

**KIDS**

**Storytime Tuesdays, 10:30am**  
Join us for songs, stories and rhymes! We'll have a fun, interactive 25 minute storytime followed by an optional playtime or craft. This storytime is geared towards children ages 2 - 4, though children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome!



**Babytime Thursdays, 9:30am**  
We'll share bounces, rhymes, songs, and stories with you and baby at this short storytime, followed by playtime. Recommended for birth to about 24 months. Older kids are welcome to attend with you and baby.

**Music and Movement Thursdays, 10:30am**  
Dance, stretch, move, sing, and play! This very active, music-filled program will encourage early literacy skills through songs, movement, and play with rhythm instruments and props. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers; about 25 minutes. *On March 21st, a free concert for kids with Miss Carole of Macaroni Soup will be held in place of the regular program.*

**Maker Wednesdays Wednesdays, 2-3:30pm**  
Get creative with weekly activities for kids focused on making, building, and creativity. No registration required. Recommended for ages 5 & up, held on Wed. when Norwalk Schools are in session and release early. *None on 3/13, join us for spring break activities!*

**Play Café Fridays, March 15th and April 19th, 10-11:30am**  
Connect and play at this monthly playgroup! We will provide coffee & tea for parents & caregivers, and activities recommended for children 5 and under.

**Bilingual Storytime/Cuenta cuentos Bilingüe Saturdays, March 2nd & 16th, 10:30am**  
We are delighted to offer bilingual storytime in Spanish/English! Join us for exciting stories, songs, & activities! Recommended for children 5 & under with a parent/caregiver. Nuestra Biblioteca se complace en ofrecer cuentacuentos bilingüe en Español e Inglés. Por favor acompañenos a escuchar historias emocionantes, cantos y actividades. Recomendado para niños de 5 años y menores acompañados de un adulto.

**Spring Break Activities March 11th - March 15th**  
Over spring break, we'll host a variety of family-friendly activities and crafts. Some events may require registration. Registered events will have age restrictions. See website for further details.

-  **March 11 - 1:30-3pm - Drop-in Building Challenges**
- March 12 - 1:30-2:30pm - Slime Lab\***
- March 13 - 1:30-2:30pm - CultureALL Kenyan Beading\***
- March 14 - 1:30-3pm - Drop-in Button Making**
- March 15 - 1:30-3pm - Drop-in Art Studio**

**Fun Music for Kids with Macaroni Soup! Thursday, March 21st, 10:30am**  
We're so excited to share a special free concert for kids and their grownups! Miss Carole will sing and play fun, active music that gets EVERYONE wiggling and giggling, hopping and stomping, and singing along! Presented in place of that day's Music and Movement program.

**Library STEM Lab\* Saturdays, March 30th & April 20th, 10-11am**  
Sessions will have hands-on STEM activities inspired by book selections. Each event will focus on a specific STEM concept or skill, including coding, engineering, and foundational math. Ages 4-7. Caregivers must remain in the library during the program, but are encouraged to enjoy other library services while attendees participate. **Registration required. Space is limited.**

**PBS STEAM Trailer Visit April 4-11, varied drop-in times to be announced**  
Iowa PBS Education's trailer full of interactive, hands-on STEAM-based activities will be visiting the library April 4-11! We will have trailer activities at 4/5 Homeschool Meetup and 4/10 Maker Wed., and additional drop-in times.

**TWEENS & TEENS**

**Teen Leadership Council (TLC), Saturdays, March 30th & April 20th, 4-5:30pm**  
At the TLC, teens take the lead on designing programs for teens. Meet-ups include snacks, chatting about books, and brainstorming/planning future programs. **The TLC is for teens who have applied & been accepted. The application deadline for the 2023-2024 school year has passed. Interested teens should keep their eyes out for next year's application season! Grades 7 - 12th.**

**Teen Takeover Thursdays, 3:30-5pm**  
A weekly event for teens that includes hangouts and special editions. **Registration strongly preferred for special editions as supplies are limited for these events. Grades 7th - 12th.**

**Teen Takeover Special: Mac & Cheese in a Mug Thursday, March 7th, 3:30-5pm**  
Make and enjoy mac & cheese at the library! We'll provide standard ingredients, instructions, and some mac & cheese plus-ups for you to personalize your dish.

