



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Student Art Show & Reception!

Tuesday, May 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Road

Time to submit your art work! Students in K - 12th grades can submit art work to the Coventry Public Library through Sunday, May 3rd. See our website for more details and contest guidelines and rules.

All are welcome to join us for the student Art Show & Reception on Tuesday, May 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - all winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded! Open to the public.

Light sandwiches and refreshments will be served. Winners will be announced and awarded prizes at 6:30 p.m. Emcees are Town Council President J.P. Verducci and Officer Ferri, with support dog Jovie!

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.



5th Annual Pet Photo Contest!



May is National Pet Month and to celebrate, we want to show off Coventry's cutest pets!

Come in to the Coventry Public Library and check our display case throughout the month of May to vote for Coventry's cutest pet! Library visitors can vote from May 1st - 30th and a winner will be announced in June.

Car Seat Safety Check!

Tuesday, May 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 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, May 6th & 20th @ 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.



Summer Reading Kick-Off: "Plant a Seed, Read"

Saturday, June 6th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, June 6th from 10am to noon to kick off Summer Reading!

Children, teens, and adults can all sign up for summer reading at the kickoff. There will be lawn games, a selfie station, frozen treats, and more!

Can't make it the kickoff? No problem! You can sign up at the library for summer reading any time after June 6th.

Log your reading this summer to be entered to win great prizes!



“ Keep calm and *carpe librum* (seize the book!) ”

Library Hours:

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

Summer Hours Start:

Saturdays starting May 23rd
we will be open 9am - 1pm; and
Sundays CLOSED starting May 24th

Holiday Closures:

Sunday, May 24th &
Monday, May 25th
for Memorial Day

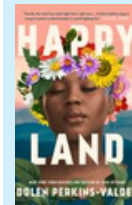


Staff Picks

Lauren's Picks Library Director

Happy Land

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
"The book was well-written, character-driven, and fascinating. I enjoyed learning about this very unique snippet of U.S. history!"



Blood Sisters by Vanessa Lillie

"This crime novel is written by a local author and its protagonist lives in Rhode Island! I love a good mystery, and also enjoyed learning about Oklahoma's history and Cherokee culture.."

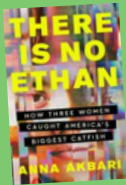


Britt-Marie Was Here by Frederik Backman

"Frederick Backman never fails to write really beautiful stories about the ordinary lives of his charming characters."



Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wed., May 20th @ 5:30 p.m.
There is No Ethan
by Anna Akbari

This Book Group is currently full.
Contact 401-822-9105 or
KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org
for more information.

Daytime Book Group *FULL*
Monday, May 18th @ 1 p.m.
Beartown by Fredrik Backman

This Book Group is currently full. For more info, contact
Jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org or
401-822-9104.



Evening Book Group
Monday, May 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

Oye by Melissa Mogollon
New members welcome!
Typically meet on the 4th
Monday of every month. Pick up
a copy of the book at the
Circulation Desk! For more info,
contact Jen at 401-822-9105 or
JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.



Children



Student Art Show & Reception Tuesday, May 19th @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Coventry is holding a town-wide student Art Show & Reception to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The theme is "Historical Coventry: A Celebration in Art."

Join us for the student Art Show & Reception on May 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 where art work will be displayed, winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded! Winners announced at 6:30 p.m. Light sandwiches & refreshments served.

Summer Reading Kickoff! "Plant a Seed, Read"

Saturday, June 6th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us at the library on Saturday, June 6th from 10 a.m. to noon to kick off summer reading! The library's summer reading kickoff will include lawn games, a selfie station, summer reading registration and frozen treats!

This is a drop-in program for all ages. Children, teens and adults can sign up for summer reading at the library's kickoff.

Children and teens who sign up for the summer reading challenge can pick out a free book, while supplies last! Free books for the kickoff were purchased through funds from the Library's Foundation.

Drop-In Children's Activities Month of May



For the month of May, a spring estimation jar activity will be available in YS. During Block Zone on May 2nd, children can visit Youth Services from 11 am to 3 pm to build with different types of blocks. For Crafty Saturday on May 23rd, children can visit the library from 11 am to 3 pm and use the provided materials to create a piece of art!

After School Program: Crafternoon Thursday, May 21st @ 4 p.m.



On Thursday, May 21st at 4 p.m., children in grades K to 5 are invited to join Mr. Theo for stories and a craft. Children will make their own keepsake treasure box! Registration is required. Please register online at www.coventrylibrary.org.

Children's Display Case



Would you like to display a collection special to you at the library for other children to see? If so, 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



Paint by Number Night Friday, May 8th @ 6 - 8 p.m.



Join us on May 8th from 6-8 p.m. for a Paint by Number Night! Teens will choose a canvas and follow the paint by number pattern. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required.

Disguise a Duck! Friday, May 15th @ 6 - 8 p.m.



Join us on May 15th from 6-8 p.m. for our Disguise a Duck event! Teens will get two rubber ducks to disguise and decorate. This event is for grades 6-12 only and registration is required.

Summer Volunteering Applications available May 18th



Our Summer volunteer applications will be available in the library starting May 18th. Teens must be entering grades 7-12 to be able to volunteer. No set amount of hours are guaranteed and it is all dependent on availability and events chosen. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Teen Resource Kits!



We now have teen resource kits in the teen area provided by local teens! Three local Girl Scouts, Emma, Ashley, and Grace, completed their Silver Award by creating and supplying the library with these kits for teens by teens. They created the topics, found books and materials, and assembled each kit as well as providing the decoration for the kits. The library is very grateful to Emma, Ashley, and Grace for thinking of the library for completing their silver award and providing these kits!

Kits include topics such as: Bullying, Anxiety, Puberty, Grief, Mindful Eating, and more!

Teen Media Reviews



Missed out on the summer volunteering or are you too busy to volunteer in the summer? You can do Teen Media Reviews during the summer! Teens can submit a review on our website for a book, movie, tv show, and more through a google form. Teens can earn 2 hours of community service per review. Want a little extra? If you review a 2027 Rhode Island Teen Book Award book, you can earn 2.5 hours per review! If you have questions, please email the Teen Librarian.

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Adults



Tech Time with ATEL Monday, May 11th @ 12 - 2 p.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.

Treasures from the Archives: Learn to Transcribe Historical Documents Tuesday, May 12nd @ 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!

Come learn how to transcribe 18th and 19th century documents, and help us hand-write or type up interesting examples from Coventry's archives at this unique 2-hour citizen history program.

We will be posting the transcribed documents from this session on the Town of Coventry's website. An RI250 event.

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

Evening Craft: Seaglass Gulls Wednesday, May 20th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Start the summer off right with this adorable coastal-themed shadowbox craft!

Aimed at adults, all supplies provided, registration required.

To register, contact Jen at 822-9105 or email jsturjeon@coventrylibrary.org with questions.

Adult Daytime Craft: DIY Painted Herb Pots Friday, May 29th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us to paint colorful DIY pots made from recycled tin cans! We'll glue feet onto them, then plant them with soil and sow herb seeds to make your little mini garden grow!

Registration required, as materials are limited. All materials provided.

To register, contact Jessica at JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

