



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 4th @ 5:30 p.m.



Come visit our table at the Coventry Police Department's National Night Out on August 4th at the Annex (across the street from the Library / Town Hall).

Includes Touch-A-Truck, K-9 appearances, police demonstrations, food trucks, shows and entertainment! Great for the whole family.

Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Aug. 5th & 19th @ 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.

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**Keep calm and carpe librum
(seize the book).**

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Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wed., Aug. 19th @ 5:30 p.m.
Black Dahlia
by William J. Mann

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

Daytime Book Group *FULL*
Mon., Aug. 24th @ 1 p.m.

The Lion Women of Tehran
by Marjan Kamali

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



Evening Book Group
Mon., August 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
Arcadia

by Lauren Groff

New members welcome! Typically meet on the 4th Monday of every month. For more info, contact Jen at JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or call 401-822-9105.



Boston Museum Passes:

Heading to Boston?! Our museum passes will give you a discounted admission to:

- Boston Museum of Science: Admits up to 4 people at 50% off for Exhibit Halls admission! Children under 3 always free.
- New England Aquarium: 50% off admission! \$20 visitor copayment per person, up to 4 people. Summer passes for weekdays only.
- Museum of Fine Arts: 50% off admission! Admits 2 adults at \$15 each and up to 4 youth (ages 7 - 17) at \$10 each. Entrance is free for children ages 0-6 years old.

Passes also available to the Roger Williams Zoo, Blithewold Mansion, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, and more! Questions? Visit the Circulation Desk or call 401-822-6200.



“People’s Choice” Library Card Now available



Available only at the Coventry Public Library! This special edition library card features 5th grade Coventry student Mia T.'s drawing of the historic Read School House.

Summer Reading Programs - “Plant a Seed, Read”



Almost time to turn in your Summer Reading Logs at the Coventry Public Library!

Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade: From August 11th through August 22nd, children who have been registered for the children's summer reading challenge can check-in at Youth Services with their completed reading log for their final prize.

Teens in Grades 6-12 in 2026: Teen Reading Logs can be checked and turned in starting August 14th through August 21st. Teens will bring their log and keychains so their beads can be counted to determine the amount of raffle tickets they receive. Teens will also receive a drawstring bag, a full size candy, and 10 stickers of their choice. Grand raffle prizes will be drawn on August 24th

Adults: Adults, log your summer reading using the Beanstack app or by picking up a paper log at the library! Adult reading logs must be completed and turned in by August 31st to be eligible to enter the raffle. Once completed and submitted, you'll be entered to win great prizes (25 books max).

Library Hours - Summer:

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

Holiday Closures:

Monday, August 10th
for Victory Day



Staff Picks

Jessica's Picks Assistant Director



Paper Girl
by Beth Macy

“A deeply personal and eye-opening memoir, exploring how her once-thriving Ohio hometown unraveled over 4 decades. Blending family history, reporting, and social insight, Macy traces the loss of community, the rise of anger and division, and the human cost of economic and cultural decline in small-town America.”



Mother Mary Comes to Me
by Arundhati Roy

This book catapulted itself to the top my list of favorite books of all time! Unflinchingly and gorgeously told, this is a story of India, of a narcissistic and brilliant mother fighting patriarchal laws, of home and culture, and of survival. I recommend listening to the audiobook!



The Gales of November
by John Bacon

Eye opening and riveting, this is a deeply researched story of one of the fiercest storms to ever to hit the Great Lakes and the Edmund Fitzgerald, the massive freighter that vanished beneath the waves of Lake Superior.

Children

Children's Summer Reading Challenge - Prizes!



This summer, the theme of the Coventry Public Library's summer reading program was "Plant a Seed, Read."

From August 11th through August 22nd, children who have been registered for the children's summer reading challenge can check-in at Youth Services with their completed reading log for their final prize. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

The statewide Rhode Island 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.

Upcoming Car Seat Safety Checks!

Monday, August 3rd @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday, September 3rd 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 - grandparents, parents, baby-sitters, etc. Questions? Call 822-9104.

Musician Chris Monti Monday, August 3rd @ 11 a.m.



For families with children ages 3 through entering 5th grade. Registration is required. Register online at Coventrylibrary.org.

Fall Story Time Registration



Registration for fall story times will begin on September 21st and continue until story times are full.

Fall story times will be held for Library Babies (ages 0 to 23 months) on Mondays at 10 am, Tales for Twos (children two years of age) on Thursdays at 10 am and Preschool story time (ages 3-6) on Fridays at 10 am.

Registration is required. To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102. The fall session of story times will run from October 5th through November 20th.

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Teens

Last Teen Weekly Challenge



August 3rd - 7th - What Plant Am I?

Those who complete the challenge will get a bead if they are part of the summer reading program and be able to spin the wheel for a prize. Only for teens in grades 6-12.

Crafternoons!

August 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th



Beaded Lizards!

Those who participate in at least one of the dates per craft will get a bead if they are part of the summer reading program.

Only for teens in grades 6-12.

One Up Games: VR Event

Friday, August 7th @ 1 p.m.



Join us on August 7th at 1 p.m. for our video game free play event, hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games!

Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 5, and Nintendo Switch!

Registration is required due to limited space.

Teen events are only for those entering Grades 6-12. Teens participating in the summer reading program will earn a bead for their keychain.

Foodie Cross Stitch

Friday, August 14th @ 1 p.m.



Join us on August 14th at 1pm for our Foodie Cross Stitch craft event! Teens will choose a simple food pattern of their choice to then cross stitch onto their hoop. Registration is required due to limited space.

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Summer Reading Logs Due

August 14th - 21st



Teen Reading Logs can be checked and turned in starting August 14th through August 21st. Teens will bring their log and keychains so their beads can be counted to determine the amount of raffle tickets they receive.

Teens will also receive a drawstring bag, a full size candy, and 10 stickers of their choice. Grand raffle prizes will be drawn on August 24th and winners will be contacted. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Adults



Tech Time with ATEL

Tuesday, August 4th @ 9 - 11 a.m.



Do you have a tech question and don't know where to bring it? Stop by for this free monthly tech support service for older adults and people with disabilities! Call the Reference Desk at (401) 822-9105 to sign up for a 30 minute appointment. We may have limited drop-in availability as well.

Summer Matinee: Jaws!

Wednesday, August 12th @ 1 - 3:15 p.m.



We're gonna need a bigger boat! Come cool off in the air conditioning with us and watch this 1975 classic. Party pizza, popcorn, lemonade, and gummy sharks provided.

All ages. Film is rated PG, and this movie showing is age 8 and older. Anyone attending 12 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required for planning purposes. Register on our website, or call 822-9104 / email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org to register.

Treasures from the Archives

Tuesday, Aug. 18th @ 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 read and transcribe 18th 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.

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

Second Chance Crafts - Scrapbook Cookbooks & Pet Photos

Friday, August 21st @ 1 - 3 p.m.



Did you miss one of our summer crafts? Here's your second chance! We'll have supplies for Pet Portraits and for Scrapbook Cookbooks at this special combo craft event.

Pet Portrait: Come create an adorable outline portrait of your pup, kitty, or other furry, scaly, or feathered friend at this free workshop!

Scrapbook Cookbooks: Have family recipes or other recipes lying around? Come collage them into a scrapbook to preserve them and make them easier to organize and access.

Registration required, as supplies are limited. All materials provided. Contact 822-9104 or JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org to register.

Evening crafts will resume in September.

