

NEWS AND EVENTS



Welcome To Our Newsletter

Hello and welcome to our new newsletter!

The Library Staff and Board of Trustees are pleased to present our upcoming events for all ages. Registration is required where noted in each program description. All programs are always free.

Local Author Book Talk

December 2 at 6:30 pm



Sterling author E. Raymond Tatten will be reading and signing copies of the newly-released *Sawyer's Regret* as well as his three other books. Tatten will be sharing his experiences with writing and self-publishing his work along with discussing his books. Tatten's newest work, *Sawyer's Regret* is an historical fiction based on sixteen-year-old Elias Sawyer's capture in Lancaster, MA by Native Americans in 1705. Another recent popular work is a personal narrative, *Moving Willie*, recounting his nine-year-old life first in the City of Lowell and then unusual experiences living on a remote farm in Central Massachusetts. Registration is required for this program- please call 978-422-6409 to register.

Start the new year with a new state of mind- try our free classes!

Meditation Classes

December 6 and 13 at 5:30 pm

January 10, 24, and 31 at 5:30 pm

Join us at the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Road. No registration is required. Adults of all ages are invited to attend.

Yoga Classes

December 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 pm

January 4 and 11 at 7 pm



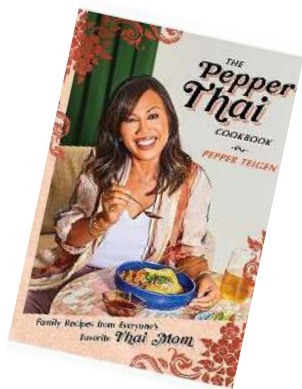
Join us at the 1835 Town Hall at 31 Main Street. Exercise does not have to be stressful to improve your body. This class will help you turn down the head noise, stretch out your stress and bring relaxing energy for your night. This is a Beginner's Hatha yoga class offered by Sharyn Hocurscak. Please bring your yoga mat and blanket. If you have yoga blocks, straps or other props that will help you, please bring them as well. No registration is required for this program.

Programs for Adults

Cookbook Club

January 26 at 6:30 pm

Discover delicious new recipes this month at the Conant Public Library's Cookbook Club! Enjoy sweet and tangy recipes from *The Pepper Thai Cookbook* by Pepper Teigen. Each participant chooses a different recipe from the book, prepares the dish at home, and brings it with them to the library for an evening of good food, great conversation, and new recipes. Cookbooks are available at the library for checkout. Registration is required, please call 978-422-6409 to register.



Herald in the Holidays with Less Stress

December 2 at 7 pm on Zoom

Join host Constance Hallinan Lagan for some tips on keeping your holidays stress-free (or at least a little less stressful). Despite promises to keep it simple, don't we all get a little stressed out during the time between Turkey Day & New Years? Make it different this year with a little less stress on yourself. Sign up on our website for this virtual event.

CONANT PUBLIC LIBRARY Hours

Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 8 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 am - 3 pm
Sunday	Closed

Visit us online at
www.sterlinglibrary.org

Coloring

December 2 and 16 at 2 pm
January 13 and 27 at 2 pm

Discover the stress-reducing, relaxing benefits of coloring! No registration required; all supplies are provided but participants are welcome to bring their own.

Snowflake Craft

January 6 at 11 am and 6:30 pm

Join us to make glittering wooden snowflake decorations. Choose the morning or evening session, whichever works for you! All supplies are provided. Registration is required, please call 978-422-6409 to register.



Holiday Cookie Swap

December 15 at 6:30 pm

Bake seven dozen of your favorite holiday cookies - some to enjoy during the exchange and others to pass out for later! Participants are asked to bring 14 loose cookies to sample during the program and 14 packages of 5 cookies to hand out to others. Registration is required. Please call 978-422-6409 to register, get more details, and to let us know which type of cookie you will bring so we can ensure a wide variety. Bring home a large selection of cookies to enjoy during the holidays!

Gingerbread House Decorating

December 14 at 1 pm for adults and teens ages 13 and up

December 16 at 6 pm for adults and kids ages 10 and up

Join us to decorate your own gingerbread house using a vast selection of frostings, candies and other materials. All materials, including the gingerbread houses, are provided; this program is presented by the Friends of the Conant Public Library. Registration is required and is limited- please call 978-422-6409 to register.

Programs for Kids

Registration is required for all programs on this page except where noted otherwise. Please call 978-422-6409 to register.

Games For the Win!

December 8 at 4:30 pm

For youth in grades 1-4

Enjoy some friendly competition as we try out games like Apples to Apples, Bop-It, or Charades. You'll have fun whether you win, lose or draw!

Masterpiece Monday

December 20 from 5 - 7:30 pm

January 24 from 5 - 7:30 pm

Open to children and teens of all ages, *no registration required.*

Come visit and create a masterpiece in the Baker Room - we'll provide the supplies, you bring the creativity!

Lego Club

December 29 drop-in from 1 - 4 pm

January 19 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

For children of preschool age and up.

No registration required.

Come build with us!

Card and Gift Tag Making

December 21 from 5 - 7:30 pm

Drop in to make your own holiday cards and gift tags - we'll provide the supplies, you bring the creativity! *No registration required.*

Light a Luminous Luminaria

December 22 at 4:30 pm

For youth ages 8 and up

Come to the library and craft a lovely luminaria to light the longest nights. Celebrate winter with friends as we create painted lanterns to glow when the sun does not.

