



SPRING 2024

The Cromwell Belden Public Library



ANNUAL BOOK SALE

HOSTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE
CROMWELL BELDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us for the new, revamped, Annual Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the Cromwell Belden Public Library! All funds raised by the Friends directly benefit the Library, supporting events and materials. Keep your eyes peeled for information about special preview hours!

BRACE YOURSELVES

THE LIBRARY'S
BOOK SALE IS COMING

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 - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sun: Closed



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

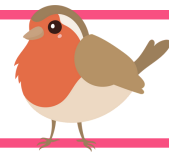
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AND SPECIAL HOURS:

Friday, March 29th & Saturday March 30th: CLOSED

Monday, May 27th: CLOSED



CHILDREN



ONGOING PROGRAMS

BABY RHYME TIME

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM

SONG SET 1: FEB. 21-MAR. 13

SONG SET 2: APR. 3-APR. 24

SONG SET 3: MAY 15-JUN. 5

AGES 0-18 MONTHS | DROP-IN

THE 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 | MARCH 14-MAY 23

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

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



STORY TIME

FRIDAYS | 10:30 AM | MARCH 15-MAY 24

NO STORY TIME MAR. 29, MAY 17

AGES 3-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THE BELDEN

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

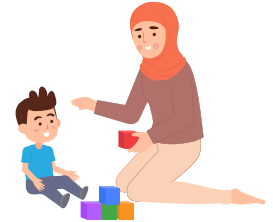
LIBRARY PLAY DATE

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM | MAR. 18, APR. 15, MAY 6

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

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



SPECIAL STORY TIMES AGES 3-7 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

MONDAY, MAR. 25 | 6:00 PM

THE BELDEN

Put on some PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to this special story time. Listen to bedtime books, read your stuffie a story, and tuck them in for an overnight at the library. At pickup the next day, you'll see pictures of the mischief they caused during their stay!

STUFFIE PICKUP: TUES., MAR. 26 | 12 PM-CLOSE



SUPERHERO STORY TIME

SATURDAY, MAY 18 | 11:00 AM

THE BELDEN

Calling all young heroes! Join us at the library for an action-packed superhero story time!

We'll don some capes, read some adventurous stories, and create our own superhero personas.



BIRD BY BIRD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | 3:30 PM

GRADES K-3 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THE BELDEN

Join Ms. Stephanie to learn how to identify local birds and build a feeder to bring them to your own backyard!



TODDLER PROM

THURSDAY, MAY 23 | 11:15 AM

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

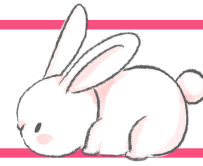
It's time for Toddler Prom!

Dress up your little one (and yourself!) and bring them to this fancy Music & Movement to enjoy dancing, photo opportunities, socializing, and more!





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.

MARCH 26 - Lunch Lady

APRIL 23 - Mayor Good Boy

MAY 21 - Katie the Catsitter



FAN CLUB (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 3:00 PM

AGES 0-12 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a musical afternoon of Taylor Swift-inspired activities and crafts. Fun for families with fans of all ages!



GALAXY JARS

MONDAY, MAY 6 | 6:30 PM

GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Embark on a cosmic adventure with our captivating Galaxy in a Jar craft designed to ignite the imagination of young stargazers!



PAWS TO READ

FIRST WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MAR. 6, APR. 3, MAY 1

CHILDREN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
STORYTIME ROOM



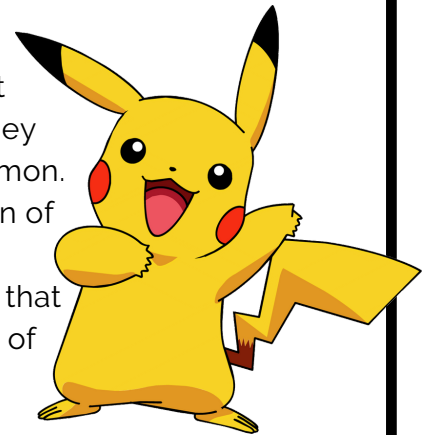
Who better to practice your reading skills with than our therapy dog friends, Phoenix, Maple, & Dodger? Reserve a 20 minute time slot to pet and read to a furry companion. Make sure to come early to pick out your book!

POKEMON PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 2:00 PM

GRADES 1-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Attention aspiring Pokémon Trainers! Get ready for an epic journey into the world of Pokémon. Join us for an afternoon of games, crafts, and Pokémon-inspired fun that will capture the hearts of anyone trying to catch them all!



