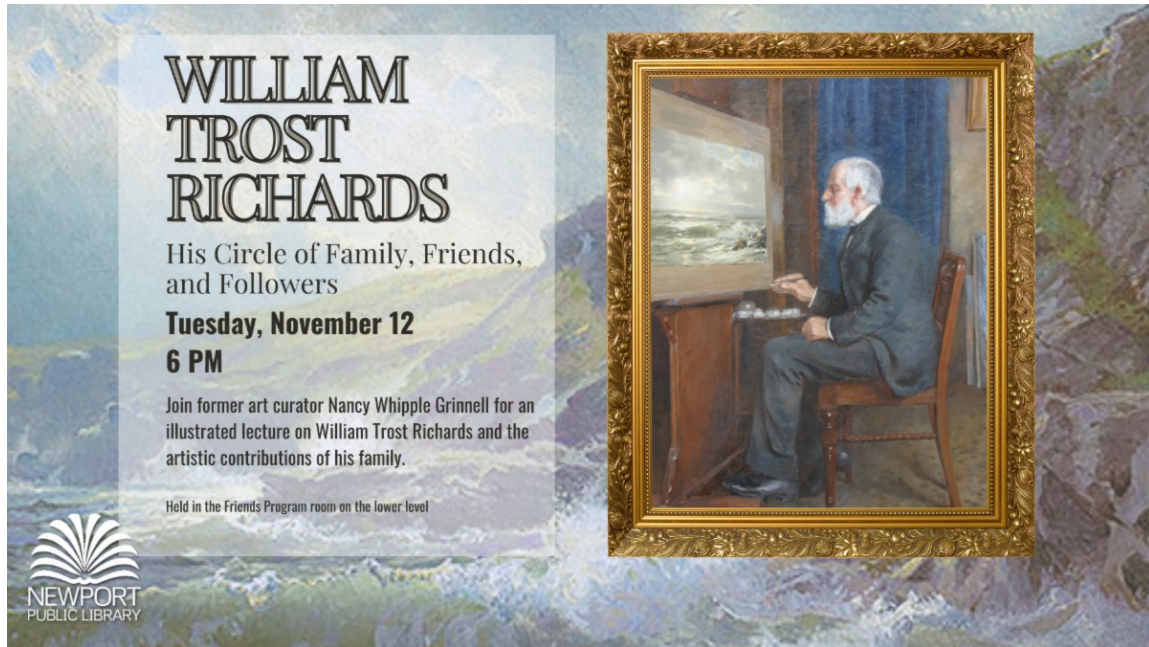




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Library Newsletter

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**WILLIAM  
TROST  
RICHARDS**

His Circle of Family, Friends,  
and Followers

**Tuesday, November 12  
6 PM**

Join former art curator Nancy Whipple Grinnell for an  
illustrated lecture on William Trost Richards and the  
artistic contributions of his family.

Held in the Friends Program room on the lower level



Join former art curator **Nancy Whipple Grinnell** for a lecture on **artist William Trost Richards on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 PM**. This one-hour talk will include time for Q&A. Register below to secure your spot.

"William Trost Richards: Family, Friends, and Followers" is an illustrated lecture on Newport's famous painter of the ocean, with equal emphasis on his talented but lesser known family members such as Anna Richards Brewster and Edith Ballinger Price. As curator of the Newport Art Museum for 18 years, Nancy Grinnell is very familiar with Richards' work and legacy and will present new insights into his time in Newport.

**Registration is required.**

# MEDITATION

## FOR INNER PEACE

### Join Dr. Alan Post

Meditation for Inner and Outer  
Peace in a Turbulent World

**October 30 at 6:30 PM**

Meditation on the Inner Light

**November 13 at 6:30 PM**

Lectures are followed by a brief  
meditation practice

Registration is required.



**Join Dr. Alan Post for a talk and brief meditation practice on October 30 and November 13 at 6:30 PM.**

Incorporating meditation in our lives can be the change that can make a big difference in our lives and the lives of others. By tapping into the power of meditation we can learn a powerful technique that is life changing. In this session, participants will have a chance to try this simple meditation technique. Register below.

**[Register for Oct 30](#)**

**[Register for Nov 13](#)**

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

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

*[The Junto] was the mother of all the North American subscription libraries, now so numerous. It is become a great thing itself, and continually increasing. These libraries have improved the general conversation of the Americans, made the common tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries, and perhaps have contributed in some degree to the stand so generally made throughout the colonies in defense of their privileges...*

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*

I recently came across a photo that was taken when I attended the Public Library Association (2018) meeting in Philadelphia. At one particular session there was an actor who – rather impressively – portrayed Mr. Franklin. He is usually portrayed as rascally and wily old Ben, but this undervalues his achievements both in the cause of liberty and intellectual freedom. We should all of us be continually appreciative of such noble goals. His presence in the American consciousness is remarkable.

