



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight

Memory & Wellness Kits:



Did you know?! Our Memory & Wellness Kits are tools to promote wellness, memory health, and awareness. They feature relaxing activities, including touch therapy.

Memory Kits are available to check out for 21 days with your library card.

Land Trust Display:



Stop by the library and check out our display case to see items from the Coventry Land Trust!

Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, Feb. 19th @ 5:30 p.m.
A Hunger to Kill
by Kim Mager

"In this fascinating and profoundly chilling account, Detective Kim Mager, a real-life version of Clarice Starling, reveals how she closed in on-and broke-one of Ohio's most infamous serial killers. Using brilliant psychological strategy in a lethal game of wits, Mager successfully elicited his damning confessions to five murders, kidnapping, and multiple sexual assaults of women across Ohio. Deeply personal and shocking, *A Hunger to Kill* takes readers behind the scenes of one of the most appalling criminal cases in American history."

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, Feb. 24th @ 1 p.m.
***Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate**

"Memphis, Tennessee, 1936. The five Foss children find their lives changed forever when their parents leave them alone on the family shantyboat one stormy night. Rill Foss, just twelve years old, must protect her four younger siblings as they are wrenched from their home on the Mississippi and thrown into the care of the infamous Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society.....

... South Carolina, Present Day. Avery Stafford has a promising career as an assistant D.A. in Baltimore and is engaged to her best friend. But when Avery comes home to help her father, a chance encounter with a stranger leaves her deeply shaken. Avery's decision to learn more about the woman's life will take her on a journey through her family's long-hidden history."

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

Evening Book Group

Monday, Feb. 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
Real Americans
by Rachel Khong

"In immersive, moving prose, Rachel Khong weaves a profound tale of class and striving, race and visibility, and family and inheritance—a story of trust, forgiveness, and finally coming home.

Exuberant and explosive, *Real Americans* is a social novel par excellence that asks: Are we destined, or made? And if we are made, who gets to do the making?"

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

Staff Picks Book Group

Monday, Mar. 3rd @ 6 p.m.
***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer L. Barnes**
Teen Librarian Kylie will be hosting.

"A 17-year-old girl discovers she's been left the majority of a billionaire's fortune in his will. She has no idea who the mysterious man was, and must move into his mansion to claim the inheritance. Avery shares the home with the Hawthornes, who are angry and confused as to why he left his fortune to her. Avery unravels the clues Tobias left behind, hoping to understand why a man she doesn't remember meeting left her billions. In her sleuthing, Avery is joined by the four Hawthorne boys, Tobias's brilliant grandsons, and discovers sordid secrets about the Hawthorne family's history."

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

“**Librarians are tour guides for all of knowledge.**”
— Patrick Ness

Library Hours

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



SUNDAYS

Holidays & Closings:

CLOSED:
Monday, Feb. 17th
for Presidents Day



Staff Picks

Lauren's Picks Library Director



The Ministry of Time **by Kaliane Bradley**

This debut novel has me on the edge of my seat for future titles by Bradley. The book was so well-written with well-developed characters, interconnected themes, and a compelling plot. I have a hard time getting into complicated sci-fi and fantasy worlds, but the sci-fi elements of this book were so minimal that it was basically like reading realistic fiction.



How Can I Help You **by Laura Sims**

As a librarian, I enjoyed this surprisingly disturbing thriller about a murderous former nurse working in a public library. I couldn't help but picture my own library when reading it, which made it even creepier!



All of Us Strangers **(2024 film)**

This moving, surreal film is about a man making peace with himself and his parents, who died when he was a child. I recommend having some tissues handy, especially for the emotional ending!

Children

Getting Ready for Kindergarten! Tuesday, Feb. 4th @ 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 next Getting Ready for Kindergarten story time will be on March 4th at 6 pm.

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

Family Evening Story Time Tuesday, Feb. 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-6 can join us at the library for Family Evening Story Time. On Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 pm, children will listen to Valentine's Day stories and songs at the library. Each child will receive a fun craft kit to complete at home! Registration is required. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 to register.

Crafty Saturday! Saturday, Feb. 15th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On February 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. children of all ages can visit Youth Services 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.

School Vacation Activities: Space Cat Scavenger Hunt

For the month of February, children can participate in our Space Cat scavenger hunt. Children who find all the hidden space cats in Youth Services will get a small prize. This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

Pumpnickel Puppets! Thursday, Feb. 20th @ 11 a.m.

Families with children ages 3 through 5th grade can join us for this fun puppet show! Pumpnickel Puppets will perform Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Lion and the Mouse. Registration is required and opens on Feb. 3rd.

To register, please visit the library's website at coventrylibrary.org.

Children's Display Case

Would you like to display a collection special to you for other children to see? To display your collection, call Youth Services at 822-9102 or see a librarian in the children's room. Each collection will be on display for 2 weeks.

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Teens

February Scavenger Hunt

Frogs have invaded the library! Teens in grades 6-12 throughout the month of February can find the frogs in the library for a small prize. No registration is required. Please contact the Teen Librarian with any questions.

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

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

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 checkout out and not to keep. Questions? Please see the Teen Librarian.

Disguise a Duck! Friday, Mar. 21st @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our Disguise-A-Duck event! Just like in October where we decorated skeletons, this time it is rubber ducks! Disguise and name your duck at this event on the 21st. During the month of April, the ducks will be on display for all to see. Patrons will vote for their favorite ducks and the top 3 ducks will win a prize! Ducks will be given back in the month of May. Registration is required for this event and opens February 3rd. For grades 6-12 only.

March Food Madness!

Be prepared for our fourth annual March Food Madness for teens! Last year, teens voted for their favorite cereals out of 16 different flavors. This year be prepared to find the ultimate Pringle flavor! More details to come. This is for grades 6-12 only.

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 max of 10 hours of community service. Questions? Contact the Teen Librarian.

Adults

Senior Tech Help Drop-In Monday, February 3rd @ 1 - 3 p.m.

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

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

Join the U.S. Attorney's Office, RI to learn about the types of fraud activity her office is encountering right now targeting seniors 65+. These include "romance," gift card, and grandparent scams. Program followed by:

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

What are the main causes of crashes involving older drivers? What happens when you or a loved one can no longer drive safely? Registration not required. Questions? Email JCarsten@coventrylibrary.org / call 822-9104.

Exploring R.I. Fungi & Flies Thursday, Feb. 6th @ 6 p.m.

Join the Library and the Coventry Land Trust for a special presentation on all things fungi and local fly pollinators of Rhode Island! Presented by George Christi, Rare Species Data Clerk at the R.I. Natural History Survey, and Deanna Thomas, Founder of the R.I. Mycological Society. Questions? Email JCarsten@CoventryLibrary.org / call 822-9104.

Senior Tech Group Workshop Series Tuesdays, Feb. 11, 18 & 25 @ 2 - 4 p.m.

These workshops will have a group learning focus on building a new skill with your smartphone or tablet (Apple or Android), & the opportunity to practice your new skills with one-on-one mentoring. Participants will receive a raffle ticket - there will be a drawing for the opportunity to win one of 20 gently used iPads. Registration required - call 822-9105 or email kbutler@coventrylibrary.org.

Love Story: A Journey with Alzheimers Wednesday, Feb. 26th @ 2 p.m.

You're on a new journey as caregiver—or maybe you've been on it for a while. Because this journey is way more than you signed on for, you couldn't possibly know the physical, psychological, and emotional demands that caregiving requires. You may wonder, how am I going to keep doing this? Colleen Mellor, who has walked this path for 10 years, shares insights of her and her husband's life - their challenges encountered & practical suggestions employed.

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