



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter



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New Service: Passport Photos!

You can now get your passport photos taken at the Coventry Public Library! Have your photo taken here during your passport acceptance appointment, or book an appointment with us for a passport renewal photo. \$10 per passport photo.

Call the Reference Desk at 401-822-9105 with any questions and to book your appointment!

Car Seat Safety Check!

Tuesday, Jan. 6th @ 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 to be there for 20 minutes) for infant, front-facing, rear-facing, booster seats, seat belts & more, for any and all caregivers - parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc. Call Jessica at 822-9104 with questions.

Buy a 'Bundle' and Support the Library!



We are offering 'bundles' for just \$12, which includes one sturdy tote bag, a Sweeney's chocolate bar of your choice, and three items of your choice from our Book Nook (hard cover books, paperbacks, and DVDs)!

Contact our Circulation Desk with questions at 401-822-6200, or come stop by.

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.



"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth."

John Lubbock

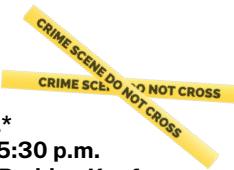


Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*

Wednesday, Jan. 21st @ 5:30 p.m.

Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe



"A mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with. The brutal violence seared everyone, as well as I.R.A. members embittered by a peace that fell far short of the goal of a united Ireland, leaving them wondering whether the killings they committed were not justified acts of war, but simple murders."

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

Daytime Book Group

Monday, Jan. 26th @ 1 p.m.

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes



"A breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky. Alice Wright marries handsome Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically."

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

Evening Book Group

Monday, Jan. 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Mesmerist by Caroline Woods



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

"Before hypnotism, there was Mesmerism. And in 1894 Minneapolis, spiritualism of every stripe is all the rage, and women are dying under mysterious circumstances. But until a new guest lands at the Bethany Home for Unwed Mothers the sordid stories of unexplained deaths seem unconnected."

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 - 5 pm
Sundays: 12pm - 4 pm



Closures:

Thursday, Jan. 1st for New Year's Day, and Monday, Jan. 19th for Martin Luther King Day



Staff Picks

Jen's Picks

Reference Manager



The September House by Carissa Orlando

Get ready to meet a protagonist who is determined to stay in her dream home, no matter how haunted it is. So what if blood drips down the walls every September? It's horror at its best, with humor and a lot of heart.



The Tainted Cup by Robert Jackson Bennett

This was the cross-genre book of my dreams! A locked-room murder mystery set in an endlessly fascinating and slightly horrifying world of plant-based technology. The characters and setting are a blast to read about, and the crime will keep you guessing until the end.



The Incandescent by Emily Tesh

A lot of us loved exploring magical schools through books when we were kids, often imagining ourselves as students. Did we ever stop to think what the teachers and admin might have been going through, responsible for a campus full of magically explosive teens? This book is both thoughtful and thrilling in equal measure.

Children



Children's Block Zone

Saturday, Jan. 3rd @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Do you like creating with blocks? Visit Youth Services on Saturday, January 3rd, 11 am to 3 pm, to build with different types of blocks. We will have Magna-Tiles, LEGO[®]s & KEVA Planks available for building! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, with any questions.



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.



Drop-In Activities

Families with children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to participate in our winter animal scavenger hunt. Children can also help name our new goose in the children's room! These are drop-in children's activities.



After School Children's Program -

Crafternoon with Mr. Theo

Thursday, Jan. 15th @ 4 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.



Crafty Saturday!

Saturday, Jan. 24th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On January 24th, 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, 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.

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Teens



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.



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.

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.

High School Craft Nights

Friday, Jan. 30th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Teens in high school, grades 9-12, can come to our new monthly craft night! Different crafts will be out for high schoolers to do or they can bring a craft they're working on!

Registration is required and this is only for those in High School/Grades 9-12. Our first event is January 30th and is from 6-7:30pm.

Pokémon Terrariums

Friday, Feb. 13th @ 6 p.m.



Join us February 13th at 6pm for our Pokémon Terrarium craft. Teens will pick a 3D printed pokémon and build a terrarium for it using the supplied materials. This is for teens in grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens January 12th.



Bucket Challenge!

Week of Feb. 17th - 20th

February 17th - 20th from open to close, teens in grades 6-12 can stop by the library to complete a challenge for a small prize. They will be blindfolded and have to tell the librarian what is in 4 different buckets. No registration is required. This is only for teens in grades 6-12 and prizes will only be given to teens who participate.

Adults



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Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 7th & 21st @ 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. No instruction will be given. Registration is required. Please call the Circulation Desk at 401-822-6200 to register.



Tech Time with ATEL

Monday, Jan. 12th @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Have a tech question? Stop by for this free monthly tech support service! Call the Ref Desk at 401-822-9105 to sign up for a 30 min. appointment. Limited drop-in availability as well. ATEL Tech Time is a new program from the RI Dept. of Human Services, focusing on helping to bridge the digital divide of older adults and individuals with disabilities.



Evening Craft: Busted Canvases

Monday, Jan. 12th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Create a canvas with a photo "bursting" through it! If you would like to use your own photo for your canvas, email it to Jen at jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org ahead of the program. All supplies provided. Registration required, aimed at adults.



An Evening with Henry David Thoreau

Thursday, Jan. 15th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a second installment of the beautifully produced film compiled by Coventry's own Dave Bennett. The film pairs gorgeous New England landscapes with a thoughtful reading of the 18th chapter of Walden, seemingly voiced by Thoreau himself. Free & open to the public. Questions? Email jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.



My Favorite Maritime Epic Fails

Thursday, Jan. 22nd @ 6 p.m.

Join us for eight tales featuring crazy ideas, lousy design, poor judgement and bad karma on and off the water. Presenter Bill Krol started his career working for the US Navy as a shipfitter's helper. Now retired, he worked for 33 years as a naval architect and systems engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI.

No registration required. Questions? Contact jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105.



Daytime Craft: Wooden Snowman

Thursday, Jan. 29th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

We'll paint wooden rounds & decorate them to look like snowmen! All materials provided. Registration required. To register, email JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or call 822-9104.