



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Fiber Arts Club Wednesdays, June 3rd & 17th @ 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.

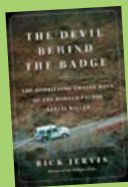


Car Seat Safety Check! Thursday, June 4th @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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, babysitters, etc. Questions? Call 822-9104.

“
If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need.
- Marcus Tullius Cicero
”

Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wed., June 17th @ 5:30 p.m.
The Devil Behind the Badge
by Rick Jervis
This Book Group is currently full.
Contact 401-822-9105 or
KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org
for more information.

Daytime Book Group *FULL*

Monday, June 22nd @ 1 p.m.
The Midnight Feast
by Lucy Foley

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



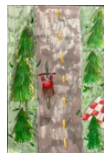
Evening Book Group Monday, June 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Heartwood by Amity Gaige

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.



1st Place K-3rd grades:
Kaiden P.



1st Place 3-5th grades:
Brooklyn H.



1st Place
9-10th:
Genevieve
G.



1st Place
11-12th:
Griffin F.



1st Place 6-8th: Sophie L.

Congrats to the Winners of the Coventry Student Art Contest!



Thank you to all the students who submitted their art work to “Historical Coventry: A Celebration in Art!” We had more than 100 submissions from K - 12th grade students with all Coventry schools and homeschooled students represented.

A panel of 5 jurors from Town departments and nonprofits chose winners in all five categories. Students, family, and friends joined us for a special Art Show & Reception on May 19th, where all art work was displayed. Winners were announced and awarded prizes by emcees Town Council President Verducci and Officer Ferri (with Coventry comfort dog Jovi, of course), with over 200 in attendance.

Thank you to the Paine House (WRICHS), the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission, the Nathanael Greene Homestead, Kingston Reds, and Sandy C. for tabling and sharing their deep knowledge of Coventry’s history through pictures, stories, spinning, and dress!

This was a collaboration with the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission, Coventry Public Library, Paine House (WRICHS), Parks & Rec, Town of Coventry, and the Nathanael Greene Homestead.

And a huge thank you to RI250 for awarding us the grant to fund this special program!

5th Annual Pet Photo Winners!



And the votes are counted! Come in to the library to see photos of the winners of the library’s Pet Photo Contest.

Photos of the contestants were displayed for the month of May in the library, and we received over 150 votes! Thank you to all who came in to cast their vote!

Library Hours - Summer:

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fridays: 9am - 5pm
Saturdays: 9am - 1 pm
Sundays: Closed

Holiday Closures:

Friday, June 19th
in honor of
Juneteenth



Staff Picks

Kylie's Picks Teen Librarian



Skipshock
by Caroline O'Donoghue
“When Margo suddenly appears one day on Moon’s train, their fates become inextricably linked. If Margo wants to survive, she has to pass as a traveling salesman, too-except it’s not that easy.”



Sanctuary
by Paola Mendoza
“Co-founder of the Women’s March makes her YA debut in a near future dystopian where a young girl and her brother must escape a xenophobic government to find sanctuary.”



The Dead of Summer
by Ryan La Sala
“Seventeen-year-old Ollie fights to survive a deadly summer on an island off the coast of Maine after it is placed under quarantine due to a long-sunken horror rising from the sea.”

Children



Summer Reading Kickoff! "Plant a Seed, Read" Saturday, June 6th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



All ages, please join us 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!

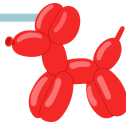
This summer we have a brand new program for our youngest patrons! Children ages birth through 2 years can register for our Little Ones summer reading challenge!

Children and Free books for the kickoff were purchased through funds from the Library's Foundation.

Summer Story Times Registration begins June 15th

Summer registration will begin on June 15th and continue until story times are full. The summer session of story times will run from July 6th to August 7th. Library Babies, birth to 23 months, will be on Mondays at 10 am.; Tales for Twos, two years of age, will be on Thursdays at 10 am.; Preschool Story Time, three to six years, will be on Fridays at 10 a.m. Registration required, as space is limited. Call YS at 822-9102 to register.

