North Haven Memorial Library February Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., February 5, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 0-3 mos. to 12-24 mos. Registration Encouraged. Registration is highly recommended but not required. Walk-ins are always welcome. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

Book Chat: Thurs., February 5, 2-3pm. Share your current reads, spark intriguing conversations, and discover your next favorite book in a relaxed atmosphere.

Creation Station - Heart Dream Catcher: Thurs., February 5, 4-5pm. Ages: 3-10 yrs. with an Adult. No Registration Required. Come make a craft at the library while supplies last. This week: Make a beautiful heart shaped dream catcher to help make all your best dreams come true!

Online Author Talk - Vanessa Riley: Thurs., Feb. 5, 7-8pm, Virtual. Join us for an unforgettable experience as we chat online with Vanessa Riley about her newest book, *Fire Sword and Sea,* based on the folk story of the female pirate Jacquotte Delahaye. Register now to embark on a seafaring journey of self discovery and reclamation of personal power.

Take Your Child to the Library Day! Sat., February 7, 10am-12 noon. Ages: 0-12 yrs. No Registration Required. This world-wide program encourages parents/caregivers and their children to explore all that their local library has to offer. This year you can enjoy: LEGO Club, Elephant and Piggy Mask Craft, Love Bug Scavenger Hunt with special prizes from our treasure chest.

A Place Called Hope - Live Birds of Prey: Sat., Feb. 7, 2-3pm. Age Group: 0-3 mos. to 12 yrs. The audience will get to see three live birds of prey in this awesome animal program. Learn all about common characteristics of each species and how they became ambassadors of a rehabilitation center! Plus, identify conflicts wildlife faces and learn some simple solutions for preservation.

Study Group: SAT PREP: Sat., February 7, 2:30-4:30pm. Grades: 9th-12th. Sign up for this afternoon study group. We've reserved a room for you and your friends to have a designated study space. Use our whiteboard as a tool, collaborate with your classmates, and score high on that test!

Parent Playdate: Monday, February 9, 10am-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer! There will be a quick story time about halfway through the hour.

Calm Connections: Mon., Feb. 9, 11am-12 noon. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We encourage parents in our community who have children on the autism spectrum or with sensory needs to come every Monday in the Children's Story Room for sensory play.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Mon., February 9, 11am-12 noon. Tai Chi is very gentle on your joints, increases strength and mobility, decreases stress and greatly improves balance. If you cannot attend all five sessions please do not register. No equipment required. Reminder: Upon registration you are automatically registered for each session in this 5-week series.

LEGO Club: Mon., February 9, 6pm-7pm. Ages: 4-12 yrs. No Registration Required. We provide the LEGOS™ and you provide the creativity!

Tiny Hands Talk: Tues., February 10, 10:30am-11am. Age Group: 0-3 mos. to 12-24 mos. This easy-to-follow introduction to sign language is designed to help young learners express their needs and feelings without words.

Pokémon Club: Tues., February 10, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11 yrs. No Registration Required. Play Pokémon with your peers and make new friends! Be sure to bring your own cards. *Trading is welcome at the players discretion and is not monitored by library staff.

Toddler Time: Wed., February 11, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays and sing.

Magic - The Gathering - Teen Meetup: Wed., Feb. 11, 2:30pm-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. No Registration Required. Bring your deck(s) to compete and your favorite cards to show and tell. No deck? Our extra cards and pre-made decks are kept in the teen area.

Bedazzle a Book & Music: Wed., February 11, 3pm-5pm. Bring a trade paperback book with a cover that you like and then bling the picture or title by gluing on rhinestones/gems.

Evening Dance Party: Wed., February 11, 6pm-6:30pm. Age Group: 12-24 mos. to 5 yrs. Join us for this loosely structured dance party to burn off some extra energy, sing, dance and play with instruments.

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"Window Bird Feeder" A Make & Take Workshop



Pictured: A Cardinal and Goldfinch in window bird feeders.

North Haven: Bird Feeder Workshop sponsored by the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven. Invite the birds to dinner - up close and personal! Get a bird's eye view from the warmth of your home. Watch a variety of bird species as they feed and interact with each other. Assemble this beautiful window feeder at our Make & Take Workshop! Materials provided, you assemble. Order your feeder kit and reserve your space early. Materials fee: $25.00.

