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Library Newsletter

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Film Series
GREAT 80S CLASSICS

Fridays at 2:30 PM
Program Room

Nov. 5
When Harry Met Sally
1989 | R

Nov. 19
Steel Magnolias
1989 | PG

Dec. 3
A Christmas Story
1983 | PG

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Friday Afternoon Film Series continues in November with Great 80s Classics! Held every other Friday at 2:30pm in the Program Room. No registration required.

Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

Claudia Alta (Lady Bird) Johnson
1912-2007

The Newport Public Library is proud and happy to announce that upon approval of the Library Board of Trustees **all overdue fines will be removed from items owned by the Newport Public Library**. This has been a burgeoning trend in the world of public libraries across the country and New England. Newport joins many other communities in dispensing with fines on overdue materials. The reasons are manifold. The past 18 months have exposed many procedures

to closer inspection. When the Library suspended all fines during the latter two-thirds of 2020, we saw an enormous amount of items being returned. The Library – almost all Rhode Island libraries, in fact – saw a minuscule amount of items that were not returned. Upon resumption of levying fines in July 2021, there were minor fines being assessed. An astounding 97% of all Newport cardholders' accounts are in good standing. For that, I thank you.

There are practical matters to consider. Some libraries in the Ocean State Libraries consortium are still charging fines, so this change is not universal. Please be aware that the OSL network consists of **the state's public libraries** – if you return an item belonging to any library outside the network, their policies will prevail. It must be stressed that items that are lost, damaged, or billed are not included in this new policy. Patrons must still pay for items that are lost or damaged while checked out to that person's card. Note that items marked as "billed" will have that amount erased when the item is returned. Come across a Library book that is way overdue and for which you've been billed? Bring it in! Your account will be cleared.

Please be aware that the Newport Public Library has made two exceptions to going fine free: Museum Passes and Interlibrary Loans (i.e., items from non-OSL organizations). As these items are owned by other institutions, we must do all we can to ensure the timely return of the item(s) so that the Newport Public Library retains its pristine reputation as a borrower.

There is also the equalizing aspect of removing fines. They can accrue quickly and once a patron owes \$10.00 or more the ability to manage your account, to request or renew items, is suspended. There are many reasons that students and other young residents of Newport have for not being able to get to the Library to return their items in a timely fashion. Removing the onerous fine structure underscores the **Library's mission** to provide a welcoming atmosphere in which one learns, becomes inspired and engaged, and connects to the wider world.

This is a major shift in the life of your Library, and those of us who are its present custodians are excited by this milestone.

Now, to other news. You know how the Library becomes a hubbub of activity around the approaching holidays and we look forward to them with great anticipation. You may have noticed that the various animals in the Children's department have been decked out for Halloween, but decorations will also play a big part as we gear up for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. There has been an express invitation sent to Santa Claus and it looks like the Library will be one of his early stops this year. Keep your eye on our **calendar** and we ho-ho-hope to see you there. The registration for this event begins on November 30th.

Please keep all other Library programs and services in mind: Tuesday Tips, 3D Maker Lab, crafting projects galore, the Teen Room Silent Book Club, computer workshops such as email instruction and managing Google Drive, among a plethora of other offerings.

Keep the following November dates in mind: the Library will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day, and on Thursday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. The Library will close at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 24th, for Thanksgiving Eve.

I extend my appreciation to the veterans of Newport and honor your dedication and service. Without the sacrifices you have made the Library as we know it may not presently exist. Thank you.

On behalf of the staff of the Newport Public Library, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous start to the holiday season.

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

wishes,



Joseph Logue



Piggy Bank Painting

Tuesday, Nov. 16

4:00pm

Program Room

Ages 5-12 Years Old

Children ages 5 – 12 years old are invited to paint a piggy bank and start saving pennies!

Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, October 26th.



Second Chance Crafternoon

Friday, Nov. 26

2:00pm

Ages 4-12 Years Old

Children ages 4 – 12 years old are invited to drop in for an afternoon of crafts! We've raided our storage closet for crafty treasures from programs past. Kids are welcome to stop by the Children's Department and make something unexpected!

No registration required.

Holiday Gift Making

Saturday, Dec. 4

2:30pm

Program Room

Ages 5-12 Years Old

Children ages 5 – 12 years old are invited to create

Holiday crafts perfect for gift-giving!

The holidays are right around the corner and are you still struggling with what gifts to get the family? Join us to craft a few gifts and enjoy a small treat while we get creative!

Registration is required and opens on Tuesday, November 16th. Sign up through the event calendar on the Library's website.



A Visit With Santa

Tuesday, Dec. 14

10:00am

Program Room

Ages 0 - 5 Years Old

Children ages 0 – 5 years old and a caregiver are invited to A Visit with Santa! Hear a Christmas story, sing holiday songs and make a special craft. Children will also have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a candy cane and sticker.

Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, November 30th. Sign up through the event calendar on the Library's website.

Winter Solstice Storytime & Craft

Tuesday, Dec. 21

10:00am

Program Room

Ages 2-5 Years Old

Get out of the cold and celebrate the Winter Solstice! Hear stories, sing songs and make a winter craft. For ages 2 – 5 years old and a caregiver.

Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, November 30th. Sign up through the event calendar on the Library's website.



Reindeer Games

Wednesday, Dec. 22

10:00am

Program Room

Ages 2-4 Years Old

Children ages 2 – 4 years old and a caregiver are invited to a special Reindeer Games program! Enjoy reindeer crafts, activities and a reindeer snack.

Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, November 30th. Sign up through the event calendar on the Library's website. Held in the lower level program room.

Book Character Bingo

Wednesday, Dec. 29

2:30pm

Program Room

Ages 4-10 Years Old

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to Book Character Bingo. Play BINGO with friends and win small prizes.

Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, November 30th. Sign up through the event calendar on the Library's website.

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



Dungeons & Dragons

Every Wednesday

4:30pm

Are you ready to unleash the power of your imagination and jump into a game that's like no other? Join Dungeon Master Kevin for a round of Dungeons and Dragons! In this classic role-playing game, you create your character, choose how they interact with the story, and use dice to decide the outcomes of your actions. This program is perfect for beginners. We will introduce you to the game and its rules while you play!



Space is limited. **Registration is requested.**



Treat Yo' Self Tuesday

Every Tuesday

3:00pm - 7:00pm

Every Tuesday, Ms. Becky takes out the supplies and then takes off. That's right, kids. We're giving you free rein to use our materials to create as you see fit! Each week features a different theme: jewelry making, scrapbooking, drawing/sketching and life-size gaming. It's DIY for Y-O-U!

No registration required.



Movie Afternoon

1st Thursday of the Month

4:30pm

Program Room

Calling all young film aficionados! Join Miss Christina in the Program Room for a groovy Movie Afternoon! The first Thursday of every month we'll screen a different PG-13 and under flick; from the latest releases to the beloved classics! Plus, we'll enjoy some light refreshments! Movie? Snacks? How can you say no?!

No registration required.



First Chapter Friday

2nd and 4th Friday of the Month

First Chapter Friday is exactly what it sounds like. Teen librarians Ms. Becky and Miss Christina give listeners a sneak-peek into a different young adult book by reading the first chapter to you! Links to episodes can be found on our [teen webpage](#), [Facebook](#) and the [YA YouTube channel](#).



Teen Advisory Board

2nd Thursday of the Month

4:30pm

Have you ever thought, "I wish the Library would...?" Now's your chance to turn those ellipses into a reality.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is where teens can express their opinions, make friends and connect with the community. And that is just a small part of what you can achieve as a TAB representative. Plus, there are always homemade treats to eat and delicious drinks to enjoy. Best of all, teens who team up with TAB can use this time towards community service! Food, friends and a chance to impact the world around you. How can you say no?! If you're interested in joining TAB, but can't make the meeting, contact Ms. Becky at bfarwick@newportlibraryri.org or 401-847-8720 x206.

No registration required.

TBA with Miss Christina

3rd Thursday of the Month

4:30pm

If you want to know what Miss Christina is up to, then you've

got to show up! No registration required.



Book Groups



Silent Book Club

Every Monday

4:30pm

YA Area

What happens when you remove the awful parts about book clubs (mandatory readings, mandatory discussions, mandatory mandatories) but keep all of the good things (food, books, people)? You get Silent Book Club! SBC is a chance for teens to relax for an hour, read whatever they want, and enjoy a few snacks with Miss Christina and Ms. Becky. Think of it as "happy hour for introverts."

No registration required.



ARC Book Club

4th Thursday of the Month

4:30pm

YA Area

Advance Readers Copies Book Club (ARC) is not like any book club you've been to before. ARC gives teens access to the hottest young adult titles *before* they're published! Members munch on delicious snacks while choosing from a variety of pre-published novels that they take home, read and review! Each month we'll come together again to talk about what you read, eat MORE delicious snacks and, of course, grab another pre-published title!

No registration required.

[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

Adult Programming

Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Maker Lab

Join librarian and chess enthusiast Sean



Doherty for Chess Club at the library. All skill levels are welcome from those just starting or the more advanced players. Meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 PM. Ages 16 and up are welcome.

