There’s more than one way to bring your book baby to life! Publishing has evolved in the modern era offering authors many options. With innovative platforms such as Inkitt and Wattpad, and indie, hybrid, and traditional models thriving, writers have many opportunities to see their work in print. And, don’t forget the audio and digital markets! Register today for an informative program and lively discussion on the what, why, and how of modern publishing.

**Registration is required.**

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

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

From too much love of living,  
From hope and fear set free,  
We thank with brief thanksgiving  
Whatever gods may be  
That no life lives forever;  
That dead men rise up never;  
That even the weariest river
Winds somewhere safe to sea.


And yet we are reminded of the possibilities inherent in this fresh beginning...

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892), “Ring Out, Wild Bells”

Ah, January! As the month is named for the only two-faced person (well, a god, actually) who you might be actually happy to see, it is appropriate to include a note of farewell and of welcome.

The holiday season is extensive and brings joy and celebrations to many in Newport. It is my sincere hope that your calendar for the past month and into the new year has been marked with family and friends getting together and celebrating.

The Library has marked its celebrations for the coming year. Resolutions? We have plenty! We resolve to continue our strong and abiding slate of programs and services. To provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the coming chilly months. To continue enhancing the collection so that the titles that most intrigue and engage you will be available to you. To provide guidance and assistance with any new device or table you receive as gifts.

The Library will be hosting two spectacular shows in January and February. There will be a display of nautical event paintings in the Spring Street Lobby. The Library has hosted this show before and the works are magnificent. They will be on display through January 31st.

As custom dictates, the Library will have the astounding collection of Veronica Mays’s quilts commemorating Black History Month in February. This tradition is greatly anticipated and is profoundly moving. The quilts will be on display throughout the month in the glass display cabinet in the Spring Street entrance. Bonus Day! 2024 is a Leap Year so we will have one extra day to view these masterpieces. (They really are.)

Speaking of holidays – January and February do hold their fair share of them, for which the Library traditionally closes. Keep the following dates in mind: January 15th (Dr. Martin Luther King Day) and February 19th (Presidents’ Day). These days will be observed with Library closures.

I urge you to consult the Library’s Calendar of Events to investigate what we offer would be of interest to you. Both months are packed with initiatives to keep the winter doldrums at bay.

I send this with my best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024!
Consider a one-time holiday gift to the Newport Public Library to help support its mission and vision. To receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement of your tax deductible gift please enter your mailing address in the "What’s this for?” section.

Donation
Annual Appeal Sheila Q. Patron
300 Spring Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Finger Knit Snakes
Monday, Jan 22
4:00pm
7-12 Years Old
Children's Program Room

Children can create Finger Knit Snakes in this exciting craft session!

Registration is required
**Sled Into a Movie**  
Friday, Jan 26  
10:00am  
2-5 Years Old  
Friends' Program Room  

Children are invited to decorate a cardboard box and stay for a short wintery movie.  
**Registration is required.**

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**Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure**  
Tuesday, Feb 20  
10:00am  
4-12 Years Old  
Friends Program Room  

Children are invited to learn about reptiles and their world with Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure. Children will have the opportunity to engage with lizards, snakes, turtles and more!  
**No registration is required.**

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**Beaded Snowflake Keychains**  
Tuesday, Feb 20  
2:30pm  
8-12 Years Old  
Children's Program Room  

Create a beaded snowflake keychain to wear on your jacket or backpack!  
**Registration is required.**

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**Black History Month Craft: Quilt Making**  
Wednesday, Feb 21  
2:30pm  
7-12 Years Old
Children's Program Room

A Black History Month craft. Quilts are important to Black history because people used them to tell stories, share maps, and even guide each other to freedom! In this program, children will learn about this history and make their own quilt square about something important to them. All the quilt squares will be put together and displayed in the Library.

Registration is required.

Saturday Family Fun
Saturday, Jan 20 & Feb 3
2:30pm
5-12 Years Old
Children's Department

Children and a caregiver are invited to Family Fun one Saturday afternoon per month!

Registration is required. Click on a session below to register.

Jan 20: Icicle Crowns

Feb 3: Love Bird Craft

LEGO Challenge: Wrecking Ball
Thursday, Feb 22
2:30pm
5-12 Years Old
Children's Program Room

Kids will have the challenge of creating a LEGO structure that can support a 3D printed wrecking ball. Participants will be able to go home with their creations!

Registration is required.

Preschool Luau
Friday, Feb 23
10:00am
2-5 Years Old
Children's Program Room
Children and a caregiver are invited to a preschool Luau. Warm up with beach/Hawaiian-themed games and activities.

No registration required.

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**Collage Workshop**

**Saturday, Feb 24**  
2:30pm  
6-12 Years Old  
Children’s Program Room

Children are invited to a collage workshop. Come and join in the fun of creating paper collages from magazine picture and other forms of colored paper. Well-known children’s book collage artist illustrators are Eric Carle, Lois Ehlert, Jack Keats, and Nina Crews. Collage is a much-used illustration technique used by many people, not just artists.

*Registration is required.*

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**Children's Storytimes**

**Jan - Feb 2024**

All Held in the Friends Program Room

- **Family Storytime**  
  Wednesdays  
  Jan 10 - Feb 14  
  10:00am  
  Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

- **Baby Bookworms**  
  Thursdays  
  Jan 11 - Feb 15  
  9:30am  
  Ages 0-24mos & Caregiver

- **Saturday Stories**  
  Saturdays  
  Jan 13 - Feb 17  
  10:00am  
  Ages 0-5 & Caregiver

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**Click here for all Children's and Family Programs**

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**Teen Programs**
**Anime Watch Club**  
**Mondays**  
**3:30pm**  
**Grades 8-12**  
**Friends Program Room**

Join fellow Anime and Manga enthusiasts to watch and discuss anime, have a snack and enjoy a fun activity. Any teens who wish to submit a watch suggestion, let the YA librarians know and they will research the title for the next session.

