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Lyle Lovett and Lisa Loeb In Conversation and Song

The Garde Arts Center is proud to share that Lyle Lovett and Lisa Loeb will perform at the Garde Theater at 325 State Street in New London on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

A singer, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Whether touring as a 'Duo' or with his 'Acoustic Group' or his 'Large Band,' Lovett's live performances show not only the breadth of this Texas legend's deep talents, but also the diversity of his influences, making him one of the most compelling and captivating musicians in popular music.

Since his self-titled debut in 1986, Lyle Lovett has evolved into one of music's most vibrant and iconic performers. Among his many accolades, besides the four Grammy Awards, he was given the Americana Music Association's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and was named Texas State Musician. His works, rich and eclectic, are some of the most beloved of any artist working today.

Grammy® award-winning singer/songwriter Lisa Loeb started her career with the platinum-selling Number 1 hit song "Stay (I Missed You)" from the film Reality Bites. A trailblazing independent artist, Lisa was the first pop musician to have a Number 1 single while not signed to a recording contract.

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Friends of Fort Trumbull's "Around the Neighborhood" Program Series

On Thursday, April 25, as the first speaker in the 2024 Program Series-Around the Neighborhood-the Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park announce that Captain (Ret.) Wes Pulver will be the presenter.

In 2015, Captain Pulver was appointed as the Executive Director of The National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc. (NCGMA). Captain Pulver, a 1987 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, holds a Master of Engineering degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University. From 2010-2015, he was the Coast Guard Chief of Congressional Affairs. From 2012-2015, he was also the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE.

Captain Pulver, who has had 28 years of distinguished service to the USCG, is honored to now lend his talents to making the National Coast Guard Museum a reality. He has said, "I am proud to be involved with a project of such importance. Bringing the story of our Coast Guard and its 225 years of service to a National audience strengthens the bond of our citizens, and strengthens the Coast Guard for generations to come."

The National Coast Guard Museum will honor the heroism of the men and women who answered the call to always be ready, as in the Coast Guard motto: Semper Paratus. Permanent and revolving multimedia exhibits will tell compelling stories of the past, the present and the future as they evoke the Coast Guard's critical role and mission in maritime security, safety, protection of natural resources, and national defense. The museum will use interactive and modern technology to engage the public, veterans and present Coast Guard men and women as they serve our nation now and into the future.

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center at Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach St., New London. The interesting Gift Store at the Fort will be open from 6:30-7 p.m. before the meeting so that participants can view and purchase the many historically themed items. The public is invited and new members are always welcomed. Plan to arrive early; seating is limited. Refreshments will follow the presentation. For more information about the group: www.fortfriends.org.

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Lovett, Loeb at the Garde

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Lisa continues to craft irresistible pop songs for the 21st century, while designing eyewear, writing children's books, and supporting non-profit causes. Lisa's recent television appearances include John Oliver's "Last Week Tonight," "Orange Is the New Black," "About a Boy," "Hot Tub Time Machine 2," "King of the Nerds," "AP Bio," as well as Sprout's "Sunny Side Up Show."

A recent personal honor for Lisa was being asked by editor, Will Shortz, to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of The New York Times crossword by creating an original puzzle with pro, Doug Peterson. Other recent highlights and appearances include contributing a cover version of "All the Young Dudes" for Howard Stern's David Bowie Special on Sirius XM, leading a kids' songwriting workshop in Sydney, Australia with AMP, a two-week residency at the legendary Carlyle Hotel in New York and being honored at the 2019 SHE ROCKS AWARDS at NAMM.

Tickets for Lyle Lovett and Lisa Loeb In Conversation and Song are \$48-\$125 plus fees, and are available at the GardeArts website.

Lyme Art Association's Art Supply Expo

On Saturday, April 20, visitors to the Lyme Art Association will discover art products, see art demonstrations, learn new techniques, and enjoy special deals, free samples and discounts at the Art Supply Expo, a free event. The Art Supply Expo is a great way to stock up for oneself or someone else on favorite brands of brushes, papers, frames, canvases, paints, mediums and more while mingling with fellow artists and art lovers.

