

For all programs please register at Sherman Library.org/registration-dropdown or contact slprograms@biblio.org

Adult Programs

The Annual Winter Gala "Crystal Luxe": Dec. 5, 7-10:00pm. Join us at the Sherman Library for our 24th Annual Winter Gala and Fundraiser. Let's celebrate the season as we sip cocktails, enjoy festive fare, sway to live music, and shop the fabulous silent auction. Tickets are $175 and are available at the Library or online at http://www.shermanlibrary.org/gala2026 until Nov. 30. For more information visit www.shermanlibrary.org or contact Executive Director Ashleigh Blake at 860-354-2455 or SLfundraising@biblio.org.

Sherman Artists Open Studios Show 2026 - Opening Reception November 20, 6-8:00pm. The Sherman Library is pleased to announce a group show featuring the members of the Sherman Artists Association who are participating in the Sherman Open Studios 2026 on December 5 & 6. Twenty-eight painters, photographers, mixed media, fused glass, wood and pottery artists will open their home studios or participate in pop-up studios. Samples of the artist's work will be on display at the library and at www.shermanlibrary.org through January 6, 2027.

Wolves of North America: November 19, 6:00pm. Learn about North America's wildest residents, wolves! A wolf expert from The Wolf Conservation Center will discuss wolves, their habitats, and the work that WCC is doing to protect the endangered red wolf and Mexican gray wolf. *Please register.*

Book Discussion Group: November 20, 7:30pm. *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones, led by Stephanie Spinner. Copies of the book are available at the library. *In-person.*

The Roaring 1920's: November 21, 11:00am. Join us for an immersive journey through the vibrant history, memorable figures, and captivating stories of America's most dynamic era, presented by John Cilio. Step into an era of bold fashion, radical cultural shifts, and rebellious spirit that transformed America. *In-person.*

Knitting and Needlecraft Group: December 2, 10:00am. Join the Library for a monthly knitting/fiber crafts circle. Knitters, crocheters, and stitchers of all skill levels are welcome. *In-person.*

Classic Book Discussion Group: December 4, 11:00am. *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh, led by Cindy O'Connor. Copies of the book are available at the library. *In-person.*

History of Mystery Book Discussion Group: December 10, 6:00pm. *The Thin Man* by Dashiell Hammet. This group meets every other month. Copies of the book are available at the library. *In-person.*

Mahjong Club: Every Tuesday, 9:30am. All are welcome from beginners to experts. Socialize with other players as you increase your mahjong skills. Equipment is provided. *In-person.*

Children's Programs

Storytime: Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am. Enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities with Miss Juliet at The Sherman Library. *Recommended for ages 0-4, older siblings welcome. Reg. recommended.*

Story & Movement: Friday, November 20, 10:30-11:00am. Join Ms. Juliet at the Sherman Library to embrace your creativity and imagination through gentle movement and a story. Afterwards, caregivers and their children are welcome to sit, chat, and play. This program will meet the 3rd Friday of every month. *Recommended for children ages 2-5, (but all ages are welcome). Registration recommended.*

Draw/Paint-Along Turkey: Friday, November 20, 3:00-4:00pm. Join Ms. Jenny to draw a turkey step-by-step then use watercolor paints to add color to your masterpiece! *Spots Limited. Ages 5+. Registration required.*

Turkey Handprint Placemats: Tuesday, November 24, 4:00pm. Join Ms. Jenny to read a story and make cute handprint placemats just in time for Thanksgiving dinner! *All ages of children welcome but younger children might need adult assistance. Registration is required.*

Story & Craft for School-Age Children: Wednesday, November 25, 4:00-4:30pm. Join The Sherman Library on the last Wednesday of each month to work on a simple craft while Ms. Jenny reads some fun stories! *This program is for school-aged children. Reg. appreciated.*

Presentation:
The Roaring 1920's
Sat., Nov. 21, 11am

The Sherman Library is pleased to host author and historical storyteller John Cilio as he presents "The Roaring 1920s" on November 21 at 11am. This fascinating program is part of the Library's centennial celebration, commemorating its opening to the public in 1926!

