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Library Newsletter

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GOING TO EXTREMES

A TRAVEL JOURNALIST'S TOUR OF
THE GLOBE'S MOST ADVENTUROUS
OUTPOSTS
with **Peter Mandel**

September 12 | 6 PM

Registration is required
Held in the Friends Program room on the lower level



Join us for "Going to Extremes", a talk by nationally-known adventure travel journalist and book author, Peter Mandel. This event is perfect for travel enthusiasts, aspiring writers, and anyone who craves adventure!

Registration is required.

The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

The second basic thesis is that intellectual freedom is essential to human society—freedom to obtain and distribute information, freedom for open-minded and unfearing debate, and freedom from pressure by officialdom and prejudices. Such a trinity of freedom of thought is the only guarantee against an infection of people by mass myths, which, in the hands of treacherous hypocrites and demagogues, can be transformed into bloody dictatorship.

Freedom of thought is the only guarantee of the feasibility of a scientific democratic approach to politics, economy, and culture.

Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989), "Thoughts on Progress, Peaceful Coexistence and Intellectual Freedom," as published in **the New York Times on July 22, 1968.**

Retrieved August 26, 2024

Heady stuff from Mr. Sakharov, a man no one would doubt was grounded in the certainty of the need for open inquiry and intellectual freedom. Many of us are challenged daily on what the reader or viewer can or cannot believe. This is a burgeoning topic among librarians as we often field questions from patrons about the truthfulness of "what is out there." AI, or artificial intelligence, is being used in many ways – generally helpful, occasionally irksome – but this is a good time to use tools readily available at your Library. The leap from Sakharov to AI is not so great: Alan Turing was heavily involved in machine learning during World War II.

The end of summer sees the Library resuming its full operating hours. As a reminder the Library will be closed Saturday-Monday, August 31st-September 2nd for the Labor Day weekend. From Tuesday, September 3rd the Library hours are:

Monday 12:00 - 8:30 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 PM*

*beginning October 20th, 2024

The Library will close in observance of these holidays: Labor Day (September 2nd), Columbus Day (October 14th), Veterans' Day (November 11th), Thanksgiving Eve (closing at 5:00 PM) and Thanksgiving Day (November 27th and 28th).

I am happy to tell you that the annual Summer Reading Program was a smashing success, breaking the records previously set last year. So many patrons and visitors participated in our full slate of programs that it was a daily occurrence to be just a bit overwhelmed, but good overwhelmed. Thank you to all of you who joined in and made each day so rewarding. I particularly enjoyed the Fiddle 'n' Fun show, the Outdoor Bubbles, and Circus Dynamics. Kudos go to the staff members who put so much thought and care into constructing the programs, decorating the Library, and making each event so exciting. I can't wait for next year!

Much of the funding of the Children's programs held during Summer Reading was provided by the Friends of the Newport Public Library, whose donation is gratefully acknowledged.

Remember that the full list of programs continues. Book clubs, chess clubs, Maker Lab projects are part of our year-round offerings. We have Take & Make crafts for children. The Library offers a family storytimes on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, and Baby Bookworms resume on Thursdays beginning on September 26th. Preschool Dance Parties are back on September 17th and October 29th. Here's your chance to shake your sillies out!

A program that has attracted a large and devoted following is the English/Spanish Bilingual Storytime. This will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 AM, held in the Children's Program Room.

Hora del cuento en español bilingüe. Martes, 1 de octubre a las 10:00 AM. Niños de 0 a 4

años, y no necesita registrarse. Se llevará acabo en el Children's Program Room. (Gracias Maria!)

For teens, the Young Adult librarians have fashioned an Advanced Reader Copy (ARC) book club. An ARC gives teens access to the hottest young adult titles before they're published! Our next offering is November 15th. Stop by the YA desk for title information and access.

One of the most unheralded services provided by your Library is the request that we purchase titles you are interested in. If you go to <https://catalog.osri.net/recommend> the title will come to the Collection Development librarian. We take such requests seriously and once you fill out the form you'll be placed first in line when the title arrives. We also compile a **Forthcoming Fiction** page that you can bookmark for ease of reference. September's list will be up soon, so visit this page often for inspiration about what to read next.