**Teen Takeover: Hangout Thursdays, March 21st & 28th and April 11th, 18th & 25th, 3:30-5pm**  
We'll play video & board games, have snacks, and provide an assortment of crafts for our teen patrons! **Walk-ins are welcome!**

**Teen Takeover Special: Taxidermied Stuffedies Thursday, April 4th, 3:30-5pm**  
Decapitate a stuffie and personalize its mounting plate! What more could you ask for? All supplies provided.

**CultureALL Workshop: The Ancient Art of Mehndi\* Wednesday, March 13th, 3:30-4:30pm**  
CultureALL Ambassador Sonal Mistry will lead a workshop on the history, significance, and art of applying henna (known as mehndi). Participants will create their own intricate designs & patterns (on paper and/or hands). Please note that henna applied to skin lasts 1-2 weeks. **Registration required. Grades 6 - 12th.**



**Super Smash Bros. Tournament Thursday, March 14th, 3-6pm**  
Battle your peers at this Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament! The winner of the tournament will earn a gift card to GameStop. Attendees are able to bring their own Switch devices to use while not in active tournament play. Brackets will be determined at the beginning of the event, so be sure to arrive on time! Light snacks provided. **Grades 6 - 12th.**

**Hand Sewing with Charlene: Bunnies!\* Monday, March 18th, 3:45-5:45pm**  
Local sewing expert, Charlene, will lead participants on a guided hand-stitching project making a cute, seasonal stuffed sock bunny and a bunny ear headband. Projects are geared toward beginning hand sewers and recommended for those in grades 4 - 6th. Participants must be in 4th grade or older. Registration required.

**Teen After Hours Dungeons and Dragons\* Fridays, March 22nd & April 12th, 5:30-8:30pm**  
Join us once a month for pizza and D&D for teens. Use your imagination as volunteer DMs lead you through exciting RPG adventures! No previous D&D experience is needed. **Registration required. Grades 7 - 12th.**

**Books, Bites & Boba Tuesdays, March 26th & April 23rd, 6-7pm**  
Boba tea, booktalks and noms! There is no assigned reading, just bring yourself and be ready to talk about a book you've been reading, or listen while others share, and sip on some boba tea! **Registration strongly preferred. Grades 6 - 12th.**

**College Café Monday, April 15th, 6-7:30pm**  
College Coach, Carrie Lewis, joins us for a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q&A and drop-in consultation services at this event. Topics and consultation services include high school academic and extra curricular planning, application essay writing, and how to begin your college search process. Light refreshments provided. This program is recommended for 10th & 11th graders and their caregivers.



**Round Up for Reading at the Register**  
Norwalk shoppers can support the NEPL Foundation and library activities like Summer Reading 2024 during "Round Up for Reading" at Fareway Grocers. Shoppers can add to their Fareway register receipt total at checkout with funds raised to support programs and activities of your library during National Library Week, April 7-13. Shoppers' generosity will support the Foundation and the many activities and events planned for 2024.



**ADULTS**

**Forever Fit Mondays & Wednesdays, 9-10am**  
Forever Fit is a free adult fitness series geared for adults age 55+, offering a video-led rotation of strength training, stretching, & special exercises. Attendees should dress comfortably & bring water; we provide everything else! No registration required. See online calendar for the current exercise rotation.



**Forever Fit: Tai Chi Fridays, March 8th & 22nd & April 12th & 26th, 9-10am**  
Tai Chi is a great weight-bearing activity for movement, balance & strength building. It's easy to learn & low impact, making it great for people of all ages. Attendees should dress comfortably. Please bring your own water. No registration required; live instruction by ShadowFist Kung Fu & Tai Chi.

