



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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New Programming Space at the Annex!

With the grant-funded renovation of the Town Hall Annex / Community Learning Center complete (ANNEX), we are so pleased to announce that we will be holding a portion of our library programs in the new space!

The ANNEX is across the street from the Library / Town Hall building at 1675 Flat River Road. The Library Program Room is Room 127. Turn onto Walker Lane from Flat River Road and the entrances are at the front, back, and side of the building. Please note the main entrance is now at the back of the building.

When viewing info about library programs in the newsletter, on the website, etc., please check each program's location carefully, as we will be still be holding certain programs in the Library / Council Chambers, and others will now be held at the ANNEX, Room 127.

“A library is infinity under a roof.”
— Gail Carson Levine, author

Book Clubs:



Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wed., Sept. 19th @ 5:30 p.m.
A Devil Went Down to Georgia
by Deb Miller Landau
This Book Group is currently full. Contact 401-822-9105 or KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org for more information.

Daytime Book Group *FULL*
Mon., Sept. 28th @ 1 p.m.
Absolution
by Alice McDermott

This Book Group is currently full. For more info, contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 401-822-9104.



Evening Book Group
Mon., Sept. 28th @ 6:30 p.m.
March
by Geraldine Brooks

New members welcome! Typically meet on the 4th Monday of every month. For more info, contact Jen at JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org or call 401-822-9105.



September is Library Card Sign Up Month!



If you've been meaning to sign up for a library card, September is a great month to get one! Any person who lives in or pays property taxes in R.I. is eligible for a library card that is valid for use at all R.I. public libraries.

Also available only at the Coventry Public Library - a special edition library card featuring 5th grade Coventry student Mia T.'s drawing of the historic Read School House. Available while supplies last. Visit <https://coventrylibrary.oslri.net/application> to learn how to apply online, by mail, or in person for a library card today!

Update the OSL Catalog App by 10/31

Do you use the OSL Mobile Catalog app? If so, we are switching to a new app (available now through your App Store or Google Play) on October 31st. Need assistance? Call our Reference Desk at 401-822-9105, or stop by.

Fiber Arts Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd & 16th @ 2 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: THE ANNEX, Room 127. Bring your own knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, or other fiber art project and join Dawn to work on it! All levels welcome. Call 822-6200 to register.

Car Seat Safety Check - Free!

Thursday, Sept. 3rd 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 - grandparents, parents, baby-sitters, etc. Questions? Call 822-9104.

What a Wonderful Summer of Reading!

Thank you to all who participated - it was a record year all around for participation:

Children ages Newborn - entering 5th grade: 329 children participated, with 178 of them reaching or surpassing their reading goals!

Teens in Grades 6-12: 155 teens participated, with a total of 1081 books read!

Adults: 282 adults participated with over 1700 books read!



Library Hours -

Fall Hours Starting Sept. 8th

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

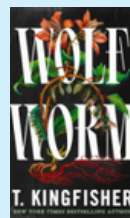
Holiday Closures:

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
September 5th - 7th
in honor of Labor Day



Staff Picks

Jen's Picks Head of Adult Services



Wolf Worm
by T. Kingfisher

T. Kingfisher is one of my all-time favorite authors, and she only gets better with time! Set in 1899, *Wolf Worm* follows a scientific illustrator in North Carolina. When the local animals start acting strangely and she hears about mysterious "blood thieves," she starts to take a closer look at what happened to the doctor's wife, her predecessor. This horror story is not for the squeamish!



The Empress of Salt and Fortune, by Nghi Vo

The Singing Hills Cycle is an incredible series of fantasy novellas following Chih, a wandering cleric tasked with recording stories and knowledge wherever their feet take them.



How Far the Light Reaches
by Sabrina Imbler

This series of personal essays is themed around sea creatures, from mother octopi to goldfish to Bobbitt worms. This is an incredibly thoughtful and fascinating collection that deserves your attention.

Children

Children's Summer Reading

Coventry Public Library's summer reading program, "Plant a Seed, Read" took place from June 6th through August 14th. During this time, 329 children registered for our children's summer reading challenge and more than half of those children reached or surpassed their reading goal! Even more children enjoyed our summer reading programs such as Story Times, Crafternoons, Circus Dynamics, Animal Experiences, and musician Chris Monti! Thank you to all the patrons who participated in our children's summer reading program!