Participating vendors include: Jerry's Artarama of Connecticut, Conté à Paris, Winsor & Newton, Liquitex, MacPherson's, Daler-Rowney, Golden Artist Colors, Arches, Canson, Royal Talens, Silver Brush, Van Gogh, Strathmore, Rembrandt, Wholesale Frame Company, and Daniel Smith Artists' Materials.

The Art Supply Expo is 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday, April 20 at the Lyme Art Association and is open to the public.

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What Happened Here? The War of 1812 in Clinton & Killingworth

What occurred in Clinton and Killingworth during the War of 1812? Join up for a free presentation by Historian Dave LeVasseur who will speak about the local history of this event presented by the Clinton and Killingworth Historical Societies.

Dave LeVasseur is a former President of the Killingworth Historical Society and former Killingworth Municipal Historian and currently serves on the board of the Clinton Historical Society.

Registration is recommended for this program. To sign up, call (860)669-2343 or visit: hchlibrary.org

East Lyme Public Library Programs for Adults & Children *register for all programs at eastlymepubliclibrary.org*

Adventure Club with Nick Menapace - 12-2, 4/6 - Join Nick Menapace for Dungeons and Dragons in The East Lyme Room. This program meets the first Saturday of the month. All skill levels and age of adventurer welcome!

East Lyme Agri-Business Series - 3pm, 4/6 - Richard Taylor, Master Wildlife Conservationist, Connecticut DEEP Wildlife Team will discuss the coyote's history, diet, and behavior and offer guidance on living with Eastern coyotes. Richard is a retired Human Resources executive who has had an interest in wildlife and fishing his entire life. Since his retirement, he completed Connecticut's Master Wildlife Conservationist program and is now actively volunteering and presenting programs on wildlife throughout the state. Richard's repertoire of Master Wildlife Conservationist Programs include- Bald Eagle, Bats, Bobcat, Black bear, Eastern coyote, Fisher, White-tailed deer, Wild turkey and Wildlife and CT's Changing Landscape.

The Great North American Total Solar Eclipse - 1:45-4:15, 4/8 - Celebrate the total eclipse with fun indoor and outdoor activities! This event is rain or shine in the East Lyme Community Center! FREE eclipse glasses available at the library while supplies last.

Adult Book Discussion: Fellowship Point by Alice Elliott Dark - 7pm, 4/9 - Copies of the current month's book are available at the library. No registration necessary.

Out-of-this-World Book Group - 7pm, 4/10 - A Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers. Copies of the current month's book are available at the library. No registration necessary.

Poetry Reading with Steven Ostrowski and Glenn Shea - 11am, 4/20 - Local authors Steven Ostrowski (Life Field, 2024) and Glenn Shea (In the Middle of the Month in the Human Realm, 2024) will share work from their books. Program registration is required.

Silent Book Group - 6-8, 4/22 - Bring your own book and enjoy the community of fellow readers in a quiet atmosphere.

Mystery Book Group: The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill - 11am, 4/25 - Copies of the current month's book are available at the library. No registration necessary.

Trivia Night - 6:30, 4/30 - Pit yourself against trivia questions in lots of fun general categories.



29th Annual "Journey for Sight" Walkathon

The Lions of Eastern Connecticut (District 23C) are holding their 29th Annual "Journey for Sight Walkathon" on Saturday April 27, 2024 at the McCook Point Park and Niantic Boardwalk. There are 54 Lions Clubs in the eastern Connecticut District and 12 Leo Clubs (the youth arm of Lions Clubs) who will be participating in this fundraiser.

The walk-a-thon will benefit not only our communities, but many of the Lion's projects including Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF), diabetes research, donations to food banks, guide dogs for the blind, the Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut, Camp Rising Sun for children with cancer, and a myriad of local charitable organizations.

This is a significant fundraiser for Eastern CT Lions and the only district-wide fundraiser that raises donations of \$35,000 in a single day with upwards of 200-300 Lions participating, and benefits so many worthy causes. At the conclusion of the walk, the Lions will provide a BBQ lunch for the participants and volunteers. Additionally, local Lions Clubs are soliciting other local non-profit organizations to team up with them to benefit their organizations, too! Any non-profit organization that partners with their local Lions Club will keep half of the funds they raise. Half of the proceeds partner charities raise goes to their organization and the other half goes to a Lion's District charity.