Holiday Story Hour

December 22 at 6 pm

For children 18 months and up and their caregivers.

We will enjoy festive stories, songs and make a holiday craft together before bedtime. PJs optional!

Babytime

December 2, 9, 16 at 10:30 am

Special, drop-in storytimes for our youngest patrons (18 months and under) and their caregivers. Enjoy a mix of simple stories with songs and games that caregivers can play with their babies, while sharing some social time in the library! Parents may wish to bring a blanket for pre-walkers.

No registration required.

Storytime Winter Session

Registration for the next 6-week session of storytimes begins Monday, December 27. Sessions for children 2 and up will be held Mondays at 10:30 beginning 1/10 (no meeting 1/17) and for children 18 months and up Tuesdays at 10:30 beginning 1/11.

PJ Storytime

January 5 at 6:30 pm

For all ages; children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Come enjoy some stories and songs with friends before bedtime!

Winter Break Activities

Thank You Notes

December 27 from 10 am - 6 pm

Open to all ages, *no registration required.*

Stop by to make and write thank you notes! We'll provide cards, stickers and more to help you create fun notes to send to friends and family.

Cozy Storytime

December 28 at 10:30 am

For children 18 months and up and their caregivers
Snuggle up and stay warm with a special storytime! Relax and enjoy the cozy side of winter while we read, sing and craft our way into winter wonderland!

Cozy Care Kits

December 28 at 2 pm

For kids ages 9 and up

Come to the library and concoct a Cozy Kit to make those days even more comfy, including custom hot chocolate mix and bath bombs. Treat yourself or give someone the gift of coziness and comfort!

Winter Scavenger Hunt

December 27 - 30

For children ages 18 months and up; in three age-based difficulty levels. *No registration required.*

Children can win a prize by participating in our Winter Scavenger Hunt! Come to the library during school vacation week and pick up an instruction sheet.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

December 30 at 11 am

For children 18 months and up and their caregivers
Countdown to 2022 at the library! Join us to read, sing, craft and play into the new year with this special storytime celebration. We'll end with a bang by counting down to the new year (36 hours early!).

Explorers' Club: Science Time!

December 30 at 2:30 pm

For kids in grades K-4

We'll meet for some scientific fun and experiments - including a New Year's celebration of the science of fizz.



Book Clubs for All Ages

Registration is required for all programs on this page except for the Classics and Parents Night Out Book Clubs. Please call 978-422-6409 to register. Copies of all of the current discussion books are available at the front desk of the Library to check out.

Picture Book Club

For children in grades K-2

December 1 at 4:30 pm

Our book this month is *The Gift Inside the Box* by Adam and Allison Sweet Grant. Join your book-loving friends to talk about that book and enjoy a few more while crafting a gift for someone you care about!

January 5 at 4:30 pm

Join us to celebrate the popular book *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. We'll talk about that book, read a few more about this marvelous medium, and then experiment with creating art with crayons!

Intergenerational Book Club

January 19 at 6:30 pm

This club is for adults and children together. Teams can read the book separately or aloud together, and we will all discuss when we meet. This book has a reading level aimed at grade 4, but the story can be enjoyed by younger children. We'll meet to discuss *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser. This charming series opener introduces the unique and rambunctious Vanderbeeker family, who must come together to convince their grumpy landlord not to make them move. Charming hijinks ensue!

Grades 3 and 4 Book Club

December 15 at 4:30 pm

At this meeting we'll talk about *The Christmas Genie* by Dan Gutman. This chapter book begins when a mysterious (and cranky) genie appears in a fifth-grade classroom and grants students a wish. The catch is that they must all agree what to wish for - or they lose their vacation week! Come to the library to discuss the story and have some fun with friends.

January 12 at 4:30 pm

Join us to discuss *Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case* by Donald Sobol. Try your hand at solving mysteries alongside this famous boy detective, then come to talk about the book with friends. We will try to be like Encyclopedia and practice deduction by working on some puzzling mysteries together!

Classics Book Club

January 18 at 6:30 pm

The Classics Book Club is back! This month we will be discussing *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway.

Middle School Book Club

For children in grades 5-8

December 14 at 5 pm

We will discuss J.K. Rowling's newest offering, *The Christmas Pig*. Will this adventure story about a boy's visit to a fantastic land to regain a lost treasure measure up to those of the beloved Harry Potter? Find out as you meet with book-loving friends to share your thoughts, play a game or two and craft a treasure of your own.

January 12 at 6:30 pm

This month we will talk about *Winterhouse*, the 2018 novel by Ben Guterson. The first in a series, a great book to enjoy while keeping cozy in the snow, this story feels like Harry-Potter-meets-39 Clues. Elizabeth, a book-loving loner, is sent mysteriously to a three-week vacation at a delightful resort called Winterhouse. There she meets characters charming, puzzling, and sinister, and tries to solve the mysteries of the place and her presence there.

Parents' Night Out Book Club

December 1 at 6:30 pm

The Parents' Night Out Book Club will discuss *Light from Other Stars* by Erika Swyler.

January 26 at 6:30 pm

Save the date for our January meeting- the title will be picked at our December meeting.

