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**Library Newsletter**

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*2023*  
**Concert Series**

Ocean State Ramblers  
January 21

Atwater-Donnelly Duo  
February 18

Mary King Trio  
March 4

2:30 PM

No registration. Seating is first-come, first served.

Held in the Friends Program room



Concerts return to the library on Saturday afternoons at 2:30pm.  
Seating is first-come, first-served.

**[Click here to see schedule](#)**



**2023**

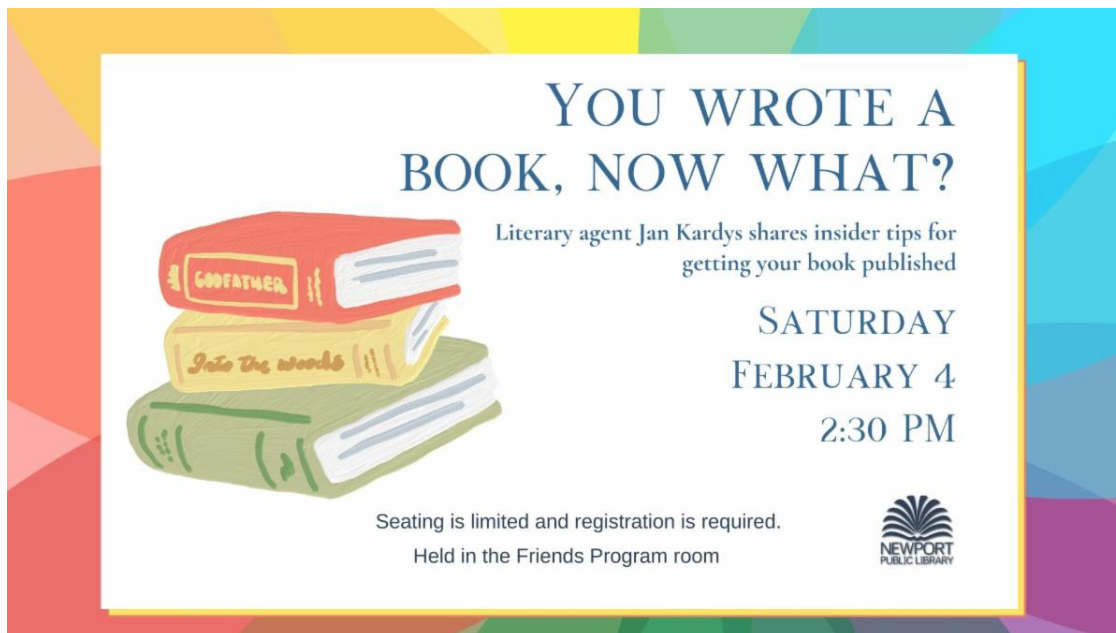
**ADULT  
WINTER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

**JAN. 17 – MAR. 10**

**FIND NEW READS AND ENTER TO WIN PRIZES!**

Looking to find new and exciting reads during the cold winter months?  
Our Winter Reading Challenge can help get the job done!

[Click here to learn more](#)




**YOU WROTE A  
BOOK, NOW WHAT?**

Literary agent Jan Kardys shares insider tips for  
getting your book published

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 4  
2:30 PM**

Seating is limited and registration is required.  
Held in the Friends Program room



You wrote a book, now what? Join literary agent Jan Kardys as she shares insider tips for getting your book published. Registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

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## The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter," by Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Those Pre-Raphaelites really knew how to celebrate and enjoy the season, I guess. Actually, the Newport Public Library has a full collection of Rossetti's poems, an illustrated anthology, as well as a copy of *Goblin Market: A Tale of Two Sisters*. The latter has an afterword by Joyce Carol Oates, includes illustrations by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and decorative artwork by William Morris. Upon completion you can consider yourself well-versed and virtually steeped in this vital period of British literature, across many media.

Now, to the modern day. While my letters usually address what is happening at the Library in the coming months I want to first of all wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy

Hanukah, and Happy Kwanzaa. Whichever you celebrate, or however we choose to overlap our holiday celebrations, I want to express my sincere wishes that the season brings you joy and peace. As an institution, the Library is a microcosm of the world and it is probably safe to say that the turbulence and turmoil of the last few years will not be missed if we dare to hope that we will turn a page as we enter 2023.

