Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

Are you looking for the perfect gift for someone who has everything? My recommendation is **Give Art**. Right now the Friends of the Library have framed art prints, unframed prints and note cards for sale. The artist is Joseph Matose, a Middletown native now retired whose former studio was on Broadway in Newport. There are many beautiful maritime scenes, including Newport harbor, the Pell Bridge, and Castle Hill Lighthouse.

Here are four solid reasons why you should stop by the MPL and see for yourself the art that the Friends have for sale:

1. When you buy art for someone, it shows that you thoughtfully picked a gift that is not mass produced.
2. Since art is not mass produced, it has less of an environmental impact; indeed giving art environmentally friendly.
3. When you buy art locally you support your local economy and help it to thrive.
4. When you buy and give art you are demonstrating support for the arts and the important role it plays in human culture.

In closing, I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and remain filled with the holiday spirit, defined as "...a feeling that you have every day when you do good work, be kind, spread love and happiness, and are thankful for what you have in life."

See you at the MPL.
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *The Madness of Crowds*, by Louise Penny

Art Sale

extended through the holidays!

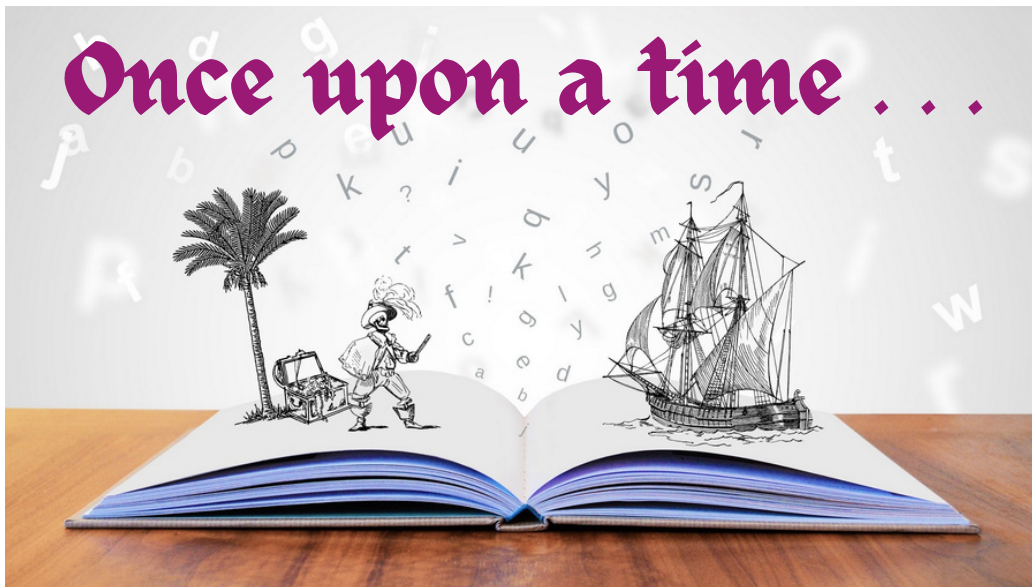- Framed and unframed art prints
- Notecards with envelopes

Thank you for your support!

The MPL Meeting Room is once again available for public use!

Click **HERE** for MPL's use policy and online request system.

Children's Spotlight

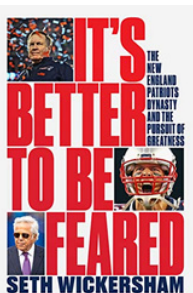Once upon a time . . .

Storytimes are now in our meeting room!

Family storytime
Mondays
(all ages)

Registration is required due to limited capacity

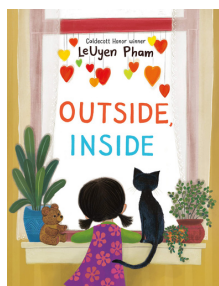**GO to more details and to register!**
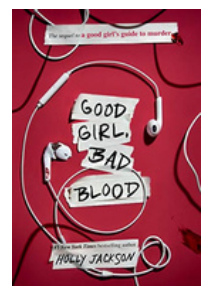
Baby storytime
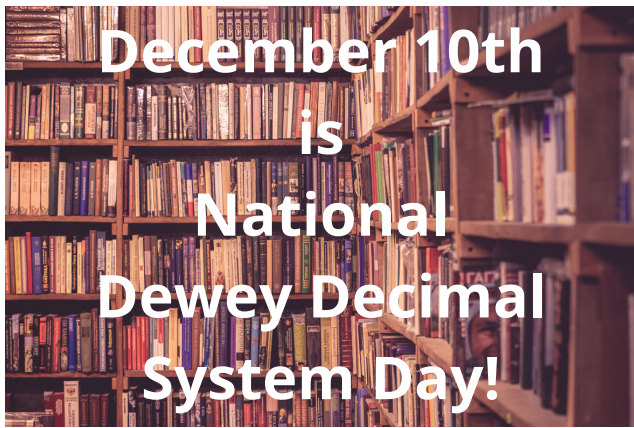Tuesdays
(0-24 mos.)

What's New at the Library

New Adult Books

New Children's Books

New Teen Books

December 10th is National Dewey Decimal System Day!

Observed to celebrate the birthday of Melvil Dewey (1851–1931), the inventor of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system.

History, current use and Classification Summaries

The Dewey Program at the Library of Congress

December is
Universal Human Rights Month

Recommended reading list
that explores rights issues
courtesy of:

HUMAN
RIGHTS
WATCH

Read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights courtesy of:

United Nations

FREEDOM HOPE RELIGION PEACE JUSTICE EQUALITY LOVE EDUCATION SPEECH

MPL's early closings and closings in December:

Thursday, 12/16
CLOSED for staff training

Thursday, 12/23
EARLY CLOSING at 5:00pm
in observance of Christmas Eve

Friday, 12/24
CLOSED in observance of
Christmas Eve

Saturday, 12/25 and Sunday, 12/26
CLOSED in observance of Christmas

Tech Talk

CSEdWeek
December 6 - 12, 2021

**COMPUTER SCIENCE
EDUCATION WEEK**

is an annual call to action to
inspire K-12 students
to learn computer science.

Do you know about these free
computer science education
resources, available all year long
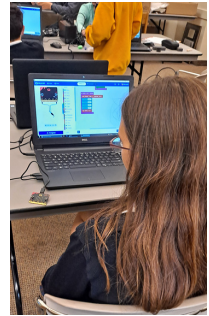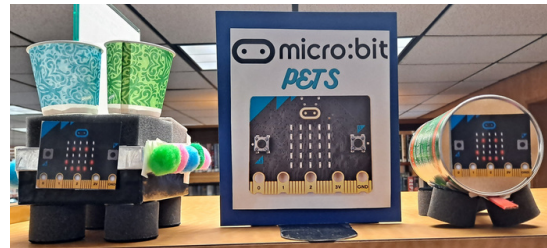with your MPL library card?

Universal Class

STEM kits

Interested in learning how to do
Book Art like our staff?

Click HERE to learn how to make a
holiday candle like these made by Julie

Our recent Teen Micro:bit
program was a great success!

The Friends Corner

Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings to all of our book lovers and thank you for supporting the
Friends bookstore during 2021. We look forward to seeing you in 2022 and hope
the New Year will be one of good health and lots of great reading.

Consider joining the Friends of the Middletown Library this year. The proceeds from
the Friends Bookstore support library programs for the community. You may pick up
an application at the bookstore, at the library or by emailing
FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com.

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**