



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight: LVKC Fundraiser!



Last chance to get your raffle tickets for any and all of the wonderful items and gift cards the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County have procured for their annual fundraiser! Items will be displayed in our display case through the first week of December. \$1 = 1 raffle ticket, and \$5 = 6 raffle tickets. All benefits go to LVKC.

Winter Wonderland!



This year the Winter Wonderland and tree lighting will be across the street at the Annex on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Stop by the library until 5 p.m. to warm up! Kids can visit the Children's Area for a drop-in craft and scavenger hunt.

Support the library by purchasing a bundle: \$12 for a book tote or mug + Sweenor's chocolate bar + 3 Book Nook items; or \$20 for a book tote + mug + Sweenor's chocolate bar + 3 Book Nook items!

Car Seat Safety Check!

Friday, Dec. 12th @ 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 (plan for 20 minutes) for any and all caregivers - parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc. for infant, front-facing, rear-facing, booster seats, seat belts & more. Call Jessica at 822-9104 with questions.



Coventry Food Bank



We welcome your food donation items here at the library and at the Town Hall! Drop off unopened, unexpired food items to either location.

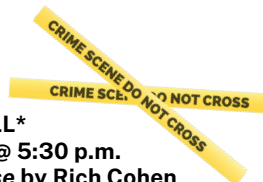
The Coventry Community Food Bank is open at 191 MacArthur Blvd. on Tuesdays from 1 - 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., serving families in need. For appointments (recommended) or questions, call 822-9199.

Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, Dec. 17th @ 5:30 p.m.
***Murder in the Dollhouse* by Rich Cohen**

"The chilling story of Jennifer Dulos, a beautiful, rich suburban mother who dropped her kids off at school one morning and vanished. Her body has never been found. A gripping story of status, wealth, love, and hate that peers beneath the sparkling veneer of propriety that surrounded the Duloses to uncover the origins and motivations of a crime that has become a national obsession."

This Book Group is currently full. Please contact KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105 for further information.



Daytime Book Group
Monday, Dec. 15th @ 1 p.m.
***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles**

"The bestselling author of 'A Gentleman in Moscow' and master of sophisticated, absorbing fiction returns with novel set in 1950s America.

Spanning just 10 days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's 3rd novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes."

This Book Group is currently full. For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.



Evening Book Group
Monday, Dec. 15th @ 6:30 p.m.
***The Midnight Feast* by Lucy Foley**

New members welcome - join us! The Evening Book Club typically meets on the 4th Monday of every month.

"It's the opening night of The Manor, the newest and hottest luxury resort, and no expense, small or large, has been spared. But under the burning midsummer sun, darkness stirs. Old friends and enemies circulate among the guests. And it's not too long before the local police are called."

Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk while supplies last! For more information, please call 822-9105 or email JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.



Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fridays: 9am - 5pm
Saturdays: 9am - 5pm
Sundays: 12pm - 4pm

Closures:

Closing December 24th & 25th
and
closing early @ 12 p.m. December 31st
and closed January 1st



Staff Picks

Jessica's Picks Assistant Director



All the Way to the River
by Elizabeth Gilbert

Memoir. "A landmark memoir that will resonate with anyone who has ever been captive to love - or to any other passion, substance, or craving - and who yearns, at long last, for liberation." A phenomenal read - I couldn't put it down!



The Wager
by David Grann

Nonfiction. "A mesmerizing story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth." Deeply researched and smartly told, this remarkable book is quite the adventure!

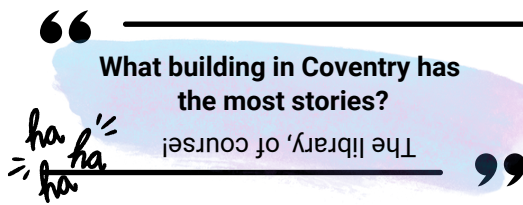


Lady Tan's Circle of Women
by Lisa See

Historical Fiction. "Sent into an arranged marriage and forbidden to continue her work as a midwife-in-training, Tan is ordered to act like proper wife and seeks a way to continue treating women and girls in fifteenth-century China." Another masterpiece from one of my favorite authors!

What building in Coventry has
the most stories?

The library, of course!



