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MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

2026

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY:
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:
CLOSED

CLOSURES

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
CLOSED FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Middletown
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th

The Middletown Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

Our electronic resources are always available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, July 6th!

Join our Team!

We're hiring!

The Middletown Public Library is seeking a part-time Administrative Operations Coordinator to join our team.

This position will play a key role in supporting the library's daily administrative operations, including payroll, budgeting, scheduling, administrative support, and coordination with vendors and community partners.

As Middletown Public Library continues to grow and prepares for the transition into our new building, this position will help ensure our administrative operations continue to run efficiently and effectively.

★ 25 hours per week

★ Monday-Friday daytime schedule

★ Starting at $27/hour

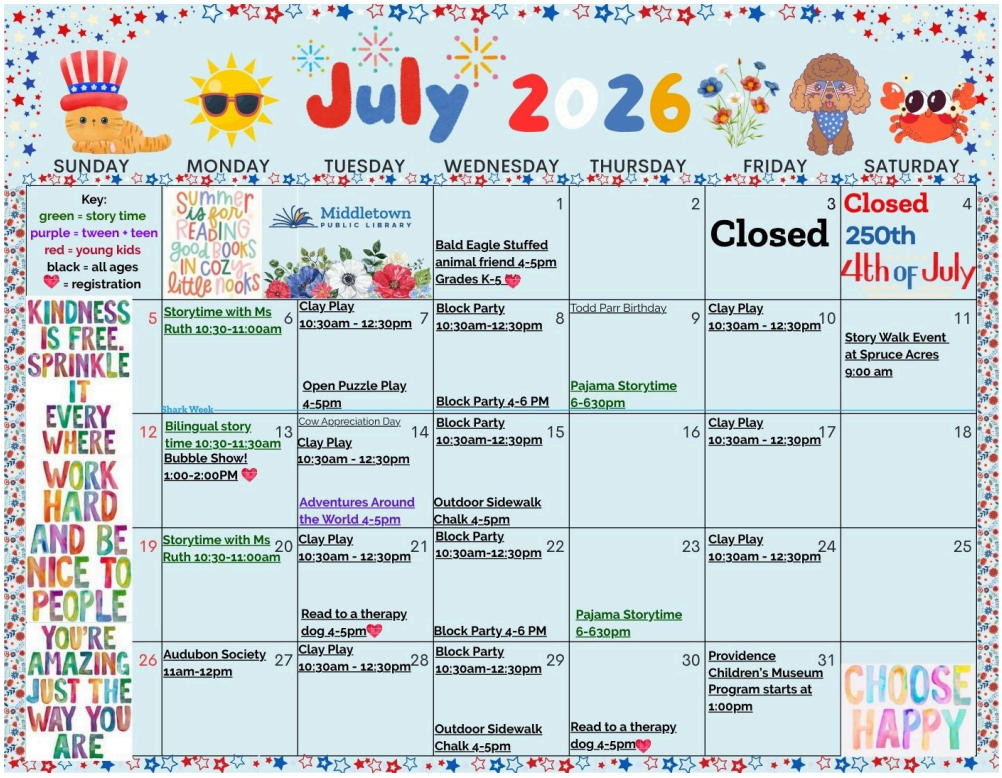
Adult Services Programs!

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



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 8!

Join us for Summer Reading! *June 29th - August 8th*

Adult's Summer Reading

To get started, simply pick up a Summer Reading ticket booklet from the Patron Services Desk or Reference Desk.

Submitting your first completed ticket stub automatically enters you into the program.

Complete as many or as few items in the ticket book as you like. Every completed ticket stub you submit earns you another chance to win one of our end-of-summer raffle prizes!

Be sure to check out the second ticket in the booklet: a special scratch-off ticket. Scratch the gold panel to see if you're an instant winner!

Booklets are unlimited throughout the summer. Continue submitting tickets to better your chances of winning a prize!

Children's Summer Reading

To get started, simply pick up a Summer Reading ticket sheet from the Youth Services Desk.

Submitting your first completed ticket automatically enters you into the program.

Complete as many or as few items on the ticket sheet as you like. Every completed ticket you submit earns you another chance to win one of our end-of-summer raffle prizes.

There will also be in-library activities that children may participate in to earn additional raffle tickets! For example, there is a BINGO board that children can complete during a library visit that will earn them extra raffle tickets!

Ticket sheets are unlimited throughout the summer. Continue submitting tickets to better your chances of winning a prize!

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt

Be a good egg! Come to the library and pick up your Summer Reading Passport!

