

Library introducing BELONG initiative

Press Release

The Southington Public Library is launching its adult programming initiative BELONG: Building Equitable Library Opportunities for Neurodiverse Groups.

Neurodiversity is the idea that no one "right" way of thinking, learning and behaving exists. Instead people experience and interact with the world in many different ways.

Adult Program Coordinator Elizabeth Chubet and Librarian Lynn Pawloski created BELONG specifically for adults with intellectual, developmental and psychiatric differences.

Offerings include musical and visual arts, recreation, guest presenters, book and film groups, and crafts.

This series is perfect for any neurodiverse adult or group

home looking for social, educational and entertainment activities.

"We believe BELONG manifests the Southington library's values of continuous learning and development for the community and celebrating people for who they are," said Pawloski.

Chubet added, "Companionship and socialization with friends are vital in staving off isolation and loneliness while increasing one's sense of belonging and purpose."

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For details about BELONG programming, contact Elizabeth Chubet at chubete@southington.org or Lynn Pawloski at pawloskil@southington.org.

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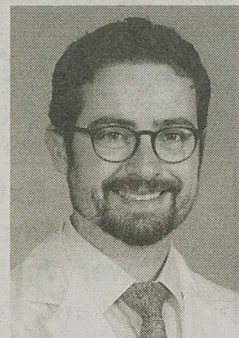
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