No registration required. Must be 13+ to attend (Grades 8-12).

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**Dungeons and Dragons**  
**Wednesdays***  
**3:30pm**  
**Grades 5-12**  
**YA Area**

Join us for DnD! If you are a new player who wants to join the campaign, no problem! Just ask the YA librarian for a character sheet.

No registration required.

* No session on Jan 17.

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**Teen Advisory Board**  
**Thursday, Jan 4 & Feb 1**  
**3:30pm**  
**Grades 5-12**  
**YA Area**

Do you have any ideas to improve the teen space at the library? This is your opportunity to voice those ideas! TAB members help decide programs, decorate the YA space seasonally and are encouraged to run programs based on their own interests.

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**Board Games and Boba**  
**Thursday, Jan 18 & Feb 22**  
**3:30pm**  
**Grades 5-12**  
**YA Area**

Join us for Board Games & Boba in the YA Area! Registration is appreciated but not required.
Embroidery
Thursday, Jan 11
3:30pm
Ages 13+
YA Area

Meet us in the YA area to try something new! All materials provided. Ages 13+. Registration appreciated but not required.

Registration requested.

Resin Jewelry Making
Thursday, Jan 25
3:30pm
Ages 13+
Children’s Program Room

Try something new and make resin jewelry with us! All materials provided. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Registration requested.

Chocolate Making
Thursday, Feb 8
3:30pm
Children’s Program Room

Make some sweet treats for yourself or someone else! All materials provided.

Registration required.

Galentine’s Self Care Night
Thursday, Feb 15
3:30pm
Grades 5-12
Friends Program Room

Let’s do some self care together! Paint nails, do face masks, and enjoy some sweet treats! All teens are welcome.

Registration required.
Learn to Patch Your Clothes
Thursday, Feb 29
3:30pm
Ages 13+
YA Area

Let’s learn how to patch our clothes together! If you can, bring a pair of old jeans with holes or any other piece of clothing that may need patching. If not, we will have materials so you can still learn. Registration appreciated but not required.

Registration requested.

Click here for all Teen Programs

Adult Programming

Saturday afternoon concerts return for 2024! Join us each month for a different performance from February through May!

Click here to see the concert schedule.

Film Series
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.

**Painting with Mermaid Masterpieces**

**Thursday, Jan 18**
5:00pm
Friends Program Room

Learn how to paint with Mermaid Masterpieces. Follow Becky’s easy step-by-step method and take home a masterpiece!

No previous experience necessary. All materials will be provided.

Open to ages 18+

**Registration is required.**

**Introduction to Embroidery**

**Wednesday, Feb 21**
5:00pm
Maker Lab

Learn to embroider with Karen Katin. Make your very own embroidered piece of art! In this class you will learn four basic hand sewing stitches from which most every design can be sewn. Learn about readily available and specialty embroidery supplies, how to transfer images to fabric for stitching, and what you can do with your finished piece of art. Many examples of completed modern embroidery will be shown.
embroidery as well as inspirational books will be on display.

All materials provided. Beginners welcome. Open to ages 18+.

**Registration is required.**

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**World Classics Book Group**

The World Classics book group meets monthly on select Saturdays at 2:00 PM. Registration is required.

**January 20:**
**Things Fall Apart**
by Chinua Achebe

**February 17:**
**Go Tell It on the Mountain**
by James Baldwin

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**Popsicle Stick Shelves**

**Wednesday, Feb 14**
**6:00pm**
**Maker Lab**

Join us every other month for an in-person craft session! For February, we will be making hanging shelves out of popsicle sticks!

All materials will be provided! Open to Ages 18+.

**Registration is required.**

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**Computer Workshops**

**Thursdays, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8 & 2/22**
**Maker Lab**

Join us for these adult computer workshops that
teaches users computer skills.

Registration is required. Click on a session below to register.

**Jan 11: Google Docs**  
**Jan 25: iPhone Basics**  
**Feb 8: Google Photos**  
**Feb 22: Google Drive**

There is a 3 person minimum for these workshops. If the minimum is not met, the class will be cancelled.

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**Maker Lab Workshops**  
**Mondays, Jan 29 & Feb 26**  
**Maker Lab**

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

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

Open to Ages 18+. Registration is required.

**Jan 29: Vinyl Stickers**  
**Feb 26: 3D Printing**

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**Click here for all Adult Programs**

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![Friends Logo](logo.png)

**Happy New Year From the Friends!**
We wish everyone a peaceful and joyous new year. We are especially thankful for all of you who supported our Holiday Sale. It was the best sale we have ever had! Many of you found great gifts at very reasonable prices. Gifts can be found for holidays throughout the year by shopping in our bookstore.

Winter is an excellent time to curl up with a good book, work on a puzzle or watch movies. Whatever your interests are, we hopefully can satisfy them!

Our next sale will be February 20 -26. The Library is closed for Presidents’ Day, so our dollar sale starts the next day. This also coincides with school vacation week. All adult fiction and non-fiction will be $1.00 and children’s books 50 cents.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends, there is a sign-up sheet in the bookstore. We will notify you of special sales throughout the year. By becoming a member, you help to support us in raising money for the Library. We have donated over $34,000 for the children’s reading program, adult programming, museum passes and special equipment for the children’s department.

Remember: when the bookstore is closed you can always find a fiction or non-fiction book, a movie or children’s books for a dollar or less!

Follow us on Facebook, check out our eBay store, and remember you can always find a book to read in the lobby during library hours! Payment can be made in the Honor Box for your convenience.

**Library Hours**

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