

STRATFORD LIBRARY Summer Programs



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SUMMER HOURS

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READ, RENEW, REPEAT!

Summertime and the living is busy at the Stratford Library. Exciting things are happening every day, so don't miss out! Join us for a wide variety of programs, and celebrate literacy by joining in summer reading fun! Our Summer Reading Program, **Read, Renew, Repeat!** is open to everyone including preschoolers, school aged youth and all adults. Find out how you can participate in summer reading: visit www.stratfordlibrary.org/summer-reading-2024/



Register to reserve your spot at our summer events!



Cornhole & Checkers & Chess . . . Oh MY!

The Library Courtyard has some brand new features this summer. The Town of Stratford has installed new benches & has upgraded the space to include: refurbished bocce & shuffleboard courts, a new cornhole field & new picnic tables with integrated gameboards. Stop by the Library to check out game pieces & instructions for checkers, chess & backgammon. Bocce, shuffleboard & cornhole games are also available to borrow. Come to the Library for a book or program & stick around for some outdoor game-time fun!

New Paradigm Theatre Presents *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*

The Stratford Library is pleased to partner with the New Paradigm Theatre Co. (NPT). NPT will visit the Stratford Library to offer Triple Threat Performance Workshops for children entering grades 1-6 to explore singing, dancing and acting. NPT will present the musical, featuring local and professional actors, at Stratford High School with performances on August 9th-11th.

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory on Stage!

FRIDAY
CHARLIE
AT CHOCOLATE FACTORY
Fri. 8/9 - Sun. 8/11
Stratford High School
Purchase tickets at
www.nptheatre.org

Triple Threat Performance Workshops

Thu. & Fri. 7/11 & 7/12 11:00 am • Library Courtyard
(in case of inclement weather, the workshops will be held in the Lovell Room) Grades 1-6 • Registration required

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



Summer Reading Program



Readers are invited to join the Library's summer reading program *Read, Renew, Repeat*. Read eight books to complete the summer challenge & become a Mayor's Summer Reading Champion with an ice cream party on **August 7**. Registration required on the town website. **Sat. 6/1 - Sat. 8/10 • Children's Dept. • Ages 5-12**

Mayor's Summer Reading Party



Children entering **grades K-7** who read 8 books this summer are eligible to become **Mayor's Reading Champions** & attend an ice cream party on **8/7 from 4-6pm**. Registration required on the town website. Meet Stratford's Mayor Hoydick, choose a free book, & enjoy demonstrations from Matica Arts performers. (Performances courtesy of the Carol Pieper Memorial Fund).

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LEGO Club

Are you a LEGO enthusiast? Build your own creations, & make friends who enjoy LEGOs as much as you do. Build anything your imagination designs. Registration required.



Mon. 6/3 @ 4:00 pm • Sat. 6/29 @ 2:30 pm
Mon. 7/15 @ 2:00 pm • Sat. 7/27 @ 11:00 am
Tues. 8/20 @ 2:00 pm
Children's Dept. • Ages 5-12



Preschool Yoga with Ms. Jyothi

Join us as Jyothi Chintapalli teaches you & your preschooler all about moving their

body, de-stressing, yoga poses, & using breathing techniques. This is a BYOM event (bring your own yoga mat, towel, or blanket)! **Registration required.**

Wed. 6/5 @ 10:30 am • Fri. 6/14 @ 10:30 am
Lovell Room • Ages 2-5

Kindness Club

Kindness Club will meet during the summer to work on projects with a community benefit.



Be a part of our Kindness Club to spread joy & support a spirit of community! **Registration required.**

Thurs. 6/13 & 7/18 @ 4:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 6-11



Book Scientists Grab & Go Kits

Sign up to receive Library books, activities, & a craft on different themes.

Read, learn, & become a Book Scientist! Return the books when they are due & keep the rest. Registration required. **Themes include: Summer Fun (6/14) / Seashore (6/28) / Community (7/12) / National Parks (7/26) / Forest (8/9) / Our World (8/23).** Courtesy of the Carol Pieper Memorial Fund.
Children's Dept. • Ages 3-12

Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge

Provided by the USDA Forest Service in celebration of Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday. Learn about wildfire prevention, forests, natural resource careers, & Stratford's own environment by reading books, taking action, receiving prizes, & having fun! Register at the Library. **Sat. 6/15 • All Day Event begins @ 10:00 am • Children's Dept. • All Ages**



Beardsley Zoo Scavenger Hunt

Families may visit the Library to look for scratch off cards with prizes for use at the Beardsley Zoo. One card per family. Check out the Library's prairie dog display during your visit. **Sat. 6/15 All Day Event begins at 10:00 am • Children's Dept. • All Ages**



