

If you have any information that you would like to add regarding kids programming, please call the Youth Commission at 656-7326 so we may include your listing.

- OCT. 1**      **DARIEN LIBRARY- TWEEN TOURAMENT-** Ages 10-12, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Compete on the big screen in this new gaming program. Games for Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS. Snacks provided.
- OCT. 3**      **DARIEN LIBRARY- BEAD-TASTIC -** Ages 7-11. 2pm. Sign-up: Children's Library at 669-5235. Make a colorful bead creation: bracelets, bookmarks, friendship pins and more complex crafts!
- OCT. 3**      **DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY- FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL-** 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. Open house with activities for all ages; colonial crafts & games, "Punch & Judy" show, a Revolutionary war soldier and demonstrations in colonial metal working, wood carving and wool spinning. "Homestead Treasures" tag sale and community farm stand. Open to the public free of charge. A Scarecrow workshop (\$25 materials fee); bring costume and imagination, supports and "heads" will be supplied.
- OCT. 5, 12**    **DARIEN LIBRARY- SLEEPYTIME-** Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:30 pm. Ages 2-6. Family storytime in your pajamas!
- DARIEN LIBRARY- TODDLER TALES-** Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:00 am. Ages 1-3.
- DARIEN LIBRARY- BABY LAPTITUDE-** Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:00 am. Pre-walking babies and caregivers participate in a lapsit, bouncing storytime.
- DARIEN LIBRARY- MOTHER GOOSE-** Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:00 am. All ages family storytime for children and caregivers. Also on Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:00 am.
- OCT. 6, 13**    **DARIEN LIB. - PRESCHOOL STORYTIME-** Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:30 am. Ages 3-5.
- OCT. 7**      **DARIEN LIBRARY- NEWBERRY VISIONARIES-** Ages 9-12. First Wed. meeting at 6:30 pm. Sign-up by Nov. 12: 669-5235. Read high quality new books, discuss them in detail and vote on the most distinguished. Unlike our Nutmeg Groups this is a cumulative experience - it is a committee that needs every member to take part and attend each meeting.
- OCT. 7**      **DARIEN LIBRARY- BookMANIA!**- Ages 7-9, 4:14-5:15 pm. An advanced story is shared, followed by a discussion, activity or craft reflecting the theme of the book. Snacks provided.
- OCT. 12**      **DARIEN YMCA- VACATION CAMP-** available for 3 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Activities include: arts & crafts, swimming, outside play, gym, games and more. Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Rip Van Winkle Bowling. To register and get more information on hours/rates visit: [www.darienymca.org](http://www.darienymca.org).
- OCT 13, 20, 27** **DARIEN LIBRARY- iKIDS-** Ages 9-12. 6:30 p.m. Sign-up: call 669-5235. This technology program introduces kids to a variety of applications using both Mac and PC computers. Participants will use a new program to create projects such as photo slideshows, videos, music, and web pages.
- OCT. 14**      **DARIEN LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER- GRANDPARENTS STORYTIME-** Ages 3-5, 10:30- 11 am. Preschoolers and caregivers join us at the **Darien Senior Center** (30 Edgerton St., Darien) for stories, songs and movement activities.
- OCT. 16**      **DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION-TOPS TOKENEKE FAIR NIGHT-** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TOPS registered members will enjoy an evening at the Tokeneke Fair, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **TOPS MEMBERS ONLY!!** Pay-per event members, \$15.00 includes: unlimited access to select fair rides and TOPS refreshments. (Free for already-paid-members) Info: [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) (select Town Services & Youth Services) or call 656-7326.

- OCT. 17**     **DARIEN YMCA- PANCAKE POW WOW-** 7:30 am.-11:00 am. \$6 per person. Join us for pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and hot chocolate under the tent behind the YMCA.
- OCT. 18**     **DARIEN YMCA- ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY-** 12:00 noon-3:00 pm. \$20 per family. Join us for games, crafts, bounce house, magician, bake sale, silent auction, food concession and more. Under tent behind the YMCA. For more info visit [www.darienymca.org](http://www.darienymca.org).
- OCT. 21**     **DARIEN LIBRARY- TECHSPLOATION-** Ages 9-12, 4:14 pm. This monthly program allows tweens to explore and play with tech gadgets. Kids collaborate on and choose project themes such as videos, podcasts, and sound mixing.
- OCT. 21**     **DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY- "GRAVE BUSINESS"-** Noroton River Graveyard (next to Giovanni's Restaurant.) 3:45-4:45 p.m. Get ready for Halloween by learning the art of grave rubbing. Explore the meaning of images on early gravestone carvings and create rubbings of your own. Open to youths 7 and older; materials fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Advanced registration available at [info@darienhistorical.org](mailto:info@darienhistorical.org) or by calling 655-9233.
- OCT. 22**     **DARIEN LIBRARY- STORIES TO CHILL YOUR BONES-** Ages 7-10, 6 pm. Spooky stories in honor of Halloween! This program will include, 'jump' stories, songs and folk tales.
- OCT. 22**     **DARIEN LIBRARY- NUTMEG BOOK GROUP-** Ages 9-12, 6:30 p.m. This month's Nutmeg book is *The Ghost's Grave* by Peg Kehret. Pizza will be served!
- OCT. 23**     **DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION- 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE TOPS BOWLING-** 6<sup>th</sup> grade TOPS members will meet at Rip Van Winkle bowling lanes in Norwalk from 3:30-5:00 p.m. **MUST BE REGISTERED TOPS MEMBERS!!** The fee for pay per event members is \$10.00. (Free for already-paid-members) For more information visit [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) (click on Town Services then Youth Services) or call 656-7326.
- OCT. 24**     **DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION- HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST-** Darien residents in Grades 6-12. Visits [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) (click on Town Services and then Youth Services) for a complete set of rules and a registration form. All teams must be pre-registered with the Youth Commission. Windows are available on a first come first serve basis. Call 656-7326 for more information.
- OCT. 24**     **DARIEN LIBRARY- KITCHEN SINK SCIENCE-** Ages 7-10, 10:30 am. To sign-up call 669-5235. This program simplifies basic science concepts in a fun way. Parents are welcome to stay!
- OCT. 25**     **DARIEN NATURE CENTER- "HOOT & HOWL"-** A family Open House from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Enjoy: hayrides, campfire stories, crafts, night rides, refreshments. Fun for the entire family! For more information contact the Darien Nature Center at 655-7459.
- OCT. 26**     **DARIEN LIBRARY- AMY KROUSE ROSENTHAL-** Ages 4-8, 4:30 pm. in the Library's Community Room. Darien Library welcomes author Amy Krouse Rosenthal! Amy is the author of many notable books including NY Times Bestseller *Cookies: Bite-Sized Life Lessons*.
- OCT. 30**     **DARIEN YMCA- "HAUNTED GYMNASIUM"-** FREE for everyone and includes: games, crafts, bounce house, dj, dancing and more! 6:30-8:00 pm. More info.: [www.darienymca.org](http://www.darienymca.org) .

**What's Up For Kids and other activities and programs occurring in Darien can be found at**  
**(<http://www.calendar.darien.org>)**