



MPL NEWS

April 2021

Library
Closed
Sunday
April 4th in
observance
of Easter
Sunday

Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

Hello and welcome to our first digital newsletter. First up – why are we sending this out? Well – we want to keep in touch, something that's been a challenge for us and for you this past year. We want you to know that we are here and even though library service is different, we have learned to adapt and pivot to new modes of service. So- unlike previous years, activity inside our library is limited and defined by ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. If you have not visited lately, did you know you can place an order to go via curbside pickup? It's easy and contactless. You can also pick up free crafts for the kids to do at home or enjoy story times on our Facebook page. Of course, you can still stop by and borrow as always- that has not changed!

This month we are celebrating National Library Week, April 4th-10th and Earth Day on April 22nd. My personal National Library Week activity will be time spent with *A Farewell to Arms*. I'm rediscovering Ernest Hemingway in preparation for the PBS premier of *HEMINGWAY*, a Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick that airs on April 5th, 6th and 7th. Soon we'll have a copy in our collection.

We'll also be giving away free trees to the families who signed up in March. It's really a joy to plant a tree in your back yard or neighborhood. And - now that spring is here, the community garden is getting underway in the rear of the library. For more information on all of this and more, check our website middletownpubliclibraryri.org or call 401-846-1573. Staff will be glad to help.

Happy reading and planting!
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *All The Devils Are Here*, by Louise Penny



We are looking forward to our Earth Day Tree Giveaway and giving free trees during Earth Day week to 47 registered kids, as well as our plans to do it again next year!

The Friends Corner

April 6th is National Library Workers' Day; our thanks to the library staff for the extraordinary job they do.

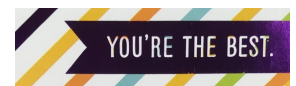
Plans to reopen the **FRIENDS BOOKSTORE** are being developed. Gently used **BOOK DONATIONS** will be accepted on **April 3rd** and **April 5th**, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at the bookstore. Check the [library's website](http://libraryswebsite) for current information on reopening and acceptable donations.

For **FRIENDS** information/member application, email FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com or pick up an application at the library.

Our Patrons make us smile with their Thanks!



"Your dedication, efforts and many hours worked to ensure the library is available during this pandemic is really appreciated."



"Thank you for all the work you do to make the children's program so special. You helped make this past year much easier with book picks, craft kits, rewards and suggestions. We wish we could've spent time in person, but appreciate the time you took to know our family even from a distance."
The "G" Family

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Library Hours:
Monday – Thursday 10 am – 7 pm
Friday – 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday – 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday* – 10 am – 5 pm

*Sunday hours begin on the Sunday following Labor Day
and end on the Sunday before Memorial Day
Library closed on Sundays preceding Monday Holidays