



AUGUST 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, August 10th

Closed for Victory Day

Wednesday, August 19th

Closed for Staff Training

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY AT SHAW'S!

The Middletown Public Library is very excited to announce that we've been selected as a beneficiary of the Shaw's Give Back Bag Program for the month of August 2026!

From August 1 through August 31, 2026, every time you purchase a \$3.00 Give Back Bag at the Shaw's located at 71 East Main Road, \$1 will be donated to the Middletown Public Library!

Every dollar we receive will go directly to building our new library and creating a better space for our community!

Thank you for your support!



Save the Date!

Middletown Family Day on September 12th !



Be sure to join the Middletown Prevention Coalition for the 17th Annual Middletown Family Day at Second Beach on Saturday, September 12th!

From 4:00 - 8:00pm, there will be fire pits, games, and all sorts of other fun activities to explore!

Make sure to bring your own beach chairs and blankets!

Middletown Public Library closed Monday, August 10th

The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Monday, August 10th in celebration of Victory Day.

Our electronic resources are always available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 11th!



Middletown Public Library closed Wednesday, August 19th



The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, August 19th for staff training and development.

Our electronic resources are always available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 20th!

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

August 3rd - Clay Tablecloth Weights
Part 1

August 17th - Clay Tablecloth Weights
Part 2

August 24th - Bedazzled Bugs



Registration required
For Adults 18+ only



August 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Key: green = story time purple = tween + teen red = young kids black = all ages ♥ = registration	1 National Watermelon Day Bilingual story time 10:30-11:30am	2 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm	3 Block Party 10:30am-12:30pm Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm	4 Land Trust Guided Walk at Spruce Acres 5:00pm Pajama Storytime 6-6:30pm	5 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm	6 Summer Reading Ends Parrot Rescue Live 1-2:30pm
7 LAUGH SMORE WORRY LESS	8 Victory Day Closed	9 Adventures Around the World 4-5pm	10 Block Party 4-6 PM	11 Read to a therapy dog 4-5pm	12 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm	13 Dot Marker Fun 1-2pm
14 Focus ON the GOOD	15 Storytime with Ms Ruth 10:30-11:00am	16 Summer Reading Collaboration with Ocean State Media 1pm	17 Staff Professional Development Day Closed	18 Summer Reading Collaboration with Ocean State Media 1pm	19 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm	20 First Day Of School
21 HAVE A GREAT DAY	22 Storytime with Ms Ruth 10:30-11:00am	23 Block Party 10:30am-12:30pm	24 First Day Of School	25 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm	26 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm	27 Clay Play 10:30am - 12:30pm
28 NATIONAL BEACH DAY	29 SENDING SUNSHINE YOUR WAY	30 think Happy thoughts	31 HAVE A NICE DAY!	1 DON'T FORGET TO FOCUS ON THE GOOD!	2 YOU ARE PERFECT JUST THE WAY YOU ARE!	3 THE BRAVEST THING YOU CAN BE IS YOURSELF

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!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE! QR CODE TO REGISTER ON PAGE 9!

Summer Reading Ends August 8th!

Summer Reading ends Saturday, August 8, at 5:00 PM when the library closes!

Please make sure all Adult Summer Reading tickets are placed in the desired adult raffle boxes and all Children's Summer Reading tickets are placed in the desired children's raffle boxes before the deadline.

Winners will be notified using the phone number or email address provided on their ticket.

After five visits and you can also receive a special surprise prize.



Read to Feed Reminder!

In partnership with The Middletown Rotary Club and The Potter League, the Middletown Public Library is taking part in the 'Read to Feed' Initiative!

When our young patrons come in with completed Summer Reading tickets, they will be offered blank 'Read to Feed' covers to decorate. Their cover is affixed to a can of food and donated in honor of them!

If you took your 'Read to Feed' can cover home to decorate, please remember to return it so we can donate pet food in your honor!