Craft of the Week Table

Children can stop by to enjoy the craft of the week with help from teen volunteers, while



supplies last. Young children may need a grown-up's help. **Mon. - Thurs. 6/17 - 8/2 @ 10:00 am - noon & 2:00 - 6:00 pm & Fri. 10:00 am - noon • Children's Dept. • Up to Age 12**

Read to Me Program

Young children are invited to read, write, sing, talk, & play this summer with prizes for reading & activities each month. All participants



will receive an invitation to a party on September 12. Registration required. **Sat. 6/1 - Sat. 8/10 • Children's Dept. • Up to Age 8**

Summer Storytimes



Music Time! Join us for rhymes & songs. Registration required. **Mon. 6/17 - 7/29 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 0-2**

Preschool Storytime! Join us for rhymes & songs. Registration required. **Tues. 6/18 - 7/30 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 3-5**

Baby Lapsit! Join us for rhymes & songs. Registration required. **Thurs. 6/27, 7/18 & 8/1 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 0-18 months**

Summer Art

Join us for fine art classes this summer! Registration required. **Tues. 6/18 @ 4:00 pm**
Wed. 7/3 @ 11:00 am
Tues. 7/30 @ 4:00 pm
Children's Program Room • Ages 7-12



Drop-in Juneteenth Craft

Celebrate America's newest federal holiday by creating Juneteenth bracelets with colorful beads. Drop-in any time; all welcome while supplies last.



Wed. 6/19 All Day Event begins at 10:00 am • Children's Dept. • All Ages (Craft contains small pieces)

Curious Creatures

Check out the Curious Creatures show - a hands-on educational experience with a variety of animals. Learn fascinating facts about a diverse collection of species. Animals may include a skunk, a hedgehog, frogs, ferrets, or cockroaches. Courtesy of the Vicki Soto Memorial Fund. Registration required.



Thurs. 6/20 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room • All Ages



Preschool Playtime

Join the party & learn through a variety of fun, hands-on, sensory-

friendly STEAM activities. We'll explore the theme of "insects". Registration required.
Thurs. 6/20 @ 4:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 3-6

STEP into Emergency Preparedness for Kids



The Stratford-Trumbull-Monroe Medical Reserve Corps presents the Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program for children entering grades 3-6. This program will provide an emergency preparedness introduction. All participants will receive a free first aid kit. Registration recommended, drop-ins welcome while supplies last.

Fri. 6/21 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Grades 3-6



Upcycled T-Shirt Craft

T-shirt manufacturing uses a lot of resources. So,

recycle your old t-shirt into a pillow, a scrunchie, or a draw-string bag. You supply the clean, used t-shirt, we'll provide instructions and sewing supplies. (Children need a grown-up helper present) Registration required.

Sat. 6/22 @ 2:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 8 - Adult

Swap Night

Renew, Reuse, Recycle! Help the planet by swapping children's toys/games/puzzles/books (in good condition) that you no longer want for some "new to you" kids' items.



KID'S SWAP

Mon. 6/24 @ 5:00 pm • Children's Program Room • All Ages



Stratford Animals Grab & Go

Learn about our local wildlife. Sign up to receive weekly craft kits

featuring different Stratford animals. Registration required.

Mon. 6/24-7/29 • Children's Desk • Ages 3-8

Jay Reidy's Magic Show

It's summer, & Stratford's favorite magician, Jay Reidy, is back to entertain & remind everyone of the magic of reading! Registration required.



Wed. 6/26 @ 2:45 pm • Lovell Room • Ages 5-12



Pokemon Party

Celebrate all things *Pokemon* through games, crafts, snacks, & activities. (Costumes optional.) Registration required.

Thurs. 6/27 @ 3:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 6-12

Preschool Art: Bubbles

It's time to have some bubble-making fun! Learn about bubble science, then get creative with bubble art paintings. Dress for mess! Registration required.
Sat. 6/29 @ 11:00 am • Library Courtyard • Ages 3-7



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Podcasting Club



Amplify your voice & join our brand new kids podcasting club! Librarians will help children record stories, insights, book recommendations, & more.

Mon. 6/24, 7/8, 7/22 @ 2:30 pm • Children's Dept. • Ages 7-13 with grown-up

Nutmeg Book Club



Participate in a book club starring Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award nominees. Children will receive a copy of the book in advance, and then meet at the Library for pizza and discussion. July's book is *Cookies and Milk*. The book for August is *Wayward Creatures*. Book kit provided courtesy of the Carol Pieper Memorial Fund. Registration required.

**Mon. 7/8 @ 6:00 pm
Mon. 8/5 @ 6:00 pm
Children's Program Room • Grades 4-6**

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Summer Jamboree Family Concert



Singer Liz McNicholl will have the kids on their feet with a family friendly concert. Children will hear & play different instruments - singing & dancing along is encouraged. Courtesy of the Vicki Soto Memorial Fund. Registration required.

