

SUPPORT THE NEW

MIDDLETOWN

PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Waves of Giving

ABOUT MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY...

The Middletown Public Library has been located at 700 West Main Road since 1979. The building was originally constructed in the 1940s as a Navy daycare center.

Although beloved by patrons, the building was not designed for the demands of a modern public library. Sections of the floor have failed under the weight of shelving, and the windows, roof, and HVAC system require major upgrades. The layout limits accessibility, flexibility, and the ability to provide dedicated spaces for teens, children's programming, and community gatherings.

Even with these challenges, the Library saw nearly 89,000 visits and circulated more than 138,000 items in fiscal year 2025, a clear reflection of the community's strong and continued support.



Moving Forward!

The Town of Middletown has funded the purchase and renovation of the new library building at 110 Enterprise Center.

The **Waves of Giving Campaign** supports the furnishings, equipment, and program enhancements that will help bring the new spaces fully to life.

What This Means for Middletown

- A dedicated Teen Center and Teen Gaming Room
- A vibrant Children's Room and Children's Program Room for learning and play
- A planned hands-on Innovation Center for cooking, crafting, digital design, and creative technology
- Private spaces for quiet study, work, and virtual connection
 - Technology-ready meeting rooms
- Outdoor gathering spaces for community events

The library's highest fundraising priorities are outlined below, with examples of how donor support will enhance key spaces and programs.



Technology & Digital Access

Goal of \$300,000

Technology is essential to how today's library serves the community. This funding will help ensure the new building opens with the equipment and systems needed to support meetings, hybrid programs, digital access, and everyday public technology use.

Support for this area may include:

- Audio-visual systems for meeting rooms and program spaces
- Display screens, digital signage, and presentation equipment
- Sound systems, microphones, and assistive listening devices
- Cameras and equipment for hybrid, virtual, or recorded programs
- Printing, scanning, faxing, and copying equipment for public use

Innovation Center & Maker Learning

Goal of \$100,000

The Innovation Center is planned as a hands-on learning space where community members of all ages can cook, craft, design, and experiment with creative technology.

The space will offer both structured classes and open lab opportunities in a flexible setting that encourages exploration and collaboration.

Support for this area may include:

- A mobile cooking demonstration kitchen (Charlie Cart)
- Cooking and nutrition education equipment and supplies
- Textile tools including sewing machines
- Digital fabrication and maker equipment
- Creative technology and design tools
- Flexible workstations
- Secure storage for equipment

CHARLIE CART



COOK

Induction cooktop,
convection oven

MIX/CHOP

Fully equipped with
170+ cooking tools

RINSE

Hand-pump faucet,
greywater recovery

Outdoor Learning & Community Spaces

Goal of \$1,000,000

Outdoor spaces will allow the library to host story times, performances, movies, classes, and community events outside the building. These areas will create welcoming places for gathering, learning, and shared experiences throughout the year.

Support for this area may include:

- A pavilion or covered gathering space
- Flexible learning areas including outdoor seating
- Space for performances, movies, and community events
- Community gardens and landscaped gathering areas
- Accessibility improvements and other site enhancements
- Outdoor seating designed for children and caregivers
- Program-friendly space for outdoor story times and activities
- Intentional landscaping including shade
- Safety features



Outdoor elements may be developed in phases, allowing donor support to have visible and lasting impact over time.

Children's Learning & Play

Goal of \$75,000

The Children's Learning & Play area will provide age-appropriate spaces that support early literacy, imagination, and learning through play. Designed for young children and families, this area will offer interactive features and welcoming spaces for caregivers to connect and explore library resources.

Support for this area may include:

- Interactive play and learning features
- Reading tree feature
- Activity areas with child-sized furnishings
- Literacy-based play elements and educational toys
- Flexible tools to support both independent and group play



Study, Work, & Private Spaces

Goal of \$75,000

The new library will feature flexible study pods that provide quiet, accessible spaces for work, learning, telehealth appointments, tutoring, and virtual meetings.

Support for this area may include:

- Enclosed or semi-enclosed study pods
- Accessible and sensory-friendly options
- Privacy features including sound-dampening
- Technology to support video meetings and private appointments



Community Gathering & Program Spaces

Goal of \$40,000

The library's community room will host meetings, programs, and events for local groups and residents.