The original reference to the PLA meeting is due to the fact that I just returned from another conference, that of the New England Library Association in Portland, ME. I would

like to thank the Library's Board of Trustees who continually encourage career and professional growth, and to the Friends of the Newport Public Library who generously offer to underwrite the expense of staff members who wish to attend annual conferences.

I am pleased to announce that the biggest takeaway from the conference, however, is that Newport will be the host city of the NELA 2025 conference. This will be a wonderful chance to showcase our spectacular City by the Sea to those librarians from the woods of Maine, to the suburbs of New York City, from the White Mountains to our own silver shores. I'll keep you posted about developments and decisions, but I can assure you that this decision makes me professionally and personally proud.

To the present day: just yesterday there was a meeting with curators from the Naval War College Museum. They recently unearthed a 100-year-old time capsule that was buried on its front lawn. It was placed there in 1924 as part of a ceremony to observe the 285th anniversary of the founding of Newport. The commanding officer of the base at that time, Captain Franck Evans, invited several local officials to participate, and together they placed a variety of items in the capsule that represented both the Navy and the City of Newport. (By the way, many thanks to Rob for the preceding information about the capsule!)

The Museum will be transporting the capsule soon where it will be on display in the Library in its intact state. In the next year the capsule will be opened, examined, cataloged, and its contents preserved according to archiving best practices. Once that work is complete, the contents will be displayed once again in the Library for all to enjoy. Keep an eye on the website for news!

I am extending a call to all of our readers that the Library is refurbishing its collection of photographs of veterans for its November display in the Spring Street Lobby. Annette, a former staff member, curated this wall assiduously during her service with the Library. Working with some Friends volunteers, we will ensure that much of the material Annette collected will be refreshed and displayed. If you are interested in doing so, I kindly ask that you bring photos (one photo of each veteran please) of loved ones who have served our country in war and peace. Short biographical sketches are welcome as well. This will be a dynamic display that will be enhanced with each photo you bring in through November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will make copies of the photo you bring in. The Library cannot accept originals nor can we guarantee continued display in future exhibitions.

With Veterans Day coming, this will also be a timely reminder of the holiday calendar for the Library. With the December holidays falling in the middle of the week, I urge you be aware of our closing dates and times. Naturally, there will be a copious amount of programming for children around the holidays, so please continue to consult the [Library's website](#) and its [event calendar](#) for the full slate of services being offered.

## November

November 11 Veterans Day	Closed
November 27	Early Closing at 5 PM
November 28 Thanksgiving	Closed

## Christmas and New Year's Week

December 22 (Sunday)	Closed
December 24 Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25 Christmas Day	Closed
December 26 Regular Schedule	9 AM-8:30 PM
December 27 & 28 Regular Schedule	9 AM-5:30 PM
December 29 (Sunday) Regular Schedule	1-5 PM
December 31 New Year's Eve	Closed
January 1 New Year's Day	Closed

And speaking of holidays. . . the Annual Appeal Letter (capitalized to underscore its importance to the Library, its operations, and its programming) will be arriving soon to those of you who have been so steadfast and generous in your financial support in the past. It has been one of my favorite duties when I write letters of thanks to those who have donated, as each letter is a tangible affirmation of the esteem in which donors hold the Library. Consequently, it emphasizes your acknowledgement that the Library continues to be an engaging and enriching institution.

If you have never received an Annual Appeal Letter and wish to do so, please call the Library at 401-847-8720 (x100 or x101) to let us know and you will be added to our list. You may also use the Venmo QR code below to make a donation.

I am writing to you in the latter third of October so it might be premature to state this but the next newsletter will not arrive until the new year. Allow me, however, to extend to each of you and to all of you a very joyous holiday season with good luck and good health in 2025!



Joseph Logue





## [Venmo](#)

Consider a one-time 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.

I happily support the Library!  
Annual Appeal Sheila Q. Patron  
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Newport, Rhode Island 02840



### **A is for Art**

**Tuesdays, Nov 12 & Dec 10**

**10:00am**

**2-5 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

A is for Art will take place one Tuesday morning per month!

