



**Middletown**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# April 2026

## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the April edition of the  
Middletown Public Library Newsletter!

Thank you for being part of our community!

### **Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Friday - Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

## 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

## Maker Mondays for Adults 6-7 PM

April 6<sup>th</sup>- Cloud Lanterns

April 13<sup>th</sup> Bedazzled Books

April 20<sup>th</sup>- Plant Pots from Yogurt Containers



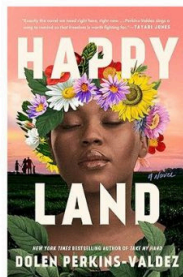
Registration required  
For Adults 18+ only



## 2026 Reading Across RI - Book Discussion

### Register Now!

### Reading Across RI 2026 Book Discussion



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

**Registration  
required**



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.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
YOU GO DAYS	Key: green = story time purple = tween - teen red = young kids black = all ages *** = registration	Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY	APRIL FOOLS Candy Bingo 4:00-5:00pm	TTT: Book Bouquets 6-7pm***		Unicorn Fun 1-3pm
HAPPY EASTER	Dot Marker Fun 11-11:30am		Music & Movement with Miss Mel 10:30-11:00	Unicorn Appreciation Day Read to therapy dog Chloe 4-5pm*** TTT: Book Mobiles 6-7pm***	Bilingual Story Time 10:30-11:30	Cheerio bird feeder 11-12:pm MMM: FAIRY LANTERNS 1-2PM***
STEADY AS SHE GOES	Story Time: Potter League 11-12pm		World Art Day			Retro Board Games 2-3pm
LET'S CHEER EACH OTHER ON	Earth day Paint 11-12pm Earth Day Slime 6-7pm Middletown Spring Break	Read to therapy dog 4-5pm***	Tissue Paper Flowers 4-5pm	TTT: Wrapped Wire Words 6-7***		DIY wind chimes 11-12:pm
SPREAD KINDNESS	Story Time 11-11:30am	Kindergarten Visits DIY bag Charms *** 4-5pm	EARTH DAY Earth Day Scavenger Hunt Fun (at home)	Read to therapy dog Chloe 4-5pm*** TTT: Diamond Painted Bookmarks 6-7***		
			Closed For Staff Development	Kindergarten Visits JUNK JOURNAL: AGES 12-99*** 6-7pm	Keep the Planet Green	

## 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!

- 4/1 ➔ Candy Bingo! 4:00 - 4:45 PM
- 4/2 ➔ Talented Tween Thursday: Book Bouquets 6:00 - 7:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/4 ➔ Unicorn Fun and Games 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- 4/6 ➔ Dot Marker Fun! 11:00 - 11:30 AM
- 4/8 ➔ Music and Movement with Miss Mel 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- 4/9 ➔ Read to a Therapy Dog 4:00 - 5:00 PM **\*FULLY BOOKED\***
- 4/9 ➔ Talented Tween Thursday: Book Mobiles 6:00 - 7:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/10 ➔ Bilingual Story Time 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- 4/11 ➔ Cheerio Bird Feeder 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 4/11 ➔ Missi's Munchkin Makers: Fairy Lanterns 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- 4/13 ➔ Potter League Story Time 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 4/14 ➔ Read to a Therapy Dog 4:00 - 5:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/15 ➔ Tissue Paper Flowers 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 4/16 ➔ Talented Tween Thursday: Wrapped Wire Words 6:00 - 7:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/18 ➔ Retro Board Games 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- 4/20 ➔ Earth Day Paint 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 4/20 ➔ Earth Day Slime 6:00 - 7:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/21 ➔ Adventures Around the World 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 4/23 ➔ Read to a Therapy Dog 4:00 - 5:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/23 ➔ Talented Tween Thursday: Diamond Painted Bookmarks 6:00 - 7:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/25 ➔ DIY Wind Chimes 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 4/27 ➔ Story Time! 11:00 - 11:30 AM
- 4/28 ➔ DIY Bag Charms 4:00 - 5:00 PM **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***
- 4/29 ➔ MPL CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING
- 4/30 ➔ Junk Journals (All Ages) **\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS STATED**

**OTHERWISE! QR CODE TO REGISTER ON PAGE 8!**

# Youth Services Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

## - All Month Long!

Pick up an Earth Day scavenger hunt from Youth Services starting on April 1st!

Take pictures as you complete the check list of earth-loving activities and return to Miss Mel before the end of the month for a prize!

All ages welcome.  
No registration required.



