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Library Newsletter

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A NEW ONLINE CATALOG IS COMING THIS SPRING!



The new catalog will feature:

- An improved, user-friendly interface
- Predictive text
- Books in a series grouped together
- Search results grouped by format
- Quickly filter your results by fiction or non-fiction and more!



COMING MAY 22, 2023



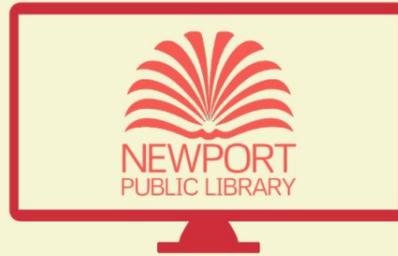
The Newport Public Library and the Ocean State Libraries consortium will be moving to a new online catalog system on May 22, 2023.

[Click here for more information](#) and for a list of things of what you can do to get ready for the changes coming to the online catalog.

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

THURSDAYS AT 2:30PM

MAY 4- GOOGLE DRIVE
MAY 18- GOOGLE
PHOTOS
JUNE 8- INTERNET
SKILLS AND SAFETY
JUNE 22- GOOGLE
DOCS



THREE PERSON MINIMUM. BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS RECOMMENDED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Join us for bi-weekly workshops to pick up new computer skills! These beginner classes will go over various topics, such as basic computer usage, Google apps, and more.

[Click here](#) to visit the Library's event calendar and to register.

The Director's Desk - The Pro-Logue

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy
and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity;
when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will
she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels
to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.

Washington Irving, 1783-1859

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

Clarence Budington Kelland, 1881-1964

As I write this on the dawn of yet another glorious Newport spring – with daffodils aplenty and the ocean's sweet saltiness in the air – I am simultaneously looking over the calendar for May and June. In a word: Wow! The Library is really the place to be before summer takes over and that wonderful part of the year arrives.

First, I want to thank the incredibly generous Bob and his staff from the AARP for the donation of their time and expertise in assisting all Newporters prepare and file their taxes every year. Covid put a damper on things there for a bit but as soon as it was safe to do so Bob and his volunteers worked with the Library and the Edward King House (thanks Carmela!) to aid and assist everyone who find taxes. . . taxing. Thanks again Bob, you will always have a place at the Library for your outstanding service.

Next, to echo Mr. Irving, let me pay homage and all due respect to all the mothers in Newport who will be more universally honored on May 14th. (I will get to you fathers

later.) Every day in the Library I see so many parents bringing their kids to come play in our spacious and comfortably furnished Children's Area that it is truly heartening. I think the part I like best is seeing the children make new friends as they run in and out of the Point houses. So hat's off to mothers everywhere, whether near or far, or simply in our fondest memories.

Babies are highlighted on May 2nd, which is National Baby Day. In honor of this day, the Children's staff will be posting a staff member's baby photo on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages. The "reveal" will come on May 3rd. Can you guess who that staff member is? Following on that, within the Library, there will be a weekly contest that will challenge you to identify which Children's librarian is that week's baby. I got a sneak peek so I cannot join in, unfortunately. In a word, Adorable!

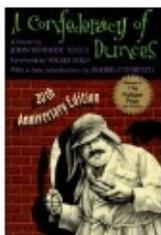
Speaking of babies – we have Baby Playtime (every other Friday in the Children's Program Room next to the Borrower Services desk) and Baby Bookworms Storytime (every Thursday in the Friends Room off the Spring Street Lobby); both programs start at 9:30 AM. These are engaging and stimulating events for little ones, so we urge parents and caregivers to keep them in mind. There is also the very popular Family Storytime and with the return of milder weather, we will once again be **moving to the park next to the Library beginning May 3rd.**

Are you a Scrabble player? I certainly am and generally feel confident in my strategy and skill, but those who join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month taught me not to be too full of myself! I mean, sometimes you just have to play "cat." There are usually a few games going so please feel free to join us at 3:00 PM in the Maker Lab.

We are wrapping up our Meryl Streep film series ("Her. Again!" for you Oscar trivia buffs) and next up is Tom Hanks (or Otm Shank for you "Simpsons" trivia buffs). It starts off with *Forrest Gump* on Friday, May 5th and runs (get it?) every other Friday for four films. The Adult Services department will continue its American Classics Book Group on Saturday, May 13th. Willa Cather's *O Pioneers* is the title for May. Published in 1913, Cather's tale of hardscrabble farmers trying to wrest a living from the unforgiving Nebraska prairie has certainly stood the test of time and rightly belongs in the canon of American classic novels. **Sign up for the group here!** Next up is Ernest Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying* on Saturday, June 10th.