Have you seen the loom set up outside the Maker Lab in the runway leading into the Adult Services department? It is an interesting installation that is basically a crowd-sourced piece of art. I tried my hand at it and was generally satisfied with the work but fully engaged with the process. Not once did I have to invoke [Saint Anastasia of Sirmium](#), the patron saint of weavers. I could have similarly been inspired by any of the many musical choices on offer from Ocean State Libraries by The Weavers, that sparkling combination of Lee Hays, Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, and Fred Hellerman. There are fully illustrated instructions on the frame to help you along as you work with the shuttle. I invite you to help bring this cooperative and community-based work of art-in-progress to life by signing your name on the accompanying sheet.

With the New Year comes new possibilities and the Library has a slew of programs and services to offer you. The Library offers a [Shakespearean roundtable](#) read-aloud as the group cycles through the plays. This is an interesting way to understand the tone and cadence of Shakespeare's texts. What befuddled many of us in high school (I, for instance, did a miserable job when I was assigned the lead role in the Scottish play) gains new insights with the group. Prefer something a bit more tangible? There is a [fiber arts group](#) that meets twice a month that is similarly open to all. Working on individual projects rather than the community piece mentioned above, the group is a lively and friendly association of area hobbyists.

I want to say thank you and to acknowledge the dedication that went into this year's very successful book sale organized, staffed, and produced by the Friends of the Newport Public Library. This annual event is a boon for those who wish to give great books for holiday presents or for those who are enhancing their own library. Many buyers are simply amazed by the breadth of the items on sale. I am too, and you will be. Book sales are seasonal so keep an eye out, as well as for the flag on Spring Street announcing that at the bookstore. Note that an anonymous donor has slipped mini-review cards into some of the titles on sale. Look for them, or, when making your own donation, feel free to slip in a mini-review of your own! (Please don't write **in** the book, however!)

The Youth Services is busy planning many programs to keep the young ones entertained. Please note that some of the events require registration. This allows the Library to prepare enough supplies and decide on locations. Look for the following to help beat the mid-winter blahs (because "bleaks" isn't a word). Start with Take and Make Crafts, available for pick up at the Children's desk:

- Polar Bear (January 3);
- Dragon (January 17);
- Heart Garland (January 30).

Programs for which registration is required include making:

- a [chef's hat and a bowl of soup](#) (January 13 at 10:00 AM) for ages 2-5;
- an [air-dry clay snowperson](#) (February 10 at 10:00 AM) ages 2-5;
- a [woven potholder workshop](#) (January 14) from 2:30-4:00 PM for ages 8-12;
- a [paper roller coaster](#) (January 26, at 11:00 AM); and
- [wobble bots](#) (February 16, at 11:00 AM)!

The staff of the teen area are similarly busy making sure that those visiting the Library

after school or studying from home have plenty of choices to connect with friends and remain engaged. There is the First Chapter Friday club which gets attendees off to a flying start with a new title every month. There is also a Silent Book Club where everyone reads (or studies) together in a quiet atmosphere that enhances concentration. Stop by the desk to see what Becky and Leigh have ready for you.

For those of us who use the Adult Services side of the Library there are book groups on offer, a vibrant and robust Board Game Tuesdays program, and the upcoming film series [spotlighting movie favorite Robin Williams](#).

As Kevin says in "Home Alone," "are you thirsty for more?" If so, please visit the [Library's website](#) for news (including job opportunities!), events, services, and lists of all the amazing new items being brought into the collection weekly. Speaking of which, I just borrowed the portable steamer and a Bundt pan from our Library of Things, cutting down on ironing, but increasing baking time. Win-win, if you ask me.

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



Joseph Logue



## Winter Reading Challenge

**Dec. 21 - Feb. 28**

**Ages 0-12 Years Old**

Children ages 0 – 12 years old are invited to participate in our Winter Reading Challenge that runs through February 28th. In this BINGO challenge, children will need to complete a row, column, or diagonal of 4 activities to earn a prize. Complete the whole board of 16 activities for an additional prize! This challenge must be completed entirely online through Beanstack.