All Ages - Plant Walk & Talk at Spruce Acres

Get outdoors with us and our friends from the Aquidneck Island Land Trust at Spruce Acres on Thursday, August 6th at 5:00 pm!

Take a closer look at the native plants found in the gardens and trails at Spruce Acres and learn how these plants support local wildlife!

Each participant will take home a native potted plant to help start their own "Homegrown National Park."

Ms. Julie looks forward to seeing familiar faces!



Registration recommended.



All Ages - National Parrot Day!

Join us on Saturday, August 8 from 1:00–2:30 PM as we celebrate the final day of Summer Reading with the Rhode Island Parrot Rescue's Living with Parrots program!

This interactive, all-ages presentation features LIVE parrots and offers a fun opportunity to learn more about these amazing birds and what it's like to live with them.

Wrap up your Summer Reading adventure with this special program and enjoy a memorable afternoon with the whole family!

Registration is recommended.



Is Beekeeping For Me?

Intrigued by beekeeping but not sure where to start?

Join us on Saturday, August 15th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm to learn more and determine whether or not beekeeping is in your future!

Thank you to the RI Beekeeper's Associate for running this free presentation.

Adults only.
Registration required.



The flyer has a honeycomb background. At the top, the title 'Is Beekeeping For Me?' is in large orange letters. Below it, a brown hexagon contains the text: 'Intrigued by beekeeping but don't know where to start? Join us at MPL for a free presentation by the RI Beekeeper's Association.' To the right is a realistic illustration of a bee. Below the hexagon, an orange banner says 'Saturday, August 15th 2:30-4PM'. At the bottom left is an illustration of a wooden beehive. At the bottom right is the 'Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY' logo.

Did you know...

You have access to free notary services at Middletown Public Library?!

The Middletown Public Library offers you free notary services with or without a library card! Notary services are available by appointment or walk-in during Library hours. Please call ahead to confirm staff availability.

What to bring:

- A VALID government-issued photo ID
- The document to be notarized, completed but unsigned
- All signers of the document and their valid government-issued photo IDs
- Any necessary witnesses must be present

Please be aware that the notaries at Middletown Public Library are not licensed attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. If any issues arise with the authenticity or clarity of a document, or if the circumstances are unclear, the notary may, at their discretion, decline to provide the service.



The flyer has a light blue background. At the top, the title 'FREE NOTARY SERVICES!*' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, in small text, is a disclaimer: '*OUR NOTARIES ARE NOT ATTORNEYS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE. THEY ARE NOT LICENSED TO DRAFT LEGAL RECORDS, GIVE ADVICE ON LEGAL MATTERS (INCLUDING IMMIGRATION) OR CHARGE A FEE FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES.*' Below this, a blue box contains the heading 'WHAT TO BRING:' followed by a bulleted list: 'A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID', 'THE DOCUMENT TO BE NOTARIZED, COMPLETED BUT UNSIGNED', 'ALL SIGNERS OF THE DOCUMENT AND THEIR VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDS', and 'ANY NECESSARY WITNESSES MUST BE PRESENT'. Below the blue box, a white box says 'AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN DURING LIBRARY HOURS.' and 'PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM STAFF AVAILABILITY.' At the bottom left is an illustration of a notary stamp. At the bottom right is the 'Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY' logo.



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 August, all CDs and DVDs are buy 5 for \$1 at The Friends Bookstore. Feel free to mix and match!

We are always accepting donations.

Whether it's adding to our Bookstore collection or contributing to the Jewelry & Handbag Annual Fundraiser in Spring 2027, your support makes a big difference!

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

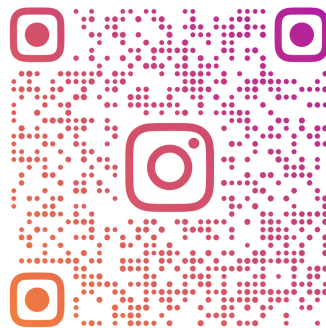


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Use the QR code below to register
for one of our August programs!



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