I am happy to let you know of a new service that the Library is introducing called Stack Map. If you are browsing the catalogue at home or in the Library, this service will direct you in the to its shelf location once you find it in **the catalogue**. The best part of this service is that you can be completely self-directed so that if time is short you can get your desired title from the shelf and be on your way. There is also the most valued aspect of coming to the Library: your privacy. Should you be looking for anything in the Library it is your business and yours alone. Please note that the Adult Services and Collection Management departments have put together a list of sensitive subject guides that are available at the Reference Desk.

This is what a search would look like in the Encore catalogue: once you enter the title of, say, the greatest novel ever written, you click on the edition that is owned by the Newport Public Library. . .



A confederacy of dunces / John Kennedy Toole ; with a foreword by Walker Percy ; and a new introduction by Andrei Codrescu.

Toole, John Kennedy, 1937-1969.

Book | 2000.

Available at Newport Adult Fiction (F Toole) plus 2 more
[see all](#)

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Additional actions:



You will see the "Map it" graphic. Click on that and, voila!

A confederacy of dunces



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Directions:
Please make your way to the Main Floor of Newport Public Library.

This item is in the following Collection:
Adult Fiction

Go to the row labelled:
69B

Look for this item:
F Toole

[Shareable map](#)

Which brings us to June.

The calendar is equally packed for June as it was in May but there are many highlights I want to make particular mention of. First, following up on my previous mention of May honorees, allow me to pay equal tribute to the fathers of Newport. That third Sunday of June may see an uptick in the sale of "World's Greatest Dad" t-shirts and coffee mugs but the sentiment is there and it is genuine. I was blessed to have wonderful parents and the two days we set aside to specifically say thank you to those who reared us are not enough. Additionally, the Library offers a great service called **ParentTV**, where you can watch videos dispensing reliable advice from the world's leading parenting and educational experts. The recollections of all that our parents have done for is become cherished memories, even if one of those reminiscences is their usual response to our question of when children got a special day: *Every day is Kid's Day!* In a word, True.

Following on the heels of Father's Day the Library will take up its annual Summer Reading Program. This is an initiative in which all three departments follow a particular theme. This summer's topic takes us out to the garden with Read Know Grow. The details will be finalized soon and we will have a web page devoted to the various activities surrounding this great program. Much of it is centered on school age youth who, studies consistently demonstrate, retain the knowledge they learned over the previous school year by continuing to read in the summer. This is a vital and vibrant program, generously funded by the Friends of the Newport Public Library, as well as from the state's Office of Library and Information Services. I will write more about it in the July & August newsletter that will be published close to the kickoff date in late June. Wait until you see the decorations!

This newsletter is also the time that I mention the schedule changes that late spring brings. The last Sunday on which the Library will be open is Sunday, May 7th. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 29th for one of the most moving holidays, Memorial Day. Following that, Juneteenth is a "set" holiday that joins others like Independence Day and Christmas – the Library will always be closed on June 19th. Juneteenth, with the remarkable story it tells, is one of our most meaningful holidays and the Library will mark it in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Looking ahead just a bit, the Library will be shifting to its Summer Hours beginning Monday, July 3rd and going through Labor Day. Please note the minor reduction in service hours that reflect all the other magnificent entertainment options available to us all.

Monday Noon-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

Are you still with me? All of this is to say that the Library is continually improving its programs and services for all members of the Newport community. I hope this finds you well and that you visit your Library soon.



Joseph Logue

Reading: **Poverty, by America** by Matthew Desmond; **George VI and Elizabeth: the Marriage That Saved the Monarchy** by Sally Bedell Smith.



Preschool Dance Party

Tuesday, May 23

10:00am

0-5 Years Old



Aquidneck Park

Families with children ages 0 – 5 years old are invited to outdoor Preschool Dance Party. Held in Aquidneck Park adjacent to the Library. In the event of rain, this program will take place in the Friends Room.

No registration is required.

Saturday Family Fun

Saturday, May 13 & June 10

2:30pm

Ages 5-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Family Fun will take place one Saturday afternoon per month at 2:30pm in the Children's Program Room.

On **Saturday, May 13**, children will make their own bouncy balls! Kids can create homemade colorful bouncy balls out of super thick slime!

On **Saturday, June 10**, children will bring a little of the outdoors in with firefly garden jars! Children will decorate their jars with flowers, moss and more and their painted fireflies will glow in the dark!

Caregiver participation is required for both events.

Registration is required. Registration for May begins on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00am. Registration for June begins on Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00am.



