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Library Newsletter

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# Irish in America

*Concert*

WITH MARY KING &  
ED SWEENEY



SATURDAY  
March 1  
2:30 PM

No registration required. Seating is first-come, first served.

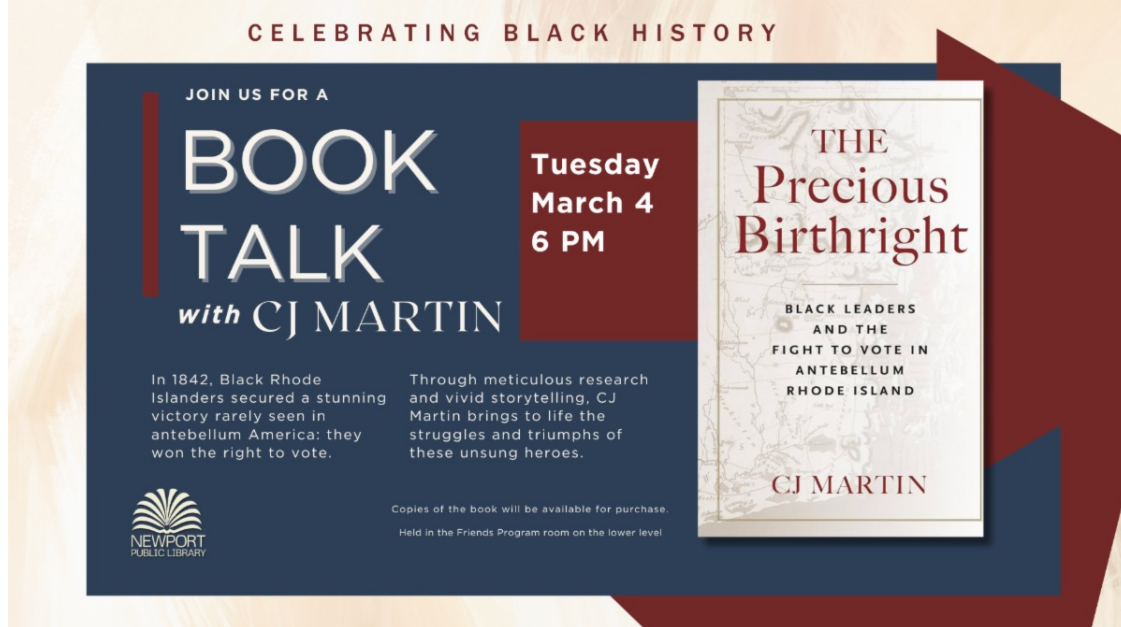
Held in the Friends Program Room on the lower level.



Join us for a musical journey celebrating the 'Irish in America' by Mary King and Ed Sweeney on Saturday March 1 at 2:30pm.

Free and open to all. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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CJ Martin, author of *The Precious Birthright: Black Leaders and the Fight to Vote in Antebellum Rhode Island* will visit the Library to talk about his book.

This compelling work delves into the courageous efforts of Black leaders who fought tirelessly for the right to vote during a pivotal era in American history. Through meticulous research and vivid storytelling, CJ Martin brings to life the struggles and triumphs of these unsung heroes.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Registration is required.**

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

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!

Sitting Bull (1831[?]-1890)

This will be my seventh newsletter explicitly addressing the return of spring and all of its promises, stated and unstated. Daffodils will soon appear making the drive along First Beach particularly pleasant. The storied St. Patrick's Day Parade will return which provides much enjoyment for many. Newport will soon welcome back its visitors from around the world who come by almost every conceivable form of transportation: car, bus, bicycle, ferry, or cruise ship. There is also the ineffable joy that spring inspires from seeing the first robin, to noticing the first crocuses (or croci, depending on how much Latin you remember), and the earthiness of the soil. All in all, a delight for the senses!

On to local matters. The Library retains its ardent support for lifelong learning across many fronts. On Saturday, March 1st harpist Mary King will perform her "Irish in America" show, at 2:30 PM in the Friends Room on the Lower Level. Ms King's concerts are always an engaging and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of music and cultural enrichment. (Seating is

first come, first served.) On March 19th there will be a lecture on the British and German occupation of Aquidneck Island. Presented by Fred Zilian, Ph.D., the lecture will uncover aspects of the island's occupation not generally known.