If you would like to walk for your local Lions Club during this great event or if you need additional information about this event or other programs, please email journey4sight@ectlions.org or visit the Lions website at www.ectlions.org

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This full theatrical production performed by professional actors in sold-out venues in CT and off-Broadway in NYC depicts the life encounters, trauma, and microaggressions of Black and Brown men who have been historically and culturally silent about the pain they endure living in their skin in America.

The performance will be followed by a question & answer session and a panel discussion.

Allegorically told, Death by a Thousand Cuts: A Requiem for Black and Brown Men candidly unearths the raw experiences of melanated men. Drawing from the joy, pain, and the trauma of surviving in America, this is a requiem 400 years in the making.

Please register in advance for this free performance at Clinton Town Hall (54 East Main Street) on Saturday 4/13 at 7:00 PM. To sign up, call (860) 669-2343 or visit: events.hchlibrary.org/4-13-24.

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East Lyme Historical Society's Spring Potluck Dinner

The East Lyme Historical Society's Spring Potluck Dinner will be held on April 19th, at the American Legion Post #128, 16 York Ave, in Niantic. The special guest speaker will be Dr. John Pfeiffer who will give a presentation on "The Nehantic Traditional Burial Grounds".

The Nehantic burial site Dr. John Pfeiffer will discuss is located in the Crescent Beach area of Niantic. Documents dating back to the early 1640s noted the burials and the area was used up through the late 1870s. Dr Pfeiffer will give also a history of the Nehantics by highlighting their settlement which surrounds the ancient burial grounds.

Dr Pfeiffer is a lifelong resident of Connecticut and has researched the indigenous people of this region for the last 50 years. He is an archaeologist and anthropologist and presently serves on the Nehantic Nation Tribal Council as historian and anthropologist.

Social Hour will begin at 6pm and a cash bar will be available (coffee and water will be offered at no charge). Please bring your favorite entree, side dish or dessert to share. You can contact the EL Historical Society at: eastlymehistoricalsociety.org.

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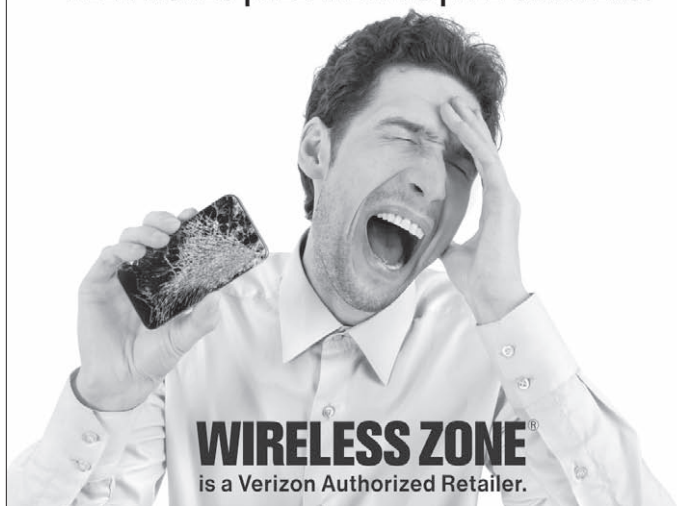


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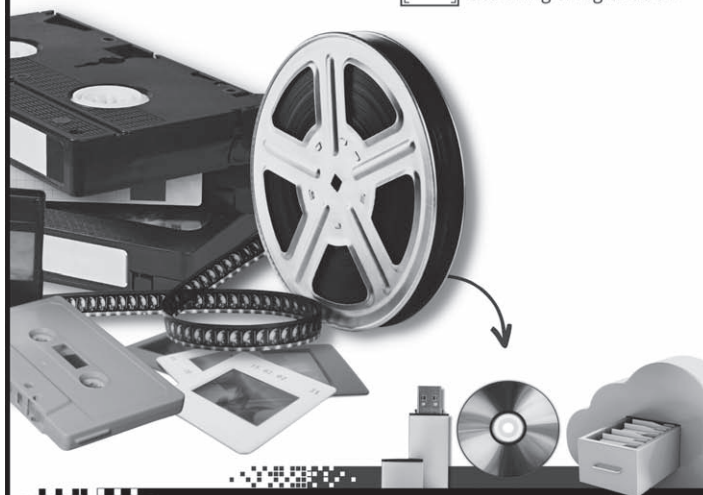
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Spice Club - Pick Up: April 1, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. · Meet & Eat: April 18, at 6 p.m. - At the beginning of each month, pick up a take-home kit at the Groton Public Library that includes the featured spice, information on its history and uses, and a recipe or two. Experiment in the kitchen and bring a creation that incorporates the spice to our Meet & Eat. This program is open to cooking enthusiasts of all ages. Supplies are limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