Circus Dynamics LED Juggling and Balloon Show! Wednesday, June 24th @ 11 a.m.



Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade. Registration is required. Online registration opens June 1st.

July Summer Activities Upcoming Programs in July:

Dave Marchetti's Animal Experiences

Tuesday, July 14th @ 2 p.m.
Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade. Registration is required. Online registration opens June 29th.



Crafternoon with Mr. Theo

Thursday, July 16th at 2 p.m.
Children entering grades K-2 will create coffee filter paper flowers and seed bombs. Registration is required. Online registration opens July 21st.



Crafternoon with Mr. Theo

Thursday, July 30th @ 2 p.m.
Children entering grades 3-5 will make their own Fairy Garden. Registration is required. Online registration opens July 1st.



Teens



Summer Reading Titles Available for Check Out



In the teen area of the library, the summer reading titles for grades 6-8 at ASFMS and 9-12 at Coventry High School will be available for check out. We will have 30 copies of each title to check out with your library card. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff June 6th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Teens who register will receive their reading log, a beaded keychain, a sticker, and a free book while supplies last. Teens who sign up at the kickoff will be entered to win a 1 hour pass from Launch.

Teens set their own reading goal but it has to be at least 1 book. As they participate in programs and weekly challenges, they are able to earn more beads for their keychains. The more beads they earn, the more entries they can get to win a grand raffle prize. When they turn in their reading logs at the end of the summer, they will get their entries for the raffle prizes, a drawstring bag, a full size candy, and 10 stickers of their choosing.

For teens entering grades 6 - 12 grades in the fall of 2026. Questions? Contact the teen librarian.

Laser Tag! Friday, June 26th @ 5:30 p.m.



Join us for our After-Hours Laser Tag Event. This is only for those entering grades 6-12 and registration is required to attend. Teens signed up for the summer reading program will earn a bead for attending.

Registration opens online on June 8th.

Tiny Hands Challenge June 29th - July 2nd



This summer we have SIX weekly challenges, the first being the Tiny Hands challenge. This challenge starts Monday, June 29th and will end Thursday, July 2nd - teens can stop by at anytime on those days to complete the challenge.

Teens who complete the challenge will spin the wheel to earn a small prize. Teens signed up for the summer reading program will earn a bead for their keychain.

This challenge is only for teens entering grades 6-12 - registration is not required.

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Adults



Rhode Island's Fishers Thursday, June 4th @ 6 - 7 p.m.



Learn about the R.I. Fisher Study, a research project to understand fishers (commonly called 'fisher cats') with Laken Ganoë, DEM Furbearer Biologist. Using camera traps and GPS collars, she monitored fishers across the state. Fisher pelts, skulls, and a mounted, taxidermied fisher will be on display.

Free & open to the public. All ages welcome to attend. Contact 822-9104 for more info.

Vegetable Gardening Thursday, June 11th @ 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.



Join the Coventry Public Library for a special program on vegetable gardening, with URI Master Gardener Susan Besse! Come learn expert tips and evidence-based information for a wide variety of vegetables, just in time for the growing season!

Free and open to the public. All ages are welcome to attend. Call the 822-9104 or email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org for more info.

Tech Time with ATEL Monday, June 15th @ 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.

Evening Craft: Butterfly Puddlers Monday, June 15th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Come learn some fun butterfly facts and make a decorative waterer perfect for attracting pollinators! Registration required, all supplies provided. To register, contact Jen at 822-9105 or email jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org with questions.

Daytime Craft: Scrapbook Cookbooks Thursday, June 18th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Do you have a stack of recipes laying around that you've cut out of magazines, handwritten, or photocopied? Bring them in and join us for a craft where we'll create scrapbook cookbooks that you can add to for years to come! Registration required. Contact 822-9104 or JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org to register.

Sourdough Workshop Tuesday, June 23rd @ 1 - 3:30 p.m.



Ever wondered how to get that fresh-from-the-bakery taste all the time? Come to this free workshop! All you need to bring is an apron and a mixing bowl, and you will go home with a loaf ready to put in the oven and a starter. Registration required. To register, contact jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105.

