



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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K - 12th Student Art Contest!



Time to submit your art work! Students can submit art work to the Coventry Public Library between Monday, April 20th and Sunday, May 3rd. See our website for more details and contest guidelines and rules.

Calling all students K-12 who live in Coventry to submit an original piece of art work under the theme "Historical Coventry: A Celebration in Art" and your piece will be entered into a town-wide art show! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in 5 categories (by grade) will win gift cards, trophies and medals.

An Art Show & Reception will be held Tues., May 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 where all winners will be announced and awarded prizes!

An RI250 event and collaboration of the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission, Coventry Public Library, Nathanael Greene Homestead, Paine House (WRICHS), Parks & Rec and the Town of Coventry.

Car Seat Safety Check!

Tuesday, May 5th @ 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 for infant, front-facing, rear-facing, booster seats, seat belts & more, for any and all caregivers - parents, grandparents, baby-sitters, etc. Questions? Call 822-9104.

Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Apr. 1st & 15th @ 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 welcome. Call 822-6200 to register.

Coventry Library Seed Garden

As long as supplies last



It's time to start thinking about spring gardening! CPL has free seeds available for all patrons. Stop by and grab up to 4 packets of vegetable and flower seeds per person, courtesy of a generous donation from URI Free Seed Program.

“Reading brings us unknown friends.”

– Honoré Balzac

5th Annual Pet Photo Contest! Submission deadline: April 10th



Now accepting submissions for our 5th Annual Pet Photo Contest! May is National Pet Month and to celebrate, we want to show off Coventry's cutest pets! Send us a photo of your fur baby (or fin, scale, feather, or shell baby!) to have it featured in the Coventry Public Library's display case throughout the month of May! Library visitors can vote for their favorite May 1st - 30th and a winner will be announced in June.

With your pet's photo, please send the following info so that we can get to know your pets!

- Pet's name, age, and favorite toy or hobby
- Send photos or questions to Lauren at walker@coventrylibrary.org.



Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*

Wednesday, April 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

Whack Job, by Rachel McCarthy James

"Just as early humans used the axe to chop down trees, hunt for food, and whittle tools, they also used it to murder." *This Book Group is currently full.* Contact 822-9105 or KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org for information.



Daytime Book Group

Monday, April 27th @ 1 p.m.

The Keeper of Hidden Books by M. Martin

"As Warsaw creeps closer toward liberation, Zofia must fight to save her friend and preserve her culture and community using the only weapon they have left - literature."

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



Evening Book Group

Monday, April 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by S. Van Pelt

New members welcome! Typically meet on the 4th Monday of every month.

"After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working at the aquarium and becomes acquainted with a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine - and he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova." Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk! For more information, contact 822-9105 or JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.



Library Hours:

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

Closures:

Sunday, April 5th for Easter,
 AND
 Tuesday, April 7th
 for Staff Development



Staff Picks

Dawn's Picks Circulation Assistant



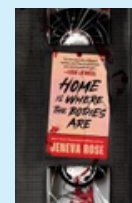
The Things We Leave Unfinished
by Rebecca Yarros

"Georgia knows all too well that love never works out, and while the chemistry and connection between her and Noah is undeniable, she's as determined as ever to learn from her great-grandmother's mistakes - even if it means destroying Noah's career."



Atmosphere
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

"An epic new novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s Space Shuttle program about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits."



Home is Where the Bodies Are
by Jeneva Rose

"After their mother passes, three estranged siblings reunite to sort out her estate. While going through their parents' belongings, the siblings stumble upon home videos and decide to revisit those. However, the nostalgia is cut short when one of the VHS tapes reveals a night that none of them have any recollection of."

Children



School Vacation Program - One Up Games: One Up LED Mini Golf

Monday, April 20th @ 1 - 4 p.m.

On Monday, April 20th, families with children ages 4 through 5th grade can join us at the library to play mini golf on an LED Mini Golf course! All nine holes glow with different color LEDs, including the golf balls! Mini golf playing times will be available from 1-4 pm, in 30-minute time slots. Registration is required and begins on April 6th at coventrylibrary.org. Please register each person playing mini golf (child & adult) separately.



