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Library Newsletter

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**Heroes & Headaches:**  
Rhode Island's Piracy Story  
Presented by Luca Rebossini

**September 7**  
6:00 PM  
Registration is required.

 **Held in the Program room**

Join us for this engaging presentation on the history of the pirates and pirate hunters of Rhode Island. Learn why people became pirates, how pirate ships were run, and weapons and tactics used, as well as, how piracy ended. Welcome aboard as we discuss this hidden part of Rhode Island's history in the place that the pirates once called home, Newport, RI!

**Registration is required.**

**EMPIRE of PAIN**  
*The Secret History*  
PATRICK RADI  
Author of *My Patients and Other Animals*

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
**LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS**

**HOMICIDE AT ROUGH POINT**

**NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP**  
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6 PM  
starting in September

**MONEY**  
THE TRUE STORY OF A MADE-UP THING  
JACOB GOLDSTEIN  
LARGEST OF SMALL PLANET MONEY

**WHERE THE CHILDREN TAKE US**

**My Patients and Other Animals**  
A Veterinarian's Stories of Love, Loss, and Hope



Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss a different non-fiction book!

**Registration is requested.** For more information, contact Ann Amaral at  
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## The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

Try to remember the kind of September  
When life was slow and oh, so mellow.  
Try to remember the kind of September  
When grass was green and grain was yellow.  
Try to remember the kind of September  
When you were a tender and callow fellow.  
Try to remember, and if you remember,  
Then follow.  
Follow, follow, follow, follow, follow,  
Follow, follow, follow, follow.

Tom Jones (b. 1928) & Harvey Schmidt (1929-2018)  
"Try to Remember," from "The Fantasticks"

There is an ineffable melancholy to autumn, isn't there? The closing up, the moving on, and the bittersweet farewell to bright summers and long, languorous days.

Autumn also sets the stage for new beginnings and a rededication of purpose. New teachers, friends, and classmates for those heading back to school; new adventures and challenges for those beginning or resuming college studies; and for the Newport Public Library, a way to reinvigorate our offering of programs and services.

The Summer Reading Program – held across all departments – was a smashing success! We are still tallying the numbers, but every day we had so many new patrons across all age groups coming in to take advantage of the incredible crafts and decorations in the Library. Have you seen the Children's and YA areas? They are marine delights, ingeniously decorated by the Youth Services staff. I have asked them to keep the decorations up for a while because it really is an aquatic wonderland, from the lantern fish in the front window to the coral reefs framing the service desk. It is always fun to decorate for Halloween so you have a little more time to witness the expert décor.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 150th (+2) Birthday on Thursday, September 22nd at the Wyndham Resort. Tickets are on sale for \$125.00 apiece for this straight up fundraiser. I sincerely hope to greet as many of our readers as possible and tell you all about what is in store for the Newport Public Library. Please call the Library for information, ticket sales, and updates. Or, [go to the website dedicated to the event.](http://www.newportlibraryri.org/150th/) (www.newportlibraryri.org/150th/).

When I was young, I used to think that September was serious and that October was ominous. I guess that on some level I still may do so. Beginning Tuesday, September 6th the Library will resume its "normal" (i.e., non-summer) hours:

**Monday 12:00-8:30pm**  
**Tuesday 9:00am-8:30pm**

**Wednesday 9:00am-8:30pm**  
**Thursday 9:00am-8:30pm**  
**Friday 9:00am-5:30pm**  
**Saturday 9:00am-5:30pm**  
**Sunday 1:00-5:00pm (Resumes in October)**

There are a number of holidays for which the Library closes, so please keep an eye on the website in the coming months. Notices are posted on the doors as well as all service desks at least one week in advance of these closings. The Library will be closed on Saturday, September 3rd through Monday the 5th for Labor Day and on October 10th for Columbus Day.

Have you taken note of the "library of things" yet? There are board games, puzzles, items for your inner DIY-er, tools for exploration and discovery, self-improvement, and some are for just plain fun. Do avail yourself of this collection. It has been built with the generous support of donors like you.

