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North Haven Memorial Library December 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.***

All Month Long! Polar Bears Scavenger Hunt: All Ages. Can you find all 10 polar bears hidden in the Children's Department?

Bedazzle a Book & Music: Wed., Dec. 10, 3pm-5pm. Ages: 13+. Bring a trade paperback book with a cover that you like and then bling the picture or title by gluing on rhinestones/gems. It's a relaxing activity where you can be as creative as you want to be. Enjoy some Christmas Music while you work!

Thursday Morning Book Club: Dec. 11, 10:30-11:30am, (Community Room & Zoom). Ages: 18+. For the month of December, we will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson.

Sit and Stitch: Thurs., December 11, 6pm-7:30pm. Ages: 18+ Bring your current projects or works-in-progress, yarn, and tools to work with other fiber artists. Please note: this is not an instructional class. Some guidance, tools, and yarn can be provided, but participants should bring their own supplies.

Teen Homeschool Hangout: Fri., Dec. 12, 10:30am-12:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration is Encouraged. We'll create a fun craft, play games, make friends, and share what we've been up to since the last time we met.

Must See Movie - *The Man Who Invented Christmas:* Fri., Dec. 12, 1:30-3:15pm. No Registration Required. The journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of *A Christmas Carol,* a timeless tale that would redefine Christmas. Rated: PG, Runtime: 104 mins.

School of Rock - House Band: Sat., Dec. 13, 2-3pm. All Ages. Join us for a Festive Performance by the North Haven House Band! The School of Rock's North Haven House Band will be showcasing holiday songs, rock, pop, and much more!

TAB Officer Meeting: Thurs., Dec. 18, 3-4pm. Teens, Grades 6th-8th, Grades 9th-12th. Let's prep next month's meeting together. Open to current TAB officers and any TAB member interested in helping us run an upcoming activity.

Closing Early for Christmas Eve: Wed., Dec. 24. The Library will be closing early on Wed., Dec. 24 at noon. It will be closed Thurs., Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas. We will reopen on Fri., Dec. 26.

Closed for Christmas Day: Thurs., Dec. 25, All Day. The Library will be closed Thurs., Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas. We will reopen on Fri., Dec. 26.

Furry Scaly Friends: Fri., Dec. 26, 10:30am-11:30am. All Ages. Furry Scaly Friends is a hands-on program where you will get to see and even touch some awesome furry and scaly critters while you learn all about them and their care. You don't want to miss this animal program!

North Haven Now Accepting Sign-Ups for Holiday Food and Toys

The Department of Community Services for the Town of North Haven would like to announce that North Haven residents are now welcome to reserve their names for the Annual Season of Giving Program.

The mission of the Town of North Haven's Community Services' Annual Season of Giving Program is to ensure that North Haven families who are experiencing financial hardship have gifts to provide their children (18 and under) during the holiday season. Additionally, this program is also to ensure that families with food insecurities can also prepare a nice holiday meal.

The holiday toy selection program is intended for North Haven families experiencing financial hardship, with children ages 18 & under. Appointments are available from December 8 through December 12. Parents/Guardians must present a driver's license, birth certificates for each child in the household and proof of hardship. Forms of proof of hardship include but are not limited to Social Security benefit letter, State of CT Connect card, Husky card, SNAP benefit letter, Care 4 Kids letter. This program is intended for parents, guardians and/or direct caregivers only.

The holiday food distribution will take place on Thursday, December 18 from 10-11am in the gym at the Recreation Center, 7 Linsley St. (next to Town Hall Annex). Requests for food must be received no later than 4pm on Monday, December 15. The Food Distribution Program is intended for income eligible North Haven families.

Note to those interested in donating turkeys or hams: Due to storage limitations, the Department asks that turkey or ham donations be delivered on Wednesday, December 17 between 9am-4pm.

Additionally, there is a need for the following food items: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, turkey gravy, cornbread, canned cranberries and canned yams. Monetary donations are gladly accepted. These items can be dropped off to the Department of Community Services office, at the Town Hall Annex Building, 5 Linsley Street from Mon-Fri., between 9am-4pm, from now until December 15. A wish list is available on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/3MEKXYCHHO2N6?ref_=registries_subnav

Note to those interested in donating toys: The Department welcomes donations of new, unwrapped toys, however there is an ongoing need for "tween and teen friendly" items. A wish list is available on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/2TOKHRKYQV8W3?ref_=gr_universal_landing_ggr

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If you would like to sign up, receive further information or have any questions regarding these programs, please contact the Department of Community Services at (203) 239-5321 x8500.

Hamden Warming Stations Open Due to Extreme Cold Weather

Governor Lamont has announced that through Tuesday, December 9, the current weather forecast indicates Connecticut will experience a multi-day stretch of arctic temperatures averaging 10 to 20 degrees below normal.

In anticipation of and during periods of severe cold weather, Mayor Adam Sendroff reminds residents that the Town's public buildings serve as warming stations for the public during their regularly scheduled hours.

The below warming stations provide temporary respite from the cold, particularly for the most vulnerable:

- Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, (203) 287-7100, Mon.-Fri.: 8:30am- 4:30pm.
- Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine St. & 19 George St., (203) 562-5129, Mon.-Fri.: 8:30am- 4:30pm.
- Miller Senior Center, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, (203) 287-2547, Mon.-Fri.: 8:30am-4:30pm.
- Miller Memorial Library, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, (203) 287-2680, Mon. and Tues.: 9:30am-8pm. Wed.: Noon - 5pm, Thurs.-Sat.: 9:30am-5pm.
- Whitneyville Branch Library, 125 Carleton St., (203) 287-2677, Mon.-Wed.: 9:30am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Thurs.: Noon - 8pm.
- Brundage Community Branch Library, 91 Circular Ave., (203) 287-2675, Mon. & Tues.: 9:30am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Wed.: Noon-8pm, Thurs.: 9:30am-1pm & 2pm-5pm.
- Hamden Police Department Lobby, 2900 Dixwell Ave., (203) 230-4000. Always available.

Residents are encouraged to follow these extreme heat safety guidelines:

United Way of CT 2-1-1: Severe Cold Weather Tips and Resources https://uwc.211ct.org/severe-cold-weather-tips-and-resourc es/

CT DEMHS: Winter Weather Awareness https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Manage ment/Resources-For-Individu als/Winter-Weather-Awareness/Winter-Weather-Awareness

CT DEMHS: Extreme Cold/ Winter Weather Storm Tips https://portal.ct.gov/demhs/emergency-management/resources-for-individuals/winter-weather-awareness/winter-weather-storm-tips

CT DPH: Cold Weather Safety Resources https://portal.ct.gov/dph/communications/crisis-and-emergency-risk-communication/cold-weather

American Red Cross: Winter Storm Safety https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html

National Weather Service: www.weather.gov

Always call 911 in an emergency.

For further information, please contact Deputy Chief of Staff, Alexa M. Panayotakis, at (203) 287-7100 or by email at apanay otakis@hamden.com.