



May 2026

**MIDDLETOWN  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NEWSLETTER**

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday - Saturday:

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday:

Closed

Closures

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Closed for Memorial Day



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# Friends of the Middletown Public Library's Second Annual Jewelry & Handbag Sale - May 1st & 2nd

If you're looking for a new handbag, unique jewelry, or stylish accessories, this is the perfect opportunity to shop while supporting a great cause!

Every dollar raised benefits the Friends of the Middletown Public Library, helping to fund library programming and supply other needs.

**The Friends can only accept cash and check.**

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm.



## May 2026 MPL Adult Programs

- May 11<sup>th</sup>- Maker Monday Tin Foil Stained Glass
- May 14<sup>th</sup>- Cook the Book *Vietnamese Food Any Day*
- May 16<sup>th</sup>- Seedling Swap
- May 18<sup>th</sup>- Maker Monday Cutting Board Garden
- May 21<sup>st</sup>- Plant Parent Support Group
- May 28<sup>th</sup>- Reading Across RI Book Club Discussion

Please visit [middletownpubliclibraryri.org](http://middletownpubliclibraryri.org) for more information.

Registration required.  
For Adults 18+.



## Adult Services Programs!

- Join us for fun, hands-on programs led by Julie!
- ★ Maker's Monday – Try out a new craft every Monday!
  - ★ Cookbook Club – 2nd Thursday of every month
  - ★ Plant Parent Group – 3rd Thursday of every month

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE! QR CODE TO REGISTER ON PAGE 7!**

# 2026 Reading Across RI - Book Discussion

## Register Now!

Reading Across Rhode Island (RARI) is Rhode Island's only One Book, One State program focused on a single book selected to stimulate meaningful discussions across our state.

In May 2026, we will be discussing the 2026 selection - Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez.

Inspired by true events, Happy Land is a transporting multi-generational novel about the stories that shape us and the dazzling courage it takes to dream.

**The first 8 patrons to register will receive a free copy of the book.**

For Adults 18+.

Registration required.

**Reading Across RI 2026**  
**Book Discussion**

**Thursday**  
**May 28th**  
**6-7PM**

**Registration required**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Key:</b> green = story time purple = tween + teen red = young kids black = all ages ♥ = registration</p> <p>1 <b>TURN YOUR YOU</b></p>	<p>2 <b>Shine BRIGHT</b></p>	<p>3 <b>Bilingual Story Time 10:30-11:30</b></p> <p>4 <b>Galaxy Slime 6-7pm Ages 7-12 ♥</b></p>	<p>5 <b>VIBE with the Story 11-11:30 AM</b></p> <p>6 <b>Adventures Around the World 4-5pm ♥</b></p>	<p>7 <b>Music &amp; Movement with Miss Mel 10:30-11:00</b></p> <p>8 <b>Don't Give Up!</b></p> <p>9 <b>Candy Bingo 4-5pm</b></p>	<p>10 <b>Friendship Storytime 10:30-11am</b></p> <p>11 <b>Creative cards for Mom 2-4pm</b></p>	<p>12 <b>Free Comicbook Day</b></p> <p>13 <b>Kaleidoscope Of Color 11-12PM ♥</b></p>
<p>14 <b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p> <p>15 <b>Story Time 11-11:30am</b></p> <p>16 <b>Talented Tweens: DIY Beach Totes 6-7 PM ♥</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Talented Tweens: Bespoke Beach Bling 6-7 PM ♥</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Kindergarten Visits</b></p> <p>19 <b>Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm ♥</b></p>	<p>20 <b>Decorate a Fan for the Summer 4-5 PM ♥</b></p> <p>21 <b>Lego Club 4-6 PM</b></p>	<p>22 <b>Clay Play 11-12pm</b></p> <p>23 <b>Talented Tweens: DIY Beach Totes 6-7 PM ♥</b></p>	<p>24 <b>Kindergarten Visits</b></p> <p>25 <b>Talented Tweens: Bespoke Beach Bling 6-7 PM ♥</b></p>	<p>26 <b>Wooden Flower Decorations 11-12 PM Ages 5 and up ♥</b></p> <p>27 <b>MM: Under the Sea Nightlight ages 7-9 1-1:30PM ♥</b></p>
<p>28 <b>EVERY DAY IS A HAPPY DAY</b></p> <p>29 <b>Talented Tweens: Bespoke Beach Bling 6-7 PM ♥</b></p>	<p>30 <b>Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm ♥</b></p>	<p>31 <b>Top-Notch Tots: Flower Pots 11:00-11:30 ♥</b></p>	<p>32 <b>Decorate a Fan for the Summer 4-5 PM ♥</b></p> <p>33 <b>Lego Club 4-6 PM</b></p>	<p>34 <b>Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm ♥</b></p>	<p>35 <b>Candy Sushi 3-4pm ♥</b></p>	<p>36 <b>Friendship bracelets Ages 5 and up 4-5 PM</b></p>
<p>37 <b>It's all good</b></p> <p>38 <b>Closed</b></p>	<p>39 <b>THANK POSITIVE</b></p>	<p>40 <b>You've got this!</b></p>	<p>41 <b>I AM SO VERY PROUD OF YOU</b></p>	<p>42 <b>CELEBRATE SMALL VICTORIES!</b></p>	<p>43 <b>YOU ARE DOING GREAT</b></p>	<p>44 <b>ALWAYS BE PROUD OF HOW FAR YOU ARE TRYING</b></p> <p>45 <b>YOU ARE ALL KINDS OF WONDERFUL</b></p>

## Youth Services Programs!

Exciting and engaging activities for kids of all ages, from babies to teens! Whether you're looking for a hands-on craft or a relaxing story time, our Youth Services department has a program for you!

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## Library Closed on Monday , May 25th



The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 25th in honor of Memorial Day.

All of our electronic resources are always available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 26th!

## Did you know...

**You have free access to over 4,500 digital children's books in 70+ languages together with English translations?**

The Middletown Public Library offers you free access to LOTE4Kids with your Middletown library card!

LOTE4Kids is an online database of digital picture books (eBooks and audiobooks) designed for children to enjoy stories in Languages Other Than English (LOTE).

It is ideal for children ages 3 to 10, but LOTE4Kids welcomes readers of all ages to dive into their multicultural reading experience.

Use your library card number to set up a free account to support your little one's language journey!





# Become a Friend of the Library!



The Friends of the Middletown Public Library are a nonprofit that supports the library through fundraising and advocacy, helping fund programs, events, books, media, and equipment beyond the library's budget.

To learn more, join, or volunteer, email [friendsmembers@middletownlibraryri.org](mailto:friendsmembers@middletownlibraryri.org) or pick up an application at the library.

## The Friends Bookstore

The Friends will host their Annual Handbag and Jewelry sale on May 1st and 2nd at 10:30 AM in the MPL Meeting Room.

They will accept cash or check, but not credit cards.

Donations for the Handbag and Jewelry Sale have now ended, thank you for your generosity!

As always, book donations can be dropped off with the bookstore attendant or at the Public Services desk.



### Bookstore Hours

*Monday – Thursday:*

10:30am to 4:30pm



*Friday & Saturday:*

10:30am to 2:30pm



*Sunday:*

Closed

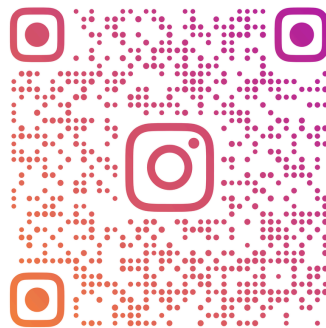


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