Unicorn Pillows

Wednesday, May 10

3:00pm

Ages 5-12 Years Old

Friends Program Room

Children are invited to create a unicorn pillow. Kids can choose the mane color and create their unicorn's unique face. They will also earn a unicorn adoption certificate! Caregiver participation is required.



Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00am.

STEAM Club

Tuesday, May 16

4:00pm

Ages 6-12 Years Old

Kids will create a cotton ball launcher in this season's STEAM Club!



Registration is required. Registration begins on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00am.



Sewing

Saturday, May 20

2:30pm

Ages 8-12 Years Old

Children's Program Room

Children are invited to a hands-on workshop. Learn new skills while creating a soft sculpture flower power pillow. We'll be using plastic needs, fabric, yarn, and more!

Registration is required. Registration begins Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00am.



Children's Storytimes

May 2023

NOTE: Saturday Stories is now Saturday Play

Family Storytime

Wednesdays

May 3 - 24

10:00am

Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

Saturday Play

Saturdays

May 6 - 27

10:00am

Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

Baby Bookworms

Thursdays

May 4 - 25

9:30am

Ages 0-24mos &
Caregiver

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

teen



THIRD WEDNESDAYS
4:00PM

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 15

APRIL 19

MAY 17

JUNE 21

ANIME CLUB
teen

MUST BE 13+ TO ATTEND (GRADE 8 - 12).
HELD IN THE FRIENDS ROOM ON THE LOWER LEVEL

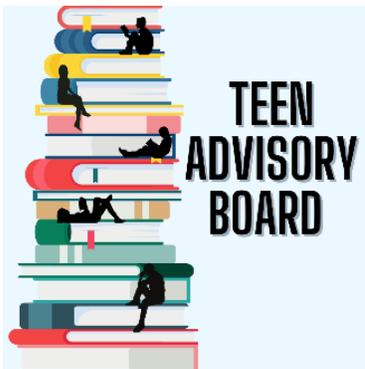
Our Anime Club has been a resounding success! Thank you teens for helping us get it launched J The club will continue through May and June (because everyone needs a stress valve during finals week)! For more information visit the [Anime Club webpage](#). Ms. Becky looks forward to seeing you there.



The YA department continues our search for a new Dungeon Master. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the us: nptya@newportlibraryri.org or 401-847-8720 x206. We ask that you be dependable (show up most weeks and let us know ahead of time if you can't) with at least a little bit of experience (minimum 2 previous campaigns).

YA librarians can sign for non-court-mandated community service hours if you need them. You can launch a summer campaign or wait until September.

Teen Programs



Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 3 & June 6

Grades 5 - 12

4:00pm

YA Area

All Aquidneck Island teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). The monthly meetings are a great way to get involved at the library, earn volunteer hours, and meet other teens. Members help decide programs, decorate the YA space seasonally, and help build book displays.

Also, in May, our Teen Advisory Board will be decorating the YA area for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge, *Read! Know! Grow!*, which launches in late June. This is always a teen favorite so don't miss out!

The Library will be issuing a special Summer Reading Challenge Newsletter in June with the low down on all the summer excitement for teens. Watch for it!

Manga Drawing Workshop

Wednesday, May 10

Grades 5 - 12

4:15pm

Are you interested in Manga and Anime? Learn to draw and create characters in the popular Japanese style at our monthly Manga Drawing Workshop with special guest, illustrator Jerry Shippee. All skill levels are welcome. Drawing materials will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own sketchbooks to share for more tips and tricks.

Registration Requested.



Marble Mazes

Wednesday, May 24

4:00pm

Explore kinetic motion - race your friends - or just see where your imagination will take you.

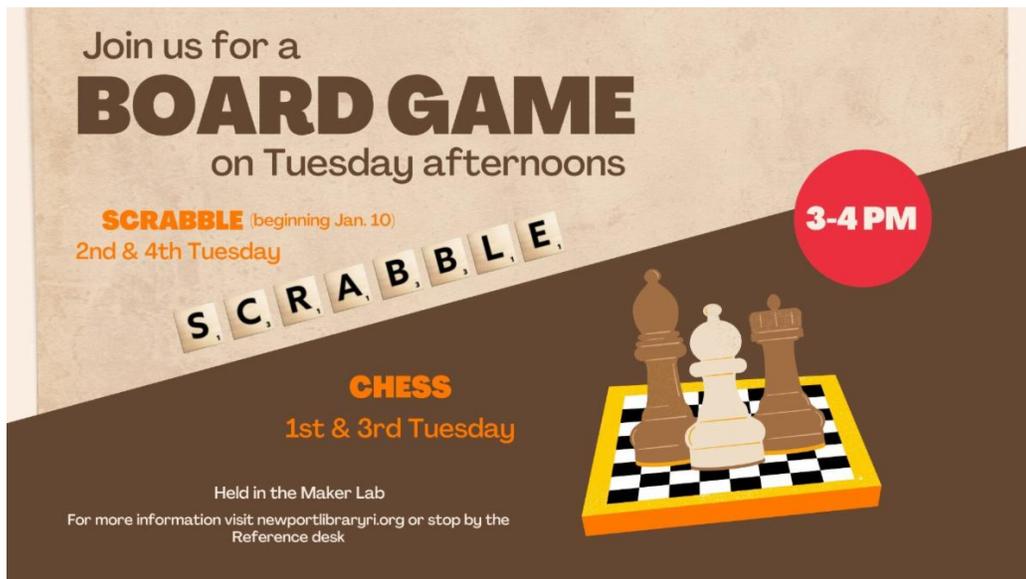
Maze building materials and racing marbles supplied.

