FREE FAMILY EVENTS - MAY 2023

Check out the free family fun events listed below! Don't forget to visit the linked websites for additional details regarding the event, including registration requirements, suggested items to bring, and suitability for your family. and if this event is right for you!

May The Fourth – Star Wars Movie Marathon
Thursday, May 4th 4:30 – 8:30 pm | Farmington | Main Library Johnston Community Room
https://www.farmingtonlibraries.org/event/may-fourth-movie-marathon-0

First Friday Dollar Night (This event is $1 to attend)
5 pm | Every First Friday | Niantic | Niantic Children's Museum |
https://www.nianticchildrensmuseum.org/event/first-friday-dollar-night-6/2023-05-05/

Comic Book Day and Pokémon Party
Saturday, May 6th, 10 - 3:30 pm | Bristol | Bristol Public Library
http://www.bristollib.com/events/event/free-comic-book-day-pokemon-party-all-in-one-day/

Bushnell Park Carousel Family Festival
Saturday, May 6th, 1-3 pm | Hartford | Bushnell Carousel
Play games, enjoy activities, and delicious food while at the park.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-family-festival-2023-registration-619940046367?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

May Day Tea Event
Sunday, May 7th 2-5pm | Cromwell | Cromwell Historical Society
Celebrate the arrival of warmer weather with the Cromwell Historical Society by enjoying tea, performances, games and more at this special event!
Link: https://cromwellhistory.org/events-schedule

Turtle Derby: A Run for the Strawberries
Sunday, May 7th 1-4pm | Canton | Roaring Brook Nature Center
Enjoy turtle crafts and activities as the opening of the turtle ponds includes races to fruit.
https://roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts

Loco for Legos Club
Monday, May 8th, 4-5 pm | Hartford | Barbour Branch Library
https://programs.hplct.org/event/8036638

Drop-In Mother's Day Craft
May 8th & 11th 9-8 PM & May 13th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Plainville | Plainville Public Library
https://www.plainvillect.com/library/children/pages/childrens-programs

Teens Virtual Reality Experience
Thursday, May 11th 4-5:30 pm | Hartford | Barbour Branch Library
https://programs.hplct.org/event/8037000

Read-along with a dog - Gizmo's Pawesome Guide to Mental Health
Tuesday, May 9th 6 pm | Plainville | Plainville Public Library
https://www.plainvillect.com/library/children/pages/childrens-programs

Read to Dogs
Wednesday, May 10th 3:30 -4:30 pm | Manchester | Manchester Public Library (Mary Cheney)
https://www.manchesterct.gov/Government/Departments/Library/Read-to-the-Dogs

Design a Tote Bag
Wednesday, May 10th 4:00-4:30 pm | Simsbury | Simsbury Public Library
https://mommypoppins.com/connecticut-kids/event/events/design-a-tote-bag-grades-4-6

Mother's Day Craft Day
Saturday, May 13th 10 am - 3:30 pm | Bristol | Bristol Public Library
http://www.bristollib.com/events/event/mothers-day-craft-day-the-library/

Animal-Palooza: Shark Craft
Tuesday, May 16th 4:30 – 5 pm | Southington | Library Cafe
https://tockify.com/southingtonlib/detail/1729/1684269000000?startms=1682913600000

Make Flower Beaded Bracelets
Wednesday, May 17th 5 – 6:30 pm | New Britain | Makerspace
https://www.nbpl.info/calendar.html

Sensory Friendly Night: Meet the Animals
Friday, May 19th 5 – 7 pm | Niantic | Niantic Children's Museum
https://www.nianticchildrensmuseum.org/event/sensory-friendly-evening-meet-the-animals-3/

Weekend Bird Walks
Saturday, May 6th & 20th 7-9 am | Canton | Roaring Brook Nature Center
Bring binoculars and be ready to take an early morning stroll looking for and hearing birds
https://roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts

Exploring Artism: A Program for Families with Children on the Autism Spectrum
Saturday, May 20th 12:30- 1:30pm | New Haven | Ives Main Library | Yale Center for British Art
Program for children ages 5-12 on the autism spectrum that provides an inclusive learning environment focusing on art.

https://britishart.yale.edu/exhibitions-programs/exploring-artism-program-families-children-autism-spectrum-9

Bee Day
Saturday, May 20th 1-3pm | Farmington | Stanley-Whitman House
Learn more about bees at this event recognizing bee day, sign up is required!
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bee-day-tickets-545292333047

12th Annual Boothe Memorial Park Antique & Classic Car Show
Sunday, May 21 9am-4pm| Stratford | Boothe Memorial Park & Museum
https://www.portfiveusa.com/carshow

Family Game Night
Monday, May 22 6-8pm| Manchester | Manchester Public Library
https://patch.com/connecticut/manchester/calendar/event/20230522/47ce3a80-c50c-43ff-a7d8-3358f86218d4/family-game-night

Drop-In Lego Club – Every Tuesday
Tuesday, May 23 6-7pm | Plainville | Plainville Public Library
https://libraryconnection.libcal.com/event/10601646

Teen Mindfulness Series: Body Image Movement
Wednesday, May 24th 4-6 pm | Hartford | Hartford Public Library Albany Branch
https://programs.hplct.org/event/8187389

Family Story Hour
Thursday, May 25th 6:30pm | New Britain | New Britain Public Library
https://www.nbpl.info/calendar.html

Simsbury Duck Race
Friday, May 26th 4-7pm | Simsbury | Flower Bridge
https://www.simsburyduckrace.com/

Memorial Day Parade
Saturday, May 27th 9am | Wethersfield
https://wethersfieldct.gov/memorial-day

Teen Blindfold Taste Test
Tuesday, May 30th 6pm | Manchester | Manchester Public Library
https://www.manchesterct.gov/Government/Departments/Library/Program-Calendar