



First Tuesday Films



Darkest Hour (2017, PG-13) Tuesday, May 1st at 2:00 pm

As Hitler's forces storm across the European landscape and close in on the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman) is elected the new Prime Minister. With his party questioning his every move, it is up to Churchill to lead his nation and protect them from the most dangerous threat ever seen.

The Post (2017, PG-13) Tuesday, June 5th at 2:00 pm

Meryl Streep as Kay Graham and Tom Hanks as Ben Bradlee in a battle for free speech between a newspaper and the government. *Free popcorn and comfy seats at all films!*



Autism Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm

This group is open to parents, caregivers, relatives or anyone whose life has been touched by autism. Sharing of experiences will be encouraged as every unique story can offer inspiration and hope to others who are traveling a similar path. Books will be on display and recommendations will be offered for books that are informative, inspiring, and helpful for those living with autism. Those attending will be encouraged to share books that have been helpful along their journey. Supervised children are welcome to attend.



Meet the Beekeeper

Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm

Mike Carey from the Connecticut Beekeepers Association will present an introduction to beekeeping. He builds his own hives and will show these as well as a live hive. *Children and Adults welcome.*

Friends of the Library Meeting



Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 pm

The Friends of the Library donate time and treasure to Jonathan Trumbull Library. New friends are welcome to join and volunteer.

Adult and Family Game Nights

~Escape the Library



Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm

You may be locked in a laboratory, prison or manor house with only one hour to escape. The consequences of failure will be disastrous but victory will be sweet.

~Bring Your Own Book

Thursday, May 24th at 6:00 pm

Bring Your Own Book is the name of the game. From a prompt like - "Dating advice for your aunt" you have one minute to find a sentence in your book and all the players vote on the best answer.



Hot Chicks with Sticks

Mondays, May 7th and 21st at 6:30 pm

Like to knit? All knitters are welcome to join this friendly group. Crochet is welcome too!

Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm

A Furnace Afloat: The Wreck of the Hornet and the Harrowing 4,300-Mile Voyage of Its Survivors by Joe Jackson (Led by Art Wallace)



In 1866, an American clipper ship accidentally caught on fire and sank, leaving its crew on three lifeboats for more than six weeks until they eventually reached Hawaii.

All readers welcome. Light refreshments served.

Yoga and Meditation

Monday, May 14th at 6:30 pm



Join Gajinder Kaur for a free Kundalini Yoga and meditation practice in our community room. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Oscar Winner Wednesday

The Shape of Water (2017, R)



Wednesday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm

A cleaning woman discovers a classified experiment and falls in love in a modern day fairy tale. Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer.

Free popcorn and comfy seats at all Oscar Winner Wednesdays!

~ A Message from the Director ~

I encourage you and your children to come to the library every week. Serendipity will lead you to discover new books that will educate, entertain, and enlighten. Audiobooks will make your commute better. Kids that look for books become curious, and this state of mind is essential for learning. Do you have any research questions that you have been unable to solve? Ask a librarian. We have ways of finding your answers... - Matt Earls



Adopt an Author

Consider adopting an author in honor of a friend or loved one. You sign up, we purchase the book each time one comes out, you pay our discounted price (almost half off), we put in a bookplate honoring your friend, and you read it first!



JTL Youth Services



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Mother's Day Craft

Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 am

A beautiful paper May Basket (with no bottom!) is the perfect craft for the younger to surprise their Moms with. The basket is made to look like grass and has small flowers decorating it. Children will need to cut straight lines on the template, while the flowers will be pre-cut. **Parental help appreciated. Ages 4 and up. Limit 15. Please register.**



LEGO® Theme Building

Wednesday, May 16th at 4:00 pm

May Theme: My Favorite Place.

Build a unique LEGO creation based on our monthly theme and we'll display your work in the library! **Ages 4 and up.**



Open Teen Manga/Cartoon Drawing

Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 am



Gather your art supplies and friends and spend the morning sketching. We'll have various Manga and Cartoon books available for inspiration! **Ages 12 and up.**

Cut Paper Flowers

Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm



Decorate the top of a gift, your wall or share with a friend...so many things to do with these bright, bold flowers. The patterns are printed on colorful paper that you'll cut out and glue together. You will need to bring a pair of small, sharp scissors with you.

Ages 14 to adult. Limit 15 participants. Please register.

Homeschoolers Making



Wednesday, May 9th at 2:30 pm

Find community with other homeschool families while we provide a monthly STEAM activity for your children. In May, we will transform a paper towel tube into a dazzling kaleidoscope.

Pokémon Club

Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 am



Bring your Pokémon cards to swap or your device with a Pokémon game to play with friends. New to Pokémon? We have experienced players who will be happy to show you the ropes.

Movie: We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Tuesday, May 29th at 6:00 pm



Join your friends as we watch the animated movie, We're Going on a Bear Hunt. (25 min.)

At the end of the movie, we'll gather to make a related bear craft. **Ages 3 and up.**

Read, Rock & Rhyme: Infants to 24 months & their caregivers

Wednesdays at 10:30 am ~ May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30



Read, Rock and Rhyme is fashioned after the Mother Goose on the Loose program that integrates the latest research in early literacy and infant brain development with traditional story time elements. Join us weekly as we share books, rhymes, musical instruments, songs, movement, flannel board tales, puppets, finger plays, and more. This program is designed for the birth to 24 month audience, but siblings are welcome. Open play is available at the end of the program.



Time for Stories: 2s, 3s, & their caregivers

Mondays at 10:00 am ~ May 7, 14, & 21

Time for Stories is a weekly early literacy program filled with age-appropriate activities. Please join us for stories, rhymes, flannel boards, finger plays, music, and more. This program is designed for a preschool audience, but siblings are welcome.

Open play is available at the end of the program.

JTL was recently awarded a \$700 grant for the Louis and Mae Heller Initiative for Holocaust and Human Rights Education for Young Children.

This program allows Temple Bnai Israel's Hochberg Holocaust and Human Rights Committee to provide grants to area libraries in honor and remembrance of Willimantic residents, and Holocaust survivors, Lou and Mae Heller. After being freed from concentration camps, Lou and Mae met in a displaced persons camp after WWII, came to the United States, and settled in Willimantic. Their lives were a testament to courage, to a will not only to survive, but to reclaim their lives and heritage.

The project aims to enlighten children and their parents about a subject that is often very difficult for all to comprehend and discuss. The titles were specifically chosen to help all of us "Repair the Past by Building the Future". It is the Committee's belief that understanding methods of peace, as well as learning of our past, will help to do just that.