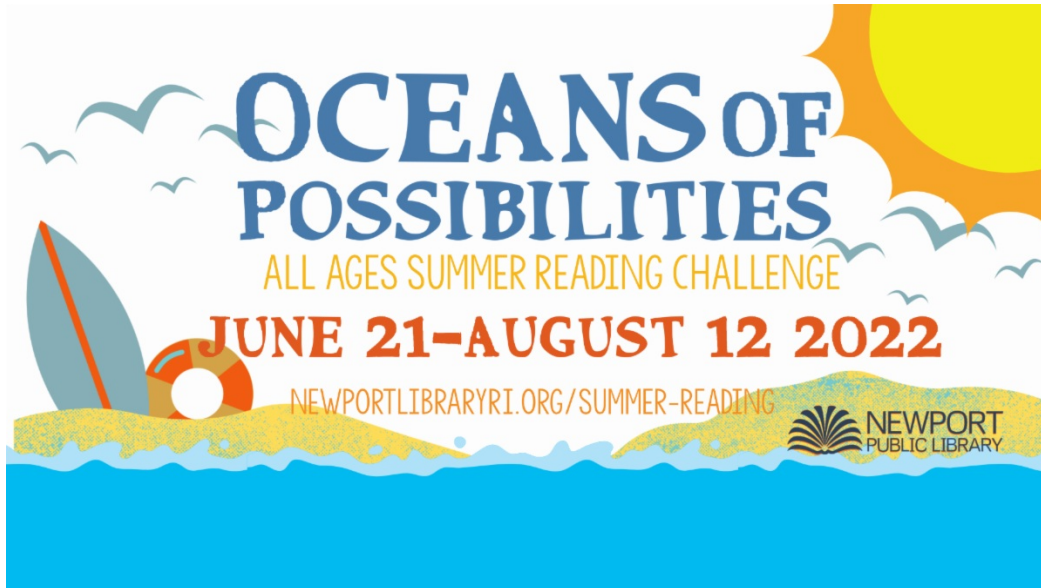




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Library Newsletter

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Join us for our annual Summer Reading Challenge! You can read your favorite books and join us for children's & teen programs, activities and more. Challenges run from **June 21 – August 12, 2022.**

**Click here** for more information about each of the Reading Challenge programs.



Summer hours will be in effect from July 5 to September 1, 2022!

**[Click here](#)** for the Library's Hours of Operation schedule.

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## The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

Sumer is icumen in  
Lhude sing cuccu  
Groweþ sed  
and bloweþ med  
and springþ þe wde nu  
Sing cuccu

Summer has arrived,  
Loudly sing, cuckoo!  
The seed is growing  
And the meadow is blooming,  
And the wood is coming into leaf now,  
Sing, cuckoo!

While the Wessex dialect of the Middle English musical round may be irredeemably foreign, it has always intrigued me and speaks to me now as (dare I claim it?) a Newporter. Dating from the mid-13th century this famous song shows how eagerly summer is anticipated, as well as how universal and timeless that yearning is. The manuscript, housed in the British Library, is breathtakingly beautiful. Even heavily protected by glass, when viewing the original the reader feels the joy that summer has brought for millennia. It is part of our shared human experience, and we in Newport intuitively feel the same.

Summer brings with it many entertainments here in our beautiful city and we are spoiled for choice, as the saying goes. The Summer Reading Program of 2022 is "Oceans of Possibilities," running from June 21st-August 12th. I want to highlight the efforts made by all three departments of the Newport Public Library in service to our patrons and visitors. The Youth Services department has assembled an outstanding series of programs, contests, and interactive events split between the Children's area and the space used by teens and young adults. The Adult Services department has also constructed a slate of programs that will keep Library users engaged throughout the summer. Please visit the [Library's website dedicated to Summer Reading](#).

If for nothing else, drop by each department to take note of the stunning artwork devised by our staff. Their efforts are simply magnificent.

I also want to highlight the work being done by the Circulation department as they continually prepare items for your convenience. The Newport Public Library is the #1 outward lending Library in the state – that's right, the whole state. Every day our Circulation staff pulls items to send onward as well as to fill holds here at the Library. Subsequently, those items have to be returned and it is this dedicated team that gets all items back on the shelf so quickly. We all chip in on shelving, so look for any of us across the Library and say hello.

This also means that the Collection Development team has brought items into our Library that are highly sought after by borrowers in our consortium. I am proud to say that we are often the first Library to get particular titles on the shelves; similarly, chances are good that reviews you read over the weekend of many items will have already arrived at the Library, ready for you to borrow.