**[Click here for more information.](#)**



## Winter Wonderland Fun

**Friday, Jan. 27**

**10:00am**

**Ages 2-5 Years Old**

Children ages 2 – 5 years old and a caregiver and invited to Winter Wonderland Fun. Join us for winter-themed games, activities and crafts.

No registration is required.

## Fiddle N' Fun

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

**10:00am**

**Ages 2-8 Years Old**

**Friends Program Room**

Children ages 2 – 8 years old and a caregiver are invited to Fiddle N' Fun. Join Mr. Joel for a fun, interactive music show featuring guitar, singing, fiddle sticks and much more!



No registration is required.



## Family Fun

**Saturday, Jan. 21 & Feb. 4**

**2:30pm**

**Ages 5-12 Years Old**

On **Saturday, January 21st**, children will make magic watercolor art! Kids can create custom designs that appear like magic when you paint over them.

**Registration is required.**

On **Saturday, February 4th**, children will make DIY printed Valentine's Day cards. Kids will make their own personalized block printing stamp and get a head start on their valentines.

**Registration is required.**

## Valentine Potholder Workshop

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

**2:30pm**  
**Ages 8-12 Years Old**



Children are invited to create 6" x 6" Valentine potholders with red, pink and white cotton loops. Come learn how to weave with cotton loops on a metal frame.

Because this project requires manual dexterity, a bit of strength, and basic perseverance, is it limited to children ages 8 – 12 years old

**Registration is required.**

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## Tween Programs

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### **Glow-in-the-Dark Party**

**Tuesday, Jan. 17**

**4:30pm**

**Ages 10- 14 Years Old**

**Friends Program Room**

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



**Registration is required.**



### **Emoji Pillows**

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

**4:30pm**

**Ages 10-14 Years Old**

We will be creating emoji pillows! These soft, cuddly pillow are no-sew and totally customizable. Tweens will pick their emoji shape and craft a one-of-a-kind expression. This pillow will give you all the feels!

**Registration is required.**

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## Children's Storytimes



**Family Storytime**

Wednesdays  
Jan. 11 - Feb. 15  
10:00am  
Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

**Saturday Stories**

Saturdays  
Jan. 14 - Feb. 18  
10:00am  
Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

**Baby Bookworms**

Thursdays  
Jan. 12 - Feb. 16  
9:30am  
Ages 0-24mos & Caregiver

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



**Teen Programs**

**Teen Drawing Workshops**

Do you enjoy drawing or looking to learn a new skill! Join us for our monthly Manga Drawing workshop or our new Cartooning workshop! All workshops are taught by illustrator and artist Jerry Shippee. Supplies are provided. All experience levels welcome!



**Manga Drawing**

Tuesday, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7  
Grades 5-12  
4:30 - 6:00pm  
YA Area

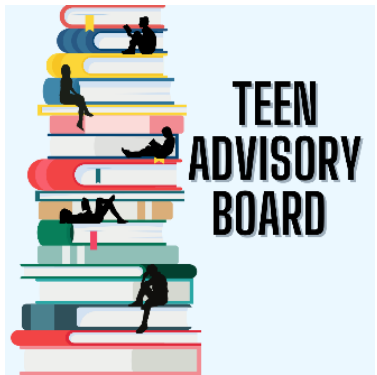


**Cartooning Workshop**

Saturday, Jan. 21  
Grades 5-12  
1:00 - 2:30pm  
YA Area

**Registration requested**

**Registration requested**



## Teen Advisory Board

**Wednesday, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1**

**Grades 5 - 12**

**4:30pm - 5:30pm**

**YA Area**

All Aquidneck Island teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). The monthly meetings are a great way to get involved at the library, earn volunteer hours, and meet other teens. Members help decide programs, decorate the YA space seasonally, and help build book displays.

## Tabletop Games

There is plenty going on in the YA area for Meeple People! Starting in January we are expanding our Board and Tabletop Game offerings to include BattleTech.