**Game Cafe Wednesdays, March 6th & 20th & April 3rd & 17th, 10:30am-12pm**  
At the Game Cafe, attendees can hop on board to Mexican Train dominoes, deal cards to Bridge or Pitch, or keep it simple with Solitaire or Pyramid while enjoying light refreshments. **Registration recommended; walk-ins will be welcomed!**

**Craft, Chat, Chill Wednesdays, March 13th & 27th & April 10th & 24th, 10:30am-12pm**  
At the Triple C, attendees can get creative with a craft, chat with friends new & old, and chill out from a busy schedule. See online calendar for current craft offerings. **Registration recommended; walk-ins will be welcomed!**

**GameChangers\* Friday, March 1st, 6-9pm**  
Celebrate the creativity & ingenuity of women in the world of board games! The Dealt Hand will teach how to play games. Adults 21 & older may bring their own beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverage to enjoy during the event. **Registration required; opens on 2/16.**



**Forever Fit: Yoga\* Saturday, March 2nd, 9-10am**  
These yoga classes will be focused on breathing & moving with ease. Attendees should dress comfortably. Please bring your own water & mat. Live instructors may vary. **Registration required for yoga due to limited space; opens on 2/17.**

**Let's Get Crafty: Floral Wreaths\* Saturday, March 2nd, 2-4pm**  
Brighten your doors with a touch of spring with a floral wreath! Participants will learn how to assemble a basic wreath form & customize with faux flowers & ribbon. **Registration required; opens on 2/17.**

**Generation Rx Thursday, March 7th, 1-2pm**  
Presented by Maddy Lemons of Employee & Family Resources, Generation RX is an educational program that is designed to address general medication safety & safe medication practices. There are three main learning topics within the program - be your own health advocate, be safe with your medications, and know the risks of medication misuse.

**Summer Youth Volunteer Program**  
As part of this year's Summer Reading Program, we will have our Youth Volunteer program. Youth who have finished grades 6th through 11th can apply to be a summer Youth Volunteer between March 29th and April 19th. If accepted, Youth Volunteers will help support the success of the Summer Reading Program through weekly volunteer shifts dedicated to keeping the library in order, helping to prepare for programs, helping during events, and more! Stay tuned for the application and for more information.

**Get Lit Book Club: The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30-8pm**  
All readers are welcomed at the Get Lit Book Club for an evening of literary discussion. Folks may bring their own beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverage & light snack to enjoy during the discussion.

**What's Cooking?: Breakfast in a Mug\* Thursday, March 21st, 6:30-8pm**  
This food demonstration will focus on two mug recipes: french toast & omelet. Participants can dine on samples & take home the recipes. **Registration required; opens on 2/27.**



**Heartland Heroines: Rosie the Riveter in Iowa Friday, March 22nd, 1-2pm**  
Iowa Author Linda McCann celebrates the stories of 35 Iowa women who answered the call of Rosie the Riveter & joined the workforce during World War II. Linda will have copies of her Rosie book, plus all her other books, available for purchase by cash or check.

**Stitchin' Hour Tuesday, March 26th, 6:30-8pm**  
This is a casual meet-up to chat about your current "stitch" projects, admire each other's work, help one another, & then stitch the rest of the night away! No registration required.

**Let's Get Crafty: Simple Macrame\* Thursday, April 4th, 6:30-8pm**  
Get tied up in this simple macrame craft! Participants will use cord & simple knots to create a simple macrame design around a small jar. **Registration required; opens 3/21.**

**In the Garden Saturday, April 6th, 10am-12pm**  
We're teaming up with the Central Iowa Houseplant Club for morning garden talk & live demonstration. No registration required!



**From Page to Plate: Brunch! Tuesday, April 16th, 6:30-8pm**  
This is a book club turned on its head & focused on food! We pick the food theme; you pick the recipe & cook; we all eat & discuss. This month's theme is brunch items. See online calendar for details & inspiration or ask at the desk!

**Captive: Part Two Thursday, April 18th, 6:30-7:30pm**  
Presenter Chad Timm returns for Part Two and the conclusion of the POW labor program from 1943-1945 in Clarinda & Algona, Iowa.

**Let's Get Crafty: Monogram Paper Wall Art\* Thursday, April 25th, 6:30-8pm**  
Create a personalized work of art using paper strips & quilling techniques. **Registration required; opens on 4/11.**

**Teen-Adult Craft: Pom-Pom Tassel Garlands\* Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30-8pm**  
Participants ages 12 & older will use yarn, felt, & wooden beads to create pom-poms & tassels for a simple garland to hang indoors. **Registration required; opens on 4/2.**



**Homeschool Meetup** *Fridays, March 1st and April 5th, 10-11:30am*  
 Homeschooling families are invited to join us to connect with each other and library staff and enjoy some coffee, juice, and snacks. Held monthly, usually on the first Friday. Each month we'll have a different art and STEM activity for kids as well as information about library resources.

