



SUMMER 2024

The Cromwell Belden Public Library



SUMMER READING IS FOR EVERYONE!

It's time for our 2024 Summer Reading program to get started! This year's theme is:



GO FOR GOLD AT THE LIBRARY



Sign-ups will open at our Summer Reading Kick-Off. As in the past, our program is available for all ages - from the youngest of children to the oldest of adults - and we are so excited for you to enjoy this year's new list of activities. Complete enough items on this year's booklet and you will receive a 2024 Summer Reading Squad t-shirt! Sign-ups can be done at the library or through our website's Summer Reading tab.

The first 100 sign-ups will get a coupon for Tall Man's Ice Cream!
So who's ready for an epic summer of fun at the library?!

CONTACT US:

Cromwell Belden Public Library
39 West Street
Cromwell, CT 06416
(860) 632-3460
www.cromwellct.com/library

Our Hours:
Mon - Thurs: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Fri: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat (Jun.): 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat. (Jul. & Aug.) & Sun: Closed

- Please note that events are subject to change or cancellation. -
- Event registration opens one month prior to event date. -

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AND SPECIAL HOURS:

Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th: CLOSED

Friday, Aug. 30th & Monday, Sept. 2nd: CLOSED



SUMMER READING



SUMMER READING KICKOFF CONCERT **WITH COBBLESTONE ROAD**

RIVERPORT PARK AT FRISBEE LANDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 at 6:30 PM

RAIN DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 27



Come sign up for Summer Reading, listen to some rockin' music, get your face painted, and eat delicious food! Food Trucks from *Fat City Kid*, *Tall Man's Ice Cream*, and *Bake, Bake Hooray* will be on-site for your dining pleasure!

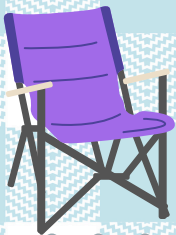
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SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY

Riverport Park at Frisbee Landings

Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 PM

Rain Date: Thursday, August 22



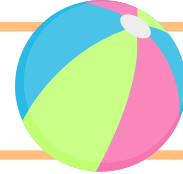
Come see *Juicebox* and listen to Top 40s Party Hits at the Library's Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party! Get a glitter tattoo, lounge on a lawn chair or blanket, and picnic with food trucks from *Wayne's Wings & Things*, *Tall Man's Ice Cream*, and *Bake, Bake Hooray*.

Summer Reading participants can turn in their Summer Reading booklets to be entered to win one of several raffle prizes!

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CHILDREN



ONGOING PROGRAMS

BABY RHYME TIME

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM
 SONG SET 1: JUN. 26-JUL. 17
 SONG SET 2: AUG. 7-28
 AGES 0-18 MONTHS | DROP-IN
 ARCH ROOM



Enjoy tickles, snuggles, and lap bounces while bonding with your little one. We'll do the same songs for 4 weeks so you can learn all the words.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

THURSDAYS | 11:15 AM | JUN. 20-AUG.15
 AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN
 BELDEN ROOM

Come wiggle, sing, dance, and get silly with Miss Emily!



STORY TIME

FRIDAYS, JUN. 14-AUG. 16 | 10:30 AM
 AGES 3-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 BELDEN ROOM

Join Miss Stephanie for some fun stories, songs, and finger plays, followed by an activity or craft.

SPECIAL STORY TIMES AGES 3-7 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

OLYMPICS STORYTIME

MONDAY, JUL. 29 | 6:30 PM
 BELDEN ROOM

Meet Connecticut's own two-time Olympian, Donn Cabral, at this special story time. We'll read stories about the Olympics and learn about what it takes to compete on the US Track & Field Team.



CAMOUFLAGE CREATURES

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 | 6:30 PM
 BELDEN ROOM



Join Miss Emily for this special story time about animals who are champions at hide-and-seek! You'll listen to stories, play games, and stuff your own stuffed animal to take home.

LIBRARY PLAY DATE

MONDAYS, JUN. 10, JUL. 22, AUG. 19 | 10:30 AM
 AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN
 BELDEN ROOM

You and your little one will both enjoy this chance to make new friends, play, and socialize!

SENSE-SATIONAL SATURDAY

SATURDAY, JUN. 15 | 11:00 AM
 AGES 0-5 | REG. RECOMMENDED
 BELDEN ROOM

Bring your little one to this taste-safe sensory play session.

