



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight



Access to Local Newspapers:

Did you know?! Free access to the Providence Journal, Kent County Daily Times, AskRI and many more databases at home & in the library with your Coventry Library card!

Visit www.CoventryLibrary.org, under Adults on the menu bar choose Online Databases. Browse our many databases!

Stamps Display:



Stop by the library and check out our display case to see stamps from the Rhode Island Philatelic Society!

Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, Jan. 15th @ 5:30 p.m.
Some People Need Killing
by Patricia Evangelista

Journalist Patricia Evangelista came of age in the aftermath of a street revolution that forged a new future for the Philippines. Three decades later, in the face of mounting inequality, the nation discovered the fragility of its democratic institutions under the regime of strongman Rodrigo Duterte.

This is Evangelista's meticulously reported and deeply human chronicle of the Philippines' drug war and Duterte's assault on the country's struggling democracy."

The Studies in Crime Book Group is currently full. Please contact Kiki Butler at kbutler@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105 for further information.



Daytime Book Group
Monday, January 27th @ 1 p.m.
***The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd**

The multi-million bestselling novel about a young girl's journey towards healing and the transforming power of love.

Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed....

... When Lily's fierce-hearted Black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free.

They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina—a town that holds the secret to her mother's past.

For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or jcarsten@coventrylibrary.org.

Evening Book Group
Monday, Jan. 27th @ 6:30 p.m.
***The Best Life* Book Club**
by Sheila Roberts

"Leaving Seattle and her cheating husband behind, single mother Karissa moves to Puget Sound where she meets her new neighbors, who are also dealing with their own crises, and together they start a book club as a distraction until it becomes a way to build a better life together."

For more information, please contact Kiki Butler at kbutler@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105.

Staff Picks Book Group
Monday, Feb. 3rd @ 6 p.m.
***The Measure* by Nikki Erlick**
Circulation Assistant Dawn will be hosting.

When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, the world is thrown into a collective frenzy. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise? As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge? *The Measure* charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another.

If you'd like to join, please contact reference@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105.

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”
— Henry Ward Beecher

Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fri - Sat: 9am - 5pm
Sun: 12pm - 4pm



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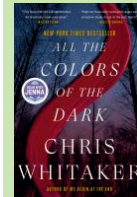
Holidays & Closings:

CLOSED:
Jan. 1st for New Year's Day
&
Jan. 20th for Martin Luther King Day



Staff Picks

Dawn's Picks Circulation Assistant



All the Colors of the Dark
by Chris Whitaker

"A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, a unique twist on each, Chris Whitaker has written a novel about what lurks in the shadows of obsession and the blinding light of hope."



The Perfect Couple
by Elin Hilderbrand

"It's wedding season on Nantucket. The beautiful island is overrun with summer people - an annual source of aggravation for year-round residents. When one lavish wedding ends in disaster before it can even begin - with the bride-to-be discovered dead in Nantucket Harbor just hours before the ceremony - everyone in the wedding party is suddenly a suspect."



Mine
by Courtney Cole

"He's mine. That's what both Tessa and Lindsey believe about Ethan. But after getting caught in an affair months ago, Ethan ended things with Lindsey in an attempt to win back his wife. Lindsey refuses to let go of the relationship so easily and begins stalking Tessa."

Children

Teens

Adults

Getting Ready for Kindergarten! First Tuesday of every month @ 6 p.m.

Children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2025 are invited to attend this series of story times. We will be counting down to Kindergarten with stories, activities and crafts! Getting Ready for Kindergarten will meet monthly from January to June 2025, at 6 pm, on the first Tuesday of the month. The first Getting Ready for Kindergarten story time will be on January 7th at 6 pm.

Registration is required. To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102.

Family Evening Story Time Wednesday, Jan. 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-8 can join us at the library for Family Evening Story Time. On January 15th 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 January 2nd. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 to register.

After School Craft Program - Children in Grades K-3 Wednesday, Jan. 29th @ 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 29th at 2 pm, children in grades K-3 can join us at the library to make a Snowman Suncatcher craft. Children will listen to winter stories and make their own suncatcher snowman! Registration is required and opens on January 6th. To register, please visit the library's website at coventrylibrary.org.

Children's Block Zone Saturday, Jan. 11th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Crafty Saturday! Saturday, Jan. 18th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On January 18th 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.

Children's Display Case

Would you like to display a collection special to you for other children to see? To display your collection, please call Youth Services at 822-9102 or see a librarian in the children's room. Each collection in the children's display case will be on display for two weeks.

Hobbit Movie & Craft Night Friday, Jan. 17th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us January 17th at 5:30pm to watch The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey while also making a hobbit door wreath! This is for grades 6-12 only.

Registration is required and begins December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.

Cookie Decorating! Friday, February 14th @ 6 p.m.

Join us Friday, February 14th at 6pm for our teen Cookie Decorating Event. For grades 6-12 only. Teens will be able to decorate sugar cookies and then feast on their creations!

Registration is required and opens January 13th.

Mystery Date with a Book

Starting in February, there will be a display of wrapped teen books in the teen area for checkout!

Teens who check out one of the mystery wrapped books, will get a small prize.

This is intended for teens in grades 6-12 and prizes will only be given to teens. One prize per teen while supplies last!

These books are available for check out and not to keep. If you have any questions, please see the Teen Librarian.

School Year Volunteering

Volunteer applications for the school year are now on our website and at the library. Teens in grades 7-12 can apply to a volunteer at the library.

If you need hours for school, please apply sooner rather than later to make sure you get the hours you need.

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

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.

Computer Classes Tuesdays, Jan. 14th, 21st, & 28th @ 1 p.m.

Microsoft Office Computer Classes:
01/14/25 Word 1pm to 2pm
01/21/25 PowerPoint 1pm to 2pm
01/28/25 Excel 1pm to 2pm

New Year, new computer skills! Come and learn the basics of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, & Excel and start working on those resolutions.

Space is limited so please go to reference desk, our website or call 822-9105 to register. No laptop is needed; the library has one for you to use during the class.

Craft Class: Chalking Paint Mason Jar with Stamping Thursday, Jan. 23rd @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us at the library for a fun and creative crafting session! Transform simple jars into stunning vases and stylish storage containers. Using chalk paint, we'll chalk paint jars, then bring them to life with botanical and nature-inspired stamps.

Registration required - register by calling 822-9104 or JCarsten@CoventryLibrary.org.

A special double feature of engaging programs designed for adults 65+

Come for one or both! Coffee and light refreshments will be served:

Wednesday, Feb. 5th @ 10 - 11 p.m. Avoiding Elder Fraud, with Tara Moniz, US Attorney's Office, R.I.

Join Victim Assistance Specialist Tara Moniz of the U.S. Attorney's Office, RI District to learn about all the types of fraud activity her office is encountering right now targeting seniors 65+. These include "romance," grandparent, and gift card scams.

Followed by...

R.I. Older & Wiser Driver, with David Raposa of AAA, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

What are the main causes of crashes involving older drivers? How safe are pedestrians these days? And what happens when the day arrives when you or a loved one can no longer drive safely? A free, 45-minute presentation that talks about these and other senior driving issues.

To register, or for more information, contact JCarsten@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.

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