Visitors to the Library may have noticed the massive and massively impressive engineering project that took place in the early part of the week of June 6th. The Library replaced its aging and faltering HVAC system. I send special thanks to the Property team's leadership and the Board of Trustees Facilities Committee that shepherded this project to completion. This enhancement will

see the Library becoming more energy efficient, lightening our footprint, guaranteeing a comfortable atmosphere for patrons, and bringing substantial savings in our utility bills! Seeing a crane reaching high into the sky, hoisting a 17,000 pound air conditioner, to be placed on the Library's roof was quite a sight to see. We took many photos and movies because such projects ultimately turns us all into 6-year-olds.

Please note that the Library will be adopting its Summer Hours schedule beginning Tuesday, July 5th and running through Thursday, September 1st. The summer **closing times are in red**. This slightly abbreviated schedule only affects the closing times on Monday-Thursday.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00pm - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

It is always helpful to remember that summer also includes holidays for which the Library traditionally closes. This year they all fall on Monday, even though the first two are by law celebrated on the calendar day. The Library will be closed to observe the following:

<b>June 20th</b>	<b>Juneteenth</b>
<b>July 4th</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Victory Day (our unique holiday!)</b>
<b>September 4-6</b>	<b>Labor Day (includes the preceding Saturday)</b>

[Here is a link to a video presentation entitled "On Juneteenth,"](#) in which historian Annette Gordon-Reed discusses the historical significance of June 19th in a discussion with the National Archives. It is as compelling as it is important. On Tuesday, the Library will have a celebration of Juneteenth from 2:30-4:00pm in the area in front of the Circulation Desk. Stop by and say hello!

One of the premier shops on Bellevue Avenue, J. McLaughlin, will be hosting a "sip and shop" on Thursday, July 7th from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM and 15% of all sales will go to the Newport Public Library. This is an incredibly magnanimous gesture on the part of the shop's team as they put this together. The shop is located at 180 Bellevue Avenue. I am used to recommending that people borrow items, but for their support, I will urge you to go to J. McLaughlin and buy, buy, buy!

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



Joseph Logue

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## 2022 Children's Summer Reading Challenge

Children from birth through Grade 6 are invited to join the Children's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge, Oceans of Possibilities! Registration begins **June 21st** and the program will take place from **June 21st – August 12th**.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, please call 401-847-8720 x 204 or [click here](#) to visit us online.

### Activity Tracker

Children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will be asked to complete activities to earn points. For every 7 points earned, children will receive a prize. Complete all 35 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 7 points are reached.

## Summer Reading Performers

Join us for a variety of summer performers including folk musician Sarah Gardner, Animal World Experience, Mystic Aquarium, Fiddle N' Fun and Save the Bay Exploration Center! The Audubon Society of RI will also be bringing a 65-foot, life-sized inflatable whale!



**Sarah Gardner:**  
**Preschool Music**

**Tues. 6/21, 10:00am**  
**Ages 0-5 Years**

**Audubon Society of RI:**  
**Inflatable Whale**

**Thurs. 6/23, 10:00am**  
**Grades K-1**

**Mystic Aquarium:**  
**Beach Animals**

**Tues. 6/28, 10:00am**  
**Toddlers & 2s**

**Mystic Aquarium:**  
**Penguin Palooza**

Tues. 6/28, 11:00am  
PreK - Kindergarten

**Save the Bay:**  
**Beachcombers**

Tues. 7/12, 10:00am  
Grades K-4

**Animal World Experience:**  
**Water World**

Tues. 7/19, 10:00am  
Ages 4-12 Years

**15 Minute Field Trips:**

**Trash Turtles**

Wed. 7/20, 2:30pm  
Ages 6-12 Years

**Fiddle N' Fun**

Tues. 7/26, 10:00am  
Ages 2-12 Years

**Save the Bay: Bayside**

**Stories**

Tues. 8/2, 10:00am  
Ages 3-7 Years



## 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.

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

**Click here** for a list of Take and Make crafts and their availability.

## Design-A-Bookmark Contest

Children who are local to Newport County and are signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge are invited to design a bookmark to celebrate books and reading.

Four winners will be chosen in the following categories: Pre-K, K-1, 2-3, 4-5. Children who enter will also be eligible to receive one of 6 grand prize packs. Enter anytime between June 21st and August 12th. One entry per child.

**Click here** for more information and contest rules.



## Programs for Kids

Join us for a variety of programs all summer long including Family storytime, Baby Playtime, A is for Art, STEAM Club, Family Fun, 3D Printing, ceramic shark painting, ocean Bingo, surfboard collage and many more!

**Click here** for the full Childrens event calendar.

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## Passive Programs All Summer Long!