No registration required.

[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

Adult Programming

Board Game Tuesdays



Join us for a
BOARD GAME
on Tuesday afternoons

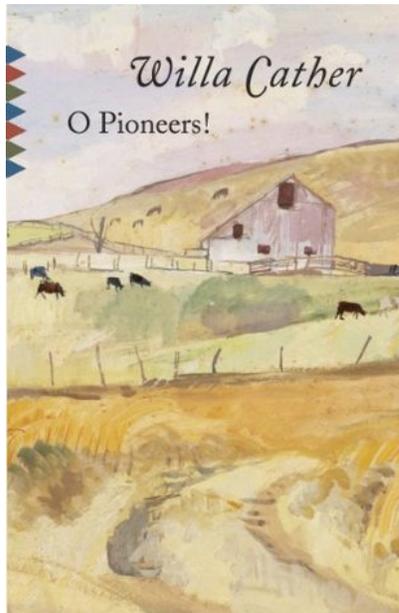
SCRABBLE (beginning Jan. 10)
2nd & 4th Tuesday

3-4 PM

CHESS
1st & 3rd Tuesday

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

Join us for a board game on Tuesday afternoons. Chess is offered on the first and third Tuesday and Scrabble is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. No registration required; just drop in!



American Classics Book Group

Saturday, May 13 & June 10

10:00am

Rotary Room

It can be deeply satisfying to read, or to re-read, a classic novel. Come to one session or all three and contribute to a lively discussion of three works that are considered among the great works of American literature.

In May we will be reading *O Pioneers* by Willa Cather.

In June we will be reading *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines.

Registration is required. Click a session below to register.

[Register for May.](#)

[Register for June.](#)

For more information, contact Ann Amaral at aamaral@newportlibraryri.org.

Maker Lab Workshops

Monday, May 22 & June 26

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Maker Lab

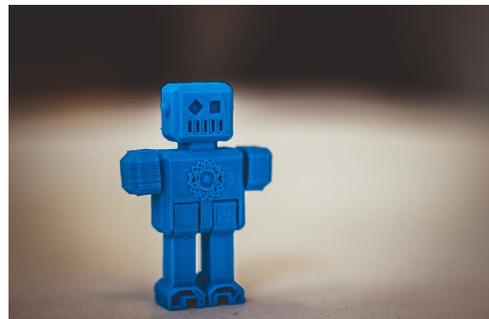
Join us each month for a demonstration and tutorial on how to utilize our Maker Lab equipment!

These workshops are intermediate level.

Some computer experience, including the ability to find and download files, is required.

Open to Ages 18+. Registration is required. Click a session below to register.

May 22: [3D Printing](#)



Film Series

Film Series

Tom Hanks

Fridays at 2:00pm | Friends Program Room

May 5 Forrest Gump	May 19 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood	Jun 2 Catch Me if You Can	Jun. 16 Apollo 13
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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.

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Summer is Coming!

We are all looking forward to summer. Be sure to find great beach reads and puzzles for those rainy days! May and June bring opportunities for gift buying whether it be for Mom, Dad or graduation. Whatever the occasion, a good book is a good gift!

Our store hours need not limit your shopping pleasure. Books and DVDs are available in the lobby for \$1.00 with the Honor Box for convenient payment. Also, be sure to check out our **eBay store**, which is always available online. Remember: we have the best prices in town!

All proceeds go to support Newport Public Library programs, especially the Summer Reading Program "Read, Know, Grow". The Friends are now also sponsoring the Museum Passes at

the Library. Thank you to everyone who supported our Vacation Week Sale.

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!



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Regular Library Hours

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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)*

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