Aside from the newsletter, you can also catch up on Library happenings when I chat with our good friend Bruce on WADK, 1540 on your AM dial. We chat on the last Tuesday of the month; I hope we can count on you tuning in. Over the years Bruce and I have had some wide-ranging discussions from Shakespeare's sonnets to the opening theme song of "The Bugs Bunny Show." I mean, who among us does not know at least the melody to its emblematic opening of "This Is It!"?

Well, this wraps up another newsletter. Chiefly, it gives me the opportunity to tell you how much our patrons mean to us and how your continued support is so deeply appreciated.



Joseph Logue



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Consider a one-time 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.

I happily support the Library!
Annual Appeal Sheila Q. Patron
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A is for Art

Tuesdays, Sep 10 & Oct 15

10:00am

2-5 Years Old

Children's Program Room

A is for Art will take place one Tuesday morning per month!

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

Sep 10: Apple Print Trees

Oct 15: Halloween Cat

Saturday Family Fun

Saturdays, Sep 14 & Oct 12

11:30am

5-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room (New Time!)

Children and a caregiver are invited to Family Fun one Saturday morning per month!

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

Sep 14: School Picture Frame Magnets

Oct 12: Monster Shelfies!



Maker Kids

Tuesdays, Sep 24 & Oct 22

10:00am

7-12 Years Old

Maker Lab

Children are invited to Maker Kids one Tuesday morning per month!

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

Sep 24: Bee-Bot Challenges

Oct 22: Introduction to Scratch

Drop-In Pirate Map

Thursday, Sep 19

4:00pm

4-12 Years Old

Children's Department



Children are invited to make a pirate craft! Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day by dropping in to make a pirate-themed craft.

No registration is required.



Air-Dry Clay Monsters

Tuesday, Oct 22

4:00pm

4-12 Years Old

Friends Program Room

Children are invited to sculpt monstrous creations! Make it cute and cuddly or spooky and scary. The monsters will be taken home to dry. They will be ready after a couple of days.

Registration is required.



Children's Storytimes

Sep - Oct 2024



Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Tuesday, Oct 1

10:00am

0-4 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children ages 0 – 4 years old and a caregiver are invited to Bilingual Spanish Storytime. Learn basic Spanish through singing and dancing! Children and caregivers do not need to know Spanish to participate and have fun! This 30-minute program will be presented by Spanish Tutor Sole Sheibar.

No registration required.

Family Storytime

Ages 0-5 Years

Sep 18 - Oct 30

Wednesdays, 10:00am

Baby Bookworms

Ages 0-24 Months

Sep 26 - Oct 31

Thursdays, 9:30am

Please Note: Saturday Stories is on break until further notice.

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

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Teen Programs



Butterfly Diamond Art

Tuesday, Oct 1

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Join us in the Teen Department for a fun and therapeutic Butterfly Diamond Art Program! All materials provided.

Registration requested.

Murder Mystery Game

Tuesday, Oct 8

3:30pm

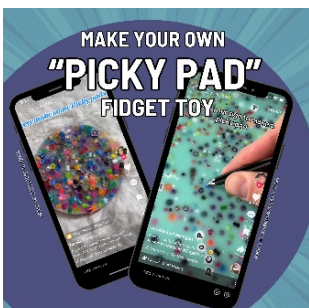
Grades 6-12

YA Area

Solve a mystery in the Teen Department with us! We'll be playing Hunt a Killer, a murder mystery game that provides case files, clues and messages for us to decode to piece together the evidence and solve the mystery. Bring your sleuthing skills!



Registration requested.



Make Your Own Picky Pad

Tuesday, Oct 15

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

Children's Program Room

Make your own fidget toy picky pad with us!

Registration requested.

Candy Trivia

Tuesday, Oct 22

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Test your candy knowledge and earn fun prizes!



Registration requested.



Movie & Paint By Number

Tuesday, Oct 29

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

Friends Program Room

Watch Tim Burton's *The Corpse Bride* and do a Paint By Number!

