

COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight: Museum Passes!

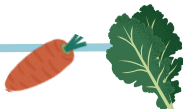


The Coventry Public Library has a variety of museum passes that will get you + other(s) in for free or for a reduced rate! Includes: Battleship Cove, Blithewold Mansion, Museum of Fine Arts - Boston, Museum of Science - Boston, Nathaniel Greene Homestead, Paine House Museum, Roger Williams Zoo, and more! Call for more information and visit the library to borrow a museum pass today!



4th Annual Pet Photo Contest:

Stop by the library and cast your vote for Coventry's cutest pet! Prizes awarded to top 3 winners!



Greene Farmers Market!

Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m. starting May 27th

Greene's popular Farmer's Market returns for the summer - every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Columbus Day! Featuring wonderful vendors like West Meadowbrook Farm, The Lavender Ewe, Nancy's Fancies, Tamarack Farm, Denise Vaz Jewelry, Sheff's Sweets, Lavoie Birdhouses, and more. Greene Library, 179 Hopkins Hill Road, Greene, RI. Call 397-3873 with any questions.



Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, May 21st @ 5:30 p.m.
The Sinners All Bow
by Kate Winkler Dawson

"On a winter day in 1832, Sarah Cornell was found hanging in a barn, four months pregnant, after a disgraceful liaison with a Methodist minister, Reverend Ephraim Avery. Some claimed her death was suicide...but others weren't so sure. Determined to uncover the real story, Victorian writer Catharine Williams threw herself into the investigation and wrote what many claim is the first American true-crime narrative, *Fall River*."

The *Studies in Crime* Book Group is currently full. Please contact Kylie at KWoodmansee@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105 for further information.



Daytime Book Group
Monday, May 19th @ 1 p.m.

The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna
by Juliet Grames



A young woman tells the story behind two elderly sisters' estrangement, unraveling family secrets stretching back a century and across the Atlantic to early 20th century Italy. For *Stella Fortuna*, death has always been a part of life. Stella's childhood is full of strange, life-threatening incidents--moments where ordinary situations like cooking or feeding the pigs inexplicably take lethal turns. Even her own mother is convinced that her daughter is cursed or haunted. When the Fortunas emigrate to America on the cusp of World War II, Stella and Tina must come of age side-by-side in a hostile new world with strict expectations for each of them."

For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Evening Book Group

This book club will not be meeting in May due to staffing issues. Please check our website and the June newsletter for updates on when the Evening Book Club will reconvene. For more information, please contact Reference at 822-9105 or email AskReference@coventrylibrary.org.

Staff Picks Book Group
Monday, May 5th @ 6 p.m.
***Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros**



This will be the final Staff Picks Book Club. Circulation Assistant Dawn will be hosting:

20-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general--also known as her tough-as-talons mother--has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away...because dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. Call 822-9105 or email askreference@coventrylibrary.org.

“Books are the carriers of civilization.”
– Barbara Wertheim Tuchman

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Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fri - Sat: 9am - 5pm
Sun: 12pm - 4pm

Holiday Closures:

Sunday & Monday May 25 - 26
for Memorial Day

Summer Hours start:

Saturday, May 31st we are
open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

& we will be closed on
Sunday June 1st



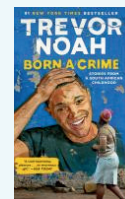
Staff Picks

Jessica's Picks Assistant Director



The Northwomen: Untold Stories from the Other Half of the Viking World
by Heather Pringle

Expertly researched and thoughtfully told, *The Northwomen* brings to life what the day-to-day lives were like for Viking women.



Born a Crime
by Trevor Noah

This was April's Daytime Book Club book - I couldn't put it down! Noah masterfully tells the story of his life growing up with his mother in South Africa under Apartheid.



What to Wear and Why
by Tiffany Darke

"A thought-leading, deeply researched book on sustainable clothing, by an author who has served as editor in chief of Harrods, written for periodicals, and runs a sustainable fashion boutique"

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Children

Spring After School Craft Program - Children in grades K-3 Wednesday, May 7th @ 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 7th at 2 pm, children in grades K-3 can join us at the library to make a spring craft. Children will listen to seasonal stories and make a spring bird! Online registration is required. To register, please visit coventrylibrary.org.

Children's Block Zone Saturday, May 10th @ 3 p.m.