Explore hands-on activity stations that help children build fine and gross motor skills while engaging all the senses (and maybe getting a little messy).



SIGN & SING

FRIDAY JUL. 19 & AUG. 16 | 10:30 AM
 AGES 0-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 BELDEN ROOM

Come enjoy a morning of children's music with sign language fun with Ms. Janine LaMendola, a musician/author/signer.





CHILDREN



GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

LISTED TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM
GRADES 3-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Graphic novel fans unite! Come to the library once a month to get together with fellow comic lovers to enjoy some fun activities all about your favorite series and authors. We'll make our own comics, play games, and more.

JUN. 18 - Star Wars Jedi Academy
AUG. 20 - Doodleville



PAWS TO READ

LISTED WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
JUN. 5, JUL. 3, AUG. 7
AGES 5+ | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
STORYTIME ROOM & BELDEN ROOM



Who better to practice your reading skills with than our therapy dog friends, Phoenix, Maple, & Dodger? Reserve a 20 minute time slot to pet and read to a furry companion. Make sure to come early to pick out your book!

Best suited for children who are reading independently.

SQUISHMALLOW PORTRAITS

SATURDAY, JUN. 29 | 2:00 PM
GRADES 1-4 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Squishmallow fans unite! Come enjoy a paint and sip experience at the library where you'll get to paint a pre-traced image of a squishmallow while sipping on some juice with friends.



BINGLOW

MONDAY, JUL. 15 | 4:00 PM
GRADES 3-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ARCH ROOM

You've heard of bingo, now join us for BinGLOW. Come to the library for a special glow-in-the-dark bingo under the black lights! Don't forget to wear colors that will light up under UV lights!

FOOD EXPLORERS: TRIFLE

MONDAY, JUL. 8 | 3:00 PM
GRADES 1-4 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Join Food Explorers for a sweet summer dessert! You'll be creating your own Blueberry Trifle by making homemade cake pops and homemade whipped cream to layer with fresh blueberries and blueberry pie filling. Recipe is nut-free but will contain dairy, eggs and gluten.

NATURE PINCH POTS

MONDAY, AUG. 5 | 6:30 PM
GRADES K-3 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Make a small clay pot and decorate it with pressed flowers!



CHALK THE WALK

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 17 | 6:00 PM
AGES 0-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRONT OF THE LIBRARY

Join the **Cromwell Arts Alliance** at the library to participate in Chalk the Walk in front of the library and Town Hall!



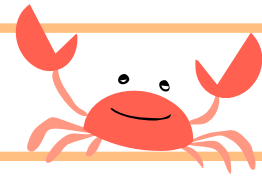
CARDBOARD COMPUTER CREATIONS

FRIDAY, AUG. 9 | 3:00 PM
GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Curious about what makes a PC (personal computer)? Learn how each piece helps to build some of the coolest gaming PCs out there. For this activity we'll be using paper and cardboard to create our PC model!



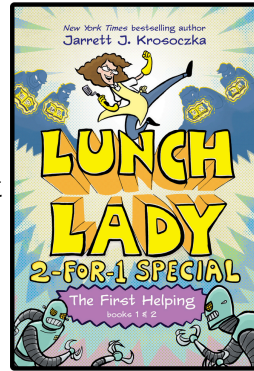
FEATURED EVENTS



COMICS & CREATIVITY WITH JARRETT J. KROSOCZKA

THURSDAY, JULY 11 | 6:00-8:00 PM
GRADES 2-8 & FAMILY | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Do you love graphic novels? Come meet **Jarrett J. Krosoczka**, the author of the **Lunch Lady** series, **Hey, Kiddo** (a National Book Award finalist), and numerous other graphic novels! You will learn how he brings stories to life, see a live drawing demo, and get to ask him questions about the world of graphic novels.



Following the presentation will be a book signing in partnership with Wesleyan R.J. Julia - meet Jarrett, buy a copy of your favorite JJK graphic novel for signing, and pose for a selfie!

This event is generously sponsored in collaboration with the Friends of the Cromwell Belden Public Library.