The Young Adult Department has continually appealing programs that prove interesting to teens. There is a Dungeons & Dragons tournament, board games, computer access, a lounge for teens to study and to read, and two librarians who are always ready to help.

The Children's department is brimming with programs and services to keep the younger patrons active and happy. The storytimes and dance parties are always well-attended and enjoyed. There are so many on offer that I urge all patrons to visit the Library's website ([newportlibraryri.org](http://newportlibraryri.org)) to get a full overview of everything that is coming in the spring.

A reminder: the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 15th due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Library will also be closed on Sunday, April 20th for Easter.

As always, I send this with my best wishes for a happy spring.



Joseph Logue



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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, Mar 18 & Apr 8**

**10:00 AM**

**2-5 Years Old**

**Friends Room**

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

**Mar 18 - Robot Puppet**

**Apr 8 - Moon and Stars Painting**

## **Superhero Party**

**Wednesday, Apr 16**

**10:00 AM**

**2-5 Years Old**

**Friends Room**

Children and a caregiver are invited to save the day at our Superhero Party! Enjoy superhero activities and crafts. Held in the Friends Room.

No registration required.



## **Saturday Family Fun**

**Saturdays, Mar 1 & Apr 26**

**2:30 PM**

**5-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Family Fun will take place one Saturday afternoon per month. Caregiver participation is required.

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

**Mar 1 – Unicorn Headband**

**Apr 26 – Ferret Sock Stuffed**

## **Squishy Circuits**

**Monday, Mar 3**

**4:00 PM**

**7-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**



Children are invited to Squishy Circuits. Participants will learn the basics of electrical circuits by bringing

their play dough creations to life.

**Registration is required.**

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## **Woven Friendship Bracelets**

**Tuesday, Mar 11**

**4:00 PM**

**7-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children are invited to make friendship bracelets. Participants will learn how to weave a friendship bracelet using a circular cardboard loom and will be able to keep the loom after the program!

**Registration is required.**

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## **Ceramic Rainbow Painting**

**Wednesday, Mar 12**

**4:00 PM**

**5-12 Years Old**

**Friends Program Room**

Children are invited to paint a ceramic rainbow. We will be using acrylic paint so please wear painting-appropriate clothing.

**Registration is required.**



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## **Drop-in St. Patrick's Day Craft**

**Monday, Mar 17**

**4:00 PM**

**4-12 Years Old**

**Children's Department**

Children are invited to drop by the Library to make a fun St. Patrick's pet magnet craft.

No registration is required.

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## **Lego Make and Take**

**Monday, Apr 14**

**2:30 PM**

**5-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**



Children are invited to Lego Make and Take. Come make LEGO creations and take them home to keep!

No registration is required.



## **Animal World Experience**

**Tuesday, Apr 15**

**10:00 AM**

**4-12 Years Old**

**Friends Program Room**

Children and a caregiver are invited to Animal World Experience: Out of This World! Meet live animals and learn about the amazing things they can do!

No registration is required.

## **PB&J Magnet Keychains**

**Thursday, Apr 17**

**2:30 PM**

**8-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children are invited to make keychains. Craft a matching set of peanut butter and jelly sandwich keychains that stick together!



**Registration is required.**



## **Affirmation Collage Workshop**

**Wednesday, Apr 23**

**4:00 PM**

**7-12 Years Old**

**Children's Program Room**

Children are invited to an Affirmation Collage Workshop to get creative and encourage positive self-talk.

**Registration is required.**



## **Children's Storytimes**

### **March & April 2025**



### **Family Storytime**

**Ages 0-5 Years Old**  
**Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**  
**Jan 5 - Apr 9 & Apr 30**  
**Friends Room**

No registration required.

### **Baby Bookworms**

**Ages 0-24 Months**  
**Thursdays at 9:30 AM**  
**Mar 6 - Apr 10**  
**Friends Room**

No registration required.

