



Collaboratory @ WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

..... Spring Events 2026



Craft Supply Bonanza

Saturday, June 13 | 10am-1pm

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Stop by on Saturday, June 13th between 10am and 1pm to browse and take home new-to-you craft and art supplies. Please bring bags for your finds.

Leftover supplies may be used by the library or donated to other organizations. Please contact the Collaboratory if you have questions about the event.

Family STEM Night

Tuesday, June 23 | 5:30-7pm

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Join CT STEM Academy for a fun night of exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

Some activities include:
Build and launch a bottle rocket, code robots, engineering projects, and so much more!

Use the link to register through CT STEM Academy



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Featured Events

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Collaboratory programs are open to adults & teens in grades 9+ unless otherwise noted.

You may enter the Collaboratory program registration lottery from the 20th to the 22nd of the month prior. Participants will be selected via random drawing on the following business day. All others will be placed on the wait list. Due to high demand, we may limit individual participants to one program per month. If there are available seats after the lottery, registration will be directly through our online calendar.

Enter the lottery here: [April](#) | [May](#) | [June](#)

Origami Seedling Pots

Saturday, April 4 | 10-11am

Spring is in the air which means it is time to garden. Learn to make biodegradable seedling pots that you can plant directly in the ground once your seeds are ready. Patrons will receive supplies and in-person instruction on how to make these fun seed starters.

Spring Drawstring Bag

Saturday, April 4 | 1-3pm

Learn to make a cute spring accessory with Dawn, The Stitching Coach. Participants should have a basic knowledge of how to sew with a machine. In this program, patrons will learn to finish raw edges, make a drawstring casing and more. Machine, notions, and fabric will be provided.

Beginner Embroidery Sampler

Thursday, April 9 | 3-4:30pm OR
Saturday, April 11 | 11am-12:30pm

Want to get into hand stitching but don't know where to start? Join us for an introduction to basic hand embroidery stitches, and leave with a beautiful sampler!

Everlasting Plant

Monday, April 13 | 6-8pm OR
Wednesday, April 15 | 6-8pm

Create an everlasting plant using new and repurposed beads. Participants will also be able to choose from new or vintage containers to house their plant.

Note: This program requires finger dexterity and the ability to work with wire and fine beads

Koi Fish Ornament

Tuesday, May 5 | 6-8pm

Join artist Deb Jaffe to create your very own polymer clay butterfly koi fish. With their graceful movement and vivid colors, they've become an iconic garden pond feature. Deb will teach the basics of sculpture, texture and form, but it's up to each participant to add as much or as little detail and color as they prefer. Everyone's fish will be a reflection of their own imagination.

Sublimation Earrings

Saturday, May 9 | 11am-12:30pm OR
Thursday, May 21 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to use sublimation to create abstract earrings. Pick from five patterns and learn more about this popular Collaboratory process!

Handcrafted Tin Art Workshop

Wednesday, May 20 | 6:30-8pm

Join us for a hands-on workshop exploring handcrafted tin art inspired by Mexican folk traditions. Participants will create their own spring-inspired design while learning about the rich history and cultural significance of this vibrant art form. All materials will be provided.

Patriotic Floral Slate

Monday, June 1 | 6-8pm OR
Wednesday, June 3 | 6-8pm

Participants will create a festive, Summer hydrangeas floral pot with patriotic themed colors.

Dahlia Box

Tuesday, June 2 | 6:30-8pm

Join artist Deb Jaffe as she guides you through her own techniques to make a realistic dahlia flower-topped trinket box. Each box will be as unique as nature.

Junk Journaling

Thursday, June 18 | 3-4:30pm

Join us for a relaxed program to create your own junk journal. If you are sentimental and hang on to ticket stubs, stamps, wristbands or mementos, this program is for you! Journals and scrapbooking materials will be provided, but please bring your own memories!

Maker Activities

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Flower Bowl

Tuesday, April 14 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, April 16 | 3-4:30pm

Make a decorative wooden bowl in the shape of a flower using parts cut out from our laser cutter.

Decoupage Wooden Boxes

Tuesday, April 28 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, April 30 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to use Mod Podge to decoupage a small wooden box.

