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Library Newsletter

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Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

First and foremost, I want to remind everyone that Summer Reading Program time is upon us! This year's theme is Tails & Tales and every service department of the Library is gearing up for this evergreen program, beginning on June 28th. Stop by any desk to ask how you can participate and all the fun ways we keep you and Library visitors of all ages reading and taking part throughout the summer. Children and students remain better readers and learners if they continue reading during the summer months. The Library is here to help make sure the children in your care remain strong and engaged readers. The Library extends its sincere thanks to the Friends of the Newport Library for its generous grant, underwriting the cost of performers and services throughout the summer.

The Library has also made many changes based on the latest guidance coming from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Rhode Island Department of Health. You no longer need to wear a mask if you are fully vaccinated (and two weeks have elapsed). This new protocol is reliant on your good offices to a large extent but one of the most salient features of the past 16 months is how respectful and safety-minded Newporters have been in general, and Library visitors in particular. For that I thank you. Please be advised that children aged 2-12 years old should continue wearing masks at all times.

Over the coming weeks you'll notice that we have been removing protective barriers, replacing chairs and desks throughout the Library, and enlarging the number of public use computers are available to visitors. We will continue to maintain best practices when handling communal materials, but we are optimistic that the pre-Covid look of the Library will soon return.

A slight change to the operating hours of the Library is now in effect for its Summer Hours. On Monday, the Library opens at noon; on Tuesday-Thursday the Library opens at 9:00 AM. The Library closes at 7:00 PM Monday-Thursday. The Library retains its hours for Friday and Saturday, opening at 9:00 AM and closing at 5:30 PM. Please ask for a bookmark at the Circulation Desk on your next visit to help you remember this slight change.

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



Joseph Logue



Children's Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Children from birth through Grade 6 are invited to join the Children's 2021 Summer Reading Challenge: Tails & Tales!

Registration begins **June 28th** and the program will take place from **June 28th – August 13th**.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, please call 401-847-8720 x 204 or visit us online on our [Summer Reading page!](#)



Summer Reading Activity Tracker

Children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will be asked to complete activities to earn points. For every 10 points earned, children will receive a prize. Complete all 50 points for a final prize. Children participating in person at the Library will be invited to keep their activity tracker at home for the summer. Children may also complete the activities online through the Library's website. Prizes will be available for pickup as soon as each 10 points are reached.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Page Turner Animal Adventures

Ages 4-12 years old

Families with children ages 4 – 12 years old are invited to go on a story safari! Page Turner Animal Adventures is a 6-week virtual program consisting of 10-25 minute videos, 5 days per week.

Featuring stories, shows, recipes, games, crafts, authors, illustrators, guest performers, field trips and more, Page Turner and Kenny will help transform kids into Storyologists!

Videos will be available through the [Kids Summer Reading Webpages](#). Pick up a related bag of craft supplies each week.

Puppet Story Time

Wednesday, July 7

10:00am

Ages 3-7 Years Old

Families with children ages 3 – 7 years old are invited to Puppet Story Time! Puppet Story Time features Newton The Puppet and his other puppet friends as they take turns reading stories and singing songs. Held in Aquidneck Park.



[Registration is required.](#)



STEM Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, July 15

2:00pm & 3:00pm

Ages 5 - 12 Years Old

Families with children ages 5 – 12 are invited to a STEM Scavenger Hunt presented by MobileQuest. The STEM Scavenger Hunt will take participants to six different STEM stations. Each station will have a challenge related to the summer reading theme of Tails & Tales. Held in Aquidneck Park. Registration is required.

[Click here to register for the 2:00pm session.](#)

[Click here to register for the 3:00pm session.](#)

Fiddle N' Fun

Wednesday, July 21

10:00am

Ages 2-8 Years Old

Families with children ages 2 – 8 years old are invited to Fiddle N' Fun! Fiddle N' Fun will present an interactive music program featuring guitar music, singing, dancing, movement and more! Held in Aquidneck Park.



Registration is required.



Take and Make Crafts

Each week we invite you to drop by the Library for a craft project you can take home and make! We'll give you a bag filled with all the supplies you will need, instructions for how to make your craft and/or a picture of the final product.

Limit one bag per child while supplies last. "Take and Make" crafts will be available for pickup during regular Library hours.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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



Teen Summer Adventure

You have **summer reading assignments for school!** Why not have fun doing them? Or maybe you just want to avoid summer slide; you know that part where you loose up to 1 month of learning from last year. Do you really want to start this school year 1 month dumber than you left it last year? Reading engages your brain so all that stuff you worked hard to learn doesn't slide out and we've made reading fun!

The teen summer adventures is for teens in grade 5 – 12 or recent graduates.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Live at the Library

Mondays

4:00pm

Every Monday at 4pm Miss Christina and Ms. Becky deliver a different face-to-face and hands-on program!

****DENOTES SPECIAL DAYS**

June 28 | Rick Morin's Rhythm Room

Delve into the world of rhythm by creating your own grooves using household found objects in an imaginative exploration of sound! (Rain Date: July 26.)

July 6** (Tuesday) | Digital Scavenger Hunt

Download this scavenger hunt from our webpage for a walk about Newport. Then join us in Aquidneck Park for snacks and prizes!

July 12 | Mobile Quest: High Flyers

Build TWO high flying activities, including a flying gas-powered animal! (Rain Date: July 19.)

July 19 | Life Size Games

Feel like a kid again -a VERY small kid- playing larger than life versions of

your favorite childhood games!