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.

Fall Story Time Registration

Registration for fall story times will begin on September 21st. Registration is required and will continue until story times are full.

Fall story times will be held for Library Babies (ages 0 to 23 months) on Mondays at 10 a.m., Tales for Twos (children two years of age) on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and Preschool story time (ages 3-6) on Fridays at 10 a.m.

To register, please call Youth Services at 822-9102. The fall session of story times will run from October 5th through November 20th.

Children's Block Zone Monday, Sept. 12th @ 11 - 3 p.m.

Do you like creating with blocks? Visit Youth Services on Saturday, September 12th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to build with different types of blocks. We will have Magna-Tiles, LEGOs & Keva Planks available for building! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

Drop In Children's Craft

From September 26th to October 3rd, a seasonal fall craft will be available in the Children's Room. This is a drop-in activity for families with children ages 3 through 5th grade. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

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Teens

Bedazzle Night!

Friday, Sept. 4th @ 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

Join us September 4th at 6 p.m. for our Bedazzle Night for teens. Teens should bring a book to bedazzle as well as any other items they would like to bedazzle. If they forget, there will be a selection of books they can choose from at the library.

Registration required due to limited supply. This event is only for those in grades 6-12.

Rubber Ducky Keychains

Friday, Sept. 11th @ 6 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

Join us on Sept. 11th at 6 p.m. to make Rubber Duck Keychains. Teens will make a rubber duck into a keychain and then they will be able to add other charms and gems.

Registration required due to limited supply. This event is only for those in grades 6-12.

Decades Party

Friday, Sept. 18th @ 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

Join us on September 18th at 6 p.m. for our Decades Party! Teens will be able to celebrate the 80s, 90s, and 00s with music, food, games, and more! Teens are welcome to dress up if they wish.

Registration is required due to limited space. This event is only for those in grades 6-12.

Adopt-a-Skeleton

Friday, Sept. 25th @ 6 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

Join us September 25th at 6 p.m. for our annual Adopt-a-Skeleton event! Teens will get a skeleton to design and decorate. The skeletons will then be put on display in the month of October to be voted on for top skeleton. Winners will be contacted and skeletons will be available for pick up in November.

Registration required due to limited supply. This event is only for those in grades 6-12.

School Year Volunteering

Volunteer applications for the school year are now available 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.

Adults

Tech Time with ATEL

Tuesdays, Sept. 1st & 29th @ 9 - 11 a.m.
Location: Coventry Public Library

Do you have a tech question and don't know where to bring it? Stop by for this free monthly tech support service for older adults and people with disabilities! Call the Reference Desk at 822-9105 to sign up for a 30 minute appointment. We may have limited drop-in availability as well.

Adult Daytime Craft: Wooden Bracelet
Wednesday, Sept. 9th @ 1 - 3:15 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

****This program is currently FULL****
Registration required. Join the waitlist by calling 822-9104.

Forestry for the Birds

Thursday, Sept. 10th @ 1 - 3 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (Library)

Paul Dolan, retired Deputy State Forester, will provide an overview of the Forestry for Rhode Island's Birds Project, which aims to address declining forest songbird populations and enhance forest songbird habitat throughout RI. A collaboration with Coventry Land Trust. Includes the RI's Birder's Dozen, made up of twelve forest birds that have been identified by the Rhode Island Woodland Partnership.

Free & open to the public, no registration required. Call 822-9104 with questions.

Adult Evening Craft - Fairy Mirrors
Monday, Sept. 21st @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (Library)

Come create a mossy, fairy-themed decorative mirror at this free workshop!

Aimed at adults, all supplies provided, registration required. To register, call the Reference Desk at 822-9105 or email Jen at jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.

Movie Night: Project Hail Mary
Wed., Sept. 23rd @ 5:30 - 8:15 p.m.
Location: The ANNEX, Room 127

Amaze amaze amaze! CPL is hosting a free movie night featuring everyone's favorite summer sci-fi blockbuster! Popcorn and lemonade included, feel free to bring your own dinner.

Open to adults and teens (film rated PG-13), and registration requested but not required. To register, contact the Reference Desk at 822-9105 or jsturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.

Medicare, Explained with Ed Collins

Join us at the ANNEX on Thursday, October 1st at 6:15 p.m. to learn all about Medicare enrollment! Call 822-9104 with questions.