



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight: Coventry Food Bank



The Coventry Community Food Bank is open Tuesdays from 1 - 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 - noon, and Thursdays from 9 - noon, serving families in need.

Appointments are encouraged, but not required. Call 401-822-9199 with questions or to make an appointment.

We welcome your food donation items here at the Coventry Public Library! We have space inside the library, by the front door, for you to leave unopened, unexpired food items.

Greene Farmers Market! Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.



Greene's popular Farmer's Market returns for the summer - every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Columbus Day at the Greene Library, 179 Hopkins Hill Road, Greene, RI! 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.

Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL* Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 5:30 p.m. *Murderland* by Caroline Fraser



"In the 1970s and '80s, Ted Bundy was just one perpetrator amid an uncanny explosion of serial rape and murder across the northwest. Why so many? Why so weirdly and nightmarishly gruesome? Why the senseless rise and then sudden fall of an epidemic of serial killing? As *Murderland* indelibly maps the lives and careers of Bundy and his infamous peers--the Green River Killer, the I-5 Killer, the Night Stalker, the Hillside Strangler, even Charles Manson--Fraser's Northwestern death trip begins to uncover a deeper mystery and an overlapping pattern of environmental destruction."

This Book Group is currently full. Please contact Kylie at 822-9105 or KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org for further information.

Daytime Book Group Monday, Sept. 22nd @ 1 p.m. *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

"Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up.

How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life."

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

Evening Book Group Monday, Sept. 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. *Mother-Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon



"Nothing brings an estranged family together like a murder next door. High-powered businesswoman Lana Rubicon has a lot to be proud of. But when she finds herself trapped in a sleepy coastal town with her adult daughter Beth and teenage granddaughter Jack, Lana is hoping that boredom won't kill her before the cancer does.

Then Jack stumbles upon a dead body while kayaking near their bungalow and quickly becomes a suspect in the homicide investigation."

Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk while supplies last!

For more information, please contact Reference at 822-9105 or email JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.

“The contents of a library can take you further than your own imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind.”
— Amberle Cianne, author

Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fridays: 9am - 5pm
Saturdays: 9am - 5pm
Sundays: 12pm - 4pm

Holiday Closures:

Saturday, August 30th through Monday, Sept. 1st in honor of Labor Day



Staff Picks

Lauren's Picks Library Director

Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler



"I didn't think I was in the mood for a dystopian novel, but I breezed through it, immediately hooked by Butler's interesting characters and compelling plot."

Who She Left Behind by Victoria Atamian Waterman



"Written by a local author, this moving historical fictional novel takes the reader on a journey from early 20th century Turkey to 1990s Rhode Island, following the story of an Armenian family as they are forced to leave their home and re-settle in America. I learned so much about Armenian culture and history from this book and highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys stories about family, resilience, and hope."

Poker Face TV Series



"This darkly comedic murder mystery series is far from cozy and includes some adult language and content. If that's not your speed, I would recommend watching *Murder She Wrote* instead, the charming, cozy, and classic predecessor on which *Poker Face* is loosely based!"

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Children

Children's Summer Reading Challenge

Coventry Library's summer reading program, "Level Up at Your Library" took place from June 7th through August 8th. During this time, 281 children registered for our summer reading challenge and 125 children reached or surpassed their reading goal! Even more enjoyed our summer reading programs such as Story Times, Crafternoons, Magician Lon Cerel, Bwana Iguana Animal Adventure, Music at the Blissful and MobileQuest! Thank you to all the patrons who participated in our summer reading program!

The statewide RI Summer Reading Program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Special thanks to the Town of Coventry for their support of this program.

Children's Block Zone

Saturday, Sept. 6th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Do you like creating with blocks? Visit Youth Services on Saturday, September 6th 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! Drop-in children's program. Call Youth Services at 822-9102 with questions.

Family StoryWalk®

Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 3 - 5 p.m.

in partnership with Youth Services & LVKC

On Wednesday, September 17th, from 3 to 5 pm, families with children of all ages can enjoy an outdoor StoryWalk® at the Coventry Public Library. Little Night, Nocheita is a bilingual English/Spanish picture book by Yuyi Morales. This program is offered by the library and the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County (LVKC), a non-profit organization with a nationally recognized Adult Literacy Program that has been serving the R.I. community since 1980.

