

Milford Public Library

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

February 2024



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Milford, CT 06460
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GENEALOGY CLASS

Monday, February 5 at 11am

Genealogist Greg Thompson covers different topics each month to help you in your own genealogy research.

HIDING ANNE FRANK

Saturday, February 10 at 2pm

Join us for a special solo performance with actor and playwright Prudence Wright Holmes. Holmes stars as Miep Gies, the brave woman who kept the Frank family's secret and saved Anne's diary.

LEARN ABOUT THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM

Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm

Join Planetarium and Tech Director Elliot Severn for a presentation about his professional rocket launch photography. He is an astrophotographer and photojournalist, who has covered the US space program for the last decade. Elliot's photography is currently on display at the C.H. Booth library in Newtown, in conjunction with a special NASA exhibit entitled *Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Worlds*, from March through May 2024.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm

Join Officer Brianna MacDonald to learn about the current risks of going online and strategies to keep our kids safe. To register, contact Douglas Mills from MYFS, at 203-783-3253 or email at dmills@milfordct.gov. Walk-ins also welcome.

SCARY MOVIE NIGHT WITH MILFORD HORROR

Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30pm

A double feature of classic shorts: *The Raven* (1935) and *Freaks* (1932). Hosted by Adrian Elder of milfordhorror.com. Free popcorn and a lively Q&A to follow.

CANVA: FREE AND EASY PAGE LAYOUT & DESIGN

Wednesday, February 28 at 7pm

With thousands of free templates for items from business cards to resumes, Canva can make everyone feel like a professional. Join us for a virtual tour of this free and popular graphic design site and learn to create your own designs.

EXERCISE FOR HEALTHY AND ACTIVE AGING WITH GEORGE NORDEN

Thursday, February 29 at 2pm

Exercise physiologist George Norden shares common misconceptions of strength training as we age, how to do so safely and effectively regardless of physical limitations, and how to optimize results from an exercise program to improve strength, balance, energy, and overall functionality.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

ROMANCE: Thursday, February 8 at 10am

Mistress by Amanda Quick

Questions? Email cratzenberger@milfordct.gov

POP FICTION: Tuesday, February 20 at 7pm

Your House Will Pay by Steph Cha

Questions? Email cangeli@milfordct.gov

CLASSIC: Thursday, February 29 at 10am

Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson

Questions? Email abbeynancy15@gmail.com



ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS*



Fangirl Down with Tessa Bailey

Thursday, February 8 at 8pm

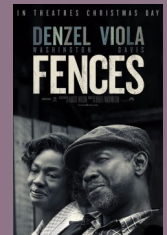
Hell of a Book with Jason Mott

Tuesday, February 20 at 4pm

Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity with Kim Scott

Wednesday, February 28 at 2pm

TUESDAY MOVIE MATINEE



February 6 at 2pm: *Fences*
(PG-13, run time 2 hr, 13 min)

February 20 at 2pm: *MLK/FBI*
(PG, run time 1 hr, 44 min)

CLOSURES

Monday, February 19

ARTISTS

Gallery: Peg Furtak

Cases: Ronda Zalenski

Windows: Crystal Beetham

PASSPORT

Tuesday: 4-8pm

Thursday: 10am-2pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

By appointment only.

Please call 203-783-3309.

CHILDREN'S

203-783-3312

Email mpclchildren@milfordct.gov



WINTER STORYTIME SESSION

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9—February 8 | February 27 — March 28

Tuesdays at 10:15am: *Toddlers and Walkers* with a caregiver

Tuesdays at 11am: *Preschool Age* with a caregiver

Thursdays at 10:15am: *Babies and Crawlers* with a caregiver

Thursdays at 11am: *Toddlers and Walkers* with a caregiver

Join us for songs, fingerplays, and stories in a relaxed and friendly environment. Extra toys will be put out in the Children's Department for free play. *Tuesday's and Thursday's Toddlers and Walkers programs will be the same. Please attend one per week so there is space for other families to attend.*

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 3

10:30am —MAD SCIENCE: WINTER WONDER LAB SHOW

Mad Science will kick off the day with their Winter Wonder Lab Show. Join us as we use our indoor fireworks to create a festival of lights and share our top secret "special ice", shipped straight from the North Pole. Is it magic, or is it science? Come find out! *Registration is not required but attendance will be capped at room capacity.*

10am to 3pm —WINTER-THEMED ACTIVITIES

Play a special Winter / Spy for a small prize, take pictures with fun photo props, do simple art and building activities, and enter a raffle to win winter-themed STEM toys! Sign up for a new library card and receive a favor bag to personalize your own card holder.