### **Saturday Stories**

**Ages 0-5 Years**  
**Saturdays at 10:00 AM**  
**Mar 8 - Apr 12\***  
**Friends Room**

**\*No Storytime Mar 15**  
No registration required.

### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

**Ages 0-4 Years Old**  
**Tuesday, Mar 4 & Apr 1**  
**Friends Room**

No registration required.

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



## **Teen Programs**



### **Volunteer Hour**

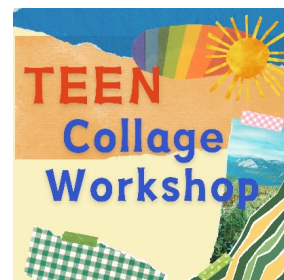
**Mondays**  
**3:30 PM**  
**14-18 Years Old**  
**YA Area**

Teen volunteers will help to organize shelves, pull books for displays, prepare craft materials, etc. Volunteer hours available. Forms signed by a parent or guardian need to be completed beforehand so drop-in volunteers will not be accepted. Ask the YA desk for sign-up forms.

### **Collage Workshop**

**Tuesday, Mar 4**  
**3:30 PM**  
**Grades 6-12**  
**YA Area**

Cut and create some beautiful collages with us in the YA area. Bring your friends for a fun and relaxing afternoon! All materials provided.



**Registration is required.**

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## **Marble Run Challenge**

**Tuesday, Mar 11**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**Friends Room**

Think like an engineer and build your own incredible marble maze. We'll have a variety of materials including KEVA planks, cardboard tubes, and teens will have to get creative to build the most elaborate marble run!

**Registration is required.**

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## **Musical Bingo**

**Wednesday, Mar 12**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**Children's Program Room**



Just like regular bingo, but instead of numbers, the DJ will play clips of popular songs, and teens will cross the song titles off on their cards. The first person to cross off five songs and shout "Bingo!" will win a small prize!

**Registration is required.**

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## **Resin Jewelry**

**Tuesday, Mar 18**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**Children's Program Room**

Try something new and make resin jewelry with us! All materials provided.

**Registration is required.**

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## **Sharpie Mugs**

**Wednesday, Mar 19**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

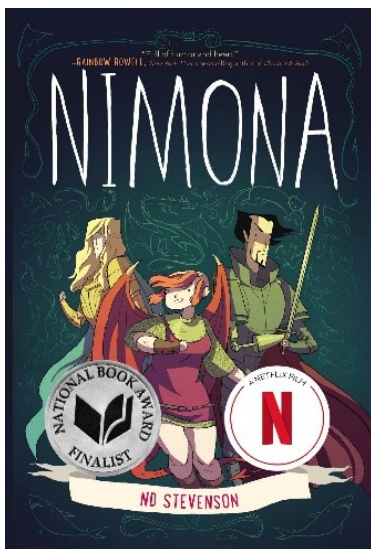
**Children's Program Room**



Come draw your own design with Sharpie markers on a ceramic mug. Bring your creativity and your doodling skills! All materials provided.

**Registration is required.**

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## Graphic Novel Book Club

**Tuesday, Mar 25**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**YA Area**

Teens can join their friends to meet and discuss graphic novels. For this meeting, we will be discussing *Nimona* by ND Stevenson. We will be voting on the next book at the end of the meeting. Copies of the book will be held at the YA desk to check out.

**Registration is required.**

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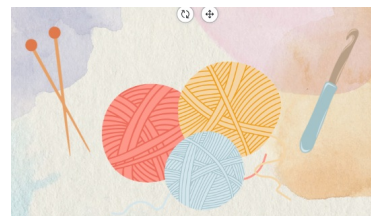
## Fiber Arts

**Wednesday, Mar 26**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

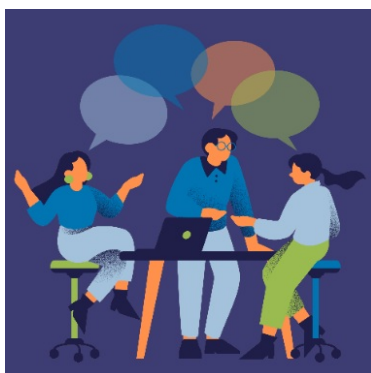
**YA Area**



Whether you're an experienced or a beginner fiber artist, come spend a relaxing afternoon knitting and crocheting in the YA area. Beginners will learn the basics of crocheting a scarf! All materials will be provided, but teens are welcome to bring in their own projects.