Tues. 7/2 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room • All Ages

Harmonica Lessons



Join Stratford resident Mr. Walter and learn to play the harmonica in this three session class. Participants should plan to attend all three classes & will be able to keep their harmonica after the last class. Registration required - space is limited.

Tues. 7/9, 7/16, & 7/23 @ 2:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 8-12

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Oreo Tasting

What Oreo flavors does Stratford prefer? Help us find out - try different flavors & vote for the best, while supplies last. Note: food allergens present. Mon. 7/1 @ 4:00 pm • Library Courtyard • All Ages



Pizza Making for Families

Join Matt from My Productions CT in his cooking adventure. Families will make pizza by

hand - from dough to sauce to toppings to the plate in just two hours. Each family will work together on a pizza they can take home. Courtesy of the Vicki Soto Memorial Fund.

Mon. 7/10 @ 2:00 pm • Lovell Room • Ages 5-12 with an adult

Ramps and Rollers

Use recycled materials & duct tape, along with your engineering skills, to create your own twisty marble shoot! Registration required. Thurs. 7/11 @ 4:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 7-12



Beaded Bracelets

Learn jewelry making techniques & create a beaded bracelet to take home. All materials provided. Materials

courtesy of Roz & Bud Siegel & the staff of the Westport Library. Registration required.

Sat. 7/13 @ 2:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 8+

Mad Science

Experience Mad Science's show - *Science Wonders* - featuring phenomena including dry ice, lightning, volcanoes, & astronomical objects! Courtesy of the Vicki Soto Memorial Fund. Note: presentation will include flashing lights. Registration required. Tues. 7/16 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room • Ages 5+



Stomp Rockets

Aim for the stars! Decorate your own rocket-ship with the supplies provided & then let's take turns watching everyone's rockets fly! If there is inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for the fall. Registration required. Wed. 7/17 @ 2:00 pm • Library Courtyard • Ages 6-10



Bird Feeder Building Craft

Work with professional upcycler Miss Vanessa to build

& paint your container, then plan for your future bird visitors. Each family will work on one bird feeder. Courtesy of the Carol Pieper Memorial Fund. Registration required. Wed. 7/24 @ 2:00 pm • Lovell Room • Ages 8+ with an adult

Stuffed Animal Sleepover - Stuffedies Visit a National Park



What do stuffed animals do at the Library? We're inviting your teddy bear to find out! Drop off your stuffie on 7/23 for a cozy sleepover & pick them up on 7/24 at 11am just in time for a picnic outside. Families will also receive a link to the stuffie "park" video to watch over & over! Registration required. Tues. 7/23 @ 4:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 2-9



Preschool Playtime

Join the party & learn through a variety of fun, hands-on, sensory-friendly

STEAM activities. We'll explore "beach and sea" activities. Registration required. Fri. 8/9 @ 2:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 3-6

Christmas in July

Celebrate the halfway point to Christmas with cookie decorating, a holiday story, & other festive fun. Holiday attire welcome. Registration required.

Thurs. 7/25 @ 3:30 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 6-12



Storytime with special guests from Little Teeth Dentists

Dental hygiene takes center stage in this fun storytime with professionals from Little Teeth Dentists. Listen to stories, sing, & discover how kids can take care of their teeth. Registration required.

Tues. 8/13 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 3-7



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Young Reader's Book Club



We will be reading *Rescue at Lake Wild* by Terry Lynn Johnson. "A twelve-year-old girl & her two best friends decide to rescue two orphaned beaver kits -- & soon find themselves trying to solve a local environmental crisis." Book kits will be available for pick up starting on 7/1. Registration required.

Thurs. 7/25 @ 6:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Gr. 2-5

Back to School Storytime

Whether it's preschool or elementary school, it's time to get ready for Back to School season! Join us for a special seasonal storytime then make a back-to-school craft. Registration required.



Wed. 8/21 @ 10:30 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 4-6

Fun With 3D Pens

Use 3D pens to create liquid plastic doodles & images, both

freehand & using templates. Kids always have a blast mixing these art & high tech concepts. Registration required.

Thurs. 8/22 @ 2:00 pm • Children's Treehouse • Ages 8-12



Candy Olympics

The Summer Olympics will happen in Paris this year, &

Stratford will host its own version... with candy! Decide what country you will represent, then complete candy challenges to win gold! Note: food allergens present during this event. Registration required.

Wed. 7/31 @ 4:00 pm • Children's Program Room • Ages 8-12



Kids Tie-Dye

Reuse & upcycle an old piece of clothing to create a new,

unique masterpiece! Learn about sustainability & the art of tie-dyeing. We provide the dye, you provide the clothing. Dress for mess! In the event of rain, this event will be rescheduled. Registration required.