Registration requested.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, Beginning Oct 3

3:30pm

Ages 13-18

YA Area

Join us for the start of our new D&D campaign! The new campaign will kick off on Thursday, October 3rd and will continue weekly on Thursdays. Fill out your character sheet on **D&DBeyond** or ask the teen librarian for a character sheet.



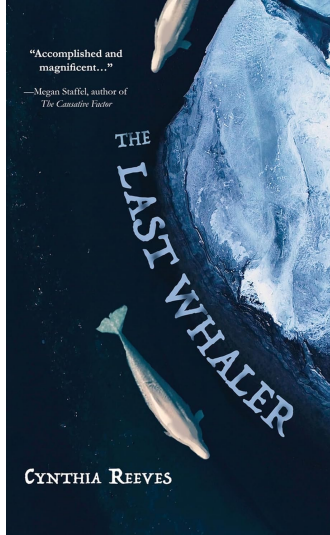
Registration requested.

Click here for all Teen Programs

Adult Programming

Author Visit with Cynthia Reeves

Wednesday, Oct 2



6:00pm

Friends Program Room

Author Cynthia Reeves will discuss her experiences traveling to the Arctic and the inspiration for her book *The Last Whaler*, while also touching on environmental concerns and whale conservation.

Registration is required.

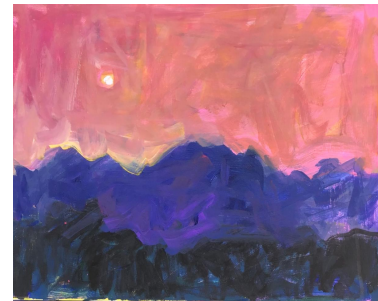
Painting with Acrylics

Thursday, Sep 5

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 a landscape that reflects your artistic expression.



All materials will be supplied. No prior experience necessary. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Registration is required.



Meditation for Inner and Outer Peace in a Turbulent World

Wednesday, Oct 30

6:30pm

Friends Program Room

Join Dr. Alan Post for a talk and brief meditation practice.

Participants will have a chance to try a simple meditation technique which is the secret to profound personal well-being and global healing. Join Dr. Alan Post long time meditator and contributing author to *Meditation as Medication for the Soul*, Rajinder Singh for this powerful workshop.

Registration is required.

Tuesday Board Games

Join us for
BOARD GAMES
 on Tuesday afternoons **3-5 PM**

SCRABBLE
 2nd & 4th Tuesday **3-4 PM**

SC R A B B L E

CHESS
 1st & 3rd Tuesday **3-4 PM**

Held in the Maker Lab
 For more information visit newportlibraryri.org or stop by the Reference desk



Come play a board game with us on Tuesdays! Chess is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 3-4 PM. Scrabble is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 3-5 PM.

Film Series

FILM SERIES

COMEDIES THROUGHOUT THE AGES

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

	Aug 9	Duck Soup	NR
	Aug 23	The Pink Panther	NR
	Sep 6	Airplane	PG
	Sep 20	Anchorman	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.

Pumpkin Painting for Adults

Wednesday, Oct 16

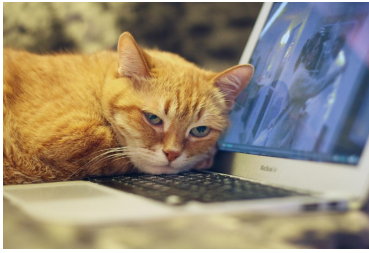
6:00pm

Maker Lab

Join us for a session of pumpkin painting! In this freestyle painting session, you can decorate your pumpkin however you'd like. All materials are provided. Open to Ages 18+.



Registration is required.



Computer Workshops

Thursdays, Sep 12, Sep 26, Oct 10, Oct 31

2:30pm

Maker Lab

Join us on Thursdays for computer workshops! Each session will cover a different topic.

