

COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight: Summer at the Library!



We're here to help you make this summer unforgettable with great books, activities, and more. Join us for the official kickoff on June 7th right here at the library! Plus, did you know you can borrow so much more than books? Explore nature with our bird watching kit, enjoy outdoor fun with lawn games and a pop-up tent, gaze at the stars with a telescope, try your hand at fishing or metal detecting, and much more!

Call us for details or stop by the library to start your summer adventure today!

4th Annual Pet Photo Contest:



In early June prizes awarded to top 3 winners!

Greene Farmers Market! Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.



Greene's popular Farmer's Market returns for the summer - every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Columbus Day at the Greene Library, 179 Hopkins Hill Road, Greene, RI! Featuring wonderful vendors like West Meadowbrook Farm, The Lavender Ewe, Nancy's Fancies, Tamarack Farm, Denise Vaz Jewelry, Sheff's Sweets, Lavoie Birdhouses, and more. Call 397-3873 with any questions.

Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, June 18th @ 5:30 p.m.
***The Barn* by Wright Thompson**



"Wright Thompson's family farm in Mississippi is 23 miles from the site of one of the most notorious and consequential killings in American history, yet he had to leave the state for college before he learned the first thing about it. To this day, fundamental truths about the crime are widely unknown, including where it took place and how many people were involved. In August 1955, two men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, were charged with the torture and murder of the 14-year-old Emmett Till in Money, Mississippi. This is no accident: the cover-up began at once, and it is ongoing.

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

Daytime Book Group
Monday, June 23rd @ 1 p.m.
***The Wager* by David Grann**



"From the #1 New York Times bestselling author comes a mesmerizing story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship the *Wager*, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. While the *Wager* had been chasing a Spanish treasure-filled galleon known as "the prize of all the oceans," it had wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia.

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

Evening Book Group
Monday, June 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
***Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover**



Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. As a way out, Tara began to educate herself, learning enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University. Her quest for knowledge would transform her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Tara Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.

For more information, please contact Reference at 822-9105 or email AskReference@coventrylibrary.org.

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“Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library.”
– Walter Savage Landor
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Library Hours

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

Holiday Closures:

Thursday, June 19th for
Juneteenth



Summer Hours:

Saturday, May 31st we are
open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & we will be
closed on Sundays starting June 1st



Staff Picks

Cara's Picks

Children's Librarian



Continental Drifter
by Kathy MacLeod

"Spending most of the year in Bangkok and then the summer in Maine, Thai American Kathy struggles to fit in and longs to find a place where she truly belongs."



Sea Legs
by Jules Bakes

"Janey's family is sailing to the Caribbean in their boat, but it means Janey has to leave all her friends behind for a life at sea, and she discovers that when you are constantly on the move it can be difficult to connect."



The Wrong Way Home
by Kate O'Shaughnessy

"When 12 year-old Fern and her mother abruptly leave their isolated, off-the-grid community, Fern wants nothing more than to return, but things get murky as she slowly adjusts to her new life and discovers unsettling truths about her old one."

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Children

Coventry Public Library's Kickoff to Summer Reading - "Level Up at Your Library" Saturday, June 7th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us at the library on Saturday, June 7th from 10 am to 12 pm to kickoff summer reading! The library's kickoff will include lawn games, a selfie station, summer reading registration and frozen treats!

Children and teens ages 3 through entering 12th grade who sign up for the summer reading challenge can pick out a free book, while supplies last!

Free books for the library's summer reading kickoff were generously donated by the Library's Foundation.

Children's Summer Reading Challenge

Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade can register for the children's summer reading challenge - "Level Up at Your Library." Registration for the children's summer reading challenge will take place at the library beginning June 7th.

July 21st through July 26th, children can check-in at Youth Services with their reading log. August 12th through August 16th, children who reach or surpass the reading goal can come to the library for a prize!

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.