July 26 | Frozen T-Shirt Race

This one is a real icebreaker! Teens compete to be the first to thaw out, unfold, and wear a frozen t-shirt. It's the perfect game to play during the dog days of summer!

August 2 | Program? What Program?!

If you want to know what we're up to, then you've got to show up!

August 10 (Tuesday) | Tie Dye T-Shirts**

Fall is almost here and no summer is complete without tie dying at least ONE t-shirt!

What are you waiting for?!

Grab & Go, Yo!

Thursdays

Every Thursday we roll out a new activity kit that you pick up in the teen area and do in the comfort of your home!



July 1 | Handmade Zipper Pouches

Make a super cute DIY zipper pouch that you can use to carry your pencils, pens or whatever you'd like!

July 8 | Wish Bottles

A one-of-a-kind string of wish bottles that you can hang over your bed (or anywhere you want)? YES, please!

July 15 | Nautical Bracelets

Looking for the perfect accessory to go with your favorite summer OOTD? Why not make your own nautical bracelet!

July 22 | Embellished Burlap Bags

Summer job making you flush with cash? Show your hard earned Benjamins some love with a personalized money carrier!

July 29 | DIY Birdhouses

This Grab & Go kit is for the birds. Literally! Construct a beautiful, hanging homes that your feathered friends are sure to love!

August 5 | Animal Print Decor

Are you hoping to add a touch of sass to your room? Turn plain storage tins and light switches into animal inspired works of art!

August 12 | DIY Door Organizer

Take tidiness to the next level. Make the most of your limited desktop area with this unique DIY organizer!

Adult Programming



2021 Adult Summer Reading Challenge

June 28 - August 13

The best incentive you'll find for sitting down with a few great books this summer! Discover new reads, revisit old favorites, and enter to win prizes in our Summer Reading Challenge!

Registration begins June 28 through **Beanstack**.

Click here or visit the Reference Department for more information.

Sewing Machine & Serger Available to Borrow!

You can now borrow sewing equipment from the Library! Use your library card to borrow a Brother CS-6000i sewing machine or a Brother 1034D serger.

Visit or contact the Reference Desk for more information.



VHS to Digital Conversion Service

Transfer old home movies on VHS to digital format for your personal enjoyment! This free digital conversion service is facilitated by Library staff and is available to Ocean State Library cardholders. Available equipment can convert VHS cassette tapes into a digital file that can be saved onto a patron-provided flash drive.

Click here or contact the Reference Department for more information.

Take-Home Craft Kits

Try out some new projects from the comfort of your own home!

This summer, we'll feature a different kit to help you make a great new project! To participate, visit us at the Reference Desk to pick up your kit during regular Library Hours.

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



July Decorative Wind Chimes

Available Starting July 1st



August Decorate A Tote Bag

Available Starting August 2nd

Thursday Evening Book Group

Thursday, July 8

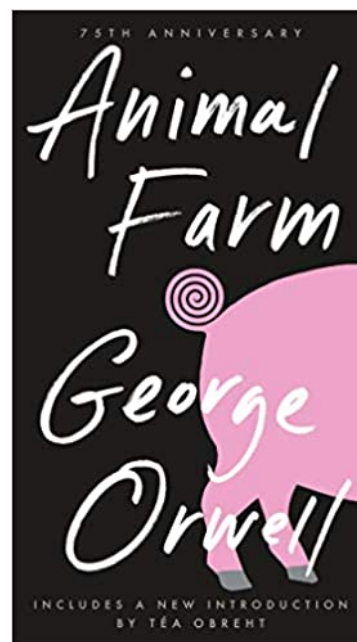
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Program Room

Join us for our newest book group we will be reading dystopian fiction on the second Thursday of the month.

For July, we will be discussing *Animal Farm*, George Orwell's famous satire of the Soviet Union, in which "all animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

Registration is required.



Writing Workshops

Wednesday, June 23 & July 21

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Newport Room

Join Caroline Joy Adams in this writing workshop! Each workshop in this series will include one or two brief writing exercises on a given theme, and then time to share, in a fun, supportive way.

June's theme is "People of Influence in Our

Lives". Writing about some of the people and characters whose lives have shaped our own.

July's theme is "Creative Writing for Creating Inner Calm". Writing that will help us become more relaxed, calm, and centered, using the power of our imaginations.

Seating is limited! **Registration with a valid email address is required** for participation.

For more information, contact Ann Amaral at aamaral@newportlibraryri.org or call 401-847-8720 x208.

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Summer is Here!

Celebrate summer with your favorite activities on the beach or in the waters. Be sure to stop by the Friends Bookstore for a great selection of paperbacks to take with you.

For those rainy days you will find a variety of puzzles as well as a wide range of children's books to entertain youngsters of all ages.

The clearance sale in the lobby will continue through the summer. You can find books, puzzles, and magazines ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.00 during Library hours. Don't forget the summer reading programs at the library, as this is a great source for books to add to your list!

There will be a special \$1.00 book sale in the lobby from **Friday, August 13 to Monday, August 23** so be sure to stop by and browse any time during Library hours.

All proceeds benefit the Newport Public Library and their many programs.

Donations

We are accepting donations of gently used books of current, resale quality magazines and textbooks, as well as audiobooks and DVDs. Please leave your bagged items on the loading dock outside, on the south side of the building.



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Summer Library Hours

Monday - 12:00PM - 7:00PM

Tuesday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Wednesday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Thursday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Friday - 9:00AM - 5:30PM

Saturday - 9:00AM - 5:30PM

Sunday - CLOSED

**Make a Donation. Thank
You!**