

# THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES



WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARIES

FALL 2021



Greetings from the Farmington Libraries!

Despite the challenges of the past year, I am pleased to say our dedicated Board of Trustees, our amazing staff and our wonderful volunteers have put your family's health and safety and the wellbeing of everyone in our community first and we were able to continue to provide library and information services in the wake of COVID-19 starting in March 2020. Fortunately, we were able to implement a flexible phased-in reopening plan that included curbside pickup, grab-and-go services, take-and-make craft kits for all-ages and hundreds of other online programs for children, teens and adults in order to significantly lower the public health risks and protect our patrons and staff. While we are continuing to closely monitor the health metrics and consult with Town Manager Kathy Blonski and her team, staff at the Farmington Valley Health District, as well as our colleagues at the CT State Library, we were able to reinstate full

library services, including all of our normal hours of operation on July 1st. In addition, as of September 11th, our fall Saturday hours are in effect and we are open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

In order to help support the health needs of those in our community, I am also pleased to announce we will be partnering with Hartford Healthcare in offering a **Community Health Series** of programs starting this fall, including an online program about vaccinations on **Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 pm** featuring Dr. Virginia Bieluch, Chief of Infectious Diseases at The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center. This program will be the first in a series of programs relating physical and mental health, nutrition, dementia/Alzheimer's, autoimmune diseases, and more, some of which will be offered online and some of which will be offered in-person once health conditions allow. As we look ahead to fall, please check our website at [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org) for the most up-to-date information about this series and all of our programs and services, both at the Main Library and the Barney Library.

Board of Trustees Chair Jorie Andrews and I are also pleased to welcome two new Trustees to the Libraries: Farmington residents Norma Hartley (Chair, Art Committee) and Kate Martorelli (Member, Personnel Committee) have joined the Board and will be working with us to strengthen and support the Libraries. We look forward to serving you and your family and to welcoming you back to the Libraries this fall!

Be well,

*Christopher Lindquist, Executive Director*

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## ADULT & TEEN SERVICES

Welcome back one and all to the Adult Information Services Department!

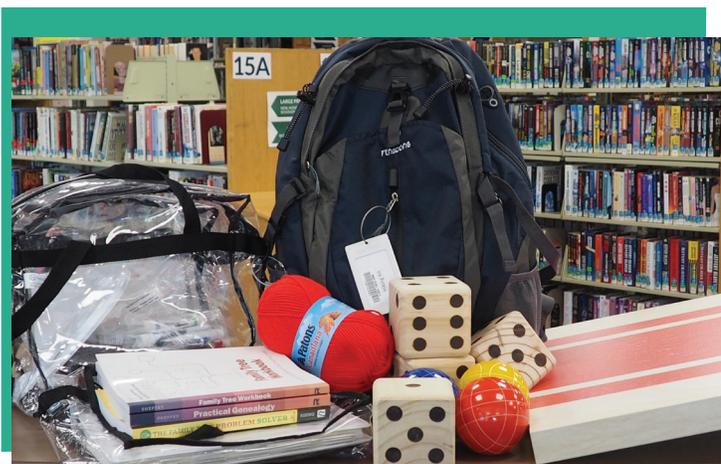
If you have not yet visited us we are open for unlimited browsing and our computers are on and ready to use. No appointment is necessary. The Farmington Room is now open every Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, so stop by for a visit.

We invite you to check out our new Spanish language book collection, Criterion DVD collection, and our new wireless hotspots. We also have brand-new Crafting Kits! Have you ever wanted to learn to knit, do calligraphy or try soap-making? Stop by and check one out during your next visit.

Explore our **Library of Things** with many wonderful and fun items to checkout. Try your hand at Cornhole, Bocce Ball, Giant Dice, or lawn Connect Four. We also have a Karaoke Machine for singing your heart out or a microscope for discovering what organisms live in the Farmington River.

Did you know that the library has many e-resources available to you right from home? All you need is a library card! We have **Consumer Reports**, **Transparent Language**, **JobNow** for help with resumes, and so many other resources available. Explore the **Libby app** and **Hoopla** for e-books, audiobooks, and more.