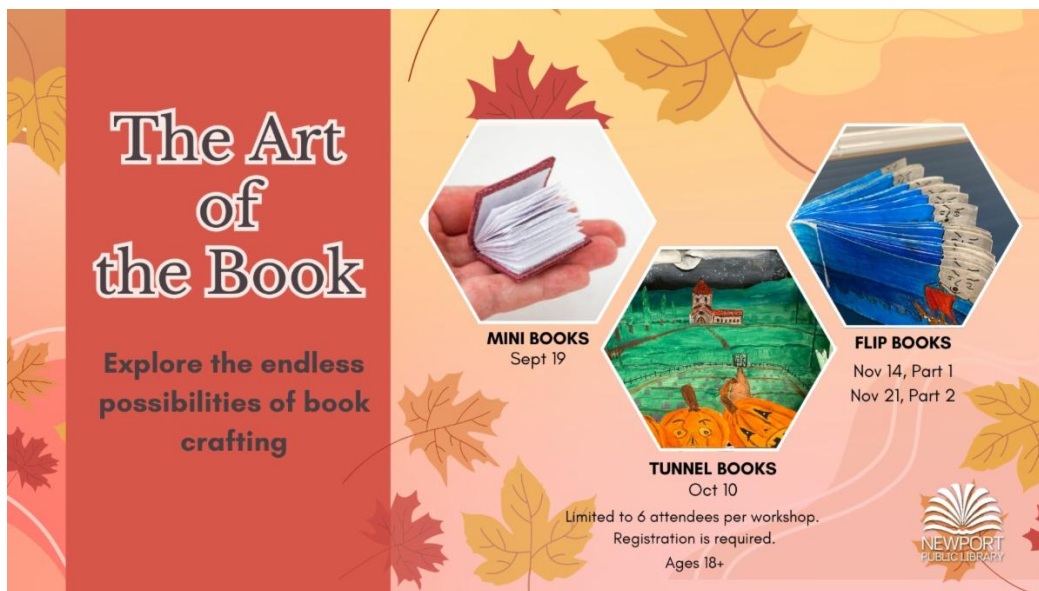
Registration is required. Basic computer and internet skills recommended. Click on a session below to register:

Sep 12: Google Photos

Sep 26: Google Drive

Oct 10: Google Docs

Oct 31: Google Calendar



The Art of the Book

Explore the endless possibilities of book crafting

MINI BOOKS
Sept 19

TUNNEL BOOKS
Oct 10

FLIP BOOKS
Nov 14, Part 1
Nov 21, Part 2

Limited to 6 attendees per workshop.
Registration is required.
Ages 18+

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This series of workshops will guide you in creating your own unique book, from traditional bound volumes to interactive formats. Explore the art of bookmaking as you learn to craft mini books, tunnel books, and flip books. With expert instruction and all necessary materials provided, you'll have the opportunity to experiment with different techniques and bring your creative visions to life. Registration is required.

Sep 19: Miniature Book Binding

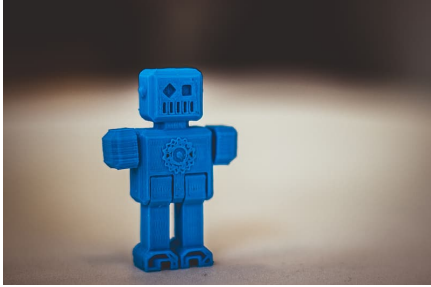
Oct 10: Tunnel Books

Maker Lab Workshops

Monday, Sep 23 & Oct 21

6:00pm

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.

Sep 23: 3D Printing

Oct 21: Vinyl Stickers

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Welcome, Fall!



With the arrival of fall our reading changes from summer leisure (think beach reads!) to more serious reading. Whether you think about cooking, current events, crafts or learning more about history check out our latest selections in the Bookstore. Students looking for inexpensive classics will find a wide selection. Teachers who are looking for supplemental books for their classrooms will find children's fiction and non-fiction books as well as young adult novels and classics.

The Bookstore will be accepting cash or checks only starting in September. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but the decision is a result of changes within the library's system.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Book Sale in August, which was very successful. We are collecting books and gift items for our annual Holiday Sale! Look for details coming soon.

We accept donations of items for resale that are in good condition. In addition to books, CDs, and DVDs, we also accept magazines that are less than 2 years old. Please keep in mind that we do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or medical and technology books that are more than 4 years old.

If you are a reader and enjoy talking with other readers about books, consider being a Friends' Bookstore volunteer! To learn more about this opportunity stop in the Bookstore for more information.

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.



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