This workshop will be held February 24, 2026, at the North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, from 11:00 AM to noon. Project materials are $25 and a donation of $5.00 from guests is appreciated. Please call 203-239-1557 to register. Space is limited and pre-registration is required so call early to order a kit and save your space.

Text and photos by Sally Brockett

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Thursday Morning Book Club: February 12, 10:30am-11:30am. For the month of February, we will be discussing *Good Dirt* by Charmaine Wilkerson. A Black family's heirloom jar holds secrets linking a childhood tragedy to an unraveling romance, spanning generations.

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FOR SALE: Arcade crystal coffee grinder $75; (203) 239-1790 •

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Clean Energy Task Force Looking for New Members

North Haven: Are you concerned about our changing climate? Interested in helping North Haven residents, businesses, and our town government save energy and lower utility bills?

Want to help us to move to a clean energy economy? GREAT! You are just who we've been hoping would join us on the North Haven Clean Energy Task Force because we are looking for more members.

As a town-sponsored task force, we work closely with the town and residents to promote and provide opportunities for energy conservation and clean energy. We have had many successful campaigns, including promoting Home Energy Solutions energy assessments, with 40% of North Haven residents participating. We have also led campaigns to educate residents about home solar options and heat pumps, and connected them with local vendors to install these clean energy technologies so they can realize savings immediately. There is more work to be done!

Even with the clean energy setbacks at the federal level, there are many energy efficiency and clean energy rebates and services available in Connecticut.

To find out more and get involved, please contact Kenny Foscue at kfosc@snet.net or call (203) 589-1512.

Joint Statement from Hamden Mayor Adam Sendroff and Chief of Police Edward Page Reynolds

Between January 16 and January 21, 2026, Hamden Police investigated several serious incidents in our community, including multiple incidents of gun violence, one of which resulted in loss of life.

Mayor Adam Sendroff and Chief of Police Edward Page Reynolds emphatically state that gun violence will not be tolerated in our community. The Hamden Police Department has some of the finest investigators in the state and are committed to relentlessly pursuing the perpetrators of these crimes until they are all brought to justice and made accountable in a court of law. All investigations remain active. At this time, there is no known ongoing threat to the public related to any of these incidents. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Hamden Police Department Major Crimes Division or provide tips anonymously.

Mayor Sendroff hosted a meeting with Chief Reynolds, other members of the Police Department, along with town officials and representatives from Hamden Public Schools, non-profit agencies and community organizations to discuss violence intervention, victim and family support, and youth violence prevention strategies. This meeting reaffirmed our collaboration on this critical issue, and we planned a system of regular communication and information sharing with the goal of preventing future violent incidents.

We extend our sincere sympathy to all victims and families affected. Acts of violence cause lasting harm to individuals, families, and our community. We are committed to bringing those responsible to justice and supporting victims.

Gun violence is endemic in our country. Unfortunately, Hamden is not immune to the factors that create this epidemic. Any incident of gun violence is unacceptable, but incidents that involve young people are heart breaking. Gun violence is the number one cause of death for children and teens in the United States.

Both of us have built careers that are rooted in community. We care deeply about this community and share the pain that comes with incidents like this. Addressing gun violence has been a priority for both of us throughout our work in Hamden. It will remain a priority as we continue to work to implement law enforcement and community health strategies to address violent incidents like we've seen in the last week.

We plan to use every tool in our toolbox and explore new ways to do everything that we can to prevent future violent incidents.

For further information, please contact the Mayor's Office at (203) 287-7100 or by email at mayor@hamden.com or Lieutenant Robert Manfield at (203) 230-4029 or by emai: rmanfield @hamdenpd.com.

FOR SALE: Radio Shack trunking desktop mobile scanner $75; call (203) 239-1790

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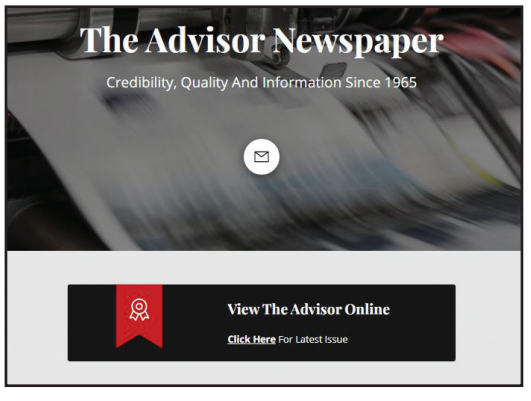
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