History of Food and Culture (VIRTUAL) 2pm, 4/2 - Virtually step into the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History with Curator Paula J. Johnson as she discusses the book "Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us." This event will take place via digital livestream and includes a Q&A with the author. Register at libraryc.org/grotonlibrary/44467.

Open Hours Book Sale - 9:30-7, 4/3 - Circle of Friends Book Sale Room will be open for shopping—no appointment necessary! Browse their selection of new and gently-used fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles, and games. All items are "name your own price," and proceeds benefit Groton Public Library.

Solar Eclipse Glasses - Beginning 4/5 - Pick up free, certified ISO 12312-2 solar eclipse viewing glasses. Limited availability; first-come, first-served. One pair per family.

Eclipse Observation Day - 1:30-5, 4/8 - Bring your chair and solar glasses to view the eclipse on the library grounds. Groton is not in the path of totality but will see an 85% partial eclipse. Thames Amateur Astronomical Society members will have one or two solar telescopes available for public viewing. View the NASA event livestream in the large meeting room; no registration necessary.

Morning Matinee - 9:30, 4/9 - Enjoy a free movie, freshly-popped popcorn, and ice-cold lemonade. These early-bird showings may feature cinema classics, new releases, or documentaries. Call the Library at (860) 441-6750 for this month's film title.

Children's Art: Mixed Media Stars - 10am, 4/9 - Stop in the children's room to make your very own piece of art!

Confronting My Son's Killer with Diane Foley & Colum McCann (VIRTUAL) 2pm, 4/9 - National Book Award-winner Colum McCann and Diane Foley discuss the inspiration behind the heartrending book "American Mother." This event will take place via digital livestream and includes a Q&A with the author. Register at libraryc.org/grotonlibrary/44872.

Teen Art: Galaxy Painting - 2pm, 4/9 - All supplies will be provided.

CT Foster Care Information Session (VIRTUAL) 5pm, 4/9 - Learn more about foster care and adoption in Connecticut, and how you can help, by attending this 30-minute virtual information session. Following this event, you can take the first step in obtaining your CT license by registering for an additional 2-hour Zoom information session in collaboration with the CT Department of Children and Families. Please register for this virtual program through the Groton Public Library's online calendar at grotonpl.org.

Book Group: "What You Are Looking for Is in the Library" by Michiko Aoyama - 6:30pm, 4/9 - A charming, internationally bestselling Japanese novel about how the perfect book recommendation can change a reader's life. Copies of the book are available at the library; call or reserve online. →

STARLAB: Starlight, Starbright - 10am & 2pm, 4/10 - Enjoy a planetarium experience without leaving the library! STARLAB is a portable planetarium with limited seating. Open to students ages 5+. Registration required. Family members must register individually.

Children's Grab & Go - 4/11 - Pick up a space-themed craft! Bags include instructions and most of the supplies you need, available while supplies last. Recommended for ages 4+ years.

Teen Take & Make - 4/11 - Pick up a space-themed craft at the Groton Public Library! Bags include instructions and most of the supplies you need, available while supplies last. For ages 12+ years.

Let's Cook: Eggs for Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner - 5:30, 4/11 - Cooking demonstration will take you through recipes step-by-step and include a tasting. Space is limited; registration is required.

Mission to the Moon: Launch It! - 10-11:30am, 4/12 - Design and build an air-powered rocket that can hit a distant target. In this challenge, kids follow the engineering design process to build and launch a rocket with a straw and a balloon. Open to students ages 8-13. Registration required.