This StoryWalk® is weather permitting. Rain date of September 24th. Drop-in family program. Call Youth Services at 822-9102 with questions.

Fall Story Time Registration Starts Sept. 22nd

Registration for fall story times will begin on September 22nd and continue until story times are full. Fall story times will be held for Library Babies (ages 0 to 23 months) on Mondays at 10am, Tales for Twos (children two years of age) on Thursdays at 10am and Preschool story time (ages 3-6) on Fridays at 10am. To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102. The fall session of story times will run from October 6th through November 24th.

Crafty Saturday

Saturday, Sept. 27th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On September 27th, children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. From 11am to 3pm children can visit the library and use the provided materials to create a piece of art! This is a drop-in children's program. Call 822-9102 with questions.

Teens

Summer Reading Thank you:

Thank you to all 112 teens who signed up for and participated in the teen summer reading program this year, making it our busiest summer yet!

Bedazzled Books

Friday, Sept. 12th @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us September 12th from 6 - 8 p.m. for our Bedazzled Book event! Teens will bring a book from home to bedazzle with gems. The library will have books if they forget, but we ask everyone to bring one book to bedazzle.

This is for teens only in grades 6-12 and registration is required.

Adopt-a-Skeleton

Friday, Sept. 26th @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on September 26th from 5:30-7:30pm for an Adopt-a-Skeleton event! Teens can adopt a skeleton that they will name and decorate. The skeletons will be left to be displayed through the month of October where they will be voted on for top skeleton! The top 3 will get a prize. Skeletons can then be collected at the beginning of November!

This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required.

TS12 Celebration!

Friday, Oct. 3rd @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on October 3rd from 6-7:30pm to celebrate the release of the new album by Taylor Swift! There will be games, food, friendship bracelets, and other fun themed activities. Plus those who participate in the trivia will be entered to win a themed prize!

THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE IN GRADES 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens September 15th.

Pickle Autopsy

Friday, Oct. 10th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us October 10th from 6-7:30 p.m. for our 3rd Pickle Autopsy event! The long lost space ship has crash landed in Pickle City with the pickle astronauts long passed. Teens will autopsy the pickles to determine how they died and solve the mystery of what happened to these pickle astronauts. Pickle snacks will be provided as well!

This is only for those in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens September 22nd.

School Year Volunteering

Volunteer applications for the school year are now available on our website and at the library for grades 7-12. If you have any questions, please contact the teen librarian.

Adults

Adult Craft: Clay Leaf Bowls Tuesday, Sept. 9th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Using clay we will create a slab that we press fall leaves in to create impressions of their veins and shape. We will then cut out, form, and paint them. The end result is a lovely bowl-shaped clay leaf!

Registration required. To register, please email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

Evening Craft: Miniature Book Cases Monday, Sept. 15th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for this new monthly evening adult craft program! This month we will be making adorable miniature bookcases with mint tins, perfect for decorating your bookshelf.

Registration required, please contact the Reference Desk at (401) 822-9105 or email jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org to sign up.

George Matteson: The Man & His Maps with Linda & Steve Kornatz Thursday, Sept. 18th from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Matteson was a local mapmaker who lived in Scituate and Coventry, and was a forest ranger for 40+ years. He served on search and rescue, assisting with more than 9,000 rescues of lost hunters and hikers, 100 plane crash rescues and myriad forest fire patrols. Paul St. Amand will be displaying many of those maps at the program.

Free and open to the public. If you would like a friendly reminder before the event, call 401-822-9104 or email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Tree Identification Walk with Paul Dolane Saturday, Sept. 27th @ 10 a.m. - Noon

Join the Coventry Land Trust and the Library to learn how to identify trees with Paul Dolane of the RI Resource & Dev. Area Council. We will start with learning a tree identification technique, then go for a walk on the bike path behind the library!

Registration is required. To register, contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

Artist Trading Card Workshop Tuesday, Sept. 30th @ 3 - 5 p.m.

Artist Trading Cards are 2.5"x3.5" original works of art that are exchanged one-for-one between the artists who made them. Come to this workshop to learn from an experienced Artist Trading Card maker and trader about the history of this unique medium, then the library will provide supplies for everyone to make and trade their own!

Registration required, please contact jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or the Reference Desk (401) 822-9105 to register.