classics as well as some fun new ones to try out with your family and friends. All ages are welcome, no registration required. ■

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Growing Your Garden and a Fairer Food System: 3-Week Series at Mystic & Noank Library

Hunger is on the rise. In August of 2022, 17% of adults in Connecticut surveyed did not have enough money to buy food, nearly double the amount from the year prior. And in the most recent state report on food insecurity in Connecticut, New London County saw the greatest rate of increase in food insecurity among families and children. Community solutions and support for food aid are more urgent than ever.

Mystic & Noank Library is offering a free educational programming series about gardening to reduce hunger and working for a fairer food system. Each program pairs an expert on gardening with an expert on food justice who will instruct attendees how to sustain a successful garden, seek out or support food aid organizations, and understand the barriers to and fight for fair food access in the U.S. and in New London County. Inspired by the gardening-based food aid and food justice work at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center's Craig Floyd Giving Garden and F.R.E.S.H. New London's community gardens and advocacy, this programming series will empower participants to be a part of the solution to end hunger while learning to grow their own fresh produce.

Growing Your Garden and a Fairer Food System

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 - 7:30

Soil Blocks: Create & Manage Seedlings & Cuttings - Speaker: Mark Gostkiewicz, Farm Manager of Tri Gable Lea Farm LLC. Learn the many advantages to using soil blocks to start seedlings at home or on the farm. You press out blocks of soil to start your seedlings in, rather than using plastic cells or inserts. You'll learn how to make your own soil mix to create firm and fertile blocks; the techniques, tricks, and tools used to press out uniform blocks; using transplants for a continual harvest; and how to take green cuttings of herbs and perennial flowers using soil blocks to propagate new plants.

The Industrial Food System: Catalyst of a Personal & Professional Journey - Speaker: Ali Ghiorse, founder of The Foodshed Network. The 'story' of our food system is complicated, consisting of interrelated and interdependent webs. The Industrial Food System: Catalyst of a Personal and Professional Journey will explore the historical context of food production and the pathways that are leading us towards a better way. The dominant industrial food system is at the center of some of the most pressing issues of our time and affects our individual and collective health and economy. It is sustained by exploitative practices that perpetuate racial inequality and economic disparities and is a leading cause of climate change and environmental degradation. Although met with such big and complex problems, we find resolve in the initiatives led by those most impacted to connect communities, build trusted relationships, and develop a shared vision that a just and resilient food system is possible.

Growing Your Garden and a Fairer Food System

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 - 7:30

Starting & Managing a Giving Garden - Speaker: Craig Floyd, former Farm Manager of the Craig Floyd Giving Garden - Learn all about the spirit of giving gardens from Craig Floyd, former Farm Manager of the Craig Floyd Giving Garden. Each year, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and a team of dedicated volunteers sustain all the

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