



MPL NEWS

July 2021



Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

Hello there -- Did you know that July is symbolic with personal achievement? Research on the power of individualism indicates it's all about:

- Being prepared to succeed
- Nourishing your ambition
- Writing your own story
- Becoming someone you believe in
- Making today a great day in your life

If you did not already know, I am here to tell you that you can do all of this and more at your public library. At the MPL we are getting back into our groove. When you stop by, you will find:

1. friendly staff ready to say hello, welcome back, how can we help you today
2. a fully stocked, low cost Friends Bookstore with something for everyone
3. AND – while supplies last – a huge selection of free books that you can take to start your personal journey of discovery

You should also check out our [website](#) and [online calendar](#). There you will find programming for all ages, both virtual and in person, along with so much more that you can enjoy during the month of July.

STEM programs – coming soon in August - a big shout out to **Rep. Deborah Ruggiero**, sponsor of our RI Legislative Grant for students

Summer reading – sign up for free gifts and weekly raffles! Supported in part by the RI Office of Library and Information Services with funds from the Institute of Library and Museum Services

Music – live (yes!) sunset concert with the fabulous **Atwater-Donnelly Duo** – July 18th 5:30pm-7pm

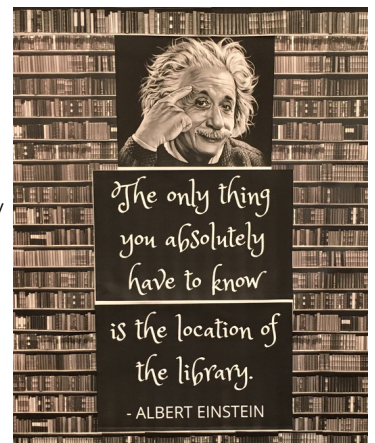
Universal Class– learn something new with free online access to more than 500 courses on a huge range of topics such as cooking, arts and music, exercise, computers, pet care, home and garden, health and medicine, plus hundreds more

NEW playaways - (Oh, you don't know what that is? Stop in and find out!)

Remember:

"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." Albert Einstein
Reading..."gives you the ability to reach higher ground. And keep climbing." Oprah Winfrey
" It's an enormous force for good." Barack Obama

Last but not least, I want to say a big **thank you** to the **Friends of Middletown Public Library** for your fantastic June book sale that put so many great books into so many eager hands.



In closing, I encourage you to enjoy July, visit the library often, discover your potential and let it bloom.
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

Children's Spotlight



Come join us for stories, songs, and movement outside on the back lawn of the library. Best for ages 0-5. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on to make yourself comfortable. No registration required. Click [here](#) for schedule.

Join US!

Adopt-A-Pet Reading Program

Visit the Children's Department to "[Adopt-A-Pet](#)" as part of our "[Tails and Tales](#)" Summer Reading theme. Plush animal "pets" will be available for adoption in the Children's Department (while supplies last; limited to 1 per child per family), and come with a name tag and adoption certificate. So adopt a pet, check out a book, and start reading to your new furry friend to take care of it!



Reading Take-Out Bags expanded to now include K-3!

A [Reading Take-Out Bag](#) is 3 library books picked just for you, paired with a craft! Registration goes live the first week of every month. We offer Take-Out Bags for grades K-3 and for grades 4-12.



NEW ACTIVITY EACH WEEK!

Be sure to check each week for the [new activity](#) and updated Summer programming!

[Sign up](#) required online as long as supplies last.



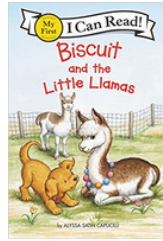
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Atwood-Donnelly
children's concert
last month!**



What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books

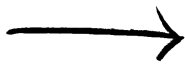
Tech Talk

Middletown Library Now Offers Wireless & Web-Printing from your personal devices!



You can send your prints from ANYWHERE as long as you are connected to the Internet. Both black and white and color printing is available. Access our [printer portal](#) to print from your personal computer. To send jobs from other devices such as tablets or smartphones, download the **FREE APP - PrinterOn**, available for both Android and IOS devices. Learn more about setting up the App by clicking [here](#).

Need
help?



[Email us](#) or call 846-1573 ext. 4 for remote assistance or to schedule an in-person technical support session.

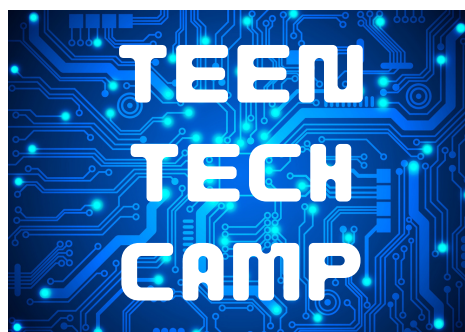


BIG NEWS!



KANOPY HAS ADDED LIONSGATE to its streaming service, while continuing to provide MPL patrons FREE access to more than 30,000 world's finest films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema! Stream from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for IOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. [Sign up](#) for your FREE account and start streaming today!

Watch our website
for more details
coming soon!



- Robotics
- Coding
- Paper circuits
- 3D Design & Printing
- And more!

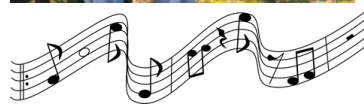


Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Click [here](#) for Fireworks Safety Tips courtesy of the Middletown Fire Department.



Families met a Red-Tailed Hawk and learned all about this fascinating predator during an outdoor presentation from the Audubon Society of Rhode Island last month.



Atwater-Donnelly Duo Summer Evening Folk Concert

**Sunday, July 18th
5:30pm-7:00pm**

Outdoors on the back library lawn, please bring your own chair or blanket for seating. If raining, to be held in the Meeting Room. No registration required; free.

Celebrate National Paperback Book Day on July 30th and curl up with your favorite paperback book!



The Friends Corner

Join the FRIENDS at the Atwater-Donnelly Concert

If you've wondered what the **FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY** do to support the library, please visit the **FRIENDS** table at the July 18th Atwater-Donnelly concert. A representative will introduce you to the organization, answer your questions, and provide you with a membership form. Being a **FRIEND** is one way to support your local library that provides reading material as well as programs of interest to the community.

The **FRIENDS Bookstore** is open Monday - Thursday 10:30am to 4:30pm, and Friday and Saturday 10:30am to 2:30pm. Stop by and visit us!

Connect with us!



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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