THE POOP MUSEUM

TUESDAY, JUL. 23 | 6:30-8:00 PM
AGES 0-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Presenter Susie Maguire is a **poop expert** who thinks poop is THE most interesting subject in the world. The Poop Museum is the place to come for those who are curious and have questions about poop, and also, if like Susie, they LOVE poop, and think it's fascinating! Just a few of the poopers that visitors to the Poop Museum will meet, include:

- The world's messiest pooper
- The animal that has poop attack powers
- The rainbow pooper

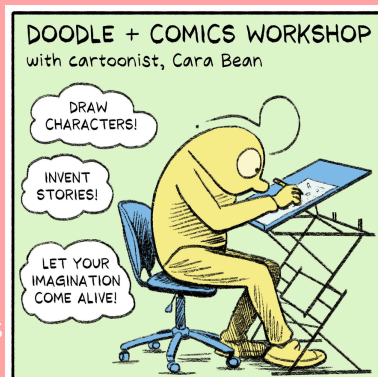
Susie has found a wonderful way to blend solid science with the hilarity that humans love when it comes to poop. So come and see us to learn and laugh and talk all about poop!



DOODLE+ COMICS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, JULY 30 | 6:30-8:00 PM
GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Join Cara Bean Comics to learn all about the art of creating comics! We'll talk about how comics can tell stories and discuss a variety of topics related to writing and drawing comics. After, we'll do some doodle exercises to generate ideas and experiment with some inspiring comic formats to tell our own stories.



MEET THE BALLERINA

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
SESSION 1: 10:15-11:00 AM
SESSION 2: 11:30 AM-12:15 PM
AGES 3-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE ARCH ROOM

The Hartt Community Division at the University of Hartford invites you to Meet the Ballerina! Listen to a story about ballet, participate in a modified dance class, and have the opportunity to meet a ballerina from the dance school! The teacher of the class will be a member of the HCD school faculty.





TEENS



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

TUESDAY, JUN. 25 | 6:30
MONDAY, JUL. 1 | 4:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Sign up to become a Teen Volunteer and attend orientation to get started. You'll learn exactly what you can do to earn volunteer hours.

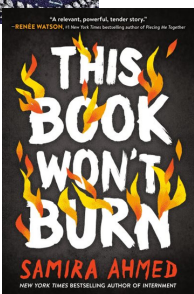
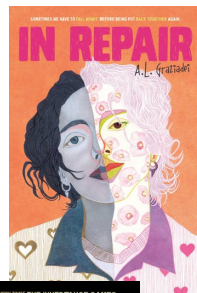
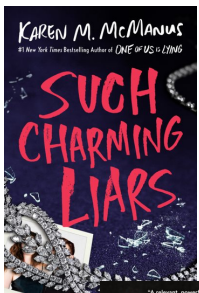


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NEW & UPCOMING YA RELEASES!



ANIME CLUB

LISTED TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM
JUN. 4, JUL. 2, AUG. 6
GRADES 7-12 | BELDEN ROOM
REGISTRATION OPTIONAL



New to anime? A seasoned pro? Grab some friends to come watch anime on the big screen and eat Japanese snacks!

DIY NEON SIGNS

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 31 | 6:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BELDEN ROOM



Join Emily in creating your very own neon sign to take home. Use a template or design your own image or word to light up your room!

SLIME

THURSDAY, AUG. 22 | 3:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Join Emily and Stephanie in this throwback craft and make different kinds of slime!





ADULTS



ALL ABOUT CICADAS

THURSDAY, JUN. 6 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Cindy, wildlife conservationist and current library staff member, to learn more about cicadas and why this year's Brood XIX and Brood XIII overlap is such a big deal.

(Hint: The last time this "brood overlap" happened, Jefferson was still President!)

PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARKS

MONDAY, JUN. 10 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an evening of fun and easy crafting! This month, we will be choosing pressed flowers to make into a preserved, colorful, & floral bookmark.

BANKING SCAMS

THURSDAY, JUN. 13 | 2:00 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Grandparent Scam... The Lottery Scam...

The IRS Scam... These all share a common goal: to access your personal financial information and steal your money. Don't let con artists get the best of you. Join CT Dept. of Banking staff to learn about common banking scams & tips to avoid being a victim. Knowledge is your best defense!

BLACK HISTORY IN CONNECTICUT: ARTIFACTS FROM THE CONNECTICUT MUSEUM OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

THURSDAY, JUN. 20 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Join staff from the Connecticut Museum of History to take a "tour" of items from their collection representing a spectrum of the Black experience in Connecticut. From a Harlem Renaissance writer, to a founder of Liberia, to a Hollywood actress & civil rights champion, you will learn (and see!) more about the diverse history, community, and political movements in our state's past.

