Edward Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 315-6020.

Temporary Closing: Smith Library in Northford remains closed for an HVAC system replacement. All library programs will be held at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., No. Branford.

3D Printer Drop-In Event: Wed., July 8, 4pm-7pm and Thurs., July 9, noon-3pm. Drop in at Atwater Library 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.

Calligraphy that Inspired a Nation - Learn to Write Like America's Founders: Wednesday, July 8, 6-7:30pm. A hands-on program, participants will write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence.

Dance Mode: Thurs., July 9, 10:30-11am. Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments in this family-oriented program. Recommended for ages 18 months and up. Siblings are welcome. Registration not required.

Support Group for Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregivers: Thurs., July 9, 11:15am-1:15pm. Share information, insight, advice, or words of encouragement in a safe and supporting space.

Library Teen Advisory Board: Thurs., July 9, 2:30-4:30pm. Students in grades 7-12 can join the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) Earn community service hours for each meeting you attend.

Quilters Club: Fri., July 10, 10am-3pm. Those who enjoy quilting are invited to meet. Newcomers welcome; bring your own materials.

Pop-In Storytime with Teachers: Fri., July 10, 10:30-11am and Mon., July 13, 4-4:30pm. Join us for an all-ages storytime with a surprise guest teacher from Jerome Harrison School or Totoket Valley Elementary School. No registration required.

Drop-In Tech Help: Fri., July 10, 4-7pm and Mon., July 13, 4-7pm. Personal tech help is available first-come, first-serve. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Dinos 2U: Monday, July 13, 10:30-11:30am. Jurassic Classroom will bring in dinosaur fossils and artifacts for you to touch and learn about. All ages. Registration not required.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: July 13, 6pm-8pm. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

Fashion and the First Ladies: Tues., July 14, 1pm-3pm. Join us for a look at the clothing and accessories worn by the wives of our presidents.

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Hamden Rotary Funds Summer Arts Programs



Pictured: Shown with PLACE founder and director Debbie Chavoya are Hamden Rotary Club past presidents Mohammed Elahee and Lee Campo.

The Hamden Rotary Club has continued its tradition of funding the summer arts programs presented to the children of Hamden by PLACE.

Athletes Return Home from Special Olympics USA Games with 16 Medals, 10 Ribbons

Special Olympics Connecticut

Hamden: Special Olympics Connecticut athletes excelled and impressed at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota, June 20-26. They arrived back in Connecticut over the weekend, bringing home 16 medals - including 8 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze - along with 10 ribbons after competing in bowling, swimming, track & field, Unified basketball and Unified softball.

The Athletes were supported by coaches and volunteers including Head of Delegation Cara Manforte of Wolcott and **Assistant Head of Delegation Ria Violano of Hamden.** The event that drew more than 3,000 competitors from across the country.

In addition to the sports competition, students and coaches who are involved in Special Olympics Unified Sports® at Lyme-Old Lyme High School participated in the Athlete Leadership program at the Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota by working with participants in the Special Olympics Young Athletes program.

For more information about Team Connecticut for the USA Games, visit soct.org and follow Special Olympics Connecticut on Instagram and Facebook.

Results from local area Athletes include:

Track & Field:

• **Shelby Silk** of **North Haven:** Bronze medal in the 50M relay, 5th place ribbon in the 4x100M relay and 6th place ribbon in the 100M.

Swimming:

• **Sean Bogart** of **Hamden:** Gold medal in 100yd medley, Silver in 4x50yd freestyle relay nad 6th place ribbon in 100yd freestyle.

Unified Softball:

• Team members are athletes and Unified Sports® partners who participate in Special Olympics community-based softball program and represent Canton, **Hamden,** Manchester, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, **North Branford,** Norwich, **Wallingford,** Waterbury and Vernon - Silver medal

Live by Example

Many of us underestimate our abilities and therefore do not achieve our aspirations. But no matter what, we should strive to achieve our fullest potential. Other recommendations are as follows:

• Don't wish you were someone else because you are unique in every way.

• The grass always looks greener on the other side -- until you get there.

• Have you done a random act of kindness today?

• Narcissistic people should alway be avoided -- they are only concerned about their own agenda.

• Life is too short, so do not accept humility or disrespect.

• People using vulgarity and profanity are only showing their limited vocabulary.

• If you live by example the next generation hopefully will do the same.

• Even if you are not a believer, God will accept you unconditionally.

• People who attend church are happier, more content and live longer.

• When you have given up all hope, put your faith in God and He will always point you in the right direction.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

The 4th Annual North Haven Festival & Business Expo is crafted to connect North Haven and regional business communities with the residents they serve. It promises a full day of business celebration on the North Haven Town Green. Attendees can enjoy live music, local businesses, crafters and delicious food vendors.
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