Summer Story Times! Registration begins June 16th

Summer story time registration will begin on June 16th and continue until story times are full. Library Babies (birth to 23 months) will be on Mondays at 10 a.m., Tales for Twos (two years of age) will be on Thursdays at 10 a.m., and Preschool story time (3 - 6 years), will be on Fridays at 10 a.m. The summer session will run from July 7th to August 8th. Registration is required as there are a limited number of spaces. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 to register.

Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure Wednesday, July 9th at 11 am

A fun and informative reptile program for children ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Online registration opens June 26th at coventrylibrary.org/kids.

Children's Display Case

If you would like to display your collection, please call 822-9102 or see a librarian in the Children's Room.

Teens

Teen Summer Reading Program - "Level Up At Your Library!"

Teens entering grades 6-12 can register for the Teen Summer Reading program starting June 9th by visiting the library!

Teens who register will make their own reading goal (it has to be at least one book) and get a summer reading player's handbook with their registration quest complete. Teens who return their handbook by the end of the Summer Reading Program on August 15th, will get a completed sticker and one entry for a grand prize. Teens will also get their pick of a drawstring bag and 10 stickers for completing the summer program!

Throughout the summer there will be opportunities to earn more stickers by attending different programs and fun weekly challenges. The more stickers you get and quests you complete, the more entries you will have at the end for one of our grand prizes!

Laser Tag Event! Friday, June 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us on Friday, June 27th at 5:30PM, for our After-Hours Laser Tag Event. Teens entering grades 6-12 can register to participate in this event from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

This is only for those entering grades 6-12 and registration is required to attend. REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JUNE 9th!

Miniatures Painting Event Friday, July 11th @ 1 p.m.

Join us on Friday, July 11 at 1:00PM, for our Miniatures Painting Event. Teens will be able to choose one to two miniatures and paint them how they wish -- whether for their next D&D session or just to have! Teens entering grades 6-12 can register to participate in this event from 1pm to 2:30pm.

This is only for those entering grades 6-12 and registration is required to attend. REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JUNE 23rd!

One Up Games: VR Event Friday, July 18th @ 1 p.m.

Join us on Friday, July 18 at 1:00PM, 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! Teens entering grades 6-12 can register to participate in this event from 1pm to 4pm.

This is only for those entering grades 6-12 and registration is required to attend. REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JUNE 30th!

Adults

Adult Summer Reading Challenge! Starts June 7th

Reading and/or listening to books this summer?! Sign up for our Summer Reading Program to earn raffle tickets for the books you read - and you'll be entered to win one of these great prizes:

- Grand prize: Inflatable kayak
- 2nd prize: Gift certificate to Dave's Marketplace
- 3rd prize: Gift certificate to the Bean Barn Coffee Shop

3 book minimum to receive (3) raffle tickets, with one additional raffle ticket for each book read/listened to after that. To be entered in the raffle, complete your paper /online Summer Reading Log by Saturday, August 23rd at 1 PM.

Adults can complete a paper reading log, available from the Reference Desk, or go to: <https://coventrylibrary.beanstack.com/>

- Select "Register an individual or family"
- Follow the registration instructions!

Or download the Beanstack app on your device from the App Store or Google Play! Use the QR code here:



Needle Felted Bookmarks Craft Tuesday, June 10th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Let's kick off summer reading by making needle felted bookmarks! Mary Wood and Carol Spaziano will teach basic needle felting techniques, walking you through how to work with the wool, jab and poke the wool with a needle to tangle and compact it, and shape it into simple designs on a cutout felt bookmark. Registration is required - call 822-9104 or email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org to register.

Fishing the Narragansett Bay Wednesday, June 18th @ 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Join John Lake, Marine Biologist at DEM, for an insightful session on Rhode Island's fisheries programs. Learn about the latest findings from field surveys, including what species are being caught in the Bay, how lobsters are shifting their habitats, and the northerly migration of black sea bass.

No registration required. For more info, email: JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.