



MPL NEWS

April 2022



Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

Did you know that in April we celebrate National Library Week, Earth Day, National Poetry Month and Jazz Appreciation Month?

The 2022 National Library Week theme is, *Connect with Your Library*. This is your opportunity to visit and try something new for spring. Word has it that the Easter Bunny will be visiting, having been invited by the Friends of the Library. You are invited, too; so visit the children's department on Saturday, April 9th, 10:30am-12:30pm. It's a great opportunity for a spring photo using your own camera. While you are here, you can register for a 3D printing class. We have two this month, on April 19th and 21st from 1pm-3pm.

On Monday, April 18th, from 4pm-6:45pm, Rep. Deborah Ruggiero will be onsite with Rhode Island Housing to assist residents who want to [apply for rent relief](#). Be sure to stop by and connect with folks who are ready to help you.

Have you heard about the planning meeting for Middletown Commons? It will be held at Middletown Town Hall on Thursday, April 21st, at 6pm. We are very excited that plans for a new state of the art library are included in this forward thinking initiative. Information is available at the library and on the [Planning Department website](#). I encourage you to attend the meeting and stay connected with Town officials on this important project.

Please do not forget about Earth Day, April 22, 2022. Starting Monday, April 18th through Sunday, April 24th, (while supplies last) stop by the children's department to receive a free Red Maple Tree seedling, courtesy of the MPL and the Middletown Tree Commission. This is a wonderful way to connect with nature.

Now let's talk about poetry. I have a really good definition. Poetry is literature that evokes an intense awareness of feelings and ideas using language that has meaning, sound, and rhythm. So if you are ready to kick back and connect with your emotions, I am pleased to invite you to a live poetry reading on Saturday, April 23rd from 2pm-3:30pm. Featured poets are David Dragone and Diana Cole. David is the Editor of Rhode Island-based Crosswinds Poetry Journal, a national journal of poetry now in its seventh- year of publication. Diana is the senior editor. Guest poets are Vivian Eyre, Deborah Dennis and David Formanek. Please visit our [Poetry page](#) for more information.

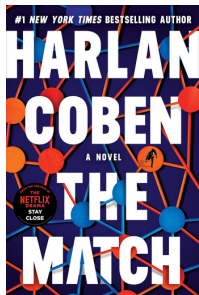
This now brings me to jazz appreciation. Have you tried [Freegal Music](#) or [Hoopla](#)? Both are a streaming service you can connect with, free of charge, with your MPL card. You will find great jazz music and great digital audio-books that you can download. I have personally enjoyed and can recommend any one of Michael Connelly's digital audio-books featuring Harry Bosch. Bosch is a Los Angeles police detective who listens to great jazz when not out solving crime; and you can, too, all while listening to a good story.

See you at the MPL.
Theresa

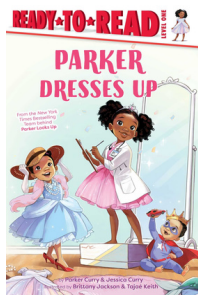
Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles



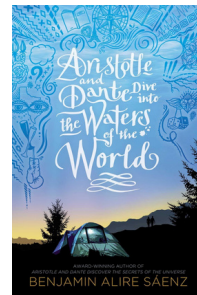
What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books

Children's Spotlight

CELEBRATING



Giving Kids Roots

Monday, April 18, 2022 – Sunday, April 24, 2022

The Children's Department, in partnership with the Middletown Tree Commission, will be handing out red maple seedlings along with an art and craft activity on a first-come, first-served basis to all interested families during our Earth Week Celebration.

This will also include a card on the proper tree planting and mulching process.

Monday, April 18th

A bonus Earth Week-themed early learning packet will be available, while supplies last.
Best for ages 3-5.



Tuesday, April 19th

Thursday, April 21st

[3D printing sessions](#)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Registration required.

Be sure to read The Friends Corner about April 9th in the Children's Room. It's going to be an Egg-tastic day!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 3-9, 2022



CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

MOLLY SHANNON

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR



Join the Celebration!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm

MPL's community meeting room

Poetry Reading

featuring

David Dragone, Diana Cole, Vivian Eyre,
Deborah Dennis and David Formanek

**Learn more about
the featured poets**

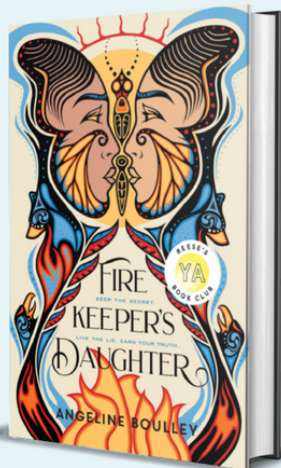
**Browse MPL's
poetry collection**



Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters!

BOOK CLUB KIT

Now Available for Checkout
Middletown Public Library



The 20th Annual
Reading Across Rhode Island Selection



Stop in and check out our Teen LGBTQ+ new books display!



Learn more about Project Ready



Watch our website for more information on:



MPL's Adult Book Club
&
the return of Art Classes!



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

Click [HERE](#) to make
a decorated Easter
egg like this one
made by Arlene



Middletown's Cub Scout Pack 77
Earth Day Freecycle Event

Saturday, April 23, 2022



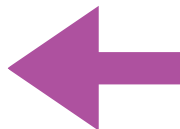
To take place in
MPL's south side
parking lot.
For more
information, follow
the Pack [HERE](#)

The Friends Corner

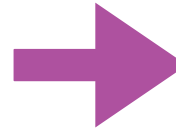
National Library Week, April 3-9, was established by the American Libraries Association in 1958 to recognize and honor the contribution that libraries and librarians make to our communities. One way that residents of Middletown can show their support of the library is by joining the Friends of the Middletown Library. You can pick up a membership application in the library or email FriendsoftheMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com.

Join us!

in the children's room on Saturday, April 9th from 10:30am - 4:00pm for the **Eggtastic Spring Treats and Crafts event**. Children can decorate an egg and make a Spring craft. The Easter Bunny will be there 10:30am-12:30pm for a photo opportunity!



**April
9th!**



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