Pick up your passport in the Youth Services Department or at the Public Services Desk and spend the summer (through August 22nd) visiting libraries across the state!

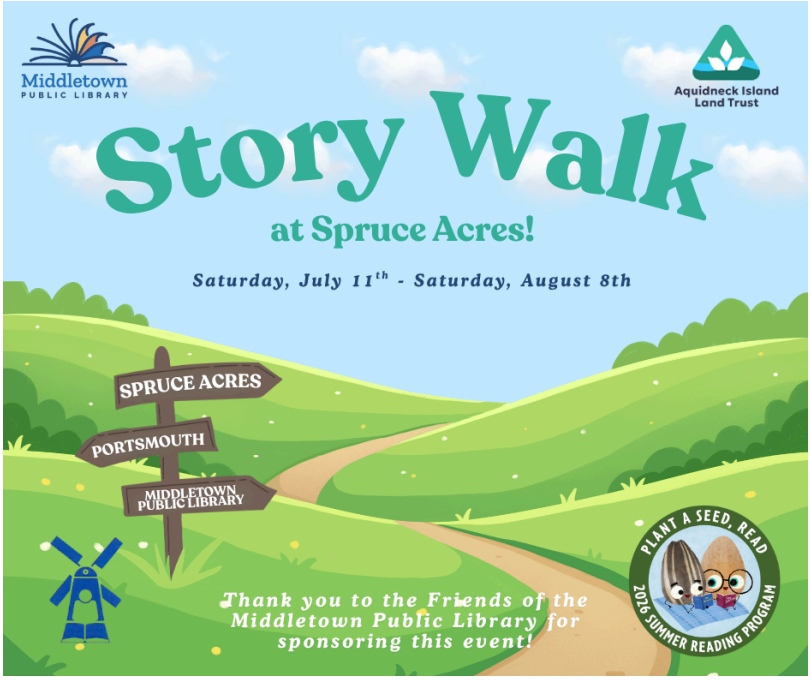
While at each library, find our Summer Reading Mascots, the Good Egg and the Bad Seed, tell a librarian where you found them, and get your passport stamped!

Every five library visits, you'll earn an entry into a raffle for your very own Good Egg/Bad Seed plushie.

Share a photo of a library visit with the RI Center for the Book after five visits and you can also receive a special surprise prize.

Submit online by 9/7!

Spruce Acres Story Walk - The Bad Seed



As part of our Summer Reading Program, the Middletown Public Library has partnered with Aquidneck Land Trust to host a Story Walk at Spruce Acres.

Walk the trail at Spruce Acres and read The Bad Seed by Jory John as you go!

The Story Walk will be viewable at Spruce Acres from Saturday, July 11th to Saturday, August 8th.

Thank you to the Friends of the Middletown Public Library for sponsoring this event!

Read to Feed!

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

Students earn cans of pet food that are donated in their name to The Potter League as a reward for their participation in our Summer Reading Program.

When students 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!

The more you read, the more you feed!!

Circus Dynamics Bubble Show!

Summer fun is bubbling up...

Circus Dynamics is back at the Middletown Public Library this summer to present another fabulous bubble show!

Join us on Monday, July 13th at 1:00pm to see this bubble-rific performance!

All ages welcome.
Registration required.

Thank you the The Friends of the Middletown Public Library for sponsoring this event!

Make Your Own Fused Glass Pendant!

- Ages 12+

Join us on Thursday, July 23rd from 5:30 - 7:30 PM to create your own Dichroic fused glass pendants or magnets with colorful pre-cut glass in this easy, fun class!

For Adults and Children 12+.

Registration required.

Massachusetts artist, Deenie Pacik Giuliano, MFA, enjoys teaching all ages with fun demonstrations. She also creates stained and fused glass for commissions and galleries. For more information about Deenie, please visit www.deeniepacik.net

Middletown PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know...

You can receive discounted admission to the Newport Sailing Museum with a Middletown Public Library museum pass?!

The Middletown Public Library offers you discounted access to the Newport Sailing Museum!

Explore sailing through exciting hands-on activities and exhibits that are fun for the whole family!

Visitors begin by selecting from one of seven different boats, or taking a short quiz to find the best match for them! This boat will become their avatar throughout their museum experience, guiding them through
the interactive elements.

Hike out to race for Olympic gold, steer the tiller of Dorade, take the helm to dock your boat, race on the grinders, and more!

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 July, health and self help books are 50% off at The Friends Bookstore!

Stop by and pick up a beach read to keep you motivated all summer long!

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 July programs!

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