

## Milford Public Library

Monday: 10-5  
Tuesday-Thursday: 10-8:30  
Friday: 1-5  
Saturday: 10-5

July 2023



57 New Haven Avenue  
Milford, CT 06460

203-783-3290 | [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org)

### ADULT SUMMER READING

June 19 – September 1

Ages 18-180

Every book, audiobook, or magazine that you read equals one entry into our weekly prize drawing. Log into [READSQUARED](https://readsquared.com) to record what you read, or submit a paper log. Winners will be announced weekly. The grand prize drawing for an iPad will happen on September 5th. See staff for details.

### MEMORIES OF THE SEVENTIES...AND BEYOND!

Milford Public Library would love to share your recollections of the '70s, '60s, and beyond! Perhaps you want to highlight your favorite spots in Milford or what it was like having an officer in the "Bucket" at the intersection. Turn in your written or recorded memories by July 31 to have them included in the soft opening of a new online collection for Milford history. See our website for more details.

Questions? Email Diana at [dpreece@milfordct.gov](mailto:dpreece@milfordct.gov).

### EBOOK DROP-IN SESSION

Thursday, July 6 from 10-11am

You've heard of eBooks but you don't know how to start? Maybe you gave it a try but couldn't find any available books? Library staff are here to help you load up your device with books, audiobooks, and magazines from both Libby and The Palace Project apps. All you need is your library card and your device: smartphone, tablet, laptop, or Kindle.

### WHAT IS CHATGPT, AND WHY IS GOOGLE AFRAID OF IT?

Wednesday, July 12 from 7pm-8pm

Join us for a discussion on how ChatGPT, and other Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) work, and how they can be used to do many things from idea generation and iteration, to writing and illustrating short stories, or essays on many different subjects. We will also discuss the potential impact that these tools may have on our economic system in the years ahead, and what they mean for intellectual property.

### THE OYSTERING LIFE: A FILM SCREENING AND Q&A WITH FILMMAKER STEVE HAMM

Wednesday, July 26 from 7-8:30pm

"The Oystering Life" tells the story of oystering along the Connecticut coast, which is heaven for oysters, oyster lovers, and for the people who harvest the bivalves from the sea. The film takes the viewer back in history to when oysters were essential to the survival of Native Americans, and then explores the days of the oyster boom in the 1900s, when Connecticut became one of the leading producers in the world. It's the end of an era on the waterfront, but another era is taking shape—one where industry and nature could live in harmony.

### IN OUR DREAMS: AN EVENING WITH THE BOB KOLB JAZZ QUARTET

Thursday, July 27 from 7-8:30pm

Get swept away on a dream with an evening of live jazz music. Bob Kolb began working in jazz combos, big bands and show bands. He has played in bands backing Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Sammy Davis, Jr., and many others.

## ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS\*

*THE ENDLESS VESSEL* WITH CHARLES SOULE

Saturday, July 15 at 2pm

*CHATTER: THE VOICE IN OUR HEAD, WHY IT MATTERS, AND HOW TO HARNESS IT* WITH ETHAN KROSS

Thursday, July 20 at 1pm

*CRYING IN THE BATHROOM: A MEMOIR* WITH ERIKA SANCHEZ

Tuesday, July 25 at 4pm

\* Register at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org)

## FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEES



Join us for free movies! Popcorn will be provided.

July 14 at 2pm: *Jaws*  
(PG, run time 2hr, 4min)

July 28 at 2pm: *In the Heights*  
(PG-13, run time 2hr, 22min)

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



**ROMANCE:** Thursday, July 13 at 10am

*Girls of Flight City* by Lorraine Heath

Questions? Email [cratzenberger@milfordct.gov](mailto:cratzenberger@milfordct.gov)

**POP FICTION:** Tuesday, July 18 at 7pm

*Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara

Questions? Email [cangeli@milfordct.gov](mailto:cangeli@milfordct.gov)

**CLASSIC:** Thursday, July 27 at 10am

*Sula* by Toni Morrison

Questions? Email [abbeynancy15@gmail.com](mailto:abbeynancy15@gmail.com)

## CLOSURES

Tuesday, July 4

## ARTISTS

Gallery and Cases: Gayle Caro

Windows: Crystal Beetham

## PASSPORT

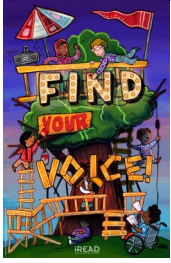
Tuesday: 4-8pm | Saturday: 10am-2pm

By appointment only. Please call 203-783-3309.

# CHILDREN'S

203-783-3312

Email [mpclchildren@milfordct.gov](mailto:mpclchildren@milfordct.gov)



## SUMMER READING GRADES K-5

**June 19 –September 1**

Read-and-Bead! Read books to earn beads and create your own summer reading necklace. Keep track of your books and complete challenges to earn prizes in person or on [READsquared](https://www.readsquared.com).

Visit the Children's page at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) for more information.

## LEARN TO KNIT\*

**Friday, July 7 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

Grades K-5. If you are interested in learning a new skill, knitting is something fun and different that you can learn in less than 20 minutes! You will learn how to cast on stitches, knit, and cast-off. At the end, you will have made a friendship bracelet that you can wear yourself or give to your friend!

## OUTDOOR STORIES AND SONGS

**Mondays, July 10 and 24 at 10:30am**

Ages 0-5. Join us at the Fowler Pavilion behind the library to share stories and songs! We will dance and play with sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and more! This program is weather dependent. No seating will be provided, feel free to bring a beach chair or blanket.

## BUILD IT! FAMILY STEM PLAYTIME

**Tuesday, July 11 from 2-3pm**

Ages 5 and up. Keva planks, LEGOS®, Picasso Tiles, and more!