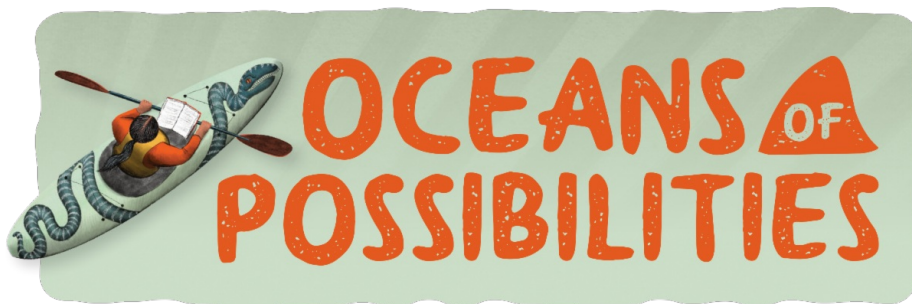
Visit the Library anytime to enjoy a variety of passive activities for kids. Vote in our "Sunken Sites" Tournament, complete the I Spy Scavenger Hunt, find different animals on our tabletop I Spy, and check out an Escape Room Kit.

There are also two Escape Room Kits to enjoy this year: "Rescue the Mermaid's Crown" and "Escape from the Bermuda Triangle."



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

# teen



## 2022 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 lose 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.

We've made reading fun! (And you get prizes for doing it – BONUS!)

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

[Click here](#) for more information.

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## Teen Summer Programs

# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

## Jellyfish Lanterns

**Tuesday, July 5**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Create jellyfish inspired lanterns for cool night lights in your room, on your porch or where ever you want to hang them.

**Registration is required.**

## Hurricane-Proof Construction

**Tuesday, July 12**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Use our ice cream cups to build creations to withstand wind, rain and the weight of a tennis ball! Prizes awarded for sturdiest, tallest and more.

**Registration is required.**

## Message in a Bottle

**Tuesday, July 19**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Your secret message headquarters is right here at NPL. Learn about secret codes, write your own (or use one we look at together) and send a message (in a bottle)!

**Registration is required.**

## Mermaid Sugar Scrubs

**Tuesday, July 26**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Make your own natural body scrub with a mermaid twist! Perfect for dry skin form all that time in the summer sun.

**Registration is required.**

## Captain's Log

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Captain's, and ship's, logs have a rich history, and provide insight into life on sea faring vessels. Create your own log so people will know how you got there when you become famous ;) or maybe just for telling stories to your grandchildren.

**Registration is required.**

## Give Me Sign! A Driver's Language

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**

**4:30pm**

**Program Room**

Underwater is a tough place to talk so SCUBA diver's have developed a sign language all their own. Learn it now and then navigate your very own "underwater" obstacle course.

**Registration is required.**

# Adult Programming

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## 2022 Adult Summer Reading Challenge

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge is the best incentive you'll find for sitting down with a few great books this summer! Find new great reads, rediscover old favorites, and enter for a chance to win prizes!

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge runs from **June 21 - Aug. 12** and is open to patrons ages 18 and older. [Click here](#) for more information and to register beginning June 21.

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### 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!

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### Writing Workshop

**Wednesday, July 13**

**2:30pm - 4:00pm**

**Newport Room**

Join Caroline Joy Adams for a 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. This workshop will be held in-person in the Newport room.

For more information, contact Ann Amaral at [aamaral@newportlibraryri.org](mailto:aamaral@newportlibraryri.org) or call 401-847-8720 x208.



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## Take-Home Craft Kits for Adults

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! 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 Seashell Animals

Available Starting July 1



### August DIY Bracelets

Available Starting Aug. 1

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## Film Series

## Film Series: Marilyn Monroe



Fridays  
2:30pm  
Program Room

July 1	How to Marry a Millionaire
July 15	The Seven Year Itch
July 29	Niagara
Aug 12	The Misfits

The Friday afternoon Film Series continues this season! Movies are held at 2:30 in the Program Room. No registration required.

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



## Happy 50th!

Happy 50th Birthday to the Friends of Newport Public Library! Come help us celebrate this summer! Our annual summer sale will run from 7/28 through 8/4. Join us for a piece of birthday cake Tuesday 8/2 in the lower lobby.

Since records have been kept, we have donated at least \$838,485 to the library over the past 50 years.

Help support the library by shopping in our bookstore and our eBay store which offers a different selection of books. Our eBay site is now open again with new listings. For your convenience we are also accepting Venmo in the bookstore.

The adult summer reading program begins June 21, and we will be offering a gift certificate to the bookstore for each of the 6 weekly drawings. The winner is entitled to 2 books of their choice, excluding Newport historical books.

## Donations

We are accepting donations of books in good, clean condition and appropriate for resale in the bookstore. We also accept CDs, DVDs, audio books, puzzles, and current magazines. We do not accept VHS tapes, textbooks, or encyclopedias.

Thank you for supporting the Friends!



### Regular Library Hours

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**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!**