

## Milford Public Library

57 New Haven Ave

Milford, CT 06460

203-783-3290

[www.milfordlibrary.org](http://www.milfordlibrary.org)

Monday 10-5

Tuesday-Thursday 10-8:30

Friday 1-5

Saturday 10-5

### Dear Library Friends-

This is not our usual monthly newsletter of events. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all programs through the end of April have been canceled; we do not yet know about May programs. The heart of our library is our patrons and we miss the daily connections we have with each of you. Libraries pride themselves on often being one of the few public institutions to remain open during a crisis; but these times are unprecedented, and our main concern is the health and well-being of our community. So, our doors are closed until the time we can re-open safely for our community, our volunteers and our staff.

But, we are still here for you! Staff are working to move as many services as possible to an online environment. Look to our website, [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) or Facebook page (@MilfordPublicLibraryCT) for information on how to get a library card to access digital materials, attend

virtual story time, participate in Zoom book discussions, and more! Check out our new online Resource Center which will connect you to virtual museum tours, concerts, reading and listening materials, educational resources and other sites to help you stay entertained, informed and connected during this time of self-isolation. We are working on adding more programs and events for you to view and participate in from home.



So Stay Safe, Stay Home, and Be well. Please contact us via telephone, email or social media if you have any questions.

### We hope to see you soon -

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## Contact Us



All staff can be reached by calling our main phone number, 203-783-3290, and selecting the appropriate department from the menu. Staff emails are on our website under the *About Us* section. Staff are checking phones and email daily.

## Book Discussion Groups

Our Book Groups are connecting virtually.  
Contact the facilitator for more information.

### Romance

Facilitator: Cathy Ratzenberger, [cratzenberger@milfordct.gov](mailto:cratzenberger@milfordct.gov)

### Popular Fiction

Facilitator: Chris Angeli, [cangeli@milfordct.gov](mailto:cangeli@milfordct.gov)

### Classic Book Group

Facilitator: Nancy Abbey, [nabbey@milfordct.gov](mailto:nabbey@milfordct.gov)

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## 24/7 Resources

### USA.Gov

Your online guide to government information and services.



### U.S. Census

The Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy.



### JobNow

JobNow provides you with practical tools to help you get a job. Free résumé templates, personal résumé help, and live chat for assistance with interview techniques.



### OverDrive and Libby

Download eBooks and digital audiobooks to your smartphone, PC, iPad, eBook reader and many MP3 players from your own home.



### RBdigital

Magazines, audiobooks, and eBooks, ready to check out with your library card.



Visit [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) to get started!

## Passport Office

Our Passport Office is currently closed and we are not accepting appointments. Please call 203-783-3309 with questions.

### Regular hours:

Tuesday: 4-8pm | Saturday: 10am-2pm

### Gallery and Display Cases:

Please contact our Business Office if you would like to reserve a month in our Gallery!

## Children's Department



## Spring StoryWalk at Eisenhower Park



Check out the new book *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner, art by Christopher Silas Neal at our StoryWalk at Eisenhower Park!

Children's staff took advantage of the warm weather to install our second StoryWalk book—from six feet apart!

Discover the wonders that lie hidden between stalks, under the shade of leaves...and down in the dirt. Explore the hidden world and many lives of a garden through the course of a year! Up in the garden, the world is full of

green—leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt exists a busy world—earthworms dig, snakes hunt, skunks burrow—populated by all the animals that make a garden their home.

StoryWalk promotes literacy and exercise in young children and encourages families to spend time together in nature. Enjoy the fresh air and let us know how you liked the book. Remember to check that the park trails remain open and to practice social distancing!



## Virtual Programs

### Digital Storytime Scavenger Hunt

**Wednesdays at 4pm**  
Family storytime!

**Fridays at 4pm**  
Preschool storytime!  
(Songs, fingerplays, and a story.)

Storytimes will air on Facebook (prerecorded) and be posted for a limited time on Facebook & YouTube.

**The month of April**

Solve riddles, complete activities, and even perform an act of kindness!

**Register at**  
[milfordlibrary.readsquared.com](http://milfordlibrary.readsquared.com)

You can use your Summer Reading login if you already have one.

## Free eBooks

**TumbleBookLibrary**  
Available through August 31



**Sebco Books—Nonfiction**  
Available through June 30

Visit the Children's Department Page at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) for more information and additional free online learning resources.

**Junior Library Guild Reading Resources**  
JLG Digital  
Available through August 1



## YA Department

While we are closed to the public, please visit the Young Adult Department at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) for updates! Weekly Zoom meet-ups are available for those in TAG and we are continuing to add new programs and resources.

Email Danielle at [dvalenzano@milfordct.gov](mailto:dvalenzano@milfordct.gov) (or call 203-701-4554) with questions, suggestions, or just to say hello!



**Free eBooks**



**TeenBookCloud**

Available through August 31

## Brain Station

**Learn. Create. Do.**

**THE BRAIN STATION**



Staff have been using our 3D printer to print face shields and surgical mask straps for area hospitals.

**#TogetherMilford**

Find out more at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org).



Thank you to the Friends of the Milford Library for generously funding our programs.