WIRE & SEA GLASS JEWELRY

MONDAY, JUL. 8 | 6:00 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join local crafter Laurie-Lynne of Creative Girl Studios to try out a fun new technique! Make two of your very own necklaces to take home - all materials will be provided and different wire techniques will be shown.

SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JUL. 18 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Are you a fan of science fiction - or do you want to try something new? This summer we'll be reading **Mickey7** by Edward Ashton, soon to be a major motion picture.

PAINTED OWL POTS

MONDAY, JUL. 22 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an evening of fun and easy crafting! This month we will be painting and decorating small pre-made plant pots that look like little owls.



ADULTS



ALCOHOL INK COASTERS

THURSDAY, AUG. 8 | 6:30PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an evening of fun and easy crafting! This month we will be decorating drink coasters with beautiful, fluid inks.

FRIDAY FLICKS WITH THE SENIOR CENTER

FRIDAYS, JUN. JUL. AUG. | 1:00 PM

THE ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED (NO SHOWING FRIDAY, JULY 5TH)

Join the Cromwell Senior Center and the Library for this co-presented event - new movies on the big screen! Watch films that are new to DVD every Friday - we've shown feature films like Oppenheimer & A Man Called Ove, and we look forward to showing you many more fun & interesting films!

Call the Senior Center to register or to find out more: 860-632-3447



THE SWEET HISTORY OF HONEY & HONEY TASTING!

MONDAY, AUG. 12 | 6:00 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn the history of honey harvest, the history of purposeful beekeeping, hives of past and present, the composition of honey and why honey crystalizes. What makes honey so dark or so light? How many varieties of honey are there? Why does honey crystalize? Why doesn't honey need to be pasteurized? Learn the answers to these questions and much more during this engaging talk and taste five varieties of honey from The Humble Bee Honey Company! This is a 90 minute presentation; participants are encouraged to come early to browse recipes and materials.

THE SILENT READERS CLUB

JUN. 6, JUL. 1 & AUG. 1 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

IN-PERSON | DROP-IN

You choose a book and we'll provide the snacks, beverages... and some peace & quiet so you can finally finish that book! Cozy up by the "fireplace" or find a quiet spot throughout the library - its your choice!

KNITTING CLUB

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAYS

JUN. 13 & 27, JUL. 11 & 25, AUG. 8 & 22

6:30 PM | IN-PERSON

Join us for our monthly knitting club - now back in-person! This group also meets virtually on Friday evenings via Zoom. For more info, please email:

cromwellknitclub@gmail.com

Please join our knitters at the library for **WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY: JUNE 8TH!**



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MONDAYS, JUN. 3, JUL. 1 & AUG. 5

6:30 PM | ALL WELCOME | DROP-IN

Join the Friends' monthly meeting & help brain-storm new ways to support your local library. The Friends fund museum passes, events & more!



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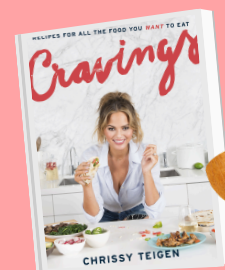
SATURDAY, JUN. 1 | 1:00 PM
NADIYA'S EVERYDAY BAKING
 BY NADIYA HUSSAIN

COOKBOOK CLUB @ THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, AUG. 15 | 6:30 PM
CRAVINGS
 BY CHRISSY TEIGEN

ALL AGES | REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Join us for Cromwell Library's Cookbook Club where we each bring a dish to share from a cookbook, chef, or theme! In June we will be sharing dishes from **Nadiya's Everyday Baking** by Nadiya Hussain of The Great British Baking Show-fame, and in August we will be cooking up recipes from the very decadent **Cravings** cookbook by Chrissy Teigen. Copies available at the front desk!



