

# happenings

At Hagan Memorial Library | March/April 2018

All programs are Free. Due to seating limitations, please register by visiting the library, or by calling 203.468.3890. For more detailed information on library events, please visit our website at: [www.haganlibrary.org](http://www.haganlibrary.org)

## MARCH:

**Thurs: 1 & 15: Job Search Support Group** Support for job seekers twice each month. Bring in a sample resume if you have one. **3:00 p.m.**

**Thurs: 1: Soldering Class with Steve Robillard** In this class, we will be building a clock with an alarm. Spaces are limited. Please call Cynthia at 203-468-3891 to reserve your space. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **5:30 p.m.**

**Thurs: 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Casual & Fun Yoga at the Library on Thursday evenings!** Learn a number of basic yoga postures and positions. Please bring a yoga or exercise mat with you if you have one. This class is free and open to everyone. **6:30 p.m.**

**Sat: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Casual & Fun Yoga on Saturday mornings!** Learn a number of basic yoga postures and positions. Please bring an exercise or yoga mat with you. **\$5.00 donation- 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Sat: 3: Outdated Ads: Memories from a Less-Than-PC Era Presented by Bestselling Author Stephen Spignesi** You won't believe your eyes! A wild ride through more than 100 years of ads-ads that could not, or would not be printed today! **2:00 p.m.**

**Mon: 5, 12, 19 & 26: Casual & Fun Yoga at the Library on Monday afternoons!** Learn a number of basic yoga postures and positions. Please bring an exercise or yoga mat with you. **\$5.00 donation. 1:15 p.m.**

**Tues: 6: Financial Help for Seniors: Benefits Quicklink**-programs to help seniors and those with a disability get financial assistance -**11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. (must call for appt)**

**Tues: 6, 13, 20 & 27: SMART Recovery (Self Management and Recovery Training)** is a modern, science-based alternative to traditional 12-step recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous. **4:00 p.m.**

**Tu: 6, 13, 20 & 27: Free American Citizenship Class! Prepare For the American Citizenship Interview** Learn about the rights and responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship. Facilitated by Laura De-Ponte, ESL Civics and History Instructor from East Haven Adult Learning Center. **No need to register, just come! 6:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 7, 14, 21, & 28: Spectrum Spirit Support Group** Families coming together in the spirit of success with Autism. Please contact Cheryl D'Argento at [cheryl-darg@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryl-darg@hotmail.com) **10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 7: Meet the Author: Sandra Enders, author of Meditations on the Rosary: Scripture, Psalms, Illustration, Guided Imagery**-books will be available for sale and signing! In the Rotunda near the library's front entrance. **4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 7: Healthy Happy Hour at Hagan!** Bringing Nutrition to You! Enjoy an evening of food, fun and facts about nutrition, presented by nutrition specialist Jayme Bouve. There will be one to one health coaching, meal preparation advice as well as advice about appropriate weight loss goals and general support. **6:30 p.m.**

**Tues: 13: The Friends' of the East Haven Hagan Library Board Meeting: Everyone is welcome!** **6:00 p.m.**

**Tues: 13: Open Government in Relation to Sunshine Week: A Free Presentation by Attorney Joseph Zullo.** An overview of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), how to make FOI requests, what you will receive, and a discussion about the benefits derived and obstacles that arise because of sunshine laws. **6:30 p.m.**

**Wed: 14: Genealogy Club** Free and open to anyone interested in researching their family history. **6:30 p.m.**

**Wed: 21: Ask A Lawyer Legal Consultation Clinic:** Free 15 minute consultations with an attorney-sponsored by the New Haven County Bar Association. **5:30 p.m.**

**Thurs: 22: Learn How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits: A Free Workshop** Presented by the AAA Northeast Motor Club. **6:00 p.m.**

**Mon: 26: Classics Book Discussion Group: The Turn of the Screw** by Henry James- an intense psychological tale of terror. **3:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 28: WWII Discussion Group**-We welcome back author, Kendall Sveglias and his new book, *The Great Emerson Art Heist!* This is a tale of WWII espionage in August 1942. **2:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 28: Essential Oils Class Presented by Health Advocate Elena Bigio** Learn how to use essential oils for overall health and well-being. **6:30 p.m.**

**Thurs: 29: Film Night- The Darkest Hour** (2017) starring Gary Oldman (as Churchill) and Kristin Scott Thomas. Pizza and drinks are served. **5:00 p.m. (Pizza) 5:30 p.m. (Film) Sponsored by Therapy Works of East Haven.**

**Fri: 30: The Library is Closed in Observance of Good Friday.**

## APRIL:

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**Tues: 3: Financial Help for Seniors & the Disabled: Benefits Quicklink** (must call the library at 203-468-3890 to schedule a 1/2 hour appointment. **11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

**Tu: 3, 10, 17 & 24: SMART Recovery Meetings** (Self Management and Recovery Training) **4:00 p.m.**

**Tu: 3, 10, 17 & 24: Free American Citizenship Class! Prepare For the American Citizenship Interview-** **6:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 4, 11, 18, & 25: Spectrum Spirit Support Group for Parents-** **10:00 a.m.**

**Wed: Apr: 4, 11, 18 & 25 and May 2 & 9: Learn To Write Personal Essays!** A Six-week Writing Workshop with Freelance Writer, Sarah Bradley- **6:30 p.m.**

