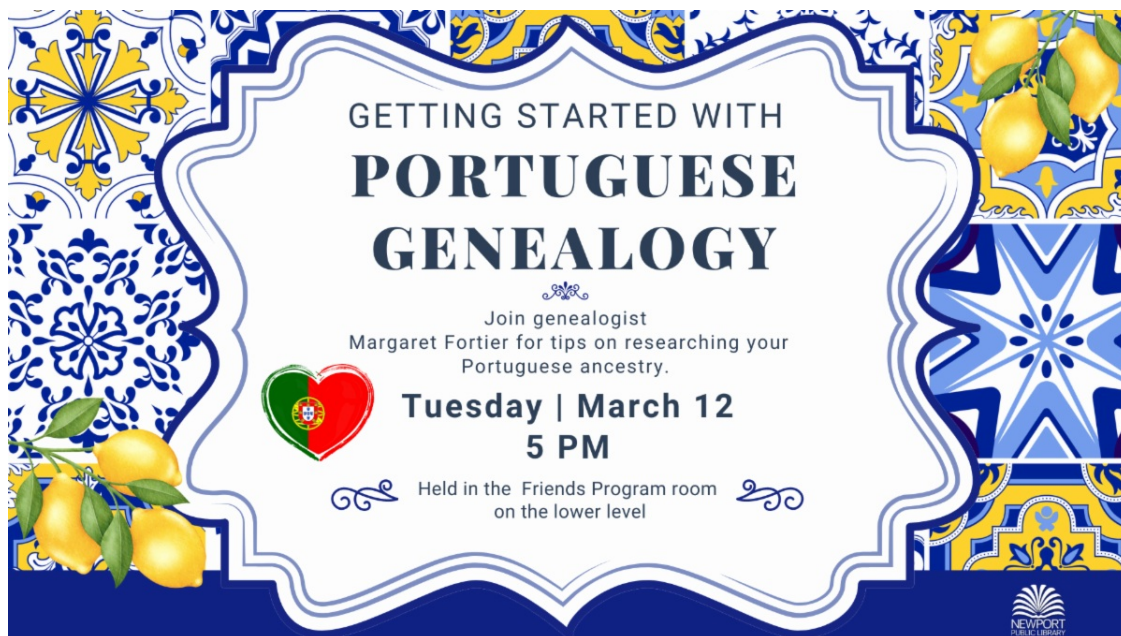




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Library Newsletter

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Join genealogist Margaret Fortier for tips on researching your Portuguese ancestry.

This lecture outlines the four waves of Portuguese immigration to the US, primarily to California, Massachusetts, and Hawaii. Naming patterns and name changes are illustrated as well as the flexible system of surnames. Using cluster research, US records, with special emphasis on the wealth of Portuguese-American newspapers, are examined for clues to locating the family in Portugal. Portuguese Catholic records and passports are also reviewed.

Registration is required.



Join us for our Gardening Series! Each session will cover a different topic across various aspects of gardening. Registration is required.

Mar 26: Successful Rose Gardening

Apr 4: Design a Sunny Perennial Border

Apr 9: Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping



Join us each month for a different concert! Held in the Friends Program Room.

[Click here to see the concert schedule.](#)

The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze...

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For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850), "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"

I am tempted, as always, to introduce this vernal newsletter with my favorite quote by William Shakespeare about the beauty and inherent promise of daffodils, but then thought of that other exponent of Nature's immortality William Wordsworth. Referred to as the "old sheep of the Lake District" by one of my fictional heroes, Horace Rumpole, Wordsworth exalted the eternal promise of spring, its rejuvenating effects on both mind and spirit, and the inevitability of its return. I might have availed myself of "Sole Listener, Duddon!" or, "It Was an April Morning: Fresh and Clear," but evoking the enchantment that we in Newport feel when daffodils are in full bloom and turning this way and that in the breeze seemed to be most apt.