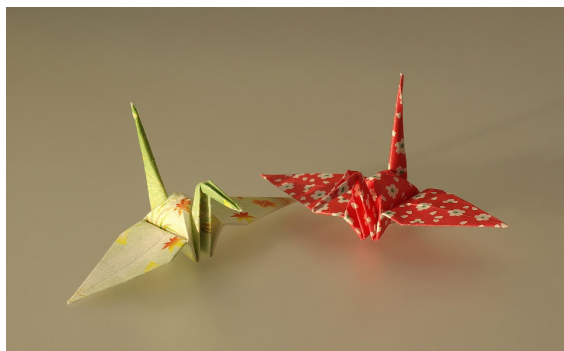
No registration required: just drop in!

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.



November **Origami Designs**

Available Starting Nov. 1



December **Wine Cork Reindeer**

Available Starting Dec. 1



Looking to spice up your TBR list?*

Stop by the Reference desk for
more information

Request a Personalized Reading List

*To Be Read



Need help finding your next read? Answer a few questions and a personalized reading list will be compiled by one of our knowledgeable librarians and emailed to you within 7 business days! [Learn More](#)

Thursday Evening Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 18 and Dec. 9

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.



Nov. 18: Oryx and Crake
Registration is required.



Dec. 9: Waste Tide
Registration is required.

Writing Workshops

Wednesday, Nov. 10 & Dec. 1

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.

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.

Maker Lab Workshops

Monday, Nov. 29

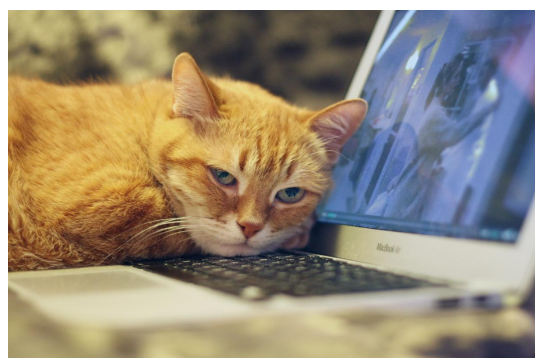
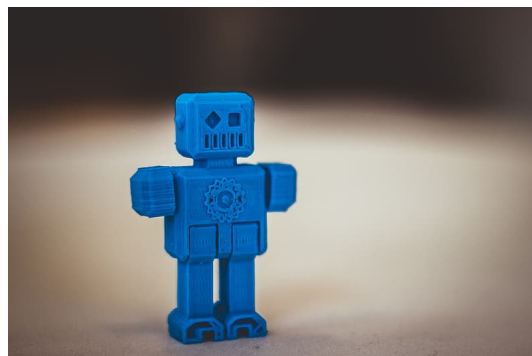
6:00 - 7:00pm

Maker Lab

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

Registration is required. Open to ages 18+. Choose a session below to register.

Nov. 29: Vinyl Stickers



Computer Workshops

Thursdays, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Maker Lab

In these afternoon Computer Workshops, we'll cover a variety of topics from the basics to getting the most out of specific apps and programs!

Registration is required. Click a session below to register.

Nov. 4: **Basics For Beginners**

Nov. 18: **Email Basics**

Dec. 2: **Google Drive**

Tuesday Tips: Ebooks

Tuesday, Nov. 9

2:30pm -3:00pm

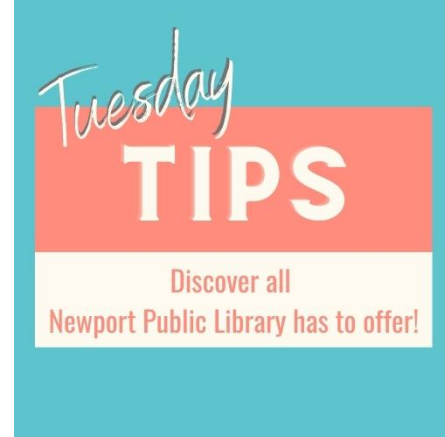
Online

Join us on Zoom to discover all the resources

available at your Library! These live events will be offered on select Tuesdays and topics will vary.

Today's topic: How to use the Libby and Hoopla apps to get free ebooks from the Library.

Registration with a valid email address is required. A Zoom link will be sent to your inbox upon registration. And a reminder email goes out the day before the event.



[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Holidays Are Coming!

The bookstore is now open from 2-4pm on Sundays for your shopping pleasure. The sale in the lobby will continue through November. The feature of the month in the bookstore for November will be seasonal cooking. You will find a wide selection of cookbooks with recipes for soups, stews, and other fall meals, especially Thanksgiving.

Our annual Holiday gift and book sale will be from **December 3-9**. This is your opportunity to find gift quality books and other items for your holiday shopping list. Gifts for children through adults will be offered at reasonable prices. There will also be a selection holiday season CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. Sale hours will be posted in the bookstore and throughout the Library.

Happy Holidays from the Friends of Newport Public Library!

All proceeds from sales go directly to the Newport Public Library and their community programs. Thank you for your support.

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.

[Library Hours](#)



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(Regular Hours resume Sep. 13)

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)*

**Make a Donation. Thank
You!**