Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER

Newsletter

Library Hours



Monday – Thursday:
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday:
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday:
Closed

Closures

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Closed for Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Limited Hours: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27, 2026
Closed for Thanksgiving



Middletown Public Library Closed for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving

The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in recognition of Columbus Day.

Our electronic resources are always available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 12th !

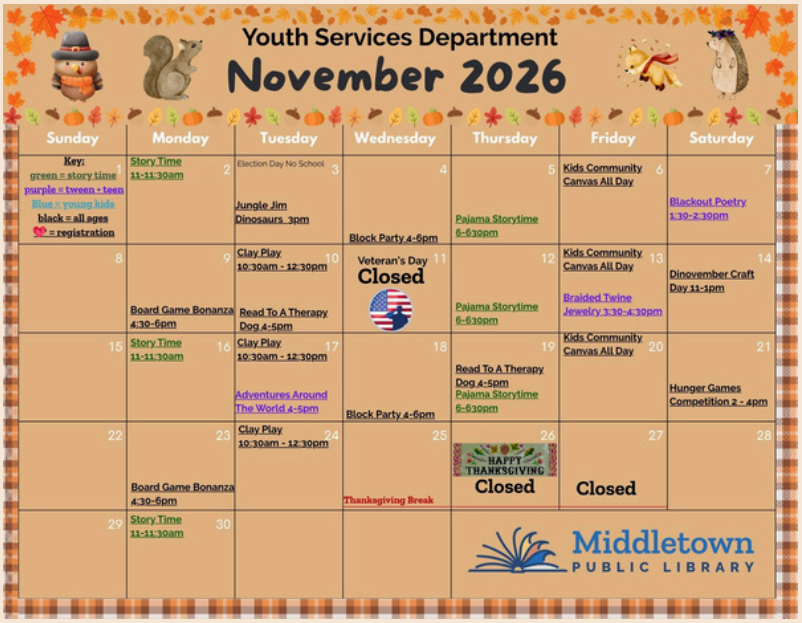




The Middletown Public Library will be OPEN for limited hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25th.

We will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 AM.



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!

Adult Services Programs!

Join us for fun, hands-on programs led by Julie and Matt!

★ 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 11!

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November Dine Out to Support MPL at J.T. Commons on November 17th!



The Middletown Public Library is SO excited to invite you to join us in dining at JT Commons on Tuesday, November 17th for a night of great food and giving back.

Our friends at JT Commons will be donating 10% of EVERY sale made from 4:00 - 10:00 PM to MPL's building project!

A huge thank-you to JT Commons for being such a great community partner and hosting November Dine Out!

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and remember, a "pizza" your check goes toward building the new library!

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Stomp, Chomp, and Read: A Jurassic Balloon Magic Adventure with Jungle Jim!

It's almost DINO-vember and to celebrate we've invited Jungle Jim to perform his amazing dinosaur-themed balloon magic show!

Children ages 3-8 and family members are encouraged to join us in stomping and chomping in the Meeting Room on Tuesday, November 3rd at 3:00 PM.

The perfect way to spend a Tuesday out of school!!

Registration appreciated, but not required.



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Braided Twine Jewelry with Miss Catherine



Nuts and bolts and jewelry, oh my!

Make your own awesome bracelet using twine and hex nuts with Miss Catherine on Friday, November 20th at 3:30 PM!

This program is open to patrons ages 11-18 years.

No registration required!

Hunger Games Cornucopia Competition

Are you ready to test your literary survival instincts?

Teens (13-18) are invited to join us for a family fun and action-packed, Hunger Games-inspired interactive book challenge on Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 PM.

Step into the library's arena, outsmart your fellow tributes, and see if you and your team have what it takes to survive the Game Maker's treacherous trials.

No registration required.



Education Options for Adults!

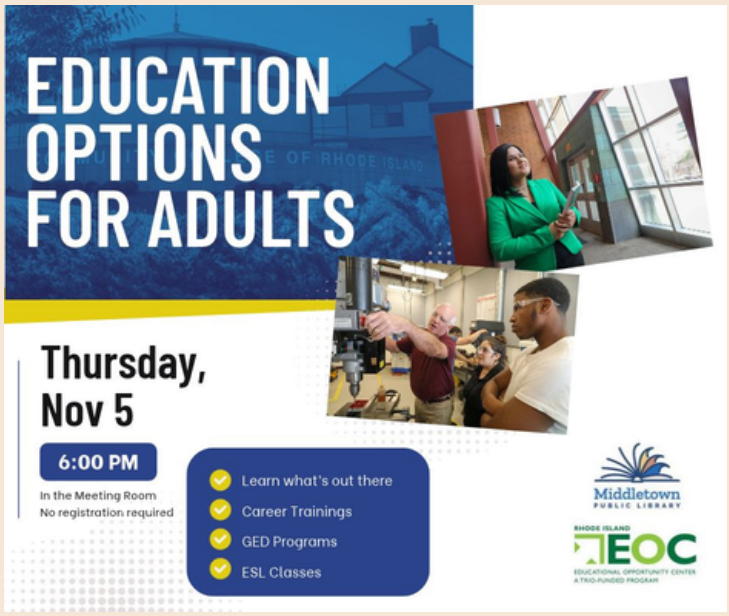
Are you thinking of going to college for the first time, or returning to finish a degree? Are you looking for other options, like career training, GED programs, or ESL classes?