Lastly, but hardly least, I send my heartiest congratulations to the Friends of the Newport Public Library. For 50 years – exactly 50 years – they have been stalwart in their unstinting support of your Library. This year, with their expected annual donation to the Library, they will have raised over \$860,000.00 from book sales! Read that number again. Within five years, this will amount to \$1,000,000.00! I am stunned when I write that amount, as I have been most recently when the City of Newport declared that August 2, 2022 was "Friends of the Newport Public Library Day." It seems only fitting that the Library itself pay homage to this milestone. In addition to their annual donation, they also fund many of the entertainers and outside agencies that entertain families during Summer Reading, and most of those events are held in that room. Therefore, it was announced with great pleasure at the Board of Trustees meeting of July 21st that the lower level program room is now the Friends of the Newport Public Library Room. I can think of no better tribute than to christen the room in their honor.

As always, I invite you to stop by the Administration office and say hello. I send this with my best wishes,



Joseph Logue



## **Preschool Play**

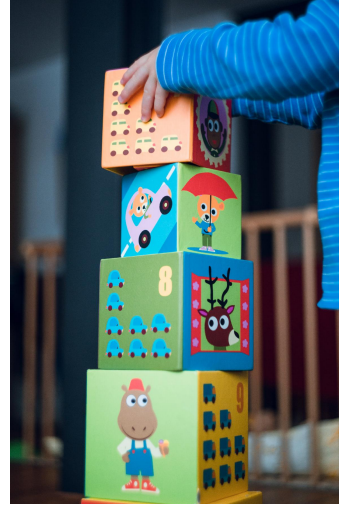
**Tuesday, Sep. 13 & Oct. 4**

**10:00am**

**Ages 2-5 Years Old**  
**Friends Program Room**

Children ages 2 – 5 years old and a caregiver are invited to our new program Preschool Play! In this hour-long, unstructured play time, children will explore the power of play with a variety of toys and materials that support sensory stimulation as well as the development of fine motor skills, gross-motor skills, eye-hand coordination, exercise and muscle building, and early literacy.

No registration is required.



**Halloween Woven Hearts**

**Saturday, Sep. 24**

**2:30pm**

**Friends Program Room**

**Ages 8-12 Years Old**

Children ages 8 – 12 years old are invited to create woven Halloween Hearts. Children will be constructing orange and black Swedish heart baskets for Halloween. These baskets will hold a little candy, not a lot. Children will start by making very simple paper hearts and then move on to weaving heart baskets from felt and paper.

**Registration is required.** Registration begins on Tuesday, August 30th at 9:00am.

**Tinker Club**

**Thursday, Sep. 27 & Oct. 25**

**6:30pm**

**Ages 5-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children ages 5 – 12 years old are invited to drop by the Library for Tinker Club! Explore and build with Lincoln Logs, KEVA Planks, Q-BA Maze, PlayMags, Spinning Puzzles and Snap Circuits! No registration is required.



**Nature Stories: Owls**

**Tuesday, Oct. 11**

**10:00am**

**Aquidneck Park**

**Ages 3-8 Years Old**

Children ages 3 – 8 years old and a caregiver are invited to Nature Stories: Owls. Presented by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, children will hear

stories, enjoy activities and meet a live owl! Held in Aquidneck Park adjacent to the Library.

In the event of rain, this program will take place in the Friends Program Room on the lower level of the Library.

**Registration is required** and begins on Tuesday, September 27th at 9:00am.

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## Glow in the Dark Party

**Wednesday, Oct. 19**

**6:30pm**

**Ages 10-14 Years Old**

**Friends Program Room**

Let's get this party glowing! Join us for a Glow-in-the-Dark party where we will create glowing gear, play fun games, and make firefly jars. It'll be the highlight of your evening!



**Registration is Required.** Registration begins on Tuesday, September 27th at 9:00am.



## Children's Storytimes

**September & October 2022**

### Family Storytime

**Wednesdays**

**Sep. 14 - Oct. 26**

**10:00am**

**Ages 0-5 & Caregiver**

**Held in Aquidneck Park**

### Saturday Stories

**Saturdays**

**Sep. 17 - Oct. 29**

**10:00am**

**Ages 0-5 & Caregiver**

**Held in Aquidneck Park**

### Baby Bookworms

**Thursdays**

**Sep. 15 - Oct. 27**

**9:30am**

**Ages 0-24mos & Caregiver**

**[Click here for all Children's and Family Programs](#)**

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## Teen News

The YA department is in the process of planning some great fall events that we hope teens will enjoy! Options under consideration include: Dungeons and Dragons campaigns (as some teens

were unable to participate due to size constraints last year), monthly tech workshops, Fiber fun, a combined teen/tween activity each month, an Anime club, a movie and trivia series and of course regular craft activities. Just to name a few! Though your YA librarians are Anime newbies, we will be launching the club with a 3 part Manga drawing series. During those meetings we look forward to your input in planning future club events.