Thurs. 8/1 @ 3:00 pm • Library Courtyard • Ages 7-12



NEW for YOU in the Children's Room

Library of Things

Now you can borrow a microscope, telescope, GPS device, or a Dash Robot from your library! Each kit comes with manipulatives, books, & an instruction guide so that you can use your imagination & scientific skills to complete experiments & learn new things.

Virtual Reality Books

Bring exciting topics to life with VR books! Download the app to your smartphone to read the book, stopping at the VR pages for some extra fun. Topics include: the Titanic, the moon, firefighters, India, jellyfish & more.

Parent/Child Coding



Try a Scratch computer coding activity on the Library's Chromebooks. Parents & kids will work together to demonstrate fun effects that they can code using drag-and-drop blocks. No experience necessary - instructions provided. Sat. 8/3 @ 11:00 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 7-12

Preschool Art



Join us in some masterpiece-making, messy, beautiful fun! We will be using "process art" to express ourselves & create both individual & collaborative work. Process art prioritizes the creative journey over the final product & meets your preschooler's developmental needs as sensory explorers. Dress for mess. Registration required. Sat. 8/24 @ 11:00 am • Children's Program Room • Ages 3-7

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Teen Summer Reading



Sign up for our summer reading program & be eligible to win weekly prizes & enter into the Grand Prize drawing on 8/10. It's easy to sign up & you get a virtual ticket towards prizes for every 30 minutes that you read! Registration required.
Sat. 6/1 - Sat. 8/10 • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13

Glow Fest Party



The school year has come to an end & Summer is here. Enjoy an after hours Glow Fest party to kick off the start of Summer Reading. Sway to the sound of the music as we glow the night away. Snacks & refreshments will be provided. Registration required as well as a parental permission slip, which must be handed in to stay for the party. **NOTE: this event ends after hours. Make arrangements ahead of time to be picked up -- on time -- in the back parking lot.**
Fri. 6/7 @ 5:00 - 7:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13

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Pride Party

LGBTQIA+ teens & allies are invited to join us for a Pride party! Celebrate with crafts, music, food & more!
Wed. 6/12 @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13



Teen Tuesday: Movie Night Barbie

Love them or not Barbie & Ken are some of the hottest characters from 2023 so we're having a **Barbie Night**. Barbie on the big screen, Barbie & Ken Bingo w/ cool prizes & Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes.
Tues. 7/9 @ 5:30 - 7:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13

Teen Tuesday: Pokémon Party

Trainers: You're invited to our annual Poké Party! Join us for anime, a Pokémon craft, Pokémon stickers and button-making, video gaming, & Poké snacks. Come dressed as your favorite character for the chance to win a prize. Catch ya there!
Tues. 7/16 @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13



Picnic Fun in the Sun @ the Library

Let's enjoy some fun in the sun with a picnic on the library lawn.

We will have giant games, arts & crafts tables, music, & of course all the delicious things people enjoy eating at a picnic. If you have a favorite picnic blanket you want to show off feel free to bring it.
Tues. 7/23 @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Library Front Lawn • Gr. 7-13

K-pop Party

Hang out and enjoy K-pop related activities with fellow fans. Watch music videos, listen to K-pop & dance, decorate top loaders, trade Lomo cards, sing karaoke, & try Korean snacks.
Tues. 7/25 @ 2:00 - 3:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13



Teen Tuesday: Cupcake Decorating & Game Night



We will break out all the games (board, giant & Switch), music & karaoke. Of course there are always snacks & tonight we will be decorating our own cupcakes! Come & kick back with your friends.
Tues. 7/30 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13



Teen Tuesday: Open Craft Hour

Make your own glass bead or message bracelets, try Sharpie painted personalized

plates, or create your own mini-art masterpiece w/acrylics. Of course there will be snacks & music because it is a **Teen Tuesday!**
Tues. 8/6 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13

Teen Tuesday: Fandom Mini Con

Get ready to embrace your inner fandoms at our Fandom Mini Con! We'll have Japanese snack taste testing; fandom trivia; a cosplay contest; geeky crafts, henna art & to end the event, a Smash Brothers tournament!
Tues. 8/13 @ 3:00 - 7:00 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13



After Hours Nerf Party



Treasure seekers join the hunt! We've hidden gold in the stacks & it's up to each team to work together to find the biggest hoard. Bring your own Nerf blaster or borrow one of ours. For safety: blasters cannot hold more than 6 darts at a time, cannot use "Nerf Rival Balls" & cannot be oversized. No latecomers admitted; registration required as well as a parental permission slip, which must be handed in to stay & play. **NOTE: This event ends after hours. Make arrangements ahead of time to be picked up - on time - in the back parking lot.**
Tues. 8/20 @ 7:45 - 9:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13