The Rhode Island Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will be in the Meeting Room to assist on Thursday, November 5th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM!

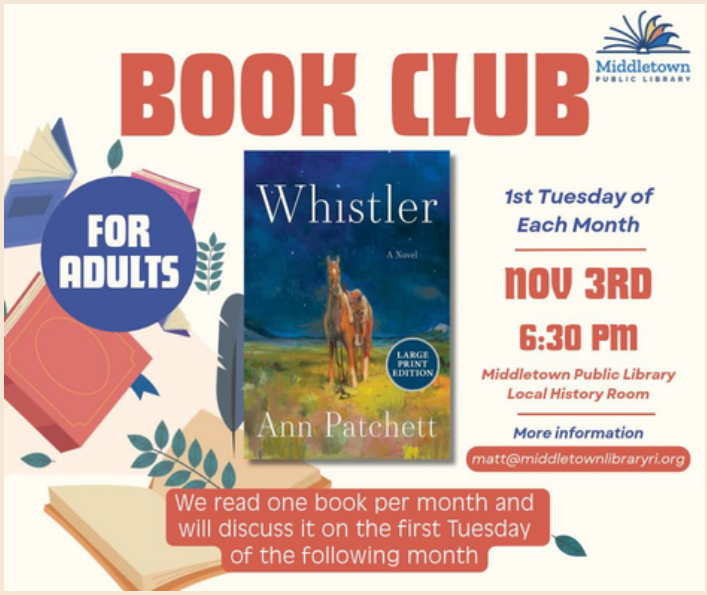
Learn about what's out there and how the EOC can help start you down the right path for you.

EOC is particularly geared toward ages 19 and up, with no upper age limit.

No registration is required.



Join Our 1st Tuesdays Book Club!



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The 1st Tuesdays Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 3rd to discuss October's selection: Whistler by Anne Patchett.

The book we will be reading in November in preparation for the December 1st meeting will be There There by Tommy Orange.

There will be copies of the book available at the library on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Register online or contact matt@middletownlibraryri.org for more information.

Book club meetings take place in the Local History room on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Transcribe Revolutionary War Records with the National Park Service!

In celebration of the country's 250th anniversary, the National Archives and National Park Service are collaborating to transcribe Revolutionary War Pension Files of more than 80,000 of America's first veterans!

On Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 AM in the Meeting Room, rangers will provide patrons with training on how to access pensions and transcribe records online.

Become a citizen archivist and unlock the details and stories found within these rich records!

No registration required.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN COMPUTER.



E-Waste Recycling Event with Indie Cycle



The Middletown Public Library will be hosting Indie Cycle for an e-waste recycling event on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Items that can be recycled with Indie Cycle include, but are not limited to: computers, TVs, monitors, printers, small household appliances, air conditioners, and much more.

Disposal fees may apply. Indie Cycle accepts cash, check, Debit/Credit Cards, and Venmo.

NO PUBLIC COMPUTERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

The Middletown Public Library's public computers and wireless printing service will NOT BE AVAILABLE on Tuesday, November 3rd due to scheduled updates.

Computers and wireless printing will be back in service on Wednesday, November 4th.

Thank you!



Winter Holiday Decor Swap

f you need free holiday decorations, come "shop" with MPL!



We are hosting a Winter Holiday Decor Swap on Saturday, November 28th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

It is not required to bring decorations to participate, it is open and free to all!

Participants are limited to bringing two (2) boxes of Winter Holiday decorations. Anything left over will be donated.

What will be accepted:
- Winter holiday decor (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa) in good condition

What will NOT be accepted:
- Large outdoor decor
- Inflatable, dirty, damaged, incomplete or broken items
- Tangled, broken string lights
- Old Christmas trees

Please do not drop off donations ahead of time. We will only accept them during the event.

Middletown Community Food Drive
All Month Long!

This November, the town of Middletown is hosting a Community Food Drive to support the Middletown Senior Center Food Pantry and the Martin Luther King Community Center.

The Food Drive will run from Monday, November 2nd to Monday, December 4th and donations can be dropped off at any town building, including the Middletown Public Library.



November 2-6: Breakfast items
November 9-13: Canned proteins
November 16-20: Canned soup, vegetables, and fruit
November 23-27: Pantry staples
November 30-December 4: Toiletry items

Did you know...

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Learn general skills, or bring your device and questions related to apps, software, file-sharing, and more. This appointment is for technology assistance and not repairs.

We cannot assist with hardware-related issues or financial transactions.



SCAN ME

Call or use the QR ccode above to make an appointment

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 or pick up an application at the library.

The Friends Bookstore

This November, all cookbooks will be half price in The Friends Bookstore. Just in time for Thanksgiving!

Is there a particular piece of art in the Library you've always loved?

You might be able to take it home! Select pieces of Library art will be available for sale! Any art being sold will be marked with a number, but feel free to ask a Friend or staff if you have any questions!

We are always accepting donations.

Donations can be dropped off with the bookstore attendant or at the Public Services desk

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Use the QR code below to register for one of our November programs!

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Connect with us on Instagram!

Connect with us on TikTok!