### Battotech

**Mondays, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27**

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

**Grades 5-12**

**YA Area**

**Registration requested**



### Board to Fun

**Wednesdays, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22**

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

**Grades 5-12**

**YA Area**

**Registration requested**

## Anime Club

**Wednesdays, Jan. 18 & Feb. 15**

**Grades 8 - 12**

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

**Friends Program Room**

Join fellow Anime and Manga enthusiasts for monthly club meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.



Come discuss and watch anime, have a snack and enjoy a fun activity. Any teens who wish to submit a watch suggestion, let the YA librarians know and they will research the title for the next session.

**Registration requested.** Must be 13+ to attend (Grades 8-12).




[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

## Adult Programming


# MEDITATION

Lecture followed by a brief meditation practice



**Dr. Alan Post**  
Longtime meditator, author,  
and doctor of chiropractic  
medicine

**February 1, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**  
Friends Program Room



The New Year is a time to create a clean slate. Join Dr. Alan Post, long time meditator for this powerful workshop. Dr. Post has been inspiring audiences on how to practice and learn this very simple technique which provides many benefits.

There will even be a short meditation sitting at the end. Join Dr. Post and bring joy, peace and relaxation into your daily life as you bring in the New Year.

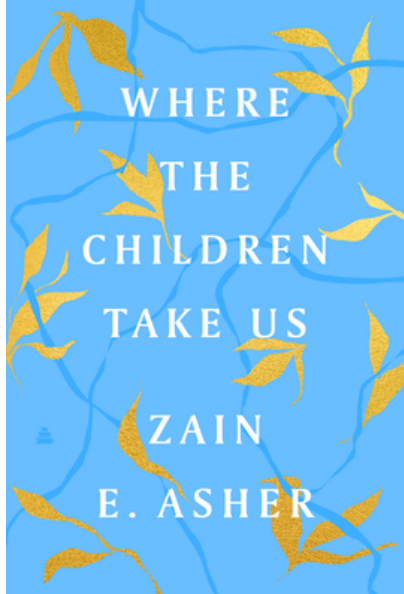
**Registration is required.**

## Non-Fiction Book Group

**Tuesday, Jan. 10 & Feb. 14**

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

**Rotary Room**



Join us each month to read and discuss a different nonfiction book!

In January we will be reading **Where the Children Take Us: how one family achieved the unimaginable** by Zain Asher.

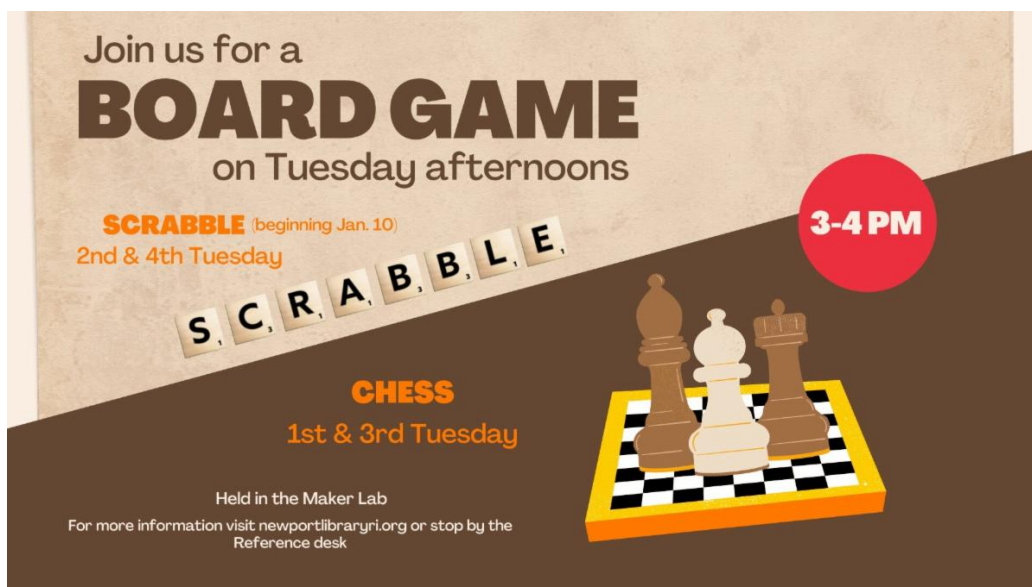
In February we will be reading we will be reading **My patients and other animals: a veterinarian's stories of love, loss, and hope** by Suzy Fincham-Gray.