Camp Crafts

Camp Crafts: Mini Painting & Art Show

Camp out in the teen space with friends this summer to collaborate on either a craft or activity! Drop in during open craft hours below to paint your own mini masterpiece. Leave us your finished painting to be included in our Mini Art Show. While supplies last.
Mon. 7/8 & Thurs. 7/11 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13



Camp Crafts: Perler Beads

Create your very own Perler bead key chains!! We'll have templates for you to choose from or you can design your own. While supplies last.
Mon. 8/5 & Thurs. 8/8 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13



uCreate:



uCreate: Game Chat Discord Meetup

Hop on our Discord server & meet us virtually in the

#gaming channel to share what video games you're currently hooked on, get recommendations from others, exchange gaming tips & tricks, & make new friends! Plus, be entered into a gaming-themed drawing. Register & we'll email you a link to join the Discord server (if you're not already a member!).
Thurs. 6/6, 7/11 & 8/1 @ 7:00 pm • Teen Discord Server • Gr. 7-13

uCreate: 3D-Doodled Pride Flags

Celebrate Pride Month by creating your own Pride or Progress flag using one of uCreate's 3D doodlers. Keep your creation or gift it to someone else to spread some love. Drop in any time from 3-4 pm; first come, first served. No prior 3D doodling experience required.

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 6/3 - 6/7 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • uCreate Space • Gr. 7- Adult



Camp Crafts: Giant Sticker Puzzles



Work together to solve our mystery puzzles sticker by sticker. What images will be revealed? While supplies last.
Mon. 7/15 & Thurs. 7/18 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13

Camp Crafts: Bracelet Mania: Glass Beads, Swiftie Beads, Friendship Bracelets



Make a simple but impressive charm bracelet. While supplies last.
Mon. 7/22 & Thurs. 7/25 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13

Camp Crafts: Sand Art

Relax, unwind, & have fun creating your very own sand art! We'll have a variety of different bottles



for you to choose from for your creation. While supplies last.
Mon. 7/29 & Thurs. 8/1 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Teen Dept. • Gr. 7-13

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uCreate: Solar Science



Let's soak up the sun! In the first half of this outdoor event, we'll explore thermodynamics by flying a solar balloon. In the second half, try solar printing or work as a group to construct a solar robot. Registration required. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be held on 7/31 (same time & location).
Mon. 7/29 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm • Library Courtyard • Grade 5 - Adult; anyone 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult (who should also register if participating)

uCreate: Video Game Club



Enjoy gaming on the bigscreens, featuring Nintendo Switch, Xbox, retro consoles, and VR! Gamers of ALL skill levels welcome. Snacks provided.
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7-13
June Theme: Eras of Smash, Fri. 6/28
July Theme: Motion, Fri. 7/26
August Theme: Back in Time, Fri. 8/23

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All About uCreate!

The uCreate Space is Stratford Library's makerspace – a hands-on center for learning, creating, & sharing, where people of all ages can gather to explore a mix of hi-tech & low-tech equipment. uCreate offers an ever-growing array of STEAM-inspired programs & services. Try new technology, explore your interests & creativity, & meet new people at the Library this summer!



Edit Photos, Videos & Music



Reserve uCreate's iMac to use software like Adobe Photoshop for photo editing & GarageBand for music production. We also have a green screen, a Nikon DSLR, & accompanying accessories – great for school projects or for just being creative! For more information & to schedule an appointment, visit: stratfordlibrary.org/uCreate or email: ucreate@stratfordlibrary.org

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3D Printing & 3D Doodling

uCreate is home to multiple 3D printers which are available for public use. Sign up for a 3D *Printing for Beginners* session or request a one-on-one appointment to learn the basics & complete your first 3D print. 3D printing costs \$2/hour or you can provide your own filament. Try one of our MYNT3D 3D doodlers, too!



Coding, Circuitry, & Robotics

Explore the basics of circuitry,

electronics, & engineering with littleBits & Snap Circuits kits. Meet Ozobot & Sphero – uCreate's robots – & take on coding challenges of varying difficulties.

Crafting

Make a custom button using a Badge-a-Minit button maker (available in 2.25" & 1.25" sizes), embroider or sew with uCreate's Brother SE400 computerized sewing & embroidery machine (sample materials available), or use the Cricut Maker for card-making, scrapbooking, or other custom die cutting projects.



Gaming & Virtual Reality

Game on! Discover the library's extensive collection of tabletop games, play the newest titles on our Nintendo Switches or Xbox One S, relive the glory days of gaming on a retro console, or enter the virtual world with a Meta Quest 2 VR headset.