**Spring BREAK Take-home Geode Giveaway** *Starts Friday, March 8th*  
 Pick up one free geode per person (and encouraged eye protection!) to take home and break open. Available while supplies last. Instructions will be included. Adult supervision required.

**International Night: Kazakhstan** *Thursday, March 7th, 6:30-7:30pm*  
 Take an evening to tour the country of Kazakhstan! International exchange student Tami will share the culture, lifestyle, foods, places to visit, & more about her home country. Light refreshments provided. Recommended for ages 10 & up.

**Caturdays at the Library** *Saturdays, March 9th and April 13th, 10am-12pm*  
 Visit with adoptable cats & kittens at the library! On-site adoptions are not available, but enjoy a meet & greet session. Whiskers TNR volunteers will answer your questions about adoptions and the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program.

**Dealt Hand and Donuts** *Saturday, March 23rd, 9am-12pm*  
 Wake up with all-ages board games, donuts and coffee! The Dealt Hand will bring a selection of board games for all ages and will be ready to help you choose one and learn to play. We'll offer coffee, juice, and donuts while supplies last. Registration preferred, so that we know how many donuts to get!



# March 2024

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					<b>1</b> Homeschool Meetup 10-11:30am *GameChangers 6-9pm	<b>2</b> *Forever Fit: Yoga 9-10am Bilingual Storytime 10:30am *Let's Get Crafty 2-4pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Forever Fit 9-10am	<b>5</b> Storytime 10:30am	<b>6</b> Forever Fit 9-10am Game Cafe 10:30am-12pm Maker Wednesday 2-3:30pm	<b>7</b> Babytime 9:30am Music&Mvmnt 10:30am Generation Rx 1-2pm Teen Takeover: Special 3:30-5pm International Night 6:30-7:30pm	<b>8</b> Forever Fit: Tai Chi 9-10am Spring BREAK Geode giveaway begins today	<b>9</b> Caturdays at the Library 10am-12pm
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## Programming Key

All Ages/Family  
 Tweens & Teens

Kids  
 Adults

Program registration and further details available at [norwalklibrary.libcal.com](http://norwalklibrary.libcal.com) (see QR Code) or contact library to register



\* = Registration Required



**Caddy Stacks - Mini-Golf in the Library**  
*Friday, April 26th, 6:30pm Caddy Stacks for Adults \$20 per person*  
*Saturday, April 27th, 10am-4pm Caddy Stacks for Families, free*

Join the NEPL Foundation as they kick off the 1st annual mini-golf fundraiser, Caddy Stacks! With the help of local sponsors, the library stacks will be transformed into an 18-hole mini-golf course. Festivities will tee off with a fundraiser event for adults. Admission is \$20 per person for access to the mini-golf course and tournament play for prizes. Beer and wine will be available for purchase, and there will be appetizers and other beverages at no additional cost. Join in the fun at our silent auction and come dressed in your wackiest golf attire for a special prize.

Families are invited to play through on Saturday, April 27, between 10:00 am-4:00 pm, compliments of the Foundation.

**TLC Escape Room\*** *Saturday, April 13th, 2-5pm*

The Teen Leadership Council is designing an Escape Room for library patrons. Work together to solve puzzles and see if you can escape the room in time! More details will be released closer to the event. Play sessions will have participant limitations and will require registration. Puzzles will be geared towards ages 10+, though younger children can participate with caregiver assistance.

**Taylor Swift Drop-In Party** *Saturday, April 20th, 1-2:30pm*

Taylor Swift fans unite! Celebrate one of pop-culture's most beloved poets during National Poetry Month at the library. Enjoy crafts, activities, and tunes, and most importantly, connect with other T. Swift fans!



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## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10am - 8pm  
 Friday 10am - 6pm  
 Saturday 10am - 5pm  
 Sunday Closed



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