Support for this area may include:

- Kitchenette and refreshment equipment
- Furnishings and support equipment for programs and events
- Supplies that support frequent use

Welcome, Access, & Wayfinding

Goal of \$100,000

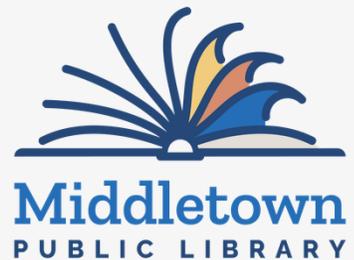
Improvements to the library's entrance and welcome areas will help visitors easily find what they need and feel comfortable from the moment they walk in.

Support for this area may include:

- Clear, thoughtfully designed signage throughout the building
- Entry enhancements
- Design features that create a welcoming arrival experience



Levels of Giving & Recognition



Waves of Giving Campaign

"You're not a wave, you're a part of the ocean" - Mitch Albom (*Tuesdays with Morrie*)

Every gift makes an impact. We appreciate the support of every dollar donated!

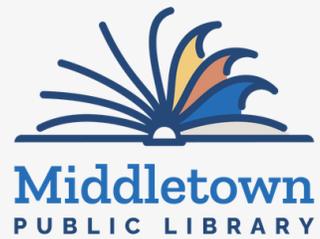
Donors will be recognized at the following giving levels:

Giving Level	Donation Range	Recognition & Benefits Each recognition level includes all benefits from previous levels
Ripple	\$0 - \$999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition on Library website - Inclusion in Library's e-newsletter - Invitation to Donor Reception - Listing in Grand Opening materials - Opportunity to select among key Library areas (see below) to direct donation to a specific area of interest*
Swell	\$1,000 - \$9,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name(s) will be recognized on The Waves of Giving Wall inside the new Library - Joint or group gifts welcome - The Waves of Giving Wall will be prominently displayed in the Library's main entrance for a minimum of 10 years
Tide	\$10,000 - \$24,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press release - Photo opportunity
Sea	\$25,000 - \$49,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prominent recognition on the Library website - Enhanced listing in Grand Opening materials
Horizon	\$50,000 - \$99,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name(s) prominently featured on the Waves of Giving Wall and Library website as a lead supporter - Special recognition during Grand Opening event
Anchor	\$100,000 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to name an area / room in the new Library (per Naming Rights Policy and agreement with the Board of Library Trustees). Naming opportunities may include program rooms, specialty spaces, or other designated areas.

***Select Among One or More Areas to Direct your Support:**

- ◆ Technology & Digital Access ◆ Innovation Center & Maker Learning ◆
- ◆ Children's Learning & Play ◆ Study, Work, & Private Spaces ◆ Outdoor Learning & Community Spaces ◆
- ◆ Community Gathering & Program Spaces ◆ Welcome, Access, & Wayfinding ◆

How to Donate



Every gift makes an impact, and our team is happy to talk through options that align with your interests. Recognition preferences, including anonymity, can always be tailored to your wishes.

Donations in support of the Waves of Giving Campaign may be made through either the Friends of the Middletown Library (a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization) or directly through the Town of Middletown. Both options provide the same tax-deductible benefit.

If your employer matches charitable donations, we will be happy to assist with the process. A receipt for tax purposes will be provided for all donations.

Through the Friends of the Middletown Library

Well suited for one-time gifts

By Check:

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Middletown Library

Mail or deliver to: 700 West Main Rd, Middletown, RI 02842

Memo line: Waves of Giving – New Library Building

Please include the **Library Donation Form** (found on the library website) with your check so we can properly direct your gift and ensure accurate recognition.

Online:

Donations may also be made online at:

<https://middletownpubliclibraryri.org/mpl-waves-giving-online-donation>

When donating online, the required campaign information will be collected during the checkout process.

Through the Town of Middletown

Well suited for larger gifts and multi-year pledges

Donations may be made by check, credit card, ACH, or other approved methods through the Town of Middletown and are administered by the Town's Finance Department.

This option supports multi-year pledges.

Please complete the **Town's Donation/Pledge form** (found on the library website). Campaign information for recognition and directional giving will be collected as part of that process.

Contact the Finance Department to make your donation through the Town of Middletown.

Email: mtanguay@middletownri.gov; Phone: 401-846-4478

Our team is happy to coordinate directly with you to determine the most appropriate giving method.

Contact Us!

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Website: middletownpubliclibraryri.org



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Receipt issued.

Mail: 700 West Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842



**Thank you for supporting the future of the
Middletown Public Library!**