Digitization Services



Transfer your home movies from VHS to DVD (or a flash drive) ... for free! Simply scan the QR code to complete the online request form & drop off your tape(s) at the Reference Desk; we'll contact you when your conversions are ready for pickup. Provide your own discs/flash drive or purchase discs from the Library for \$1 each. You can also preserve your memories by DIY digitizing old photos, slides, & negatives with our Canon scanner.





uCreate: 3D Printing for Beginners

In this hands-on introduction, learn how to operate uCreate's Creadity Ender-3 S1 Pro 3D printer, how to search for downloadable 3D models using Thingiverse, & how to modify 3D models using Cura. All participants will receive a sample 3D print to take home. Registration required. **Mon. 6/10 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Board Room • Gr. 7 - Adult**

uCreate Craft: Cricut Book Totes



Back by popular demand . . . using the Cricut Maker, design & create your own reusable book tote so you can carry all the titles on your summer reading list. *Read, Renew, Repeat* all summer long! Totes & an assortment of heat transfer vinyl will be provided.

Registration required
Thurs. 6/27 • Session 1: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Board Room • Gr. 7- Adult
Thurs. 6/27 • Session 2: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Board Room • Gr. 7- Adult

uCreate Craft: Steampunk Journals

Enter the retrofuture & design your

very own steampunk-inspired journal! Notebooks, paint, a variety of accessories, & design tips will be provided. Enjoy a showing of Disney's *Treasure Planet* while you create! Registration required.

Tues. 7/2 @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7- Adult

uCreate: Tabletop Gaming feat. Werewolf



Challenge friends old and new in games of strategy and deception (e.g. *Avalon, Catan, Diplomacy, & more*) OR join a group session of *Werewolf* facilitated by teen uCreate volunteers. No previous experience necessary--we'll teach you how to play.

Sat. 7/20 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm • Lovell Room • Gr. 7- Adult



uCreate: Ice Cream Chemistry

Discover the sweet science behind everyone's favorite frozen treat by making your own

ice cream at our annual National Ice Cream Month celebration! All supplies will be provided. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the Lovell Room. Registration required.

Fri. 7/12 @ 2:00 pm • Library Courtyard • All ages, anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult (who should also register if participating)

uCreate: All-Ages Video Game Night



Game on! Gamers of all ages are invited to a night of gaming on the big screens, featuring current & retro consoles alike. Snacks provided. Registration required.

Thurs. 8/8 @ 5:30 pm • Lovell Room • All ages, anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult (who should also register if participating)

SUMMER PROGRAMS

uCreate



uCreate Space Open Hours & Reservations



Pop by the uCreate Space during Open Hours & explore 3D printing, crafting, gaming, robotics, & VR with the help of our teen volunteers. All ages welcome; 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult. First come, first served. Reservations also available; email ucreate@stratfordlibrary.org.

Visit: www.stratfordlibrary.org/ucreate for summer hours • uCreate Space • All ages, anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult (who should also register if participating)

Swiftie Saturday



Celebrate all things Taylor Swift! At this all ages program we will be making friendship bracelets and Perler bead creations, dancing along while watching *The Eras Tour Movie (Taylor's Version)*, and enjoying snacks! There will also be a Taylor Eras scavenger hunt, a photo booth, & in honor of Taylor's love for cats – make a cat toy for your cat or for Stratford Animal Rescue.

Sat. 7/6 @ 11:00 am • All ages

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Summer Reading for Adults: *Read, Renew, Repeat*



Adults can join the summer reading fun! Log each book you read to enter our August prize drawing for gift cards. Entering is easy: You can create an online account & follow the prompts to log your reading titles or if you prefer not to create an account, you can call (203-385-4164), send us an email (slaask@stratfordlibrary.org) or DM us on Social Media to share what you have read. Registration required.

Sat. 6/1 - Sat. 8/10 •
Reference Desk

Adult Summer: Reading Social



Stop by for our 2nd annual Summer Social to kick off Adult Summer Reading! Grab a sweet treat. Get booklists & hear about hot summer books. Pick up a Bingo sheet of library activities. Play board games and "big" games. Try out some of the library's virtual reality tools. Get excited about summer reading!
Tues. 6/11 @ 2:00 pm • Lovell Room

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Monday Morning Buzz

Join the conversation led by library staff about the latest titles & trends in books, movies & more with input from you.
Mon. 6/3 @ 11:00 am • Board Room
Mon. 7/1 & 8/15 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room



Knit Wits



Join the library's drop-in knitting program – and crochet too! Make new friends, get tips & share ideas while working on your own projects. New to knitting & want to give it a try? We have needles & yarn for you to test out. Basic knitting help is available upon request.