Acrylic Paint Pour

Tuesday, May 12 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, May 14 | 3-4:30pm

Have you ever wanted to try paint pouring, but not at home? Try it out at the Library! It could get a little messy, so be sure to wear clothing that you wouldn't mind on paint getting.

Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously

Resin Faux Stained Glass Mandala

Tuesday, May 26 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, May 28 | 3-4:30pm

We will be using resin, mica powder, and frames we have cut out using our laser cutter to create a beautiful, faux stained glass mandala.

Learn to Sew: Grip Pads

Tuesday, June 9 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, June 11 | 3-4:30pm

Never used a sewing machine before? This is a great opportunity to learn! In this beginner class we will be making grip pads, perfect for opening stubborn jars.

Alcohol Ink Jewelry

Tuesday, June 23 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, June 25 | 3-4:30pm

We will be using alcohol ink, tin foil, and UV resin to create magical pendants!

Ongoing Drop-in Groups

Open Sew **Returning!**

Tuesdays, April 7, May 5, & June 2
6-8:30pm | Open to teens & adults

Do you like to sew? Bring your unfinished projects, either hand sewing or machine, for this casual drop-in program. There are 4 portable sewing machines available (or bring your own)!

Woven Together: A Fiber Arts Club for Adults

Thursdays, April 2, May 7, & June 4
6:30-8pm

Gather with fellow fiber arts enthusiasts! Whether you knit, crochet, embroider, cross-stitch, macrame, or create any other type of textile art, there's a place for you here. Bring your current project & supplies. Beginners are welcome. This club is facilitated by **Mary Jane Chicoski**, a local member of the **American Sewing Guild**.

Graphics Office **New day & time!** Hours

Wednesdays, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, &
June 3 & 17 | 6-8pm | Open to teens & adults

Do you need dedicated one-on-one help with a graphics project? Our talented volunteer, Kate, will help you use Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, or Photoshop to turn your vision into reality.

.....Technology Training.....

Learn to Laser Cut

Monday, April 6 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, April 25 | 2-3:30pm

Get started designing your own laser cutter projects using CorelDRAW software. Participants will make a basic wood project. Prior computer experience is recommended.

CNC with Carvera

Monday, May 4 | 2-3:30pm

Learn about the most advanced machine offered in the Collaboratory, the Carvera CNC machine. Please note that successful completion of an online training course and in-person test is required to use the Carvera independently. This class will not certify you, but it will help you learn what you need to know to take the test. You also may study on your own and schedule a test without participating in the class.

Introduction to Canva

Saturday, May 9 | 2-3:30pm

Interested in learning how to create different types of visual content for personal use or your business, but don't want to purchase expensive software? In this class you will learn the basics of Canva, a free, web-based graphic design program that provides templates and graphics to help users create professional looking documents, social media posts, presentations, and videos.

Cutting the Cord: Options for TV Without Cable

Monday, June 8 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, June 20 | 2-3:30pm

Learn about different free and paid options for TV without having a cable subscription!

.....Talking TED @ Home.....

Join librarian Cindy Haiken to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Registration required.

Thursday, April 9 | 7-8pm | Bevy Smith: How to Discover Your Authentic Self -- At Any Age

Thursday, May 14 | 7-8pm | Brian Cox: Why We Need the Explorers

Thursday, June 11 | 7-8pm | Mel Robbins: How to Stop Screwing Yourself Over

Collaboratory Full-Service Hours

Monday-Friday	9:30-1:00 & 1:30-9:00
Saturday	9:30-1:00 & 1:30-5:00
Sundays (Jan-April)	12:00-4:00



Appointments Available

To access equipment in the Vault you will need to sign a waiver and undergo training on the piece of equipment you would like to use. Training appointments are 30-60 minutes and are one-on-one sessions. Training is available for the **Babylock Array** embroidery machine, **Bernina Q20** long arm quilting machine, and **Brother Homelock 1034D** serger.

Please call us at (203)265-6754 to set up an appointment.

During full-service hours, all equipment is open and staff are available to assist you. Self-service hours are the remaining operating hours of the Main Library.

During self-service hours, certain equipment is unavailable and there are no dedicated staff on hand.