Having spent a brief moment in the Romantic era, let us move on to the present day and allow me to tell you about the latest news from your Library. Specifically, I would like to highlight the Library of Things. Are you a borrower of the non-traditional items in the Library's collection? I feel that it has been a while since this vibrant part of the collection had a spotlight shone upon it. Many staff members are heavy users of the items in the collection as it provides a chance to test equipment before buying something. I myself borrowed the sewing machine to try to alter a pair of trousers, only to find out that some jobs are better left to the professionals.

Besides board games, puzzles, and other forms of entertainment there are practical tools to borrow. While the sewing machine proved tricky, the clothing steamer has been most useful (and saved some money on dry cleaning!). There is a comprehensive set of technology tools to borrow: Blu-Ray players, Chromebooks, a film and slide scanner (perfect for those envelopes one invariably finds in random drawers), a laminator which serves as a useful adjunct to the photos you've just discovered, a vlogging kit, and even a thermal camera. Much of the technology offerings have an equivalent and age-appropriate match in the Children's department, so be sure to ask at the desk.

If getting in shape is a goal with the return of warmer weather, you can borrow fitness sets of self-led yoga, as well as kettlebells, resistance bands, and at-home fitness and wellness equipment. As much as I would like to use the tool sets on offer, I admit that the games sections is also a favorite. Kitchen equipment is also ready to be borrowed. This is most handy as counter space is always at a premium and cooking and baking paraphernalia can be expensive. Many thanks to our crack Collection Development team for assembling this amazing section of your Library.

Those stalwart band of volunteers, the Friends of the Newport Public Library, fresh off their successful February book sale will once again have their wares on offer during the week of April 15th, continuing through April 22nd. Coupling an exhaustive array of items, genres,

and formats with the best prices in town this is an event that you'll surely want to put into your calendar. This is a great resource to build an at-home library for your visiting guests this summer or to pick up titles for vacations and the coming days at the beach.

The AARP tax assistance program continues through April 11th. It is structured somewhat differently this year as it is requested that you drop off your information and the tireless volunteers who give so generously of their time.

There are some scheduling notes to include here. Please keep in mind that the Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, March 16th and March 17th due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade and its subsequent observance. The Library will reopen on Monday, March 18th at noon. The Library will also be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Library programs have always served our patrons well, with well-constructed and thoughtful story times, baby playtimes, take-and-make craft kits, book groups, and instructional classes. I urge you to consult the calendars for **March** and **April** to see what is most intriguing to you.

The Library's programs and services are usually discussed at length with my friend Bruce Newbury on the last Tuesday of the month on WADK, 1540 on your AM dial, or at **WADK.com**. Tune in!

As always, I send this with my best wishes for a fun St. Patrick's Day, a Happy Easter, and lots of photos of daffodils.



Joseph Logue



Venmo

Consider a one-time holiday gift to the Newport Public Library to help support its mission and vision. To receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement of your tax deductible gift please enter your mailing address in the "What's this for?" section.

Donation
Annual Appeal Sheila Q. Patron
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Newport, Rhode Island 02840



Paper Chandeliers

Saturday, Mar 23

2:30pm

8-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to create paper chandeliers. Create flower paper chandeliers using plastic needles, yarn, straws, paper and felt.

Registration is required.

Squishy Circuits

Monday, Mar 25

4:00pm

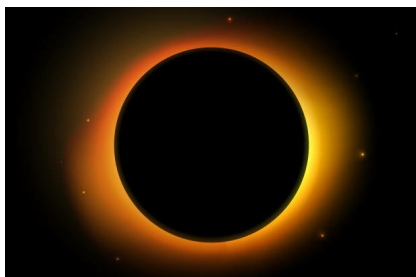
8-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to engineer with squishy circuits. Learn about the basics of electrical circuits with Play-doh!



Registration is required.



Solar Eclipse Program

Monday, Apr 1

2:30pm

6-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to celebrate the upcoming total solar eclipse. We will read a book and do a science activity related to the eclipse.

