



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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K - 12th Student Art Contest!



Calling all students K-12 who live in Coventry! Submit an original piece of art work under the theme "Historical Coventry: A Celebration in Art" and your piece will be entered into a town-wide art show! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in 5 categories (by grade) will win gift cards, trophies and medals.

An Art Show & Reception is being held Tuesday, May 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 where all winners will be announced and awarded prizes. A "People's Choice" winner will be selected that night by all attendees, and their winning art work will be printed on a special edition Coventry Public Library library card!

Art work must be submitted to the Coventry Public Library between Monday, April 20th and Sunday, May 3rd. See our website for more details and contest guidelines and rules.

This is a collaboration of the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission, Coventry Public Library, Nathanael Greene Homestead, Paine House (WRICH), Parks & Rec and the Town of Coventry to honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



Winter Reading Challenge!

Libraries across the state have come together to offer a state-wide reading challenge in February 2026! Visit the Coventry Public Library to sign up! Log your reading each day on the Beanstack app to receive tickets to be entered to win prizes including grocery gift cards, tickets to PPAC, gift baskets, & more! Contact JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or stop by the Reference Desk for more details.

Car Seat Safety Check!

Thursday, Feb. 5th @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Have an official safety check for any type of car seat, booster seat, and seat belt done for free by a police officer! Drop-in program (plan to be there for 20 minutes) for infant, front-facing, rear-facing, booster seats, seat belts & more, for any and all caregivers - parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc.

Call Jessica at 822-9104 with questions.



What book did the librarian check out for her cat?

ha ha ha

The Prince and the Paw-per!

Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*

Wednesday, Feb. 18th @ 5:30 p.m.

The Zorg by Siddharth Kara



"In late October 1780, a slave ship set sail from the Netherlands, bound for Africa's Windward and Gold Coasts, where it would take on its human cargo. The Zorg (a Dutch word meaning "care") was one of thousands of such ships, but the harrowing events that ensued on its doomed journey were unique. By the time its journey ends, the Zorg would become the first undeniable argument against slavery."

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

Daytime Book Group

Monday, Feb. 23rd @ 1 p.m.

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

"Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City, an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles."

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

Evening Book Group

Monday, Feb. 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.

Women and Children First by Alina Grabowski

New members welcome - join us! The Evening Book Club typically meets on the 4th Monday of every month.

"Nashquitten, MA, is a decaying coastal enclave, full of locals who have run the town's blue-collar industries for generations. So, when a young woman dies at a house party, and the circumstances around her death are suspiciously unclear, the tight-knit community is shaken and the events around this tragedy become a lightning rod."

Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk while supplies last! For more information, please call 822-9105 or email JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.

Library Hours

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

Closures:

Monday, Feb. 16th
for President's Day



Staff Picks

Cara's Picks Children's Librarian



Winging It by Megan

"12-year-old Luna never wanted to move from California to Virginia no matter how excited her dad is to show her the area where her late mother grew up. She definitely doesn't want to live with a grandmother she barely knows. But during a visit to the National Museum of Natural History, the rarely seen luna moth for which Luna was named sparks her curiosity."



Finding Lost by Holly Goldberg Sloan

"A stray dog helps a girl cope with the loss of her father and leads her to meet something new and special."



Millie of the Manor by Author

"Amy has always loved a good mystery. So when her class-mate Reagan invites her to a murder-mystery-themed birthday party, she should be ecstatic. But...she's not. Instead, she's worried that her social anxiety will mess everything up."

Children



Drop-In Activities Month of February

Families with children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to make a guess for our Valentine Estimation Activity. And for the month of February, children can participate in our Sporty Scavenger Hunt.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Tuesday, Feb 3rd @ 6 p.m.

Children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 are invited to attend this series of story times. We will be counting down to Kindergarten with stories, activities and crafts! Getting Ready for Kindergarten will meet monthly from January to June 2026, at 6 pm. Registration is required. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, to register.

Family Evening Story Time Tuesday, Feb. 10th @ 6 p.m.



