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Library Newsletter

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Featured Event

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON
FOOD PRESERVATION
with URI Cooperative Extension

JOIN US ON ZOOM
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24 AT 6 PM

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Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.

We at the Newport Public Library are grateful for the patience and fortitude shown by our patrons and visitors. These past six months (!) have not been easily navigated and we thank you for standing by us as we attempt to right the ship. It is difficult to write to you with an "update" when all I can tell you is that the Library will maintain the status quo established when we reopened with limited access on June 2nd. We will continue to quarantine items upon their return for three days, meaning all items will remain on your record. Fear not, however, as there are no fines being assessed across the state. Even though access to the stacks is limited, I remind you that you can request any item from the collection and we will retrieve it for you on demand.

The Library's Property Management team is doing yeoman work on behalf of visitors and staff. Disinfection and cleaning protocols are strictly adhered to, surpassing guidance set forth by the state. Reference services are being offered virtually outside the Library's truncated schedule, and you have 24/7 access to the databases that so many find useful. The Children's storytimes and programs are offered virtually on an easy to follow schedule I certainly hope you find them enjoyable.

Additionally, patrons can take comfort in knowing that the Newport Public Library is requiring that all those who visit the Library are required to wear masks. This is a fact of life in the summer of 2020 and your compliance is expected and appreciated. All the information that you need is available for reference on the website, but please feel free to call us at 401-847-8720. Extensions 101, 204, 208, or 214 can help you.

The Library will continue to function as a polling place on September 8th. Plans are still being worked on to ensure that those seeking to vote in person can do so in a safe and healthy environment. Keep an eye on the Library's website. Similarly, the 2020 Census is underway until September 30th. It is vitally important that you respond to this year's census.

By the way, there is an excellent biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas that I highly recommend. Pastor Bonhoeffer's fortitude and grace in the face of unimaginable circumstances can serve as a balm for the unprecedented times in which we live.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe", written in a cursive style.

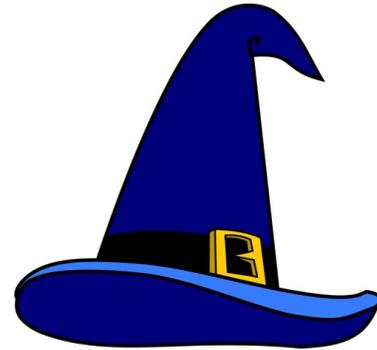
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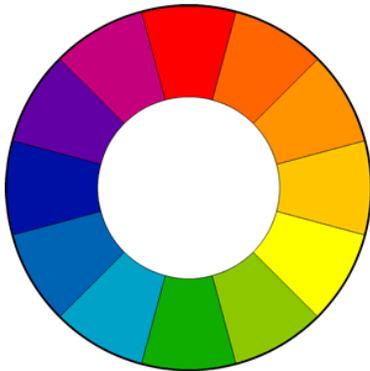
At-Home Escape Room Kit: Merlin's Rescue!

An evil sorcerer has captured Merlin the Great in order to find the Golden Egg, which is the power source for all magic in Fairytale Kingdom. Find the Golden Egg before the evil sorcerer does and save Fairytale Kingdom!

The At-Home Escape Room Kit is designed for families with children of all ages and can be completed in approximately 1 hour. The kit may be borrowed from the Children's Desk for a period of 3 days and must be returned to the Newport Public Library during regular Library hours.



[Read More](#)



Preschooler Take-and-Make Crafts

Prepackaged crafts are available for pickup at the Children's Desk during regular Library hours. New crafts will be available on the first and third Monday of each month. If the event of a Monday holiday, crafts will be available on the Tuesday of that week.

Tuesday, Sep.. 8

Monday, Sep. 21

Monday, Oct. 5

Monday, Oct. 19

Paper Plate Apple

Scarecrow

Yarn Fall Tree

Black Cat

VIRTUAL Children's Storytimes



Children are invited to experience storytime in an all new format! Storytimes will be pre-recorded and posted online for limited time. **All storytimes are virtual until further notice.**

[Learn More on the Storytimes and Activities page.](#)

[Preschool Storytime](#)

Mondays, Sep. 21 - Oct. 26

10:00am

Ages 2-4 Years Old

[Baby Bookworms](#)

Thursdays, Sep. 24, Oct. 8, & Oct. 22

10:00am

Ages 0-24 Months Old

[Special Storytime - Elephants](#)

Wednesday, Sep. 23

10:00am

Ages 2-4 Years Old

[Special Storytime - Grumpy Stories](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 14

10:00am

Ages 0-5 Years Old

[Click here for Family Programs](#)

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YA Fall Lineup

As library programs will remain virtual for the foreseeable future we've put together weekly offerings in the form of digital activities, programs-to-go and real time video events: Adulting 101 and First Chapter Fridays.