Children

Family Evening Story Time Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-8 can join us at the library for Family Evening Story Time. On December 16th at 6 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. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, to register.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Meet monthly, starting Tuesday, Jan. 6th

Children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 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 2026, at 6 pm, on the first Tuesday of the month. The first Getting Ready for Kindergarten story time will be on January 6th at 6 pm. Registration is required. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, to register.

Exploring Reptiles and Amphibians Monday, Dec. 22nd @ 10 a.m.

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade can join us at the library on Monday, December 22nd at 10 am for an educational and interactive animal program. The Audubon Society of R.I. will explain the characteristics of reptiles and amphibians.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Please register online at coventrylibrary.org.

Crafty Saturday Saturday, Dec. 27th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On December 27th 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.

New Year's Children's Drop-In Craft Week of Dec. 29th

The week of December 29th, families with children of all ages can visit the library and use the provided materials to create a New Year's craft! A drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, with any questions.

Children's Display Case

Would you like to display a collection special to you, at the library, for other children to see? If you would like to display your collection, please call 822-9102 or see a librarian in the Children's Room. Each collection in the youth services display case is on display for two weeks.

Teens

KPop Demon Hunter Party! Friday, Dec. 5th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on December 5th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for our KPop Demon Hunters Party! We will have games, ramen, "soda pop," and more!

This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens November 17th!

Snow Globe Cups Friday, Dec. 12th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on December 12th at 6 p.m. for our Snow Globe Cup Craft. Teens will decorate the outside of their cup and be able to add glitter to the double wall inside to make a snow globe effect! This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens November 24th!

Hot Cocoa Gift Jars Friday, Dec. 19th @ 6 p.m.

Join us on December 19th at 6 p.m. to make Hot Cocoa in a Jar! Teens will decorate a jar and then assemble ingredients for special hot cocoa that they can keep for themselves or gift to someone!

We will have hot cocoa and cookies for teens to enjoy while creating. This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required.

Charm Bookmarks Thursday, Jan. 9th @ 6 p.m.

Join us on January 9th at 6 p.m. for our Charm Bookmark crafting event for teens! They will attach a chain to their bookmark and be able to add charms and beads to the chain to decorate it. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens December 15th.

Will it Waffle? Friday, Jan. 16th @ 6 p.m.

Join us for our "Will It Waffle?" event. Teens will try different food items to see if they will "waffle" in our mini waffle makers. Examples will include: hashbrowns, mac and cheese, cinnamon rolls, and more! This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens December 22nd.

Pixel Bead Tapestry Friday, Jan. 23rd @ 6 p.m.

Join us on January 23rd at 6pm for our Pixel Bead Tapestry craft! Teens will make pixel art using pony beads on yarn and hang the threads on a dowel to create their image. This event is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens January 5th.

Adults

Fiber Arts Club Wednesdays, Dec. 3rd & 17th @ 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 are welcome. This will be a space and time for people to bring and work on their own projects, in the company of others. No instruction will be given.

Registration is required. Please call the Circulation Desk at 401-822-6200 or stop by the library to register.

Daytime Craft: Wooden Ornaments Thursday, Dec. 4th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

We'll paint and collage winter scenes onto wooden rounds to make festive ornaments! Free adult craft class. All materials provided.

Registration required, as supplies are limited. To register, please call Jessica at 822-9104, or email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Discover Coventry's Lace Mill History Thursday, Dec. 4th @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Join us to hear Coventry's own Doug Dwyer, local expert, historian & researcher, who has spent countless hours digitizing the town of Coventry's archives. Doug will share rarely seen photos of Coventry's lace mills and their workers, and display examples of local lace.

In the 1800s, lace mill workers in Coventry were integral to RI's thriving textile industry. Despite the tough work, these mill workers helped build a strong, industrious community in Coventry, playing a crucial role in shaping our textile industry, helping the town become a key player in the booming American manufacturing scene.

Free & open to the public. No registration required, but if you'd like a friendly reminder ahead of time, register by contacting Jessica at jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

Evening Craft: Sock Gnomes Monday, Dec. 8th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Make an adorable gnome to keep you company through the winter months, with just a sock, rice, felt, and yarn! All supplies provided.

Registration required, aimed at adults. To register, or for more information, please contact Jen at JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105.

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