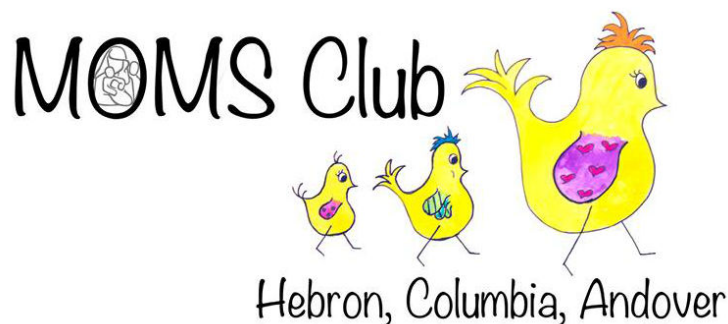


**MOMS Club® of Hebron  
Newsletter  
July 2014**



Dear MOMS,

Welcome to summer! I am so excited to start off this new year as President for the MOMS Club. I have some big shoes to fill! We've come so far in the past year and done some awesome stuff, and I'm dreaming of even more....

For those of you who don't know me that well, I've lived here in Columbia for 8 years. Five days before Christmas, we moved from one end of town to the other because we ran out of space in our old house. Our family spent a long time thinking about where we wanted to end up and when it came down to it, we really love it here in Columbia. I was a preschool teacher and really loved my job, but when it was time for Aubrey to join our family, we just couldn't afford to pay for both kids to go to school. So thus began my journey as a stay-at-home mom. I had never felt so isolated and out of contact with other grownups, and at a loss for what to do with my kids. Finally we started going to the library and checking out some of the local programs in town. I met a couple of moms and found the MOMS Club. I was also briefly a member of MOPS too. That's all I needed to start my network. Now I love going out and about around town and knowing tons of people. Without meeting Doreen, who was the Membership VP at the time, I'd probably still be wandering around town lost.

My goal with the MOMS Club, and I hope yours too, is to find those moms who are also wandering lost and pull them towards the light of friendship and community. I've met a lot of our members by just talking to the mom next to me at the library or at the park. People out there are looking for us, some of them just don't know it yet! We all need a support network, and I hope that we can do for others what this club has given to us. The board meeting last week was filled with brainstorming of all the awesome things we could accomplish this year. We talked a lot about giving back to the community and being proud of what we represent around our towns. We are planning a Touch-A-Truck, which is quite a big event. We are going to need help fundraising, getting the word out, making flyers and more. Please consider joining us! Even if you think you have nothing to give, there is really a job for everyone.

This is not my club. Just because I'm stamped up top on the newsletter, I'm not in charge. You are! I'm just here to piece it all together and help make it happen for you. Got an idea? Share it! I love it when people talk to me, so make use of my email address, my phone number, my Facebook messenger, or even my front door. If there is a time that works best for you to get together, chances are there is another mom with the same kind of schedule. Post playdates, random trips to the park or the lake. This club is what you make of it. If you want to show up to a few things, that's great. If you want to show up to a lot, we love that too! The more directions we can take this, the more we have to offer for everyone.

So please take some time and look through the newsletter. We tried to plan a bunch of fun things for us to do this month, but we'd love your ideas too! Let's get our summer off to a great start!

-Susan Smith



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## July Monthly Social

July 10th at 10:30 AM

Columbia Rec Park

This is our first business meeting of the MOMS Club year. We have some new business to take care of and some ideas to discuss. Please join us! We'll be meeting near the playscape so the kids can play while we talk. If there is bad weather, we will meet under the pavillion.

## MOM'S Night Out

July 17th, 7:00 pm

Lake View Restaurant  
50 Lake St. Coventry, CT 06238

Let's go out for dinner and drinks at the Lake View Restaurant in Coventry. We can sit outside and enjoy some kid-free company!



## Touch-A-Truck Meeting

We are looking for all the help we can get with planning our Touch-A-Truck this fall. Please come to this brainstorming/planning meeting so we can get a jump start! This is a big project and we are going to need lots of volunteers. There is no commitment if you come to this meeting, we are just trying to get the word out and figure out how we can work together. We'll meet at Veteran's Park in Hebron, unless it rains and then we'll announce another meeting spot.

Friday, July 11th  
10:30 am



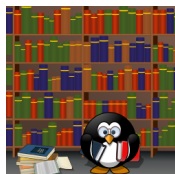
## Summer Reading Programs

The local libraries will be offering summer reading programs for kids starting at the end of June. Be sure to check out their websites for more details. The Columbia Library has programs for kids of all ages, including babies this year, and for grownups too! The Hebron Library has some fun programing scheduled as well.

<http://douglaslibrary.org/children/summer-reading-program/>

<http://www.columbiaactlibrary.org/childrens/summer-reading/>


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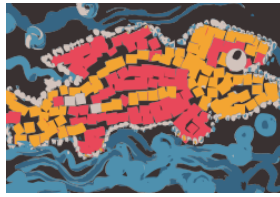
## July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Library Group 4:30-5:15 pm Hebron Library	2 Coffee and Chat 9:00 am Something Simple Cafe	3	4 Happy 4th!	5
6	7	8 Playgroup: Ages 3-6 10:30 am Michele's house (see roster)	9	10 Monthly Social 10:30 am Rec Park	11 Touch-A-Truck Meeting 10:30 am Veteran's Park	12
13	14 Columbia Lake 10:00 am-12:00 pm	15 Library Group 4:30-5:15 pm Hebron Library	16	17 Colchester Splash Pad and Starbucks 11:00 am  MOMS Night Out 7:00 PM Lake View Restaurant	18	19
20	21 Coffee and Chat 11:00 am Something Simple Cafe	22 Playgroup: Ages 3-6 10:30 am Michele's house (see roster)	23 Playgroup: Ages 2 and under 10:30 am TBD	24	25 Beach Day TBD Rocky Neck State Park	26
27	28 Amtrak Train Ride Check Train Schedule	29 Library Group 4:30-5:15 pm Hebron Library	30 Roger Williams Zoo Trip TBD	31		

See our Facebook page for all event invites and details. If you are having trouble seeing the details or don't use Facebook, please just email us! If you'd like last minute updates emailed to you (ie weather, date changes, etc), let us know.

<p style="text-align: center;">Hebron Library Story Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00am Tuesday 2-3 yr old</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00pm Wednesday 0-5 yr old</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00am Baby and Me Laps Program 0-2 yr old</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Andover Library Story Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30pm Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Columbia Library Story Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am Tuesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30pm Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am Friday Parent Child Meet-up</p>
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# Free Summer Fun



The William Benton Museum of Art, Connecticut's State Art Museum is offering a ton of fun children's programming for the summer. They have a free storytime and craft on select Saturdays at 3 PM, plus other fun art-related fun for kids. Check their website for more information and a complete schedule.

<http://www.thebenton.org/events.php>

245 Glenbrook Road, U-2140, Storrs, CT 06269



## Barnes and Noble Summer Reading and Free Storytimes

Barnes and Noble also offers free storytimes and a summer reading program. Check the website or stop by the store for a complete schedule. If you can't get into the store, be sure to check out their online story times, which are available whenever you want!

<http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/storelocator/stores.aspx?pagetype=eventlist>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/>



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