**Thurs: 5 & 19: Job Search Support Group** Support for job seekers twice each month. Bring in a sample resume if you have one. **3:00 p.m.**

**Thurs: 5: The History of the Kentucky Derby, Famous Horses and More!** Presented by Sue Marchese-**6:30 p.m.**

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**Tues: 10: The Friends' of the East Haven Hagan Library Board Meeting:** The library's Friends' group provides the library with strong support and accomplishes goals towards improving the town's library facility and services. Everyone is welcome! **6:00 p.m.**



**Wed: 11: Genealogy Club** Free, open to anyone interested in researching their family history. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Using DNA to Build Your Family Tree**, Presented by Professional Genealogists Diana Ross McCain and Carol Whitmer. **6:30 p.m.**

APRIL EVENTS CONT:

**Thurs: 12: Join Our New "Less Is More" Reading Discussion Group!** A new reading discussion group centered on shorter pieces of nonfiction. Pick up your copy of *The Best American Science and Nature Essays 2016*. For further information and to find out the essays that will be discussed, call the library at 203-468-3890 or 203-468-3891. **6:30 p.m.**



**Mon: 16: Book Discussion: Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan** A tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Based on a true story. **3:00 p.m.**

**Tues: 17: The Poetry Chapbook: Presented by James Wagner and Nick Hale, co-founders of Local Gems Press.** Do you write poetry? This workshop will teach you all about the poetry chapbook and how to put one together. This event is being held in honor of National Poetry month! Co-sponsored by the Friends' of the Haganan Memorial Library. **6:30 p.m.**

**Wed: 18: Ask A Lawyer Legal Consultation Clinic:** Free 15 minute consultations with an attorney-sponsored by the New Haven County Bar Association. **5:30 p.m.**

**Wed: 25: WWII Discussion Group-**Everyone is welcome! **April topic TBA. 2:00 p.m.**

**Wed: 25: How the Chemistry and Structure of DNA was Discovered by Watson and Crick- Presented by Library Director, Mr. Bruce George-** Held in honor of National DNA Day-6:30 p.m.

**Thurs: 26: Film Night-The Big Sick (2017) starring Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan & Holly Hunter. Pizza and drinks are served. 5:00 p.m. (Pizza) 5:30 p.m. (Film) Sponsored by Therapy Works of East Haven.**

**Sat: 28: Local Author Showcase:** Let's celebrate our local authors! Enjoy coffee and refreshments and meet authors from the Greater New Haven area! Books will be available for sale and signing. Authors in attendance & book prices TBA. 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**PASSPORT TO CONNECTICUT LIBRARIES CONTEST: APRIL 2-30, 2018!**

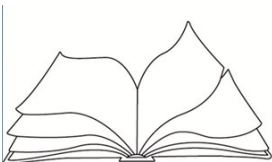
Your library card opens the world to you through books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs. Now let your library card open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program through Haganan Memorial Library!

To celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program, offered through the CT Library Association, invites you to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries and enter to win a \$150 gift card! For more information about this contest, contact Cynthia at 203-468-3891.

Preserving East Haven's Past in the Digital Age

By: Emili Lanno

Haganan Memorial Library has recently added a new addition within its walls.



With the arrival of the new Microfilm Reader Printer, Haganan visitors will be able to view the *East Haven Courier* from 2002 to 2015. This microfilm machine was available for public use starting in Jan. 2018.

Fawn Gillespie, reference librarian at Haganan Memorial Library, talked in-person and over email about the reason for the microfilm machine and the process of adding it to the library's equipment. "The process toward completion of this project was a long one," said Gillespie. "All paper copies for the years had to be listed and compiled. Issues from digitalized discs provided by the *East Haven Courier* stood in for missing paper issues."

Gillespie also had her volunteer, Mary Connolly, during the phase of the project, who was very helpful with the process. "Jane Cullinane, the preservation librarian at the State University, offered valuable advisement on microfilming standards," said Gillespie, "as well as other libraries that have done similar projects and information on vendors."

The process of getting the machine at the library also required an extensive check of bidders. "The two bidders were required to each provide three references of their work which I then contacted and requested written statements provided to the director of the library," said Gillespie. "The director also spoke to the bidders before one was chosen. Mel Baisley of Northeast Micrographics in Branford was eventually chosen.

As of right now, library patrons can use the machine for issues of the *East Haven Courier* from March 2002 to Dec. 2015. There will be updated material from 2016 and 2017 from the Courier in the future as well as copies of East Haven and Branford newspapers from the 1930s to the 1950s. If anyone is interested in using the microfilm machine, they can simply go to the front desk and ask for assistance.

A statement provided by the National Archives and Records Administration explains why preserving history in a digital age is so important and what the process consists of. "In an era of digitalization, NARA continues to microfilm records because microfilm is a low-cost, reliable, long-term, standardized image storage medium. The equipment needed to view microfilm images is simple, consisting of light and magnification, The medium has a life-expectancy of hundreds of years." Gillespie said having this machine is a way for the library to preserve East Haven's history and will keep it accessible.

"People may ask why in an age of digitalization the library has chosen to microfilm the *East Haven Courier*," said Gillespie. "The reason is as follows: newspapers are the history of a community and microfilming is the gold standard for archival preservation. In essence, the library is being responsible in preserving East Haven's history."

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