Do you like creating with blocks? Visit Youth Services on Saturday, May 10th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to build with different types of blocks. We will have Magna-Tiles, LEGOs & Keva Planks available for building! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

Crafty Saturday! Saturday, May 17th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On Saturday, May 17th, children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. From 11 am to 3 pm, children can visit the library and use the provided materials to create a piece of art! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

Family Evening Story Time Tuesday, May 20th @ 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm, families with children ages 3 to 8 can join us at the library for family evening story time. Children will listen to insect stories and songs! Each child will receive a fun craft kit to complete at home. Registration is required. To register, please call 822-9102.

Kickoff to Summer Reading Program! "Level Up at Your Library" Saturday, June 7th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us at the library on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am to 12 pm to kickoff summer reading! The library's kickoff will include lawn games, a selfie station, summer reading registration and frozen treats! Teens and kids ages 3 through entering 12th grade who sign up for the summer reading challenge can pick out a free book, while supplies last! Free books for the library's summer reading kickoff were generously donated by the Library's Foundation.

Children's Display Case

Would you like to display a collection special to you, at the library, for other children to see? If you would like to display your collection, please call 822-9102 or see a librarian in the Children's Room. Each collection in the youth services display case is shown for two weeks.

Teens

Hidden Ducks!

Starting in May, there will be mini rubber ducks hidden in the YA book area for teens to find. If a teen in grades 6-12 finds a duck and brings it to the Teen Librarian, they will get a candy prize. The duck is not to keep. Strictly for teens in grades 6-12. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Teen Summer Reading Program

Teens entering grades 6-12 can register for the Teen Summer Reading program "Level Up at Your Library" starting June 9th by visiting the library! Those who attend our Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 7th will be able to register early and get a keychain!

Teens who register will make their own reading goal (it has to be at least one book) and get a Summer Reading Player's Handbook with their first quest completed - registration.

Teens who return their handbook and quest log by the end of the Summer Reading Program on August 15th with their reading goal completed, will get a final quest sticker and one entry for a grand prize. Teens will also get their pick of a drawstring bag and 10 stickers for completing the summer program!

Throughout the summer there will be opportunities to complete more quests and earn stickers by attending different programs and fun weekly challenges. The more quests you complete, the more stickers you get which will get you more entries at the end for one of our grand prizes! If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Teen Summer Volunteering

Volunteering applications for summer volunteering will be available in the library starting May 12th. Applications must be filled out and returned to the Teen Librarian. There are only 22 spots available so if you are interested, please apply as soon as possible. Volunteering during the summer is for teens entering Grades 7-12 in the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact the Teen Librarian with any questions.

Teen Media Reviews

Don't have time to volunteer at the library or can only volunteer on weekends? We have Teen Media Reviews where teens can submit reviews on different types of media to earn 2 hours of community service per review.

If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Adults

The Larchmont Remembered Thursday, May. 1st @ 6:30 p.m.

A front row seat to R.I. history! Come hear the harrowing tale of the Larchmont shipwreck in 1907 off the coast of Block Island, presented by Daniel Harrington, former East Providence Councilman and long time ProJo columnist. With eyewitness accounts and never-before-seen photographs, the horror and heroism of the worst maritime disaster in NE history comes to life. No registration required. For more info, email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

Rhode Island History - State Archives Pop-Up @ Coventry Library Monday, May. 5th @ 3-5 p.m.

Interested in learning more about Rhode Island's history? Drop by on Monday, May 5th to view an exhibit showcasing letters, documents, and military records from 1700s that help tell the story of the founding of our state. No registration required. For more info, email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

Adult Card Making Craft Thursday, May 8th @ 10:30 a.m.- Noon

Join us for a relaxing, informal card making craft. Registration required - call 822-9104 or email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Social Security 101 Monday, May 5th @ 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Join Cheryl Tudino of the Social Security Administration for an informative session covering retirement, Medicare, and Survivor Benefits. Learn how retirement benefits are calculated, the best time to start collecting them, Medicare enrollment periods, how Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount may affect you, how to access Social Security's online services, and what tasks can be completed digitally. Updates on Social Security's service model and program changes will be shared. Get answers to all your related Social Security questions!

No registration required. For more info, email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

Waste Not, Grow Lots! Composting in Coventry, with Isaac Reid Thursday, May 29th @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Join Isaac Reid of the R.I. Food Policy Institute to hear about how compost is made, methods of composting at home, and how to use it! Will include why composting is so important and how integral it is to meeting R.I.'s Act on Climate goal to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. Brought to you by the library and the Coventry Wantaknow Garden Club.

No registration required. For more info, email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.