School Vacation Craft

Tuesday, April 21st @ 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, April 21st at 11 a.m., children can join us at the library for a fun craft. Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to join us for stories and a seasonal craft! Registration is required and begins on April 6th. Please register online at coventrylibrary.org.



Drop-In Children's Activities

April 22 - 24th

For the month of April, children can visit Youth Services to participate in our Dragons & Unicorns Scavenger Hunt.



From April 22-24, children can drop in Youth Services to make an Earth Day craft.

Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, with any questions.

Crafty Saturday

Saturday, April 25th @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Families with children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. Children can visit the library from 11 am to 3 pm 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.



RI Children's Book Award Voting

April 1st - 29th

Voting for the 2026 RI Children's Book Award through the Coventry Public Library will take place from April 1st through April 29th. Children in grades 3, 4 & 5, who have read (in print or on audio) at least three of the RICBA nominees, are eligible to vote for their favorite! Each child may only vote for ONE title! To cast your vote, please visit the children's room. Any questions, please call Youth Services at 822-9102.



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



Collage Night!

Friday, April 10th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on April 10th from 6-7:30pm for Collage Night! Teens will be able to choose what they would like to collage on and then create using the materials provided. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required.



Wildlife Clinic of R.I.

Monday, April 20th @ 10 a.m.

Join us during April break on April 10th at 10am for a visit from the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island. They will go over what it is the clinic does, how to handle an animal intake, and more.



This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required.

Paint by Number Night

Friday, May 8th @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on May 8th from 6-8pm for a Paint by Number Night! Teens will choose a canvas and follow the paint by number pattern. This is for teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required. Registration opens April 13th.



Disguise a Duck!

Friday, May 15th @ 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on May 15th from 6-8pm for our Disguise a Duck event! Teens will get two rubber ducks to disguise and decorate. This event is for grades 6-12 only and registration is required. Registration opens April 20th.



Summer Volunteering

Applications available May 18th

Our Summer volunteer applications will be available in the library starting May 18th. Teens must be entering grades 7-12 to be able to volunteer. No set amount of hours are guaranteed and it is all dependent on availability and events chosen. If you have any questions, please contact the Teen Librarian.



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Adults



Daytime Craft: Kumihimo Bracelets

Thursday, April 2nd @ 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us to learn the ancient Japanese braiding technique called "Kumihimo"! We will use disks and strands to weave colorful bracelets. All materials provided. To register, contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

Healthcare Communication & Advocacy in the 21st Century

Thursday, April 2nd @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Learn the ins-and-outs of navigating medical decision making, self-advocacy, and how to make the most out of communication with your healthcare team at this free educational program from Rehabilitation Psychologist Marcia Liss.

Registration is requested but not required. If you would like to receive an email reminder ahead of the program, sign up on our website. Contact 822-9105 with any questions.

Tech Time with ATEL

Monday, April 13th @ 12 - 2 p.m.

Tech question? Stop by for this free monthly tech support service! Call 822-9105 to sign up for a 30 min. appointment. Limited drop-in availability as well. ATEL Tech Time is a 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: Book Fairies

Wednesday, April 13th @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Turn the pages of an old book into an adorable fairy to keep you company while you read! Aimed at adults, all supplies provided, registration required. Call 822-9105 to sign up.



A Hurricane History of R.I.

Thursday, April 23rd @ 6:15 p.m.

Join us for a special presentation by Robert Muller on R.I.'s hurricane history from 1635 to the present day. We'll explore weather data, reports, personal accounts, and focus on the Hurricane of 1938 & Hurricane Carol in 1958.



Free & open to the public. For info, contact jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

Sourdough Bread Workshop!

Tuesday, April 28th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Mmm... freshly baked bread... if you've ever wondered how to get that fresh-from-the-bakery taste all the time, come to this free workshop! All you need to bring is an apron and a mixing bowl, and you will go home with a loaf ready to put in the oven and a starter. Registration required as space is limited. Registration opens 4/1/26. Call 822-9105.