Wed. 6/5, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21
@ 6:00 pm • Lovell Room

Stratford Stories: Legion of Legends



Join us for the final presentation in this series as Town Historian David Wright talks about interesting & unique people & events in Stratford's history.
Mon. 6/3 @ 6:30 pm • Lovell Room

Computer Training with Northstar Online Learning



Learn how to use Northstar computer lessons. In this training session you will create a free NorthStar online account, take a lesson, practice your computer skills, & learn how to earn certification & digital badges. Registration required.
Tues. 6/11, 6/20, 7/16, 7/25, 8/13, 8/22
@ 2:00 pm • Board Room

Coloring & Coffee

Stop in & color your stress away. You can join the conversation or have quiet time- it's up to you! The library provides coloring pages, markers, colored pencils plus coffee and tea.
Mon. 6/10, 7/1, 8/5 @ 6:00 pm • Lovell Room



Adult Craft Night: Upcycled Hanging Planters



Let's upcycle old t-shirts into hanging

planters! Grab an old t-shirt to cut up & make t-shirt yarn that we will use to create a quick & unique hanging planter. Plants & pots provided, attendees need to bring a t-shirt. Registration required.

Thurs. 6/6 @ 6:00 pm • Lovell Room

Monday Matinees

Escape the summer heat and enjoy newer movies in the air-conditioned Lovell Room @ noon.

Mon. 6/10 • *Maestro* (R)
Mon. 6/24 • *Dune, Part 2* (PG-13)
Mon. 7/15 • *The Color Purple (2023)* (PG-13)
Mon. 7/29 • *Civil War* (R)
Mon. 8/12 • *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire* (PG-13)
Mon. 8/26 @ 12:00 pm • *Mean Girls* (PG-13)



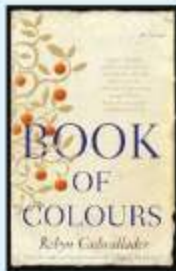
"Don't Know Much About . . ." Book Discussion

Join us to explore classics, lesser known authors and older titles. Copies are available at the Check Out Desk, Hoopla or Libby. The title for June is *Book of Colours* by Robyn Cadwallader.

Wed. 6/12 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room

The title for August is *Anthill* by Edward O. Wilson

Wed. 8/14 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room



On Juneteenth

Our Juneteenth speaker is Dr. Immacula Cann who is the 2024 Grand Marshal for Juneteenth of

Fairfield County, Inc. Cann is a Board Certified Psychiatric and Mental Health Registered Nurse, with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree. She will also discuss mental health and trauma in the minority community.

Wed. 6/19 @ 7:00 pm • Lovell Room



SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Spice Up Your Summer



Do you love to cook? Are you looking to expand your flavor palate? Here is your chance to try spices that you might not usually cook with! Stop by the Reference Desk & pick up a grab & go kit. Each kit contains a sample of the spice plus information and recipes. First come, first served. One kit per household available @ Reference Desk.

Mon. 6/17 • Turmeric

Mon. 7/22 • Old Bay Seasoning

Mon. 8/19 • Sazon with Saffron



Reader's Theatre

Library's annual theatre showcase returns! Live staged readings of new and classic

plays are performed by actors from Stratford's Square One Theatre Company. First-come, first-seated. No reservations.

Lovell Room Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Program begins at 7:00 pm.

Thurs. 6/13 *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*

Thurs. 6/27 *The Garbologist*

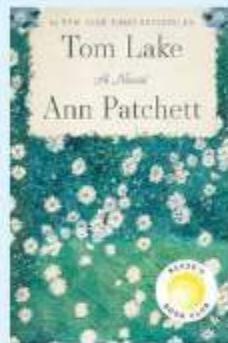
Wed. 7/3 *Summer, 1976*

Thurs. 7/11 *Plays by Stu Brown*

Wed. 7/17 *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*

Thurs. 7/25 *The Thin Place*

Wed. 7/31 *Typhoid Mary*



Books Over Coffee

Library staff member Linda LiDestri leads this discussion of *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. A beautiful and moving novel about family, love,

and growing up. Copies of the book are available at the Check Out Desk, Hoopla or Libby.

Wed. 6/26 @ 12:00 pm • Lovell Room

Little Gems

Explore lesser-known, short novels with unique potential for rich discussions. In

July, we are discussing

Ex Libris by Anne

Fadiman. Copies of the

book are at the Check

Out Desk, Hoopla or Libby.

Wed. 7/10 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room



Great Movies You Missed

Join us for our annual festival

of overlooked but critically acclaimed movies in the Lovell Room at noon.

Mon. 6/17 *American Fiction* (R)

Tues. 6/18 *All of Us Strangers* (R)

Wed. 6/19 *Zone of Interest* (PG-13)

Thurs. 6/20 *Anatomy of a Fall* (R)

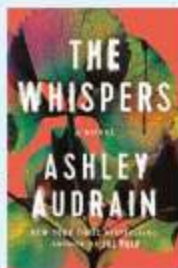
Fri. 6/21 *Love Lies Bleeding* (R)



Books on Tap

Grab your drink of choice and join us at our new location: the *Whiskey Barrel* (251 E Main St, Stratford). In June, we are discussing *The Whispers* by Ashley Audrain. Copies of the book are at the Check Out Desk, Hoopla or Libby.

