



# COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Newsletter

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### Service Spotlight: Notary Services



Free at the library!

Notary services are generally available during normal business hours.

Please ask at the Circulation Desk or call ahead to confirm a notary is available: (401) 822 - 9100.

### Literacy Volunteers Display:

Stop by the library and check out our display case to see a display from the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County!

### Book Clubs:



**Studies in Crime \*FULL\***  
**Wed., October 16th @ 5:30 p.m.**

***The Doomsday Mother* by John Glatt**

Bestselling true crime author John Glatt tells the twisted tale of Lori Vallow, accused of having her two children murdered to start a new life with her new husband, doomsday prepper Chad Daybell. *The Studies in Crime Book Group* is currently full.

Please contact Kiki Butler at [kbutler@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:kbutler@coventrylibrary.org) or 822-9105 for further information.



**Daytime Book Group**  
**Mon., October 28th @ 1 p.m.**

***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See**

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people.

Slowly, Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, begins to reject the customs that shaped her early life. When she has a baby out of wedlock she rejects the tradition that would compel her to give the child over to be killed, and instead leaves her, wrapped in a blanket...

... with a tea cake tucked in its folds, near an orphanage in a nearby city.

For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or [jcarsten@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:jcarsten@coventrylibrary.org).

### Evening Book Group

**Mon., October 28th @ 6:30 p.m.**

***The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden**

Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor.



I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once.

But soon she finds out - and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late.

For more information, please contact Kiki Butler at [kbutler@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:kbutler@coventrylibrary.org) or 822-9105.

### Staff Picks Book Group

**Mon., November 4th @ 6 p.m.**

***The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson**

Reference Assistant Heather will be hosting. In 2009, Edwin Rist boarded a train for a suburban outpost of the British Museum of Natural History. Once inside the museum, the champion fly-tier grabbed hundreds of bird skins and escaped into the darkness. Two years later, Kirk Wallace Johnson hears of the heist and is consumed by the strange case of the feather thief. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? Had Edwin paid the price for his crime? What became of the missing skins? In his search for answers, Johnson is catapulted into a years-long, worldwide investigation.

If you'd like to join, please contact [reference@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:reference@coventrylibrary.org) or 822-9105.

“When I got my library card, that was when my life began.”  
— Rita Mae Brown

### Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm  
Fri - Sat: 9am - 5pm  
Sun: Noon - 4pm



**SUNDAYS**

### Holidays & Closings:

CLOSED

October 14th for:  
Columbus / Indigenous People's Day



## Staff Picks

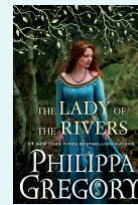
### Jessica's Picks

Assistant Director



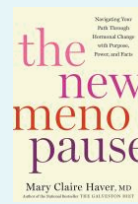
***Cold Mountain***  
**by Charles Frazier**

A powerful saga set in the South during the Civil War, *Cold Mountain* is an American odyssey that explores isolation, survival, and love.



***The Lady of the Rivers***  
**by Philippa Gregory**

Historical fiction telling the the story of the life of Jacquetta Luxembourg, who fights for her king, her queen, and for her daughter, Elizabeth Woodville, for whom she senses an extraordinary and unexpected future.



***The New Menopause***  
**by Mary Claire Haver**

Menopause is inevitable, but suffering through it is not! This is the empowering approach to self-advocacy that pioneering women's health advocate Dr. Mary Claire Haver takes for women in the midst of hormonal change.

## Halloween Activities in October!

For the month of October, a fun Halloween scavenger hunt will be available in the Children's Room.

On Thursday, October 31st from 3-8pm, families with children of all ages can come to the library to trick-or-treat. Costumes are encouraged! Both of these events are drop-in children's programs.



## Preschool Story Time Registration

Registration for the fall session of preschool story time will continue until the story time is full. Preschool story time (ages 3-6) will take place on Fridays at 10 a.m. in the children's room. This fall session of preschool story time will run from October 11th through November 22nd. To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102.

## Family Evening Story Time Wednesday, Oct. 16th @ 5:30 p.m.



This fall, families with children ages 3-8 can join us at the library for Family Evening Story Time. On October 16th at 5:30 pm, children will listen to stories and songs at the library.