## Library Closed on Wednesday, April 29th

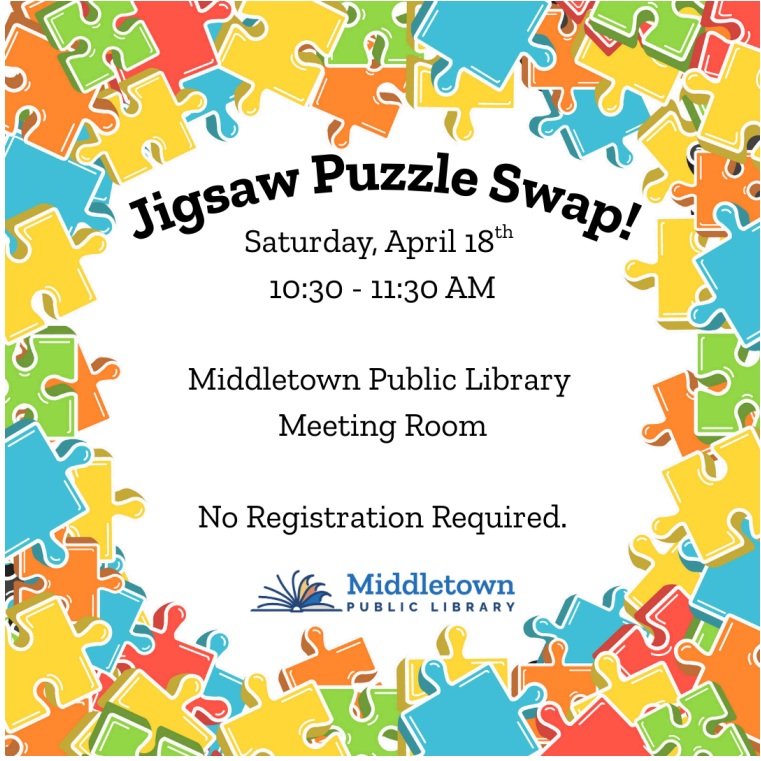


The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, April 29th for staff development.

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

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 30th.

# Jigsaw Puzzle Swap - All Ages Welcome!



## Jigsaw Puzzle Swap!

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Middletown Public Library  
Meeting Room

No Registration Required.



Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 - 11:30 AM

MPL Meeting Room

All ages welcome.

No registration required.

Feeling like you've been there and done that with all the puzzles hanging around your house?

Join us at Middletown Public Library for a puzzle swap and trade them for new (to you) ones!

### How it works:

- ★ Place puzzles you no longer want on table sorted by piece count.
- ★ Pick puzzles you want to do and take them home with you.
- ★ You may bring or take home as many puzzles as you wish.

### Requirements:

- ★ All Puzzles must be 300 pieces or more.
- ★ All puzzles must have no missing pieces.
- ★ All Puzzles must be in zip-lock bag with picture or in the original box taped closed.

For more info email [staff@middletownlibraryri.org](mailto:staff@middletownlibraryri.org)

# 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 are currently accepting donations of gently used handbags and jewelry, with a special need for clip-on earrings.

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



# Update to Kanopy Sign-In Procedure

## Attention Kanopy Users!!

Kanopy has recently updated their platform to prioritize user privacy.

Starting April 7th, sign-in will require users to use both their library card number and PIN. This is the same information used to sign-in to Libby and the MPL digital catalogue.

You can follow the steps below to bring your account up to date.

1. Hit the 'Kanopy Sign-In' button to the left to sign-in to your Kanopy account.
2. Select the menu button in the top-right corner and go to 'My Account' > 'My Libraries'.
3. Select "Re-enter your login information" under the library name. Enter your library card number and PIN.
4. Select save.
5. Keep enjoying Kanopy's collection of films and documentaries!

If you need assistance, feel free to ask any of our awesome staff!

## KANOPY UPDATE!

We've made a security update. Users will need to sign back into their library account using their card number and PIN or password.



## Did you know...

### You have discounted access to a variety of local museums with your Middletown Public Library card?

The Middletown Public Library offers museum passes and coupons to destinations throughout Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, making it easy (and affordable!) to explore.

Passes circulate for a one-week period, with a limit of one pass per card or family.

Please note that reservations are not allowed.

A late fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged for overdue passes, and replacement costs apply for lost passes.

Click the "Read More" button to learn what locations are available.

Stop by the Circulation Desk to learn more and start planning your next adventure!

The flyer is titled "MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MUSEUM PASSES" in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says "Explore all the tri-state area has to offer at a discounted rate!". The flyer features an illustration of a person in a red shirt and purple pants looking at several framed portraits of historical figures. Below the illustration, it states "MPL offers a variety of passes to educational and cultural destinations in RI, MA, and CT." There are two yellow callout boxes: one says "All passes circulate for one week." and the other says "Late fee on an overdue pass is \$5 per day." At the bottom right is the Middletown Public Library logo, which includes a stylized sunburst icon and the text "Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY".



## 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.

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## The Friends Bookstore

Through the month of April, the Friends are offering a sale on all children's books, with all titles offered at 50% off the regular price.

The perfect way to foster a love of reading in your little ones!

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

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

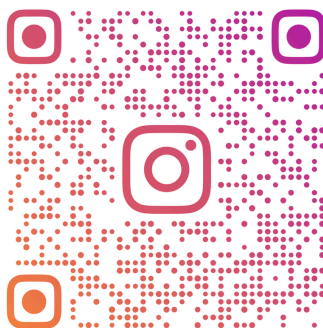


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for one of our April programs!



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