**Registration is required.**

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## Teen Advisory Board

**Tuesday, Apr 1**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**YA Area**

Become a TAB member to voice your ideas, help decide programs, decorate the YA Area, and earn volunteer credit. All teens are welcome.

## Yarn Bookmarks

**Wednesday, Apr 2**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**YA Area**

With just some yarn, a cardboard loom, and a needle, come spend a chill afternoon in the YA area learning how to weave fun and vibrant yarn bookmarks! All materials will be provided.

**Registration is required.**



## **Eggs-Tremely Challenging Egg Hunt**

**Tuesday, Apr 8**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**YA Area**

This egg hunt will be eggs-tremely challenging. Come prepared to solve riddles and have fun!

**Registration is required.**

## **Ukulele Workshop**

**Wednesday, Apr 9**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**Children's Program Room**



Experienced and beginner ukulele players welcome! Beginners will learn the basics of playing the ukulele, including simple chords and strumming patterns, and together we'll play a few songs. All instruments and materials will be provided.

**Registration is required.**



## **Make Your Own Squish**

**Tuesday, Apr 22**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**Children's Program Room**

Create your own squishes with us! All materials provided.

**Registration is required.**

## **3D Print Workshop**

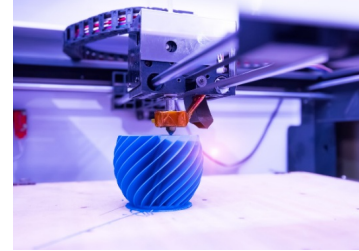
**Wednesday, Apr 23**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 7-12**

## Maker Lab

Come learn basic design techniques and create 3D print projects! Each participant may print 1 project per class to be picked up at a later date.



**Registration is required.**

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## Job and Resume Help

**Tuesday, Apr 29**

**3:30 PM**

**15-18 Years Old**

**YA Area**

Are you looking for a summer job or just looking to create or revamp your resume? Ms. Lindsey will be available to help!

**Registration is required.**

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## Blackout Poetry

**Wednesday, Apr 30**

**3:30 PM**

**Grades 6-12**

**YA Area**

Come celebrate National Poetry Month and create your own blackout poetry! Blackout poetry involves taking a page from a book, newspaper, or magazine and crossing out words to create a new poem with the words that are left. All materials will be provided.



**Registration is required.**

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**[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)**

# Adult Programming

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## The British-German Occupation of Aquidneck Island

**Wednesday, Mar 19**

**6:00pm**

## Friends Program Room

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution - ignited by the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 - join us for an engaging lecture with Fred Zilian, Ph.D. on the British and German occupation of Aquidneck Island.

**Registration is required.**



## Estate Planning Presentation

**Tuesday, Mar 25**

**6:00pm**

**Friends Program Room**

Do you have questions about the important documents you need to protect your children? Want to know how to designate a guardian for them? In this session you'll learn the key differences between a will and a trust, and how each can benefit you and your loved ones.

Led by attorney and professor of Legal Studies at Roger Williams University, Tricia Martland, this presentation offers valuable legal information to parents and adults in our community. Knowledge is power—spend an hour with us and walk away with the essentials of estate planning!

**Registration is required.**

## Hiking in RI & CT

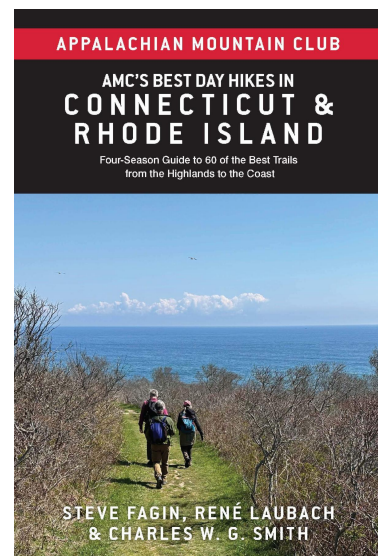
**Wednesday, Apr 9**

**6:00pm**

**Friends Program Room**

Award-winning outdoor writer Steve Fagin will speak about his book, AMC's Best Day Hikes in Connecticut & Rhode Island. The 350-page volume, published by the Appalachian Mountain Club, is the fourth edition of a popular guide, revised and expanded with new hikes that range from easy strolls to strenuous scrambles. It includes maps and color photographs for each of the 60 outings, as well as essays describing interesting historic and natural features.