Each child will receive a fun craft kit to complete at home! Registration is required and begins on October 1st. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 to register.

## Library Babies Story Time Registration

A second session of the fall story time will be held for Library Babies (ages 0 to 23 months) on Mondays at 11 am in the children's room. Registration for this session of Library Babies will continue until the story time is full.

This fall sessions of Library Babies story time will run from October 7th through November 25th. To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102.

## Crafty Saturday! Saturday, Oct. 19th @ 11 a.m.



On October 19th children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. On this Saturday, from 11 am to 3 pm, children can visit the library and use the provided materials to create a piece of art! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

## After School Charlie Cart! Wednesday, Oct. 30th @ 4:30 p.m.



Children in grades K-5 can join us at the library as we make Monster Mash Toast using the library's Charlie Cart. Children will practice basic cooking skills and eat the avocado toast they make! The Charlie Cart was purchased with funds from the Governor's Learn 365 initiative.

## Vote for Top Skeleton!

The whole month of October, patrons can vote on the skeletons made by our teen patrons! The top three skeletons will get prizes at the end of October. Voting will be over in the teen area. If you have any questions please ask the Teen Librarian.



## Pickle Autopsy! Friday, Oct. 11th @ 6 p.m.



We will be having our Second Annual Pickle Autopsy event on October 11th at 6 pm, for grades 6-12.

Registration opens September 9th. More details to come!

Please contact the Teen Librarian with any questions.

## Teen Movie Night Friday, Oct. 25th @ 6 p.m.

We will be having a Teen Horror Movie Night on October 25th at 6 pm for grades 6-12.

We will be watching A Quiet Place which is rated PG-13. Registration opens September 23rd.

Please contact our Teen Librarian with any questions.



## Horror Movie Scavenger Hunt

During the month of October, teens in grades 6-12 will be able to participate in our Horror Movie Scavenger Hunt. Teens who complete the scavenger hunt, will get a fun ghost sticker.

This scavenger hunt is intended for teens. Please see Youth Services for their Halloween Scavenger Hunt.

## Teen Craft Night Friday, Nov. 15th @ 6 p.m.



Join us November 15th at 6pm for our Teen Craft Night! Registration opens October 18th and is for grades 6-12 only.

We will have different craft stations for teens to participate in including: perler beads, cross stitch, friendship bracelets, and more. Stay tuned for more details!



## Volunteering - Teen Media Reviews

Don't have time to volunteer at the library or can only volunteer on weekends? We will be starting Teen Media Reviews where teens can submit reviews on different types of media to earn a maximum of 10 hours of community service.

If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

## Adult Take and Make: Spooky Cross Stitch!



Try your favorite of our 3 patterns! Available near the Reference Desk on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. For curbside pick-up, please call 822-9105.

## Welcome to the Graveyard! Monday, October 7th @ 6 p.m.



This 90-minute illustrated virtual tour explores the art, history, and symbolism of cemeteries. Journey from the colonial burial grounds of New England in the 1600s and 1700s, through contemporary cemeteries of the 21st century. Explore the reasons behind the existence of cemeteries and gravestones, and how styles and art have transformed over nearly 400 years.

Features photographs of historic gravestones and burial grounds, along with intriguing Rhode Island cemetery lore!

Registration is optional. With questions or for more information about this event, email JCarsten@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

## Meditation for Stress Reduction Wednesday, Oct. 16th @ 6:30 p.m.



Dr. Alan Post will be demonstrating the most natural and effective techniques of meditation and will be discussing the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress related responses, improve concentration and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. These effective techniques and practical methods help to control and calm the mind. As a result, stress is reduced, and a permanent place of peace and joy is found within.

To register or for more information, email Jessica at JCarsten@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104. Registration not required.

## Drop In Senior Tech Help Monday, Nov. 4th 10 a.m. - Noon



Drop in and see us if you are looking for help using your electronic devices. In partnership with ATEL and Cyber Seniors @ URI.

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IN YOUR INBOX EVERY  
MONTH - SCAN THE QR  
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