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Northford & North Branford Public Libraries

EDWARD SMITH LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for events at the Smith Library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 484-0469.

Smith Library Closing: Mon., Sept. 21 - Thurs., Sept. 24. The Smith Library will be closed for installation of insulation - a final phase for the new HVAC system that was installed over the summer.

mer. The library will reopen Fri., Sept. 25 at 10am. Please visit At-water Library during this time, at 1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford.

Tots & Tunes: Fri., Sept. 25, 10:30am-11am. Young children ages 18 months & up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: Sept. 28, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

Little Makers: Tues., Sept. 29, 10:30-11am. Come for 30 minutes of making. Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we

will make a lion mask. Recommended ages 2-6. Registration required.

Chess Club: Wed., Sept. 30, 3:30-4:30pm. Wednesday Chess Club is for teens and teens looking to play chess or join a group of players. Some previous knowledge is required. Beginners welcome. This is not an instructional group, but group members are willing to help new players. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration not required.

3D Printer Drop-in Event: Wed., Sept. 30, 4-7pm. Drop in to see our 3D printer in action. Ask about the process and get more information on how you can use 3D printing software from home. Registration not required.

FREE LAPTOP PROGRAM COMES TO NO. BRANFORD LIBRARIES

The North Branford Public Libraries are participating in Laptop Connect, a state program that provides free laptop computers to residents who qualify.

This is a long-term loan program. Those who qualify will receive a new Dell Pro 16 with the Microsoft Windows operating system; a carrying case; a mouse; and headset.

To be eligible for a laptop, you must:

- Be a North Branford resident.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid North Branford library card (which you can apply for if you don't have one).

You must also be enrolled in a qualifying state or federal assistance program:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Medicare
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid/The Children's Health Insurance Program)

Before laptops are distributed, recipients also must attend two meetings at the library:

- An eligibility and intake meeting with a librarian to check if they qualify.
- A skills and training session to learn how to use your laptop.

To participate, call the library at (203) 315-6020 to schedule an appointment.

The state program is run by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in partnership with the Connecticut State Library.

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WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

Generation Power

Generation Power and Energy Assistance are two different programs with different requirements and income limits. You may apply for both.

When to Apply (Generation Power):

CPCT has (3) emergency energy assistance cycles and only accepts applications during the established application cycle window, as listed below.

Cycle 1: (Application cycle window has expired.) [All decision letters emailed no later than November 13, 2026.]

Cycle 2: December 1-15, 2026 [All decision letters emailed no later than February 12, 2027.]

Cycle 3: March 1-15, 2027 [All decision letters emailed no later than May 14, 2027.]

Income Limits:

Earn up to 75% of Federal Poverty Level, for example a household of 1 can earn up to \$59705, household of 2 earn up to \$78076 per year based on household size (all members over 21 years of age) and gross income.

Informational flyers listing requirements are available in the Lobby of the Office of Social Services (1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford), both public libraries and on the town's webpage. Please pick up a flyer prior to applying. You may apply with this office or online at www.gpct.org.

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Daytime Gardeners Demonstration Garden At Old MacDonald's Farm



Pictured Above: Irene Cowern discusses container gardening with visitor, display of Daytime Gardeners container garden, and Doreen Alexandra shows visitor a container grown beet.

North Haven: The Daytime Gardeners demonstration garden at Old MacDonald's Farm attracted North Haven Fair attendees to learn more about gardening with vegetables and flowers. Members of the club shared ideas about growing your own vegetables and flowers even on a balcony or deck using a half barrel or other containers. Club members grew many vegetables and flowers in half barrel containers through the summer and displayed them in the garden area at Old MacDonald's Farm.

A variety of vegetables and herbs were displayed including a combination of green snap beans with Swiss chard; yellow cherry tomatoes with green onions; Con-

fetti peppers with Boxwood Basil, Spacemaster cucumber with parsley; Toi Choi with Red Dragon Napa Cabbage; Nantes half-long carrots with Igloo lettuce and French marigolds; Detroit red beets; and potatoes. Flowers included combinations of red, white, and blue flowers to celebrate America during its 250th year.

The green house displayed a variety of small seedlings, potted plants, and plants started with water rooting.

Fair attendees asked questions and many expressed interest in trying a container garden of their own. It is not too late to experiment with some vegetables for a fall crop. Contact the Daytime Gardeners if you have questions about how to get started, and visit us on Facebook to see more photos of our fair display.

Photos by Sally Brockett, Mary Ellen Proto.

Shore Line Trolley Museum Annual Fundraising Dinner



Branford: This is it, Final few days, Final few seats, Will you be attending the GALA? Great Food, Company and Mission. Join us on Sunday, September 27, 2026, for our Third Annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction held at The Woodwinds in Branford.

We are looking forward to an evening of food and fellowship with our supporters and community leaders, punctuated by our Keynote Speaker, Anthony "Unk" DaRos, former First Selectman of Branford and respected local historian.

Proceeds from the event directly support the restoration of historic equipment, the museum's infrastructure, and educational programs that inspire curiosity and learning for visitors of all ages. By supporting this event, you help ensure that the stories of American ingenuity and the systems that moved America remain accessible, relevant, and alive for future generations. We can't wait to see what opportunities arise during the program!

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026, Time: 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Location: The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405.

Reserve your Dinner Tickets now: Shore Line Trolley Museum Info and Tickets. Having connection issues call us: 203.467.6927. We can't wait to see you there!



So. New Hampshire University (SNHU)

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following local area students on being named to the **Summer 2026 President's List**. The summer terms run from May to Aug.

Hamden: Rocio Biaggi-Cedeno, Ana Bustamante, Charmice Cameron, Courtney Cannon, Gerardo Cedeno, William Evans, Danice Jackson, Amber James, David Johnson, April Jones, Lisa Mierez, Andrew Mills.

Northford: Conor Grant.
Wallingford: Gina Acabbo, Ashley Afonso, Matthew Clem, Michaela Milano, Helen Milici, Isabella Nelson, Patrick O'Dea, Kyle Quartuccio.

DEAN'S LIST

So. New Hampshire University (SNHU)

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following local area students on being named to the **Summer 2026 Dean's List**. The summer terms run from May to August.

Hamden: Angel Iverson, Ericka James, Kiara Wiggins.

North Haven: Kemon Farray.
Wallingford: Aryanna Knight.

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