

JANUARY 2026

What's the Story?

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DOUGLAS LIBRARY OF HEBRON



DOUGLAS LIBRARY

22 Main Street Hebron, CT 06248

HOURS

Monday 12PM-8PM

Tuesday 10AM-8PM

Wednesday 12PM-8PM

Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 12PM-6PM

Saturday 10AM-3PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

Main Desk Phone (860)228-9312

Website douglaslibrary.org



Wednesday January 7th 6:30pm

In the 1870s, 120 boys from China, most of them barely teenagers, came to Connecticut (Hebron was one of the towns involved) to participate in a groundbreaking scheme: a cultural and educational exchange program. The boys boarded ships and trains, leaving everything familiar, with the expectations of a nation on their shoulders. The story of the boys of the Chinese Educational Mission is a story of hopes, dreams, sacrifice, and the life-changing experience of international exchange. Presented by Natalie Belanger of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History.



HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY DEC 31
CLOSING AT 4PM

THURSDAY JAN 1
CLOSED

FRIDAY JAN 2
NORMAL HOURS

MONDAY JAN 19
CLOSED FOR MLK JR DAY

2026

New Year's Resolution:

Learn Some New Recipes!

COOKBOOK CLUB

MEETS EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH **JAN 20**

Each month we read a different cookbook, and each person chooses one recipe from the book to make and share. We even have an oven and stove in case what you make needs warmed up! Copies will be available at the library beginning one month before the meeting.



January's Cookbook: *Whiskey in a Teacup*



FREE FRIDAY MOVIES!

Take in a movie at the library! Join us at **1:00 PM** each Friday to watch a film and have some snacks in our Community Room.



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WHEN HARRY MET SALLY
(COMEDY/ROMANCE) • 1H 36M • R



1/9

A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY
(DRAMA) • 1H 49M • R



1/16

DEAD OF WINTER
(ACTION/THRILLER) • 1H 38M • R



1/27

STOLEN GIRL
(ADVENTURE) • 1H 38M • R



1/30

TRUTH & TREASON
(WAR/DRAMA) • 2H 7M • PG-13

HOW TO USE ONLINE RESOURCE DATABASES

Presented by ROMANO GHIRLANDA

Head of the Marlborough Preservation Society

Participants will learn how to begin their own historic and personal genealogical search.

Jan 17 11:30AM - 1:20PM

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES:

- Library of Congress
- Town GIS
- Connecticut Archives
- Historic Newspapers
- Archive.org
- FindAGrave

STATE OF CT LIBRARY RESOURCES:

- Census Records
- Probate Records
- Genealogy Books
- War Records
- Colonial Records

State Library Card
required for access but not
for attending this class.

Part of our America 250 series



Medicare Information

Wednesday Jan 21 Sessions at 3PM and 6PM

Come and learn the ins and outs of Medicare and the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage with Mark Macrina, a local Insurance Agent. This is strictly an informational seminar, and no individual health will be discussed. For accommodations of persons with special needs please call (860)-338-1466 TTY 711

STRETCH AWAY STRESS AND ANXIETY WITH

CHAIR YOGA!

Saturday Jan 10 10-11:00AM

Join us in the Community Room for a practice that is beneficial to all. In these classes you will use the support of the chair to arrive in yoga poses, move, breathe, and ultimately feel good.

Taught by
Certified
Yoga Teacher



KAREN GOMEZ
WELLNESS CONSULTING
LIFE • HEALTH • LEADERSHIP

Registration is required as space is limited. Please call us to register.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tues 1/20 10AM - 3PM
in the Community Room



ADULT/GENERAL PROGRAMS

KNIT WITS

Every Monday 6PM

Bring your project and your questions, and join us downstairs in the Board Room for some friendly creating!

MAHJONG

Every Tuesday 11AM

Are you interested in playing Mahjong?
Would you like to learn how to play?
Fellow patrons have started a Mahjong Club!



CHESS CLUB

Every Thursday 4PM

Meets downstairs in the Community Room. No Experience Necessary. ALL Are Welcome!



QUIET READING CLUB

Every 2nd Saturday 2:45 PM

No registration required - just be sure to arrive before the library doors are locked at 3:00PM!



The Spirited Book Club



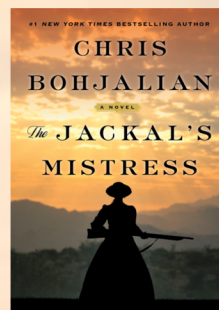
The Spirited Book Club discussion meets at the American Legion, located next door to the library. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk and are available on the Libby app. Meets on every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Jan 21 7-8:30PM

Must be over 21 years of age

This month's book is :

Set during the Civil War, a Confederate woman named Libby finds and nurses a wounded Union officer back to health, risking treason and developing complex feelings for him while navigating the moral and physical dangers of the war.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Home School STEM

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- STEM Activities
- Social Play
- Crafts

FOR GRADES PRE-K THRU 4TH

1:00PM JAN 21

(3rd Wednesdays of each month)

Please Register www.douglaslibrary.org



STORY TIME

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 at 10:15AM

This is geared for ages 1-3. There will be stories, songs and crafts!



Pre-K Storytime

Thursdays 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 at 10:15AM

This is geared for ages 3-5. There will be stories, letters, numbers, songs and crafts!

PJ Storytime

The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month (1/6 & 1/20) at 6PM

We will have stories, songs, and crafts. No registration needed! For ages 1-5, and siblings are always welcome.



read to a dog!

Saturday Jan 24
10:30-11:30AM

You must **register** your child for a 15-minute interval in order to accommodate everyone. We will have 1 team here.



LEGO CLUB



Meets
EVERY MONDAY
from 4-5PM


No Registration Required

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KEY: Library Closed • Adults • Children
Young Adult • General

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C L O S E D S U N D A Y S	29 4 PM Lego Club 6 PM Knit Wits	30 10 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 PM Poetry Group	31 CLOSING AT 4PM	1 CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 1PM Movie <i>When Harry Met Sally</i>	3
	5 4 PM Lego Club 6 PM Knit Wits	6 10:15 AM Toddler Storytime 11 AM Mahjong 6 PM PJ Storytime	7 6:30 PM Journeys: Boys of the Chinese Educational Mission	8 10:15 AM Pre-K Storytime 4 PM Chess Club	9 1PM Movie <i>Big, Bold, Beautiful Journey</i>	10 10 AM Chair Yoga 2:45 PM Quiet Reading Club
	12 4 PM Lego Club 6 PM Knit Wits	13 10:15 AM Toddler Storytime 11 AM Mahjong	14	15 10:15 AM Pre-K Storytime 4 PM Chess Club	16 1PM Movie <i>Dead of Winter</i>	17 11:30 AM Historic Research using Online Databases
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