BUILD YOUR OWN HISTORY BOOK WITH STICKER BOOK

PUBLISHING: BLACK HISTORY MONTH*

Tuesday, February 6 from 6-7pm

Grades 4-8. Based out of Newtown, CT, Sticker Book Publishing creates and publishes Sticker Books for all ages that combine reading, history, problem-solving, and of course, hands-on fun. Celebrate Black History Month, PLUS keep your own book!

YOUNG ADULT

203-701-4554

Email dvalenzano@milfordct.gov

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, February 1 & 15 from 6–8pm

Grades 9-12. Are you interested in being a positive influence on your library while earning volunteer hours for school? Join our Teen Advisory Group! Members of TAG will help the YA librarian with programs, planning, displays, and more! New members are welcome, but you must fill out an application on the Young Adult page and submit prior to meeting!

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YA CRAFTAFTERNOON: KINDNESS CRAFTS

Wednesday, February 7 from 3:30–5 pm

Work together to create kindness cards and rocks in honor of Valentine's Day. Make some to keep and some to donate. Cards will be donated to local nursing homes and rocks will be spread throughout the city.

FILING THE 2024-2025 FAFSA*

Thursday, February 8 from 6–8pm

Join us as we help you navigate through the newest FAFSA filing process. This is for those students applying for the 2024-2025 FAFSA along with their parents/legal guardians. We will walk through the FAFSA process and help answer any questions you have. This workshop is being offered by Brian Leonelli-Blain Associate Director of the Financial Aid Office at Fairfield Bellarmine.

Please consult the [event page](#) on our website to find out what you will need to bring to attend this program.

CHILDREN'S CRAFTAFTERNOON: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS*

Wednesday, February 7 at 2:30pm

Grades 2-5. Join us on the early dismissal to make friendship bracelets using elastic cord, colored and alphabet beads.

LEGO MAKERS

Tuesday, February 13 from 6-7pm

Grades K-5. Unleash your imagination using our collection of LEGOS®! Meet friends, build creatively, and share your creation! Challenges will be provided, or you can free build.

LITTLE LEAPS DANCE ADVENTURES: DANCING WITH FRIENDS*

Wednesday, February 14 at 10am

Ages 3-5. Join Little Leaps Dance Adventures on Valentine's Day for an event filled with dance, fun, friends, and hugs! Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend and participate in a creative movement dance class exploring all the fun ways to move and dance with our friends!

GOODNIGHT, LIBRARY

Thursday, February 15 at 6pm

Ages 0-5. Visit the library for an evening family storytime and craft or sensory play before you turn in for the night.

FANS OF FICTION: WINGS OF FIRE EDITION*

Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm

Grades 2-5. This month, we will be writing original dragon prophecies based on the *Wings of Fire* series by Tui T. Sutherland. Never read the books? That's okay! Meet other *Wings of Fire* fans and write your own prophecy for the dragons of Pyrrhia!

POKEMON MEET-UP*

Tuesday, February 22 at 4pm

Grades K-5. Join us after school and come celebrate all things Pokémon! Bring your cards to show off to fellow fans, do a Pokémon-themed craft, or try a Pokémon board game.

***Register at milfordlibrary.org**



SPILL SOME INK*

Tuesday, February 13 & 27 from 3–4:30pm

Ages 12-18. Join our Teen Writing Group - Spill Some Ink - where we will share writing prompts, activities, and exercises to get your creative energy surging! All types of writers are welcome, even artists! Registration is encouraged for new members.

FURRY, SCALY FRIENDS*

Thursday, February 15 from 6:30–7:30pm

Grades 6-12. Furry Scaly Friends educates and entertains with a relaxed program filled with facts and hands-on animal experiences! Participants will be able to see and touch many furry and scaly friends up close! From prairie dogs to pythons, sugar gliders, hedgehogs, chinchillas, lizards, axolotl, and more, Furry, Scaly Friends brings them all!

STRESS-LESS-FEST!

Wednesday, February 21 from 2 to 4pm

Grades 6-8. Join us for a monthly Stress-Less-Fest! Certified Therapy Mini-Horse Lollypop will join us with her handler Victoria. Therapy animals encourage feelings of wellbeing, reduce stress, and generally improve a person's physical or emotional function. Give a brush, a pet, or a hug. Lollypop's handler/owner Victoria will also be telling us all about the process taken to train Lollypop as a certified therapy horse. Milford Prevention Council will also join us with activities and information monthly to decompress. Drop-in or stay the whole time.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOVIE

Thursday, February 22 from 6–8pm

Grades 6-8. Watch a movie together in honor of Black History Month. We will be watching *Remember the Titans* to spark important conversations about the Civil Rights Movement and Black History Month. Discussion questions and resource lists will be provided to take home.

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