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

THE BELDEN | 6:30 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

THURSDAY, JUN. 27 | 6:30 PM

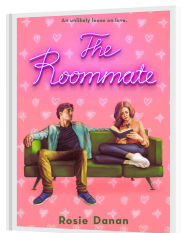
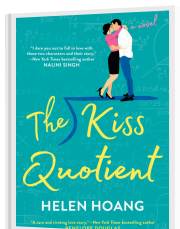
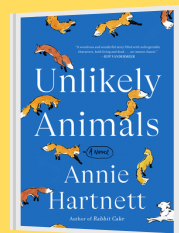
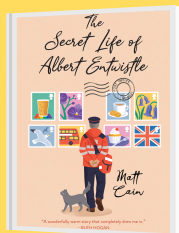
The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle - by Matt Cain

THURSDAY, JUL. 25 | 6:30 PM
Unlikely Animals by Annie Hartnett

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 | 6:30 PM
Queen of Dirt Island by Donal Ryan



Join us for our monthly book club meeting! All are welcome - there is no requirement to attend every meeting. Copies are available at the front desk for borrowing, following the prior month's meeting.



FLIRTY FICTION ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

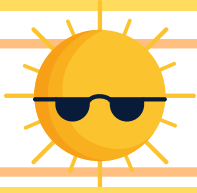
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REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

TUESDAY, JUN. 11 | 6:30 PM
Red, White & Royal Blue
 by Casey McQuiston

TUESDAY, JUL. 9 | 6:30 PM
The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang

TUESDAY, AUG. 13 | 6:30 PM
The Roommate by Rosie Danan

Do you like a story with a good Happily Ever After? Which romance tropes are your favorite? There are no "guilty secret" excuses here - if you like reading romance then this is the space for you! Come join Emily & Karlyn for Romance Book Club!



ALL AGES FUN!

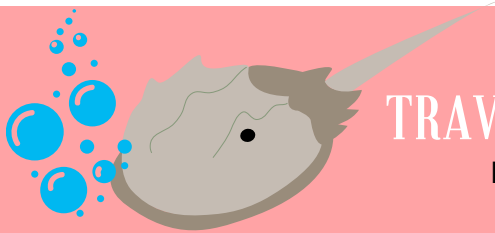


SIR LANCESLOTH'S HOMECOMING PARTY!

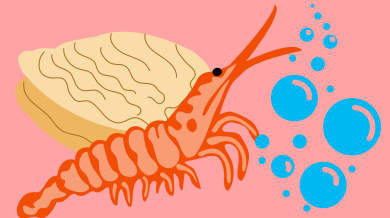


THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH | 10 AM - 6 PM | ALL AGES | DROP-IN

One summer later, Sir Lancesloth is **finally** back from his travels! Stop by to celebrate the return of our mascot with cake, activities & crafts for kids, and a slideshow documenting all of his travels.



MYSTIC AQUARIUM TRAVELING TOUCH TANK EXPERIENCE



MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH | 2:30 - 4:30 PM
ALL AGES | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Enjoy fun, active learning with hands-on investigations of live invertebrates such as lobsters, horseshoe crabs, and shellfish from the Mystic Aquarium! **Young children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian** - but all ages are welcome to attend, big or small!



CBPL CHILDREN'S GARDEN



All garden events take place at the Community Gardens, near the intersection of Evergreen & Willowbrook Roads

OPEN GARDEN HOURS

TUESDAYS, JUNE 25-AUGUST 20 | 10:00 AM
ALL AGES | DROP-IN



Come visit the CBPL Children's Garden at the Cromwell Community Garden on Evergreen Road in Cromwell, near the intersection of Evergreen and Willowbrook Roads. You'll get a chance to help with daily gardening tasks like watering, weeding, and harvesting!

ICE CREAM & WATERING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 | 1:00 PM
ALL AGES | DROP-IN

Tall Man's Ice Cream will be at the garden. Enjoy free ice cream and then hose off while watering the plants.

GARDEN ADVENTURE STORY TIME

MONDAY, JULY 1 | 6:00 PM
ALL AGES | DROP-IN
RAIN DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 2



Enjoy the beautiful blooms at the CBPL Children's Garden while we read our favorite garden-themed picture books and go on a scavenger hunt!

ADULTS NIGHT OUT AT THE GARDEN

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 | 6:00 PM
21+ ONLY | REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Join us at the Cromwell Community Garden to learn how to use herbs & botanicals in your drinks. Sample fresh cocktail recipes inspired by fresh herbs, flowers, and other garden mix-ins - and learn how to make your own drinks! Then enjoy a nice summer evening outdoors with a musical guest.