The Main Library is open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please stop by, call 860-673-6791 press 5, or email us at [flref@farmingtonlibraries.org](mailto:flref@farmingtonlibraries.org). We look forward to seeing you soon!



### WELCOME, SAGE!

We are very pleased to welcome Sage Gentry, our new Teen Services Librarian! Sage, who is working towards her Masters in Library Science degree from Rutgers University, joined the Libraries on September 13th. She has a love for all things YA, Disney and Star Wars and she cannot wait to meet everyone!



**GHOSTS AND LEGENDS WITH JEFF BELANGER** Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Sign up and take a journey through haunts in your backyard, and around the world.



**THE MODERNISTICS QUINTET: THE 20s ROAR AGAIN!** Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 pm on the Main Library Lawn enjoy hit songs, high-energy tap dance numbers, and exuberant instrumentals.



**9TH ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT LECTURE** Wednesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Elizabeth Deutsch shares her story, one of unfathomable suffering, that is ultimately inspirational proof of the resilience of the human spirit.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Farmington Libraries Kids' Place is so excited to welcome everyone back into our department! All of our materials are available for circulation - books, magazines, video games, music, DVDs, audiobooks, toy bags, and kits, which include early learning and storytelling backpacks, phonics bags, STEM activities, and more! Our friendly staff is ready to answer questions and recommend items for all visitors.

We offer a wide range of programs for children and parents each month, including staff-led storytimes, art explorations, science experiments, and more. Our plan is to offer small group, indoor programming, in addition to virtual and take & make options this fall. We will also bring in some special performances, all free of charge for our attendees.

Thanks to some funding from the Farmington Village Green & Library Association and the Friends of the Libraries, the Kids' Place at the Main Library will be getting an update in the coming year! New paint, a new Tween Space, more kid-sized furniture, and some rearranging will help us to better serve all the families that visit our space.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly newsletter and visit our event calendar, web page, and Kids' Place Facebook page for all of our children's events, news, and updates.

## THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Farmington Libraries are planning for an indoor Book Sale from December 10 - 13. In order for this Book Sale to be successful, we are asking our community to donate like-new (2015 to present) books, fiction or non-fiction, for the sale. We cannot accept magazines, sets of books, CDs, DVDs or any books that are older, tattered or show signs of aging such as yellowing, mildew or dust.

Visit [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org) for more information on donation guidelines, membership and other Friends updates!



### FRIDAY SURPRISE ON FACEBOOK

**LIVE!** Fridays, October 15 - November 19 at 10:30 am on our Kids' Place Facebook page. Enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more surprises!



### PJ STORYTIME ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

Wednesdays, October 13 - November 17 at 6:30 pm join us on our Kids' Place Facebook page for a relaxing, interactive storytime that will help your child wind down at the end of the day.



### READ TO SOPHIE THE DOG

Saturday, November 20 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Call the Main Library to schedule your very own 10-minute, one-on-one snuggle and read time.

## THE BARNEY LIBRARY

The Barney Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and has added evening hours on Wednesdays, when we are open from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm!

This summer we were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather to hold programs outside on the back stairs at the Barney Library for both adults and children. Check out our program calendar to find out what's happening at the Barney Library.

We have wonderful new books in our adult collection, including the latest bestsellers. You can now check out jewelry crafting kits that include all the tools you need to make new jewelry or repair your own. The Barney Library children's collection recently added several new Playaways of popular children's titles. Your child can listen to them with your own headphones or you can plug them into the car to listen as a family. And thanks to a donation from a local group, Lemonade4change, there's a new collection of diverse books for you to enjoy.

The staff look forward to welcoming you back to the Barney Library this fall!

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## LOCATIONS & HOURS

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
6 MONTEITH DRIVE

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
*(KIDS' PLACE CLOSSES AT 8PM MON-THURS)*

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**BARNEY LIBRARY**  
71 MAIN STREET

**MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY, SATURDAY**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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