Registration is required.

Diamond Art

Monday, Apr 15

2:30pm

8-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to create diamond art. Create cute sparkly animal stickers with this mosaic art style!



Registration is required.



Puppet Storytime With Leigh Baltzer

Thursday, Apr 18

10:00am

2-6 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to Puppet Story Time on. Join Newton The Puppet and his other puppet friends as they take turns reading stories and singing songs.

Registration is required.

Decorate a Birdhouse

Tuesday, Apr 16

2:00pm

5-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to welcome spring by decorating a wooden birdhouse. We will be using paint and markers, so dress accordingly.

Registration is required.



Earth Day Seed Bombs

Monday, Apr 22

4:00pm

5-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to celebrate Earth Day. These Earth-shaped seed bombs will be filled with pollinator-friendly wildflower seeds to help bring beautiful



flowers to your home garden.

Registration is required.

Dash Robots

Monday, Apr 29

4:00pm

7-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to a Dash Robot workshop. Children will code and navigate various obstacles using these machines.



Registration is required.



Saturday Family Fun

Saturdays, Mar 30 & Apr 27

4:00pm

5-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children and a caregiver are invited to Family Fun one Saturday afternoon per month.

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

Mar 30 – Boredom Busters!

Apr 27 – Derby Day Hats!



Children's Storytimes

Mar - Apr 2024

All Held in the Friends Program Room

Family Storytime

Wednesdays

Mar 6 - Apr 10

Baby Bookworms

Thursdays

Mar 7 -Apr 11

Saturday Stories

Saturdays

Mar 9 - Apr 13*

10:00am
Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

9:30am
**Ages 0-24mos &
Caregiver**

10:00am
Ages 0-5 & Caregiver
***No Storytime Mar 16**



Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Tuesdays, Mar 5 & Apr 2*

10:00am

Ages 0-4 & Caregiver

* The Apr 2 Storytime will be held in the Children's Program Room

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



Teen Programs



Anime Watch Club

Tuesday, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/27, 4/30

3:30pm

Grades 8-12

Children's Program Room

Join fellow anime and manga enthusiasts to watch and discuss anime, have a snack and enjoy a fun activity.

No registration required. Must be 13+ to attend (Grades 8-12).

Stop Motion Animation

Tuesday, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16

3:30pm

Children's Program Room

Grades 5-12

Try something new with us! Make a stop motion animation video. All materials provided.

Registration required.



Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesdays



3:30pm
Grades 5-12
YA Area

Join us for DnD! If you are a new player who wants to join the campaign, no problem! Just ask the YA librarian for a character sheet.

No registration required.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, Mar 7 & Apr 3

3:30pm

Grades 5-12

YA Area

Teen Advisory
Board



Do you have any ideas to improve the teen space at the library?

This is your opportunity to voice those ideas! TAB members help decide programs, decorate the YA space seasonally and are encouraged to run programs based on their own interests.



Board Games and Boba

Thursday, Mar 21

3:30pm

Grades 5-12

YA Area

Join us for Board Games & Boba in the YA Area!
Registration is appreciated but not required.

Registration requested.

DIY Jewelry Making

Thursday, Mar 14

3:30pm

Ages 13+

YA Area

Meet us in the YA area to try something new! All materials provided. Ages 13+. Registration appreciated but not required.

Registration requested.



Retro Gaming

Thursday, Mar 28

3:30pm

Ages 13+

YA Area



Come hang and play some of our older video games with us! We've got Mario Kart, Wii Sports, Just Dance, etc. Or bring one of your faves!

Registration requested.

[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

Adult Programming

Film Series

FILM SERIES

2024 OSCAR NOMINEES

Fridays at 2:00pm
Friends Program Room
Light Refreshments Provided!

			
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Mar 8	Past Lives	PG-13
Mar 22	Oppenheimer	R
Apr 5	The Holdovers	R
Apr 19	Barbie	PG-13

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.