Jazz, speakeasies, flappers, and financial upheaval—the 1920s transformed American society almost overnight. From the enactment of Prohibition and the victory of women's suffrage to the rise of middle-class prosperity and the eventual crash of 1929, this decade reshaped the nation's cultural landscape. Join historian John Cilio for a fast-paced, 50-minute journey through the defining moments and legendary figures of the Roaring Twenties.

John Cilio is a historical storyteller, author, and researcher with over 15 years of experience bringing the past to life. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Organization of American Historians, and the Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Cilio has published extensively across national magazines and newspapers. Through his captivating storytelling and in-depth research, John Cilio continues to inspire and educate. His talks blend rigorous research, vintage photography, and period storytelling to immerse audiences in history.

This is a free program at the Sherman Library. Register online at shermanlibrary.org/registration-dropdown or contact slprograms@biblio.org.

NFSAW Fundraiser

Clean out your closets and donate your clothing and shoes to the New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare Society! Shoes will be reworn and are being paid for by the pound. Proceeds go to pay for food, shelter, and veterinary care for our animals until they are adopted.

The collection bin is located to the left of the shelter entrance located at 223 State Route 37 in New Fairfield.

The mission of the New Fairfield/ Sherman Animal Welfare Society, Inc. is to offer refuge, medical care, and the opportunity for a second chance for life to needy dogs and cats; to protect animals from cruelty or neglect; to foster a public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward all living creatures; to encourage and promote responsible pet ownership; and to reduce companion animal overpopulation through humane education and spay/neuter advocacy.

Mature Lifestyle

Sherman Senior Center
(860) 354-2414

Our drivers can pick you up at your home and drop you off. Call for details!

Programs and Events November 20-27, 2026 (RSVP required!)

Tai Chi for Beginners: Fridays at 10:30am. This is a *video* class. According to many studies, the benefits of Tai Chi include: better sleep, improved mood, increased physical energy, more clarity and focus, and reduced depression, stress and anxiety. Come give it a try!

Decorate the Senior Center for the Holidays: Fri., November 20 at 11:15am.

Commercial Break Exercises: Mon., November 23 at 11am. Jon Dr. Kolwz as she discusses exercises that can be completed while you are watching TV.

Bingo and Live Music: Tues., November 24, 12 noon. Win prizes and listen to music from Unbroken Glass.

Save the Date

Know Your Numbers: Mon., November 30, 11-1pm. Reserve a Wellness Check Appointment with an RVNA Health nurse. Let's get your health back on track. Nurses will check your blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI and blood oxygen levels so you can resume your path to wellness. Sign up for your appointment. Free

Hearing Screenings: Fri., December 4, 1pm. Sign up for an appointment. Anthony Malafronte of Hearing Life will be at the Sherman Senior Center on the First Friday of every other month offering free hearing screenings.

Chorus: Wed., December 9, 12:30pm. The Sherman school chorus will perform holiday and Hanukkah music.

Shopping Trips

New Milford Shopping: Tues., November 24. Call for time.**

***Transportation Provided*

Health & Wellness

Walking Group: Friday at 9am at the Sherman Track.

Exercise Club: Tuesdays at 11am focusing on balance and flexibility. Free **

Tai Chi: Fridays at 10:30am. This is a casual *video* class appropriate for seniors. Free**

Nutrition

Senior Dine Breakfast at American Pie: 9:30am. Initial sign-up paperwork required. Meals cost $4 Mondays & Tuesdays. **RSVP** at least a couple of days prior. **

Card Games

Pinochle Club: Monday, November 23, 1pm-3pm. Walk-ins welcomed.

Closings and Cancellations

The Senior Center will be closed from Wed., Nov. 25 at 12 noon, through Fri., Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday, December 4: Camera Techniques class and private tech appointments have been postponed to January 8

Email List: If you would like to be added to our list, please email us SeniorCenter@ShermanCT.gov

RSVP for Programs: 860-354-2414 Ext 1 or SeniorCenter@ShermanCT.gov

The Sherman Senior Center remains committed in servicing the senior community and is available to respond to their interests, ideas and concerns.