Junior Friends' Bottle & Can Drive: April 14-27 - Drop off empty (and clean) bottles and cans at the Groton Public Library between April 14-27, and the Junior Friends will bring the recyclables to redemption centers. Proceeds will help fund their 9th Annual Bumpers & Books event.

Adult Craft + Create - 6:30pm, 4/16 - Bring an art or craft project to work on and enjoy a relaxing and creative evening. Perfect for those projects you've been meaning to finish — Feel free to exchange stories, tips, tricks, and craft ideas. All levels are welcome!

A Literary Examination of Power, Love, and Art with Xochitl Gonzalez (VIRTUAL) 8pm, 4/17 - Award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez talks about her newest novel, "Anita de Monte Laughs Last." This event will take place via digital livestream and includes a Q&A with the author. Register at library.org/grotonlibrary/45277.

Library Clean Up Day - 3:30pm, 4/22 - In celebration of Earth Day, help the Groton Public Library staff tidy up the grounds by picking up litter and recyclables. Please meet at the library entrance; bags and grabbers will be provided, but bring your own work gloves. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

Best Day Hikes in CT & RI - 6:30pm, 4/23 - Steve Fagin, whose award-winning Great Outdoors column appears in The Day newspaper, will speak about his new book, "AMC's Best Day Hikes in Connecticut & Rhode Island." Copies will be available for signing.

Not Your Mother's Book Group - 6:30, 4/24 - Meet up with fellow Millennials and Gen Z-ers (ages 21-40) to socialize, play games, and talk about books. This month's theme is "Transitions, Transformation, and Transcendence."

Circle of Friends Monthly Meetup - 9:30am, 4/27 - Stop by and learn about all of the wonderful things the Circle of Friends do to support the Groton Public Library. For more information, contact Kim Balentine at (860) 441-6750 or kbalentine@groton-ct.gov.

Saturday Cinema - 2pm, 4/27 - Enjoy a movie on the big screen with free popcorn and lemonade. Call the Library at (860) 441-6750 for this month's film title.

Bumpers & Books Planning Meeting - 4pm, 4/30 - Would you like to help plan the Groton Public Library's 9th Annual Bumpers & Books event? The Junior Friends need your input to help make this year's event bigger and better than ever before. Attendees of all ages are welcome to attend their meeting.

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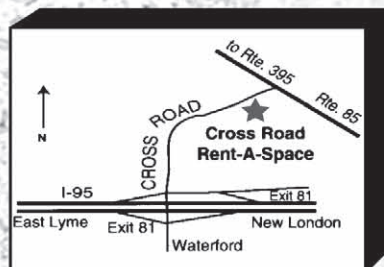
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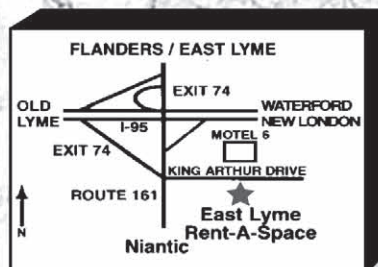
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General Griffin Stedman - Hartford's Hero

The Shoreline Civil War Roundtable will have its next monthly meeting Tuesday, April 2nd. This month's presentation will be given by Civil War Historian Steven Chatlas. Topic will be "General Griffin Stedman - Hartford's Hero." All are welcome. No registration is required. Meetings are held at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook CT. at 6:30 p.m. For more information call the group's facilitator at 860-395-1124 or contact the library at 860-395-3184.

Mystic & Noank Library Programs for Adults & Children

register at 860-536-7721 or mysticnoanklibrary.org

Reading on Tap - 6-8pm, 4/1 - Join the library for their annual Reading on Tap library fundraising event. Enjoy listening to literary selections from local notables while enjoying small bites at Milestone restaurant in Mystic. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on the library's website.

Library Giving Day - 4/3 - Donate to the library on Library Giving Day. Donate in-person or online at mysticnoanklibrary.org

Growing Your Garden & A Fairer Food System - 6pm, 4/4 - This program features Soil Blocks: Create & Manage Seedlings & Cuttings with Mark Gostkiewicz, Owner & Farm Manager at Tri Gable Lea Farm LLC and The Industrial Food System: Catalyst of a Personal & Professional Journey with Ali Ghiorse, Founder of The Foodshed Network.