Among the hikes described in the book are the Newport Cliff Walk, the Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge in Middletown, the Clay Head Preserve and Rodman's Hollow on Block Island, and Watch Hill. Copies of the book will be



available for sale and signing.

**Registration is required.**

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## Hungrytown Concert

**Saturday, Apr 26**

**2:30pm**

**Friends Program Room**

Experience the unique musical fusion of Hungrytown, the artistic collaboration of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. With Hall's timeless songwriting and Anderson's masterful instrumental arrangements, their music blends traditional folk with rich harmonies and intricate instrumentation.

Don't miss this captivating performance, born from their years of worldwide touring and deep devotion to the craft, as they bring their dynamic sound to life on stage.

Free and open to all. Seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Maker Lab Workshops

**Monday, Mar 31 & Apr 28**

**6:00pm**

**Maker Lab**

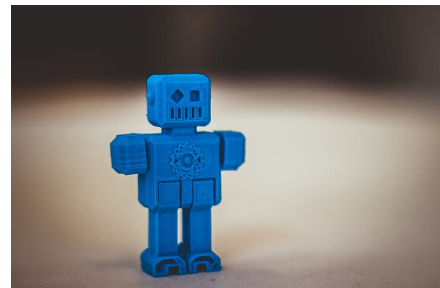
Join us each month for a demonstration and tutorial on how to utilize our Maker Lab equipment! Come design a project, which will be printed at a later date for pickup.

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

Open to Ages 18+. Registration is required.

**Mar 31: 3D Printing**

**Apr 28: Vinyl Stickers**



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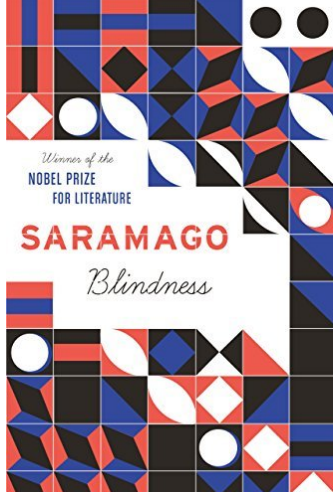
## Tuesday Book Group

**Tuesday, Mar 11 & Apr 8**

**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! Registration is required.

For March, we are reading *Blindness* by José Saramago.

For April, we are reading *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann.

**Register for Mar 11**

**Register for Apr 8**

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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

# A LOOK BACK: 2022 AWARD WINNERS

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

Mar 7 King Richard PG-13

Mar 21 The Eyes of Tammy Faye PG-13

Apr 4 Belfast PG-13

Apr 18 West Side Story PG-13



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](#)



Spring is Coming!



Visit the Friends' Bookstore to celebrate the season. We will have a wide selection of books related to Irish history, culture and authors in honor of St. Patrick's Day.  
In April, you can find a nice assortment of Easter books for the special children in your life.

Look for a sale in April to find books for children of all ages!  
Some friendly reminders for the season. The Bookstore has the best prices in town and offers a wide selection of classics, history, art and photography, cooking, current fiction and much more.

We accept donations of books and puzzles in good quality condition suitable for resale. Textbooks, outdated medical and technology books, encyclopedias and cassette tapes are not accepted.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, a volunteer position in the bookstore might be very satisfying for you. If interested, please pick up an application in the store.

Our annual membership drive will be in May this year. Look for information on how to become a member and help support the programs that you enjoy in the Library. Money raised by the Friends goes to support the Newport Public Library. Thank you for all your support by shopping at our sales and our Bookstore all year long.

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

**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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