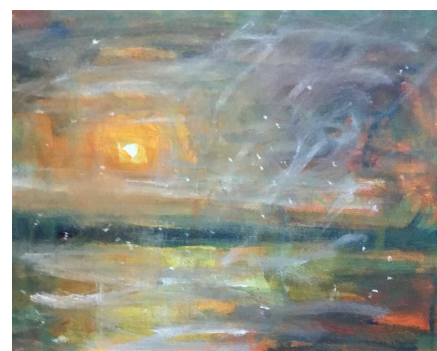
Landscape Painting

Wednesday, Mar 20

5:00pm

Friends Program Room

In this 2-hour session, local artist John Irwin will demonstrate a technique using acrylic paints to guide you in crafting an abstract painting that reflects your artistic expression.



All materials will be supplied. No prior experience necessary.

Open to ages 18+

Registration is required.



Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy

Tuesday, Mar 5

5:00pm

Online via Zoom

Join us for an introduction to the art of Chinese calligraphy with Jojo Liu!

To celebrate the Lunar New Year, our instructor will teach the basics of traditional Chinese calligraphy, including holding a brush, writing basic strokes, and New Year sayings.

This 1-hour class will be held virtually on Zoom. Upon registration a Zoom link will be sent to your inbox via email. A reminder email will be sent the day before the class.

We have a limited supply of materials. The first 15 registrants will be notified by email when kits are ready for pick up.

Registration is required.

World Classics Book Group

The World Classics book group meets monthly on select Saturdays at 10:00 AM. Registration is required.

**March 30:
Brave New World
by Aldous Huxley**



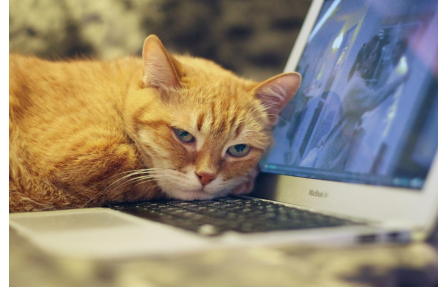
Computer Workshops

Thursdays, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11 & 4/25

Maker Lab

Join us for these adult computer workshops that teaches users computer skills.

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



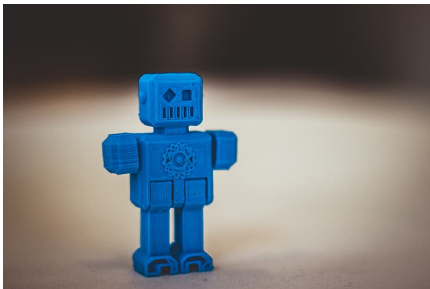
Mar 14: Google Drive

Mar 28: Google Sheets

Apr 11: Google Docs

Apr 25: Google Slides

There is a 3 person minimum for these workshops. If the minimum is not met, the class will be cancelled.



Maker Lab Workshops

Mondays, Mar 25 & Apr 29

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.

Mar 25: Vinyl Stickers

Apr 29: 3D Printing

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Spring is Coming!



March will be a busy month at the Friends Bookstore as we celebrate Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day and Easter! Whether you are looking for a gift or treating yourself, come browse our store and find something different to pique your interest.

We appreciate all of you who support our store and sales. We would also like to thank everyone who donates their personal books and other items. You provide the merchandise, which enables us to raise money for the Library. Thanks to your generosity, the Children's Department was able to purchase their own Dash Robots. Children really have fun while learning important academic skills. They were also able to purchase a new die cutting machine, which makes paper-crafting projects more efficient.

You also help support additional funding for adult programs, as well as eAudiobooks through Hoopla and Overdrive. Working together, we enable the Library to offer even more services for patrons, so thank you!

Follow us on **Facebook**, check out our **eBay store**, and remember you can always find a book to read in the lobby during library hours! Payment can be made in the Honor Box for your convenience.



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 - 1:00 - 5:00PM*
*(October-May)

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