COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY Newsletter

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Coventry Library Seed Garden

As long as supplies last

No matter what the groundhog says, it's about time to start thinking about spring gardening! CPL will have free seeds available for all patrons starting 2/20/26. Stop by and grab up to 4 packets of vegetable and flower seeds per person, courtesy of a generous donation from URI Free Seed Program.

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 in 5 categories (by grade) will win gift cards, trophies and medals.

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

An Art Show & Reception will be held Tues., May 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 where all winners will be announced and awarded prizes.

An RI250 event and collaboration of the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission, Coventry Public Library, Nathanael Greene Homestead, Paine House (WRICHS), Parks & Rec and the Town of Coventry.

Car Seat Safety Check!

Friday, Mar. 6th @ 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 for infant, front-facing, rear-facing, booster seats, seat belts & more, for any and all caregivers - parents, grandparents, baby-sitters, etc. Questions? Call 822-9104.

Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Mar. 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. Call 822-6200 to register.

> **Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself.**
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> -John Dewey

Bingo Night!

Friday, March 27th @ 6 p.m., VFW Post 449
197 Providence St., West Warwick, RI
Presented by the Cov. Pub. Lib. Foundation

Presented by the Coventry Public Library Foundation. Doors open at 6 p.m. / Games start at 7 p.m. $35 entry, cash only, 18+

Have fun and win prizes while supporting your library! Enter raffles to win prize baskets made by the Coventry Public Library Foundation! Prizes will include signed books, and more! Bring your own bingo dabbers or buy them for $2/ea. If unable to attend but still want to contribute, the Foundation accepts donations of cash/check made out to the Coventry Public Library Foundation in person at the library or mailed to the library at 1672 Flat River Rd. Coventry, RI, 02816.

Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, March 18th @ 5:30 p.m.
The Feather Thief

"A bizarre crime, one man's pursuit of justice, and a fascinating exploration of obsession and man's destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature." *This Book Group is currently full.* Contact KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105 for further information.

Daytime Book Group
Monday, March 23rd @ 1 p.m.
***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by G. Zevin**

"When his most prized possession is stolen, a bookstore owner begins isolating himself before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life." For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Evening Book Group
Monday, March 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
***The Sirens* by Emilia Hart**

New members welcome! Typically meet on the 4th Monday of every month.

"2019: Lucy awakens from a dream to find her hands around her ex-lover's throat. 1999: Jess is diagnosed with a rare allergy to water. 1800: Twin sisters Mary and Eliza forced onto a convict ship bound for Australia." Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk! For more information, contact 822-9105 or JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.

Library Hours

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

Staff Picks

Brenda's Picks
Technical Services

The Names
by Florence Knapp
"Can a name shape the course of a life? Cora sets off to register her son's birth. Her husband Gordon intends for her to follow his family tradition and name the child Gordon. What follows are three alternating versions of both Cora's life and her young son's life shaped by her brave, last-minute choice of name.

The Madstone
by Elizabeth Crook
"A pregnant young mother, her child and a frontier tradesman flee across Texas from outlaws bent on revenge, and an unlikely love blossoms."

Destroy This House
by Amanda Uhle
"This poignant and humorous memoir details the complexities of navigating childhood with a hoarding mother and a scheming father, highlighting the bizarre lifestyle, constant deceptions and eventual journey toward personal independence amidst familial chaos."

Children

Block Zone
Tuesday, March 7th @ 11 a.m.

Do you like creating with blocks? Visit Youth Services on Saturday, March 7th from 11 am to 3 pm 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, 822-9102, with any questions.

Spring Story Time
Registration Starts March 9th

Registration for spring story times begins on March 9th and will continue until full for Library Babies (ages 0 to 23 months) on Mondays at 10 am and Tales for Twos (children 2 years of age) on Thursdays at 10 am. Registration required. Call Youth Services at 822-9102. The spring session of story times will run from March 23rd to May 15th.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Thursday, March 12th @ 10 a.m.

Families with children who are registered for or interested in participating in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program are invited to a special story time on Thursday, March 12th at 10 am. Families will learn about Youth Services' 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for children from birth through entering Kindergarten. Registration is required and opens on March 1st. Please call 822-9102 to register.

After School: Sculpture Building
Saturday, March 19th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On Thursday, March 19th at 4 pm, children can join us at the library for a fun crafternoon! Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to join us to read a story and then build sculptures using skewers, air dry clay, cardboard, and other materials. Registration is required and begins on March 2nd. Register at coventrylibrary.org.

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

Families with 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.

Teens

Pop-Tart March Madness!
Month of March

WHAT IS THE BEST POP-TART FLAVOR?! For our fifth year of doing Food March Madness at the library, we are determining the best flavor of Pop-Tarts!

Teens in grades 6-12 can stop by the library to taste different flavors of pop-tarts each week, Monday through Friday, until the ultimate pop-tart flavor is determined. This is only for grades 6-12. First round starts March 2nd.

Perler Bead Bag Charms
Friday, March 6th @ 6 p.m.

Join us March 6th at 6 p.m. 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, March 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.

FNAF Party!
Friday, March 20th @ 6 p.m.

Join us on March 20th at 6 p.m. for our Five Nights at Freddy's party! We will have food, games, and more for teens to do! This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required.

Felt Letter Charm
Friday, April 3rd @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on April 3rd from 6-8 p.m. for a Felt Letter Craft. Teens will sew and create a felt charm of a letter. They will decorate it with sew on beads and other things they want for their letter. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration required, which opens March 9th!

High School Craft Nights
Friday, April 10th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on April 10th from 6-7:30 p.m. for Collage Night! Teens will be able to choose what they would like to collage on and then create using the materials provided. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens March 16th!

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Adults

A History of King Philip's War
Thursday, March 5th @ 6:15 p.m.

King Philip's War remains the bloodiest conflict in American history per capita—a conflict so brutal it nearly pushed the English back into the sea and forever shattered the sovereignty of the region's Indigenous nations. We will look beyond the dates and maps to try to understand the friction that turned a localized conflict into a total war which reshaped the social and political landscape of New England. An RI250 event.

Free and open to the public, no registration required. Questions? Call 822-9104 or email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Tech Time with ATEL
Monday, March 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: Button Bouquets
Monday, March 18th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Spring has sprung! Come make an adorable flower bouquet using buttons, paper, floral wire, and a salt shaker. All materials included. All supplies provided. Registration required, aimed at adults.

Inheritance Planning
Friday, March 20th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Join Bob & Lisa Sherman for a free, special workshop on estate planning. Learn how to set up an estate plan that avoids taxes, legal fees, probate court, delays, and family disputes. All materials provided with step-by-step instructions. Registration required by calling 822-9104 or registering online.

Daytime Craft: Paint by Number
Wednesday, March 25th @ 1 - 3:30 p.m.

A relaxing adult craft where we will paint spring flowers! Each attendee will paint a lovely "Paint by Number" canvas. Our theme is "beautiful flowers." All materials provided. To register, contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104,

Is Beekeeping for Me?
Monday, March 30th @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Intrigued by beekeeping but don't know where to start? Come to this free presentation by the RI Beekeeper's Association, in partnership with the Coventry Land Trust!

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

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