FOOD EXPLORERS: MINI FRUIT COBBLERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 | 5:00 PM

GRADES 1-4 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Join Food Explorers for a deliciously fruity cooking class! You'll be making Mini Fruit Cobblers by making a sweet fruit filling topped with a crumbly topping made of oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Recipe is nut-free but will contain dairy.



TEENS



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

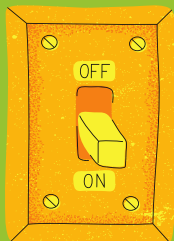
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 | 5:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

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 in order to earn volunteer hours.



MODPODGE SWITCHPLATES

MONDAY, MARCH 11 | 6:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN



Personalize your room by decorating a light switch plate with Mod Podge and photos from travel, nature, and cooking magazines.



ANIME CLUB

LISTED TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM
MARCH 5, APRIL 2, MAY 7
GRADES 7-12 | THE BELDEN
 REGISTRATION OPTIONAL



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

CANDY SUSHI

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 | 6:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THE BELDEN

Have a major sweet tooth? Grab some friends for a chill night making candy sushi and hanging out at the library.



TEEN SUMMER SNEAK PEEK

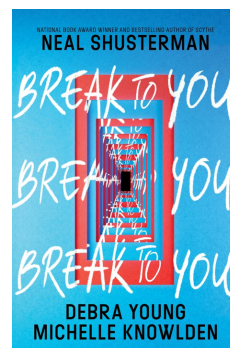
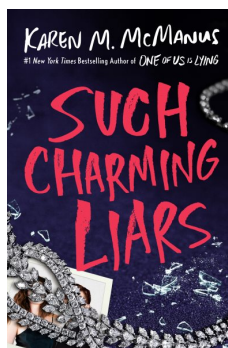
Who's ready for a fun summer? Check out this early access look at some summer releases from our favorite authors and a few of the programs we have planned for July & August!



DIY Neon Signs

Craft & Chill: Slime

BinGLOW





ADULTS



USED BOOK DRIVE

**BY THE FRIENDS OF THE CROMWELL
BELDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY**

Need to clear out your shelves to make room for new books? The Friends can help! Stop by the Library to conveniently unload book donations directly from your car. Kickstart your spring cleaning and help benefit your local public library, all in one easy trip!



PLANT SWAP

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21 | 6:30 PM
THE BELDEN | DROP-IN**

Did you know the Library now has a plant cuttings & propagation station? Check it out, and leave with a new plant cutting or two - we will have all the supplies you need to take home a new mini houseplant! We also encourage you to bring your own cuttings to share, from your own plants at home.

COMPOSTING 101

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18 | 6:30 PM
THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Come and learn from Master Composters about how food and yard wastes can easily be turned into a valuable soil amendment. Discover the process, find out how to avoid problems and troubleshoot your own compost pile, and learn about the many benefits of 'Black gold' - loved by gardeners for how it enriches the soil, reduces wastes sent to landfills, and cuts green house gas emissions. All that—and it's easy and free!



LIBRARY PAINT NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 | 6:00 PM
IN-PERSON | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us for this Cromwell favorite - not your average follow-along class! Members of the Cromwell Arts Alliance will help you choose and create your own version of the theme.

DIY STAMP CARVING

**MONDAY, MARCH 18 | 6:30 PM
THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us for our fun monthly craft. If this event is full you are still welcome - just bring your own project to work on while we all chat and craft together!

DIY NEON SIGNS

**MONDAY, APRIL 15 | 6:30 PM
ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us for our fun monthly craft. If this event is full you are still welcome - just bring your own project to work on while we all chat and craft together!

LIBRARY PAINT NIGHT # 2

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 6:00 PM
IN-PERSON | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us for this Cromwell favorite - not your average follow-along class! Members of the Cromwell Arts Alliance will help you choose and create your own version of the theme.

Please let others have a chance if you already participated in the first paint night!



ADULTS



PAINT YOUR PET!

PORTRAIT PAINTING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, APRIL 22 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Create a portrait of your family pet with water color artist Nancy Roman! All materials will be provided; you just need to bring a 5 x 7 printed color photo of your pet (the front desk can help you print and size your picture). Please note that this class is expected to run 2 hours - but absolutely no experience is needed! You will leave with a unique keepsake of your beloved buddy.

