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Community notes: 'Pass the Purse' raises more than \$6,000 for local charities

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'Pass the Purse' nets \$6,000 for charities



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The Main Street Community Foundation recently "Passed the Purse" and raised more than \$6,000 for local organizations during its Women of Wonder event.

During the event, small purses were placed at each table, with attendees encouraged to donate what they could to a pre-selected cause. This year's cause was to raise money to purchase personal-care items for older women in several communities, including Southington and Plainville.

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According to the foundation, roughly 1 in 3 adults over 65 are economically insecure, with older women more likely to live in poverty than men.

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Locally, \$900 will be donated to the Plainville Senior Center and \$1,500 will go to Southington Community Services.

Main Street Community Foundation has awarded a total of \$780,000 in grants from the [Women & Girls Fund](#) to organizations and individuals in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott since the fund's establishment in 2001.

Games and crafts at Southington Library

From games to crafts, the Southington Public Library is a great place to stay cool next week as the temperatures rise.

On Monday, tween and teens ages 10 and older can play "Minute to Win It" at 3:30 p.m. Participants will compete against each other in several quick and fun games and challenges. Prizes and snacks will be provided. Those who play will be eligible to earn Tweam Bucks, which are redeemable for prizes during the summer.

Children ages 5-10 can virtually learn how to |
11 a.m. Take-home kits will be available at the
video will air on the Southington Kids Place Fa
Library YouTube page and can be watched at
picked up by that date will be available on a fi



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The library will then celebrate National Sprinkles Day on Tuesday by making a banana bite snack at 5:30 p.m. There will also be ice cream to go with it. The program is for ages 3-7. Please contact the children's department for any allergy inquiries. Supplies are limited and registration is required online.

The City Youth Theater/City Stage Company's cast of "The Little Mermaid" will visit the library on Thursday at 10 a.m. for story time and a character meet-and-greet for children ages 4 and older. To make it even more fun, costumes and photography are encouraged. Space is limited and an in-person, refundable ticket deposit is required. Sign-up is available at the children's desk.

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Make a bracelet using a Rainbow Loom on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. All materials will be provided and no experience is necessary for limited and advanced registration is required.



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Tweens ages 10-14 can make air clay balloon keychains or earrings Thursday at 1 p.m. Parti



Also at 1 p.m. Thursday, children ages 18 months to 4 years can learn how to make a fire-breathing dragon craft during a virtual program. Take-home kits will be available at the children's desk. The instructional video will air on the Southington Kids Place Facebook page and the Southington Library YouTube page and can be watched at any time after 1 p.m. Kits that are not picked up by that date will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The new animated film "Migration" will shown Thursday at 5:45 p.m. Children ages 4 and older and an adult can watch the film while they eat pizza. Space is limited and an in-person, refundable deposit is required. Sign-up is available at the children's desk.

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On Friday, children ages 6-12 and their favorite friends will be painting at 2 p.m. When registering, participants must bring an adult. Supplies will be provided and bring appropriate attire.



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For more information on any of the programs or to register, call 860-628-0947, ext. 3 or visit southingtonlibrary.org.

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