**Register for January.**

**Register for February.**

For more information, contact Ann Amaral at [aamaral@newportlibraryri.org](mailto:aamaral@newportlibraryri.org).

## Board Game Tuesdays



**Tuesdays | 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Maker Lab**

Join us for a board game on Tuesday afternoons. Chess is offered on the first and third Tuesday and Scrabble is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. No registration required; just drop in!

## Maker Lab Workshops

**Monday, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27**

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

**Maker Lab**

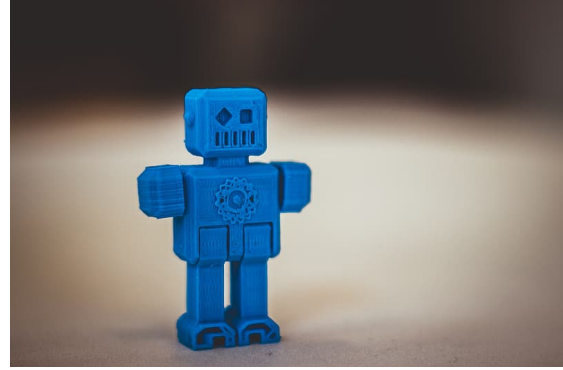
Join us each month for a demonstration and tutorial on how to utilize our Maker Lab equipment!

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.

**Jan. 23: 3D Printing**

**Feb. 27: Vinyl Stickers**



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## Crafty Wednesdays for Adults

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

**Registration is required.**



**January 18  
Sock Snowmen**

**Registration is required.**



**February 15  
Rock Painting**

**Registration is required.**

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## Film Series

# Film Series: Robin Williams

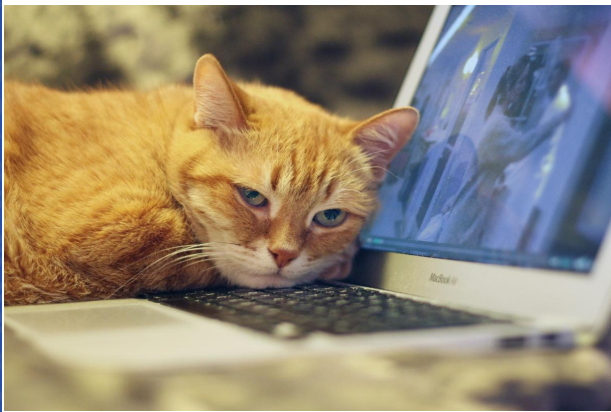
Fridays | 2:00PM  
Friends Program Room

**Jan. 13** Good Will Hunting  
**Jan. 27** Mrs. Doubtfire  
**Feb. 10** The Birdcage  
**Feb. 24** Jumanji



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The Friday afternoon Film Series continues this season! Movies are held at 2:00pm in the Friends Program Room. No registration required; just drop in! Light refreshments will be provided.



## Computer Workshops

Thursdays, 1/12, 1/19, 2/9, 2/23

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.

**Jan 12: [Google Photos](#)**

**Jan 19: [Google Sheets](#)**

**Feb 9: [Digital Literacy](#)**

**Feb 23: [Intro to Facebook](#)**

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



## Happy New Year!

The Friends send their best wishes for a happy and joyful 2023!

As January is the time to cozy up with a good book, we invite you to stop in our bookstore. There you will find recent best sellers and non-fiction, as well as a variety of books to satisfy your interests.

Thank you to all who supported our Holiday Sale and hopefully found great gifts. We raised over \$2800 for the Library. All proceeds go directly to the Newport Public Library.

You can look forward to a children's book sale during the February vacation week. We have a wide selection of children's literature. Books are very helpful to entertain your children during the break from school.

The 50 cent fiction and \$1.00 non-fiction book sale continues in the lobby, as well as DVDs and CDs during library hours. Payments can be made in the Honor Box when the store is closed.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

## 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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### Regular Library Hours

**Monday** - 12:00PM - 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\*** - 1:00PM - 5:00PM  
*\*(October - May)*

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