The **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** will meet for the first time this school year on **Wednesday, September 14**. Watch our **TikTok channel** for the time and place. All Aquidneck Island teens are invited to join us as we decide exactly which programs to host. TAB membership is a school year long commitment, though we do understand you may have the occasional conflict. TAB members decide programming, decorate the YA space seasonally (see below), help build book displays and are even encouraged to run programs based on their own interests, if they wish. YA librarians will sign off on volunteer hours for board members.



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## Teen Programs

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### Round Robin Science for Teens

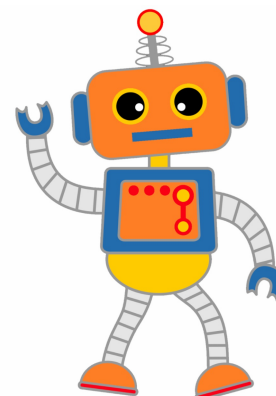
**Tuesday, Sep. 13**

**4:30pm - 6:00pm**

**Friend's Program Room**

This was a program we planned back in 2020 and never got to do. Now, it's time to make up for missed opportunities!

Does soda really explode when you add Mentos? What exactly is elephant's toothpaste? Why do New Englanders put salt on the roads when it snows? Come find the answers to these questions and more as Ms. Becky gives you an afternoon of science the fun way!





## Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, Sep. 14

4:00pm - 5:00pm

YA Area

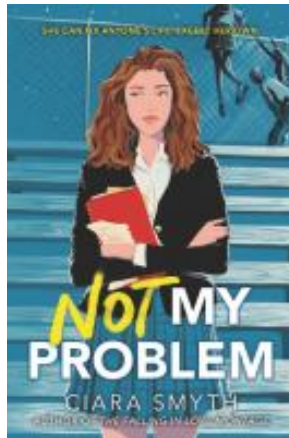
TAB members decide programming, decorate the YA space seasonally, help build book displays and are even encouraged to run programs based on their own interests, if they wish. In September, we will be getting to know one another and walking through a fall program line up. Bring your ideas or comment on ours!

TAB membership is a school year long commitment, though we do understand you may have the occasional conflict.

YA librarians will sign off on volunteer hours for board members.

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## First Chapter Fridays



Friday, Sep. 9

Not my Problem

by Ciara Smyth



Friday, Oct. 14

A Curse so Dark and Lonely

by Brigid Kemmerer

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[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

## Adult Programming

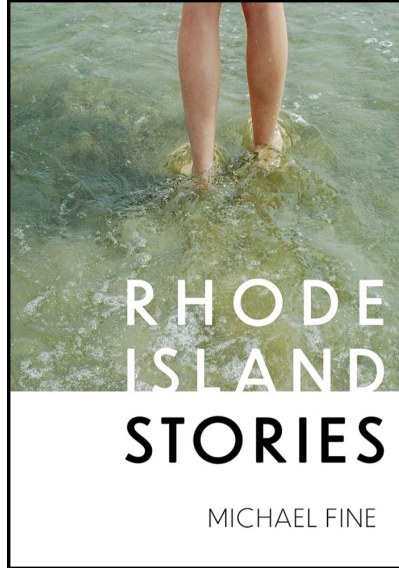
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**Book Talk Event with Michael Fine**

Tuesday, Oct. 25

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Friend's Program Room



Join us for an author talk and book reading with Dr. Michael Fine, the former director of the Rhode Island Department of Health. He will be talking about his latest title: Rhode Island Stories.