Families with children ages 3-8 can join us at the library for Family Evening Story Time. On February 10th at 6 pm, children will listen to stories and songs at the library. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, to register.

February School Vacation Program: Mad Science: Marvels of Motion! Thursday, Feb. 19th @ 11 a.m.

Children ages 4-11 can join us at the library on Thursday, February 19th at 11am for a Mad Science program and their Marvels of Motion show. Registration is required and begins on February 2nd. Please register online at coventrylibrary.org.



Crafty Saturday! Saturday, Feb. 28th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On February 28th, children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. Children can visit the library from 11 am to 3 pm and use the provided materials to create a piece of art! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, with any questions.



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 on display for two weeks.

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Teens



Pokémon Terrariums Friday, Feb. 13th @ 6 p.m.



Join us February 13th at 6pm for our Pokémon Terrarium craft. Teens will pick a 3D printed pokémon and build a terrarium for it using the supplied materials. This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required.



Bucket Challenge! Week of Feb. 17th - 20th

February 17th - 20th from open to close, teens in grades 6-12 can stop by the library to complete a challenge for a small prize. They will be blindfolded and have to tell the librarian what is in 4 different buckets. No registration is required. This is only for teens in grades 6-12 and prizes will only be given to teens who participate.



Gem Keychains

Friday, Feb. 20th @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on February 20th from 6-8pm for our Gem Keychain craft! Teens will get a blank keychain that they will be able to apply gems and beads to personalize. This is for grades 6-12 only and registration is required.



High School Craft Nights

Friday, Feb. 27th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Teens in high school, grades 9-12, can come to our new monthly craft night! Different crafts will be out for high schoolers to do or they can bring a craft they're working on!

Registration is required and this is only for those in High School/Grades 9-12.



Perler Bead Bag Charms

Friday, Mar. 6th @ 6 p.m.

Join us March 6th at 6pm for our Perler Bead Bag Charm craft! Teens will be able to assemble and create bag charms out of perler beads to take home. This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens February 9th.



Beaded Hoop Suncatcher

Friday, Mar. 13th @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on March 13th from 6-8pm for our Beaded Hoop Suncatcher craft! Teens will bead strands to attach to a hoop that they can hang in a window! This event is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens February 16th.

Adults



Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Feb. 4th & 18th @ 2 p.m.

Bring your own knitting, crocheting, needlepoint or other fiber art project and join Dawn on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 2 - 3:30 p.m.! All levels welcome. Please call 822-6200 to register.



Tech Time with ATEL

Monday, Feb. 9th @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tech question? Stop by for this free monthly tech support service! Call 822-9105 to sign up for a 30 min. appointment. Limited drop-in availability as well. ATEL Tech Time is a program from the RI Dept. of Human Services, focusing on helping to bridge the digital divide of older adults and individuals with disabilities.



Evening Craft: Quilled Cards

Monday, Feb. 9th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Quilling is a fun and easy to learn papercraft that can create stunning results! Learn to quill simple floral designs to decorate a greeting card. All materials included. All supplies provided. Registration required, aimed at adults.



Daytime Craft: Salve Making

Friday, Feb. 13th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

We'll melt coconut oil and cacao butter to create our own unique salves, then customize with essential oils. Great for soothing skin & dryness! Then you'll decorate your label. All materials provided. To register, contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.



Seed Starting with URI Master Gardeners

Thursday, Feb. 19th @ 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for to learn seed starting tips and watch a seed starting demonstration, with local Master Gardner Susan Scotti! Co-sponsored with the Wantaknohow Garden club. Free and open to the public, no registration required. Questions? Call 822-9104 or email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.



Treasures from the Archives

Tuesday, Feb. 24th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Calling all history buffs! The Town of Coventry's Archives contain many hidden gems, and we need your help to preserve them for generations to come! Learn to transcribe 18th and 19th century documents, and help us write up interesting examples at this unique 2-hour citizen history program. Transcribed documents will be posted on the Town of Coventry's website.

Call the library at (401) 822-9105 for more information or to sign up, or sign up online.