## SUMMER PAINT EVENT WITH THE GIGGLING PIG\*

**Wednesday, July 12 from 11am-12:30pm**

Ages 5-10. Children will receive step-by-step instruction from a Giggling Pig instructor on how to draw a whimsical summer octopus learning watercolor painting techniques along the way!

## CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER: PLAYING WITH POLYMERS\*

**Thursday, July 13. Grades K-2 from 2pm-2:45pm. Grades 3-5 from 3pm-3:45pm**

Explore how polymers are made by cross-linking molecules. Explore different properties of polymers using super-absorbent powders, squishy orbs, and stretchy goo!

## THE VOICE OF MAGIC WITH MATT MATTHEWS

**Wednesday, July 19 from 6:30 -7:30pm**

Grades K-5. This magic show is highly visual and extremely interactive! Children will learn how to do a magic trick and then every child gets to take home a special souvenir of the trick they've learned how to do.

## GOODNIGHT, LIBRARY

**Thursday, July 20 at 6pm**

Ages 5 and under. An evening family storytime before you turn in for the night.

## FOOD EXPLORERS: WAFFLE CONE FRUIT SALADS & BINGO\*

**Wednesday, July 26 from 2:30pm-3:30pm**

Grades 2-5. Join Food Explorers for a delicious summer cooking making Waffle Cone Fruit Salads! You'll also test your food knowledge with a game of food riddle bingo and see how many foods you can guess!

## OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT WITH AL DECANT

**Friday, July 28 from 2:30-3:30pm**

Join us at the Lisman Landing Pavilion to sing, dance, and find your voice with Al deCant, the singing principal! Cool-off after the show with ice cream from Scoopy Doo's. All kids who attend will receive a coupon for \$1 off and free sprinkles! Come support one of Milford's local businesses.

## CURIOUS CREATURES ANIMAL SHOW\*

**Wednesday, August 2 at 2:30pm**

Grades K- 5. Learn tolerance, respect and understanding for all animals that walk, slither or crawl on the earth in an entertaining and fun way. With an interactive and hands-on program, Curious Creatures excels in getting children of all ages (including adults) to interact with and touch exotic animals that they would not commonly be around.

\*Register online at [milfordpubliclibrary.org](http://milfordpubliclibrary.org)

# YOUNG ADULT

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## SUMMER READING GRADES 6-12

**June 19 -August 28**

Read at least 500 minutes this summer! Keep track of your books on [READsquared](https://www.readsquared.com) and attend programs to earn scratch-off tickets and prizes along the way!

## YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

**Thursday, July 6 from 6:30 to 8pm**

Grades 6-12. Relax in a casual environment with your peers and some fun board/card games! UNO, Sushi Go, Catan, Codenames, Fluxx, Exploding Kittens, Apples to Apples, and more!

## FLASHBACK FRIDAY MOVIE SERIES

**July 7 at 2pm– Back to the Future (PG)**

**July 21 at 2pm–Clueless (PG-13)**

Grades 6-12. Join us for popcorn, soda & a good movie! You may also bring your own snacks/drinks.

## BOOK BUZZ\*

**July 10 at 3:30pm Middle School (Gr. 6-8)**

**July 24 at 3:30pm High School (Gr. 9-12)**

Bring a book or two that you've been reading this summer and enjoyed! It can be fiction, non-fiction, graphic novel, an audiobook – anything! We will discuss and design posters and quick promo videos to advertise these great reads to your peers!

## FOOD EXPLORERS: CHOPPED! TACO EDITION\*

**Tuesday, July 11 from 3:30 to 4:30pm**

Grades 6-12. Work as a team to design and make the world's best tacos! You'll choose from an assortment of vegetarian ingredients to make your own taco filling and various dips and side dishes.

## JEFF HORTON'S MAGIC WORKSHOP\*

**Wednesday, July 12 from 4-5pm**

Grades 6-12. Join magician Jeff Horton for a one hour workshop on magic with everyday objects. Registrants will learn methods and presentational ideas, and the library's resources "hidden in plain sight"!

## RARE AND REMARKABLE WITH WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER

**Tuesday, July 18 from 4-5pm**

Grades 6-12. White Memorial Conservation Center will use live animals and several interactive games to teach you what local species are considered in peril, why they're each important, and what we can do to help them.

## YA CRAFTERNOON: WASHI TAPE PAINTING\*

**Wednesday, July 19 from 3:30-5pm**

Grades 6-12. Using washi tape, paint, and our imaginations, we will create masterpieces! All supplies are provided.

## POLYMER CLAY WORKSHOP: DRAGON RELIEF PORTRAIT\*

**Thursday, July 20 from 6-8:30pm**

Grades 6-12. Come join Artist Deb Jaffe to create your very own Dragon Relief portrait. Deb will teach the basics of sculpture, texture and form, but it's up to each participant to add as much or as little detail to their own portrait as they prefer.

## ANIME WORKSHOP WITH THE GIGGLING PIG\*

**Tuesday, July 25 from 7-8PM**

Grades 6-12. Join Ms. Crystal of The Giggling Pig Milford for a Cartooning & Anime Workshop at the Milford Public Library! We will create sketches of our very own anime cartoons, learn how to draw facial proportions, expressions, hair styles and more!

## BEYOND THE BREED: EXPLORING CAT DNA

**Wednesday, July 26 from 3:30 to 4:30pm**

Grades 6-12. This workshop presented by the Connecticut Humane Society will provide cat owners and fanatics alike with a basic understanding of feline genetics. Owners will gain the skills needed to begin identifying cat breeds based on their physical appearance, and a background in feline evolution.

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