The gardening program held at the Naval Submarine Base NLON MWR Library was interrupted by Covid-19, but not before we were able to plant many seeds! Our helpful librarian cared for our plants until it was safe to pick them up for planting in our home gardens. The participants were able to continue discussing gardening and their at-home plants via a private Facebook group. These kids have some green thumbs!

With the importance of keeping our distance for safety, UCONN 4-H took to the mail to provide CT Air Guard military youth with at-home STEM kits. One of our favorite kits taught youth how to make ladybug necklaces with glowing antennae. Members were able to learn about ladybugs as pollinators, Battery polarity, LED lights and express themselves through art decorating their bugs. We loved seeing how they came out!

Making Memories at the MWR Library

In February, families came together at the Naval Submarine Base NLON MWR Library for a special day of scrapbooking together. We talked about what a scrapbook is, how people use them, the importance of using the right materials, and then each 4-Her created their own scrapbook along with a grown up helper. Each book was unique and full of special memories.

When school closings left even more youth home alone, UConn 4-H Military Partnership took our “4-H Home Alone” program to Facebook to help families prepare youth and cover important talking points. Through the use of fun games, images, and family interactive activities, we modified the program to be used at home by parents during this time when it is not safe to meet. Keep an eye out for the upcoming digital babysitter’s class!