Genesis: A Poetry Group - 4/8, 4/22 - A new poetry writing group! Each meeting will explore a new poem to read deeply together and parse out its images, references, poetic devices, and possible meanings to cultivate a deeper appreciation for poetry.

Marc Chagall: Joy, Color & a Celebration of Jewish Culture - 6pm, 4/8 - Celebrating Cultural Heritage through Art - discuss the work of Marc Chagall and provide an intro to Chagall's personal & professional resilience and his work.

Food Explorers Baking Class for Kids - 3pm, 4/9 - Join Food Explorers for a chocolatey recipe with a twist! Participants will be making Black Bean Brownie Trifles, making the brownies from scratch in the cake pop machine, homemade whipped cream and slicing some fresh strawberries to go on top.

Xen's Critters Hug-A-Bunny - 11-12, 4/11 - Drop in any time between 11 am to 12 pm to visit with some adorable furry friends! Meet on the library lawn, weather permitting.

Growing Your Garden & A Fairer Food System - 6pm, 4/11 - This program features Starting & Managing a Giving Garden with Craig Floyd, Former Farm Manager of the Craig Floyd Giving Garden and Food Aid & Distribution in New London County with Annie Stockton from the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center.

Art Workshop! Painting Southeastern Connecticut Surrealism - 6pm, 4/25 - A pop-up art class offered by the Mystic Museum of Art Outreach Program. Participants will create an acrylic painting referencing Marc Chagall's famous colors, creatures and whimsy.

Yale's ASL program for Shared Reading Saturday - 10:30am, 4/20 - Learn ASL to sign books to your children! on Saturday, April 20 at 10:30AM. Registration is free but required.

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Public Library of New London Programs for Adults & Children

Register for Programs at (860)447-1411 or PLNL.org

Animal Rehabilitation with DPNC - 6-7pm, 4/1 - Learn about wildlife rehabilitation and meet some non-releasable animals; all ages; free.

Hempstead Diaries - 6-7:30, 4/1, 4/15 - A virtual discussion to explore the diary of New London tradesman Joshua Hempstead.

Kaleidoscopes - 10-5, 4/3 - Learn the endless possibilities of reflective images through a kaleidoscope.

Reptiles for Teens w/ DPNC - 4-5, 4/3 - Learn about different scaly critters in southeastern CT!; teens; free.

Family Presentation: Meet the Maasai - 5:30-7, 4/3 - Learn about the Maasai warriors and villagers and experience some of their culture.

Teen Cooking Club - 3-4, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25 - Learn about chemistry and how to cook meals for yourself!

Cooking for Kids - 4-5, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25 - STEAM-themed session of cooking classes. Registration required; children; free.

Teen Movie Series - 2-5pm, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26 - Enjoy classic and contemporary films over popcorn!

Saturday Morning Storytime - 11:30-12, 4/6 - Join Miss Meghan for a very special Saturday Morning storytime!; all ages; free.

School Vacation Week Crafts - 4/8-4/12 - Celebrate spring break and participate in a different craft each day!; children; free.

Neurographic Art for Teens - 4-6, 4/8 - Express yourself through the wild lens of neurographic art!

Social Security and Medicare with Jack Peregrim - 5-7, 4/8 - Registration required; adults; free.

Marc Chagall: Joy, Color, & Celebration of Jewish Culture - 6-7, 4/8 - Virtual discussion led by Jane Oneail. Registration required.

Usual Suspects Mystery Book Club - 7-8, 4/8 - Virtual discussion led by local author Faye Ringel. Registration required; adults; free.

Meet the Animals - 2-3, 4/9 - Niantic Children's Museum is bringing animals and information about their habitats and ecosystems!

New London Trees - 4:30-6:30, 4/9 - A monthly meeting in the Community Room and open to the public; adults; free.

Creative Writing Club for Kids - 5-6pm, 4/9 - Kids can come and play word games and use writing prompts to help develop creative writing skills. For kids in third grade and up.

CT Foster Care Info Session - 5-5:30, 4/9 - Learn about foster care and adoption in CT and how you can help in this virtual info session. Registration required; adults; free.

All About Trains - 1-2, 4/10 - Kids can come learn about trains, rail safety, and more from CT Rails.



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