SCI-FI SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 1:00 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Are you a fan of speculative or science fiction - or do you want to try something new? This book club will be all about reading the whole catalog of science fiction from classics to contemporary to strange and groundbreaking. We'll start our reading with **The Calculating Stars** by Mary Kowal Robinette!

FRIDAY FLICKS

WITH THE SENIOR CENTER

FRIDAYS | 1:00 PM

THE ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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 features like Oppenheimer this past winter, and look forward to showing more fun & interesting films this spring!

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



MACRAME WALL HANGING

THURSDAY, MAY 16 | 6:30 PM

THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an evening of crafting and chatting - we'll provide all the supplies. You can still join if registration is full - just bring your own craft project to work on, relax, and enjoy the crafty company!

THE SILENT READERS CLUB

THURSDAYS, MARCH 7, APRIL 4 & MAY 2

6:00 - 8:00 PM | IN-PERSON | DROP-IN

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

KNITTING CLUB

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAYS

MARCH 14 & 28, APRIL 11 & 25, MAY 9 & 23

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MONDAYS, MARCH 4, APRIL 1 & MAY 6

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!





ADULTS



SATURDAY, MARCH 9 | 1:00 PM

TOGETHER

BY JAMIE OLIVER



COOKBOOK CLUB @ THE LIBRARY

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 March we will be cooking and sharing dishes from a chosen cookbook, chef, or theme! In March we will be sharing dishes from **Together** by Jamie Oliver, and on June 1st we will be cooking up dishes from **Nadiya's Everday Bakes** by Nadiya Hussain.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 | 1:00 PM

NADIYA'S EVERYDAY BAKING

BY NADIYA HUSSAIN



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

THE BELDEN | 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED



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.

THURSDAY, MAR. 28 | 6:30 PM

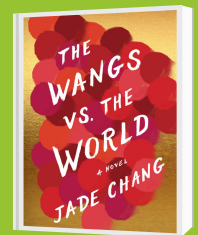
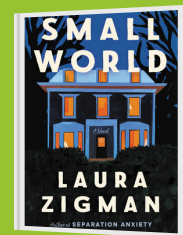
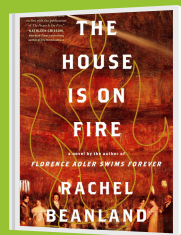
The House is on Fire by Rachel Beanland

THURSDAY, APR. 25 | 6:30 PM

Small World by Laura Zigman

THURSDAY, MAY 30 | 6:30 PM

The Wangs vs. the World by Jade Chang



TUESDAY, MAR. 12 | 6:30 PM

Bombshell by Sarah MacLean

TUESDAY, APR. 9 | 6:30 PM

Georgie, All Along by Kate Clayborn

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | 6:30 PM

Something Wilder by Christina Lauren



FLIRTY FICTION

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

THE BELDEN | 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

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!



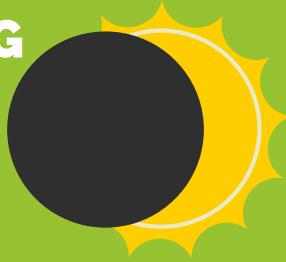
ALL AGES



ECLIPSE VIEWING

MONDAY, APR. 8 | 2:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
PIERSON PARK

Join us for a group viewing of the near-totality solar eclipse! All registered participants will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses - so please make sure to sign up each individual attendee.



CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMUNITY GARDEN

**NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF
 EVERGREEN RD & WILLOWBROOK RD**

Spring is here and our library garden is "springing" back to life! Check in with us for ongoing garden events, volunteer hours, fresh produce, and more, as our little garden gets back up and running for another year of fun.



COOKBOOK CLUB!

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 & SATURDAY, JUNE 1
THE BELDEN | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Did you know that the Library hosts a cookbook club - and that everyone is welcome, big or small? Pick a recipe to make from the month's chosen cookbook (available at the front desk), then join us for a potluck style meal together. This is a great chance to "try" a cookbook while only cooking one dish! Check out page 7 for more details.



COMPOSTING



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DID YOU KNOW?



...that the Town of Cromwell now offers food scrap collection for all town residents? The town has partnered with Blue Earth Compost, along with generous support from the Middlesex County Community Foundation, to provide countertop compost bins to households for sustainable food scrap collection. Visit the Library or Transfer Station to pick up a bin, learn the ropes, and get started! Food scraps will be converted into compost that is used to improve soil quality, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers, helping to retain water in the soil, and preventing soil erosion.