Tues. 6/18 @ 7:00 pm • The Whiskey Barrel



New England Guitar Society Concert

The popular classical guitar company returns to the Library



for their annual midsummer concert

Sat. 7/20 @ 2:00 pm • Lovell Room

Frank Porto Band



The Frank Porto Band returns! Enjoy a vibrant big sound with hit music from *The Great American Song Book* featuring songs from Sinatra and Big Band Classics to The Beatles, The 4 Seasons and James Brown.

Sat. 6/15 @ 2:00 pm • Lovell Room • Adults

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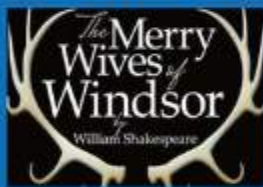
Korean Cooking



The **Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project** will be here to share traditional Korean delicacies. During the demonstration, you will learn how to prepare Korean dishes plus information on the ingredients & how to find them at Korean supermarkets. A traditional Korean meal will be served. Registration required.

Sat. 8/3 @ 12:00 pm • Lovell Room

Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor



Hudson Shakespeare Company presents a lively outdoor production of Shakespeare's delightful comedy in the Library Courtyard. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the Lovell Room. All ages.

Fri. 7/12 @ 6:00 pm

Sat. 7/13 @ 2:00 pm

Sun. 7/14 @ 2:00 pm

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Adult Craft: Cyanotype Prints on Fabric

Create beautiful art with nature! We will use the sun, leaves, plants and flowers to create cyanotype prints on fabric. After you create your design, display it in a frame to enjoy year round. All materials provided. Registration required.
Sat 7/27 @ 10:00 am • Lovell Room



Adult Craft Night: Paint & Sip

Do you love to paint? Come and create a

mini masterpiece while you sip on cold drinks and enjoy sweet treats! No painting experience necessary. We will have all the supplies you need and can help with ideas. Registration required.

Thurs. 8/15 @ 6:30 pm • Lovell Room

Reducing Food Waste

Join ShopRite Dietitian Siddhi Sheth, MS, RDN, CDN, for a presentation to learn ways you can use kitchen scraps & reduce food waste in the home! Siddhi will discuss tips for making the most out of a food item, & class will end with a fun waste reducing activity. Registration required.

Tues. 7/23 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room



Building Sustainable Habits

ShopRite Dietitian Siddhi

Sheth, MS, RDN, CDN, is back for a presentation to learn how to build & maintain sustainable eating habits & a routine followed by an easy recipe demonstration. Registration required.

Tues. 8/13 @ 11:00 am • Lovell Room

More for you @ your library!

One-on-One Tech Help

Have a question about using your laptop, iPad, Kindle, or smartphone? You can schedule a 30-minute appointment with library staff to help you with your computer/tech questions. Call 203-385-4164 or email slaask@stratfordlibrary.org to schedule. We will help you to the best of our ability & locate additional resources as well.

NorthStar Online Computer Classes

Take computer classes at your own pace! NorthStar is the library's digital classroom & can be used at home or in the library. To get started, create a free account, then you will be able to take classes on Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, Using Email, Windows OS, Mac OS, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Docs, Social Media, Information Literacy, Career Search Skills, Accessing Telehealth Appointments, Supporting K-12 Distance Learning, & Your Digital Footprint. Try it yourself at: stratfordlibrary.org/computer-instruction-tutorials/ or sign up for one of our monthly training sessions.

One-on-One Resume & Job Search help

Not sure how to begin your job search? Set up an appointment & we can walk you through the process. Need help with your resume?* We're here for you! Reach out to us & we will help edit a resume you have already created or work with you to create one. Call 203-385-4164 or email slaask@stratfordlibrary.org to schedule an appointment. *Please note: This service is for basic job searching & resume help. If you need more advanced help we can guide you to the resources you need to succeed.

Book Bundles

Tell us what you like to read, & we will help *Build Your Own Book Bundle!* Librarians will help you build a bundle of 3-5 books to check out. Whatever your preference, we can select adult fiction or nonfiction, so that you can spend more of your time reading! Visit stratfordlibrary.org/byobb-build-your-own-book-bundle/ & fill out the form or call 203-385-4164.

Learn a New Language!

Transparent Language will be available in July for all Stratford Library cardholders. Whether you're starting at the very beginning or you're an intermediate learner looking to enhance your vocabulary & grammar knowledge, *Transparent Language* is for you! Available for learning more than 110 languages, plus English (ESOL) materials for native speakers of 30+ languages. Download the free app or use online at stratfordlibrary.org/research