**Registration is required.**

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## Maker Lab Workshops

**Monday, Sep. 26, Oct. 24**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Maker Lab**

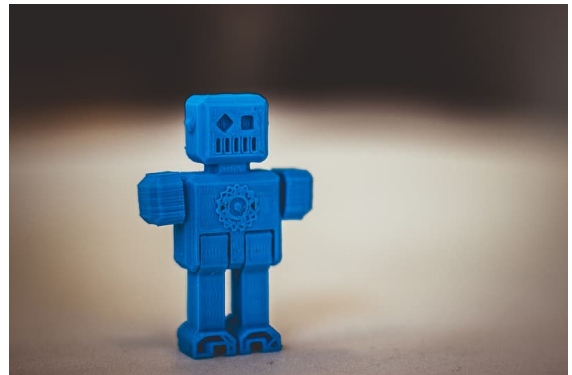
Join us each month for a demonstration and tutorial on how to utilize our Maker Lab equipment!

Some computer experience, including the ability to find and download files, is required.

Open to Ages 18+. Registration is required. Click a session below to register.

**Sep. 26: 3D Printing**

**Oct. 24: Vinyl Stickers**



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## Crafty Wednesdays for Adults

Our Crafty Wednesday series returns this September! Come join us on the third Wednesday of the month to chat and make a different craft each session.

**Registration is required.**



**September**  
**Perler Bead Designs**



**October**  
**Tassel Ghost Garland**

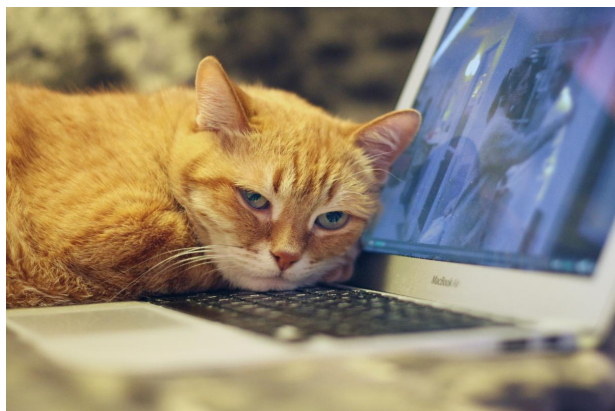


## Film Series



The graphic features a red background with a yellow trophy on the left. A clapperboard icon in the top left corner says "Film Series". The main title "2022 Award Winners" is in large yellow letters. Below the trophy, it says "Fridays 2:00pm Program Room". The Newport Public Library logo is at the bottom center. Three dark red boxes on the right list the movies: "King Richard 2021 | PG-13" (Aug. 26), "Encanto 2021 | G" (Sep. 9), and "West Side Story 2021 | PG-13" (Sep. 23).

The Friday afternoon Film Series continues this season! Movies are held at 2:00 in the Friends Program Room. No registration required.



## Computer Workshops

**Thursdays, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27**  
**2:30pm**  
**Maker Lab**

Looking to brush up on your computer skills but aren't quite sure where to start? Join us each month for a different topic to get the most out of your devices!

Registration is required. Click on a session below to register.

**Sep. 15: [Gmail](#)**

**Sep. 29: [Google Docs](#)**

**Oct. 13: [Google Photos](#)**

**Oct. 27: [Google Drive](#)**

**[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)**



## Congratulations Friends!

Fifty years and over \$868,000 donated to the Newport Public Library!

We are honored that the Program Room in the Library will now be named The Friends of the Newport Public Library Room. At the dedication, Library Director Joseph Logue read a Proclamation from the City of Newport declaring August 2 as Friends of the Newport Public Library Day.

The history of the Friends and the Proclamation can be viewed in the Friends bookstore. A new Friends bookmark will be revealed at the 150th Birthday party of the Newport Public Library on September 22. The new bookmark will feature a print by William Heydt; four individuals that you are likely to see often in the Library are in the painting. These bookmarks will be available in the Bookstore after September 22.

Fall is arriving and the Bookstore has great reads, classics for fall classes, beautiful children's books, and puzzles. The sale of fiction, non-fiction and DVDs continues in the lower lobby. Look for our Holiday Sale in early December to find great gifts for your Christmas shopping. Thank you to all our patrons who support the Bookstore and our sales. We couldn't do it without you!

## Donations

We are accepting donations of books in good, clean condition and appropriate for resale in the bookstore. We also accept CDs, DVDs, audio books, puzzles, and current magazines. We do not accept VHS tapes, textbooks, or encyclopedias.

Thank you for supporting the Friends!



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**Saturday** - 9:00AM - 5:30PM  
**Sunday\*** - 1:00PM - 5:00PM  
*\*(October - May)*