

The Ivoryton Library was founded in 1871 and is still housed in its original structure, built in 1889. It has continued to function as a library for 150 years.

The library is committed to serving the public all the while maintaining the integrity of the building and keeping its collections up to date.

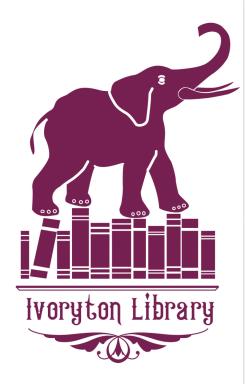
Ivoryton Library HoursMonday9-5Tuesday9-5Wednesday9-8Thursday9-5Friday9-5Saturday9-12Closed Sundays

PLEASE NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the library has been forced to occasionally shut our doors to drop-in visits. As of February 1, 2021, the library is open by appointment for browsing or computer use. 30 minute limit, please, so that we can sanitize between visitors.

Porch Pick-up service is always available, as well as home delivery.

We value highly the safety of our patrons and staff and follow all recommendations from the state & town regarding changes to our schedule.

WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY



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IN THE VILLAGE OF IVORYTON

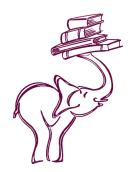
IVORYTON LIBRARY

The Ivoryton Library is a free library, open to the public, with over 16,000 books, magazines, museum passes, DVDs, music CDs and audio books and over 100,000 digital audio and e-books available, along with streaming movies and music. A valid card from any Connecticut library can be used to check out most of our materials. In addition, the library offers programs and services free of charge for patrons.

What else?

- Computers, wi-fi, downloadable audio books, e-books & magazines, language classes, these are a few ways our library is meeting 21st century needs in its 19th century building.
- We don't have it? We'll search libraries in the state and have them send it.
- Can't make it to the library? We can pick up and deliver. Give us a call.
- Online, virtual programs and grab-andgo adult craft programs are on-going, as well as our three book clubs, now meeting online via Zoom.

CHILDRENS ROOMS



Pandemic requirements require that all toys are eliminated form the rooms but families are welcome to browse our library materials via appointment.

Weekly preschool storytimes continue online or outside, safely distanced, weather permitting.

Online read-alongs and book discussions, science, cooking and craft grab-and-go programs, and other fun activities are on-going. Please see our website for more information:

lvorytonlibrary.org

We miss you all and hope we can welcome you all back for in-person programs and events soon!



LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

At one point in the 20th century, Ivoryton and neighboring Deep River processed 90% of the ivory entering the United States. The village of Ivoryton is a quintessential factory town, built by the company to house, entertain and provide for the workers. The Ivoryton Library has an extensive collection of materials pertaining to the history of Ivoryton, the ivory trade and ivory processing.

This collection includes factory and library records dating back over 100 years, newspaper clippings, Ivoryton Playhouse memorabilia, vintage photographs, scrapbooks, ivory and ivory processing tools, and a large pair of elephant tusks in our entry.

Thanks to the exhaustive work of Don and Shirley Malcarne, we also have the history of every building in Essex built prior to 1930.

The public is always welcome to browse these materials by appointment