There will also be monthly raffle drawings for all teens submitting **book reviews**.

Visit our pages for the scoop on all things Teens!

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[NPL Teen Page](#)

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Adult Programs

Virtual Presentation: Overcoming Stress and Anxiety Using Meditation

Thursday, Sep. 17
6:30 PM
Online



Join us on Zoom for a presentation on Overcoming Stress and Anxiety Using Meditation with Arlene Samsel.

We are living in a time that feels often confusing and stressful. Incorporating meditation in our lives can be the change that can make a big difference in our life . Join Arlene Samsel as she teaches a simple meditation technique to increase personal well-being.

Registration is required, including a valid email address. Participants will receive a link through email to join the Zoom meeting.

Take-Home Crafts

Take-Home Crafts For Adults: Hand-Painted Rocks

Try out some new projects from the comfort of your own home! Each month, we'll feature a different kit to help you make a great new project!

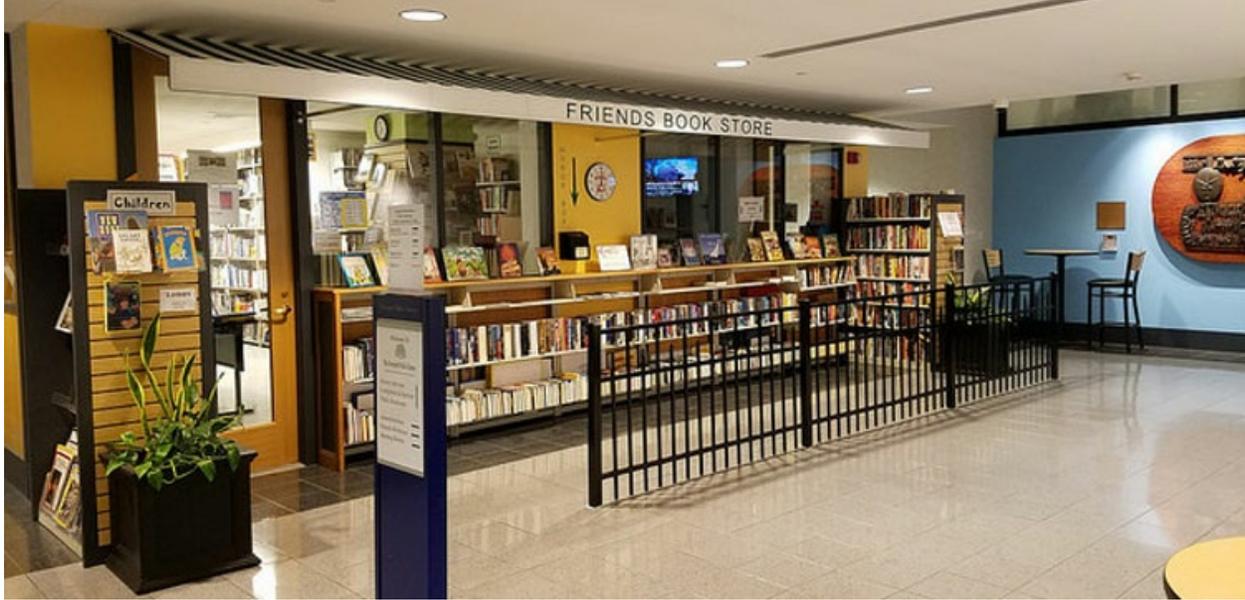


This month, patrons can take home Painted Rock kits, which include everything you need to make a fun design, including paint, brushes, and a pair of small rocks.

To participate, come visit us at the Reference Desk to pick up your kit at the Library during our regular Library Hours.

No registration required. Limit one bag per person, first come first serve, while supplies last. Available to patrons 18 and older.





Books Available in the Lobby!

The Friends Bookstore has a variety of classic and best-selling books available for purchase in the Spring Street Entrance Lobby! All items are currently 50 cents each, unless specified otherwise. Come find a new great book or magazine to bring home! Please note that the main area of the bookstore is closed at this time.

We are Accepting Donations!

The Friends of the Newport Public Library are now accepting donations! We are currently able to accept small donations of one small bag's worth of items or smaller. Please leave your bagged items on the loading dock outside, on the south side of the building.



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The Library's Hours of Operation vary during the ongoing Reopening RI project.
To view our current hours, please visit our [Hours and Directions page](#).

For updates on our operations and services, please visit the [Library's Website](#).

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