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

**Nov 12: Pet Dinosaurs**

**Dec 10: Thumbprint Snowman Ornament**

### **Saturday Family Fun**

**Saturdays, Nov 23 & Dec 21**

**2:30pm**

**5-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**



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

Registration is required. Caregiver participation is required.

Click on a session below to register.

**Nov 23: Dinosaur Tails**

**Dec 21: Pinecone Fish Ornament**

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### **Yarn Art Turkey Decoration**

**Saturday, Nov 9**

**2:30pm**

**6-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children ages 6 – 12 years old are invited to make a festive turkey decoration! We'll be using yarn, glue and cardboard for this art project.

**Registration is required.**

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### **Gnome Wall Hanging**

**Wednesday, Nov 20**

**4:00pm**

**6-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children are invited to a make a fall-leaf bearded gnome wall hanger!

**Registration is required.**



### **Disguise a Turkey Competition**

**Wednesday, Nov 27**

**2:30pm**

**4-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children are invited to give a turkey some creative camouflage. The children who design the most inventive incognito turkeys will win a prize! Participants must be present to win.

No registration required.

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### **Beach Ornament Craft**

**Monday, Dec 9**

**4:00pm**

**8-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**



Children are invited to make their own beach scene ornaments! Fill a clear ornament with sand and small beach-related items.

**Registration is required.**

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### **Drop-in Bead Candy Cane Craft**

**Monday, Dec 23**

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

**4-12 Years Old**

**Children's Department**

Children are invited to drop by between **2:30pm and 4:00pm on Monday, December 23rd** to create a beaded candy cane! All materials will be provided.

No registration is required.

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### **Children's Storytimes**

**Nov - Dec 2024**

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### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

**Tuesday, Dec 3**

**10:00am**

**0-4 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children ages 0 – 4 years old and a caregiver are invited to Bilingual Spanish Storytime. Learn basic Spanish through singing and dancing! Children and caregivers do not need to know Spanish to participate and have fun! This 30-minute program will be presented by Spanish Tutor Sole Sheibar.

No registration required.

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#### **Family Storytime**

**Ages 0-5 Years**

**Nov 13 - Dec 18\***

**Wednesdays, 10:00am**

**Friends Program Room**

\*No Storytime Nov 20

#### **Baby Bookworms**

**Ages 0-24 Months**

**Nov 7- Dec 19\***

**Thursdays, 9:30am**

**Friends Program Room**

\*No Storytimes

Nov 21 or Nov 28

#### **Saturday Stories**

**Ages 0-5 Years**

**Nov 16 - Dec 21\***

**Saturdays, 10:00am**

**Friends Program Room**

\* No Storytime Nov 23

**Please Note: Saturday Stories is on break until further notice.**

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## Teen Programs



### Shrinky-Dink Keychains

Tuesday, Nov 5

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

Children's Program Room

Join us for a fun and nostalgic crafternoon at the library! Shrinky-dinks are made by drawing on a sheet of special plastic that we will bake in a toaster oven. It will shrink down to 20% of its original size into a durable plastic that we will turn into keychains! See a tutorial video [here](#).

**Registration requested.**

### Board Games & Boba

Tuesday, Nov 12

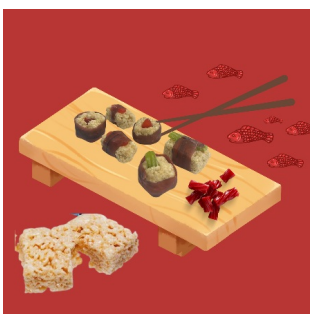
3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Come to the teen department to join us for some chill board games and sip on some boba!

**Registration requested.**



### Candy Sushi Competition

Tuesday, Nov 19

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

Children's Program Room

Make your own candy sushi with us using rice crispy treats and an array of candy! An example of candy sushi is linked [here](#).

**Registration requested.**



## DIY Jewelry Making

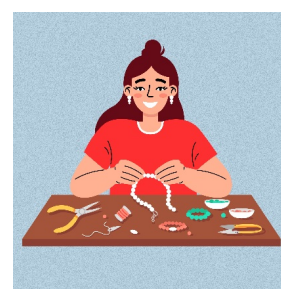
Tuesday, Nov 26

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Join us in the YA Area to make some jewelry! All materials provided.



**Registration requested.**

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## DIY Felt Ornaments

Tuesday, Dec 3

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Create your own embroidered felt ornament with us! We will have felt, beads, embroidery materials and fabric glue will be available for those who don't feel comfortable sewing.

