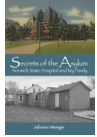


EVENTS CALENDAR

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9-9; Friday 9-5:30; Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5



Secrets of the Asylum: Norwich State Hospital and My Family

WED., MAY 8, 6:30 PM

Retired librarian Julianne Mangin turned her mother's fragmented tales into a detailed narrative, and with it, provided an inside look at life at the Norwich State Hospital. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Limited seating available.

Medicare 101

THURS., MAY 9, 6 PM

Rick Mattson of Morin Associates, LLC will discuss the basics of Medicare, followed by a Q&A session.



Circle of Friends Book Sale

SAT., MAY 11, 9 AM-12 PM

The Circle of Friends are having a book sale in conjunction with the Trillium Garden Club's annual plant sale. All items are "name your own price." Proceeds benefit the Library.



Arts & Mental Well-Being

TUES., MAY 28, 6:30 PM

Artreach will provide an overview of its programs and philosophy and share a sampling of its Second Step Players sketch comedy, creative writing, visual arts, and music programs. This showcase will not only entertain but illustrate how arts and creativity are important tools for everyone's wellbeing.



Family Grab & Go: Book Bags

MON., MAY 13, 9 AM-5 PM

Pick up a canvas book bag, while supplies last. Decorate it at home using your own supplies and talent.

Return your completed project by May 31 to be on display through the summer. One crafter will be chosen to win a swag bag!



Tri Town Trail Birding Hike

SAT., MAY 18, 8:30-10 AM

Join us for a morning walk along Tri Town Trail as we look and listen for migrant and resident birds. Guided by Maggie Jones, Landscape Ecologist & Ornithologist. [Registration required.](#)

Social Security: How It Works

TUES., MAY 21, 6 PM

Rick Mattson of Morin Associates, LLC will provide information about how and when to elect Social Security, followed by a Q&A session.

HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED

Monday, May 27

LAST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19



AI Essentials (VIRTUAL)

TUES., MAY 21, 6:30 PM

Get a rapid introduction to artificial intelligence, touching on key concepts, generative AI, and privacy considerations. This program aims to help you grasp the power of the technology and ignite creative thinking regarding its possibilities.

[Registration required.](#)

Co-hosted by the Waterford Public Library and generously funded by Circle of Friends.



Social Security Myths & Realities (VIRTUAL)

TUES., MAY 28, 5 PM

Rod Duxbury, a Raymond James Financial Advisor with Liberty Bank, will discuss calculating social security, your options when claiming before or after full retirement age, disability, spousal, and survivor benefits, and more.

[Registration required.](#)

Co-hosted by the Otis Library.

Monthly Exhibition: Norwich State Hospital

Photos and memorabilia from the Norwich State Hospital will be on display in the community room through the month of May.

CHILDREN

Sing & Stomp

WED., MAY 1 & 8, 10 AM

Join us for a noisy half hour of songs, dance, and finger plays open to all.

Crafty Kids

SAT., MAY 4, 10 AM

Make a fun craft, while supplies last.



Read with Major

SAT., MAY 4, 10 AM

Read to our local therapy dog, Major, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Babies & Books

TUES., MAY 7, 10 AM

Storytime for ages birth-2. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to the class.*

Toddler Time

TUES., MAY 7, 11 AM

Storytime for ages 2-4. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to the class.*

Children's Spring Art

TUES., MAY 14, 2 PM

Make bright springtime flowers using pastels or tissue paper. Ages 5+



Preschool Story Art

THURS., MAY 16, 10 AM

Preschoolers ages 4-5 will listen to and create artwork inspired by a story. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to class. Sponsored by CT Humanities.*

Children's Grab & Go

MON., MAY 20, 3-9 PM

Pick up while supplies last! Ages 5+

Learn & Play

WED., MAY 22, 10 AM

Let's celebrate Public Works Week in this child-focused playgroup.

TEENS

Teen Take & Make

SAT., MAY 4, 9 AM-5 PM

Pick up a craft to celebrate Star Wars Day, while supplies last.

Teen Volunteer Sign Up

SAT., MAY 4, 9:45-11:15 AM
& MON., MAY 6, 6-8 PM

Help staff with program assistance and preparation. Must have a volunteer form on file to sign up.

Teen Study Hours

MON. & WED., 3-5 PM

The programming area will be open for students in grades 6-12 to study.

Teen Drop-In Craft

TUES., MAY 7, 4-6 PM

Theme: DIY Felt Craft



Anime Crafts

WED., MAY 8, 3:45 PM

Join us to do anime-related crafts! Recommended for ages 8-13.

Teen Art

THURS., MAY 9, 6 PM

Theme: Yarn Art



Craft Night

MON., MAY 13, 6:30 PM

Teens and adults are invited to get crafty at the Library!

Teen Take & Make

MON., MAY 20, 3-9 PM

Pick up a bag of supplies to complete the mystery craft, while supplies last.

Teen Reading Challenges

Grades 6-12, sign up online at grotonpl.readsquared.com.

- 50 Books Before High School
- 100 Books Before Graduation

ADULTS

Spice Club

Pick Up: WED., MAY 1

Meet Up: THURS., MAY 23, 6 PM

Pick up the featured spice, available while supplies last. Bring a dish that includes the spice to our Meet & Eat.

Virtual Author Talks

- May 1: Douglas Brunt
- May 8: Nina Simon
- May 21: R.F. Kuang

Register for past and present events at libraryc.org/grotonlibrary.

Sponsored by the Circle of Friends.



Morning Matinee

TUES., MAY 7, 9:30 AM

I'll See You in My Dreams

Join us for a movie, freshly-popped popcorn, and ice-cold lemonade.

Let's Cook!

TUES., MAY 7, 5:30 PM

Recipe: Crockpot creations

Step-by-step instruction, followed by a tasting. [Registration required.](#)

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Saturday Cinema

SAT., MAY 11, 2 PM

Driving Madeleine

Join us for a movie, freshly-popped popcorn, and ice-cold lemonade.

GPL Book Group

TUES., MAY 14, 6:30 PM

All That is Mine I Carry With Me
by William Landay

Copies are available at the Library.

Not Your Mother's Book Group

WED., MAY 29, 6:30 PM

Theme: ["Feel Good Books"](#)

Meet up with other Millennials and Gen Z-ers (ages 21-40) to socialize, play games, and talk about books!