**Registration requested.**

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## Gingerbread House Competition

Tuesday, Dec 10

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

Friends Program Room

Join us for a festive and fun-filled event! We'll provide the materials and you bring your imagination! Gingerbread houses will be judged on structural integrity, creativity and aesthetics.



**Registration requested.**

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## Candlemaking

Tuesday, Dec 17

3:30pm

Grades 6-12

YA Area

Make your own candles at the library (for yourself or as a gift!) All materials provided.

**Registration requested.**

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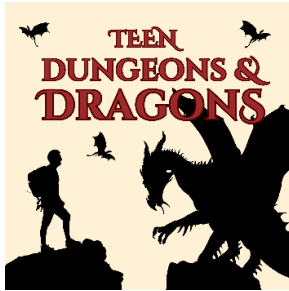
## Gaming Lounge

Wednesdays

**3:00pm**  
**Grades 5-12**  
**YA Area**

Come hang and play on the PlayStation, Wii, or GameCube during our weekly gaming lounge.

No registration required.



## **Dungeon & Dragons**

**Thursdays**

**3:30pm**

**Ages 13-18**

**YA Area**

This campaign is currently full. Email Miss Lindsey at [ltowle@newportlibraryri.org](mailto:ltowle@newportlibraryri.org) if you would like to join the waitlist.

**Registration requested.**

**Click here for all Teen Programs**

# **Adult Programming**

## **B'Ladies Knife Sharpening**

**Tuesday, Nov 19**

**4:30pm**

**Maker Lab**



B'Ladies Professional Sharpening will be at the library for a free blade sharpening event!

Book an appointment to bring in up to 3 different blades to be sharpened.

Please visit the registration page linked below for details about eligible tools and what to bring.

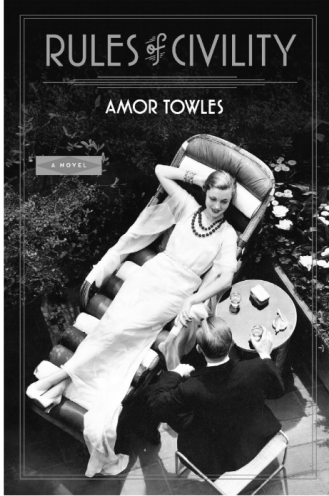
**Registration is required.**

## **Tuesday Book Group**

**Tuesday, Nov 12**

**2:00pm**

**Rotary Room**



The Tuesday Book Group reads a mix of fiction and non-fiction and meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. All are welcome!

For November, we are reading ***Rules of Civility*** by Amor Towles.

**Registration is required.**

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## Tuesday Board Games

Join us for  
**BOARD GAMES**  
on Tuesday afternoons **3-5 PM**

**SCRABBLE**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

**3-4 PM**

**CHESS**  
1st & 3rd Tuesday

Held in the Maker Lab  
For more information visit [newportlibraryri.org](http://newportlibraryri.org) or stop by the Reference desk

Come play a board game with us on Tuesdays! Chess is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 3-4 PM. Scrabble is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 3-5 PM. No registration required.

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## Film Series

FILM SERIES

# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fridays at 2:00pm  
Friends Program Room  
Light Refreshments Provided!

Nov 1 Fantastic Mr. Fox PG

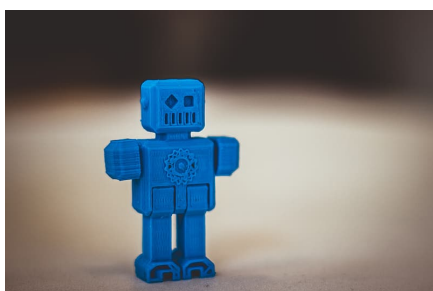
Nov 15 Planes, Trains & Automobiles R

Nov 29 Miracle on 34th Street NR

Dec 13 Christmas with the Kranks PG



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.



## Maker Lab Workshops

Monday, Nov 25 & Dec 9

6:00pm

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.

**Nov 25: 3D Printing**

**Dec 9: Vinyl Stickers**

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Seasons Greetings!





'Tis the season to be thankful and enjoy spending time with friends and family to celebrate the holidays.

Visit the Friends Bookstore to find a selection of special holiday novels and winter scene puzzles for you to enjoy. You may also find interesting gifts for your friends with our frequently changing selections.

Our Holiday Sale begins at 12:00 PM on December 5th and continues for the first week. We offer reasonably priced gifts to help you with your holiday gift list.

The Friends wish everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season. We thank you for your support all year through which allows us to support many Library programs for you.

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.



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### Library Hours

**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** - 1:00 - 5:00PM\*  
\*Oct - May

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