



MPL NEWS

May 2022



Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

What's special about May? Aside from warmer temperatures and blooming flowers, there's the Celtic tradition May Day on May 1, Star Wars Day on May 4, Cinco de Mayo on May 5, Mother's Day on May 8, Memorial Day on May 30 and many other special days that you can find using a Google search.

I like May because it is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Military Appreciation Month, National Barbecue Month, National Pet Month, and of course, Get Caught Reading Month. I find all of the above to be a great way to start summer.

At the MPL, I am happy to announce the return of watercolor painting classes with Julie Shoen Hood. Six workshops, Art Lunch Fridays, from 10:30am-1pm will start on May 13th and run until June 24th. There will be no class on May 20th. All instruction and supplies are provided free of charge. We have 8 slots open and everyone is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch for room cleanup and socializing after class. You can [register](#) online on our library website.

Let's not forget about gardening. We have garden beds available in the [library's community garden](#) but they are quickly taken up so don't wait too long to send in an application. Check out the library's website for more information.

We're also launching a book club. So please, Get Caught Reading this month! Be sure to visit and discover all the library has to offer as we head into summer fun.

See you at the MPL!
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *Give Unto Others*, by Donna Leon.



Library's CLOSINGS in May

Monday, May 2, 2022

for Staff Development and Training

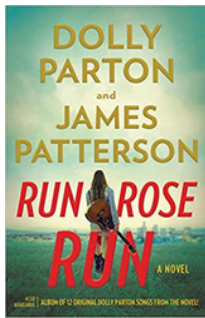
Sunday, May 8, 2022

in observance of Mother's Day

Sunday, May 29, 2022 & Monday, May 30, 2022

in observance of Memorial Day

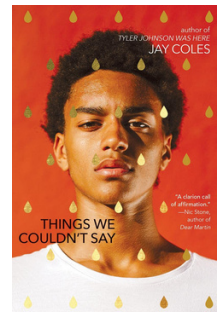
What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books



MPL'S New Adult Book Club!

Monday, June 6th, 2022

3:30pm to 4:30pm

in our community meeting room



For our first meeting, we will be discussing *Untamed*. This book is a recent memoir from inspirational author Glennon Doyle. She writes about family, what it means to be a womyn, and reminds us that "we can do hard things".

REGISTER today to save your spot!

Click [HERE](#)
for a copy!
(print, digital, audio)

Registration forms also available at the library. There will be space to socially distance. We look forward to seeing you!



The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.



*Enjoy their Exhibits and Collections,
Audio, Video and Images*

Browse MPL's Jewish American collection

Celebrate National Photography Month **with FREE self-paced, online classes with your MPL card**



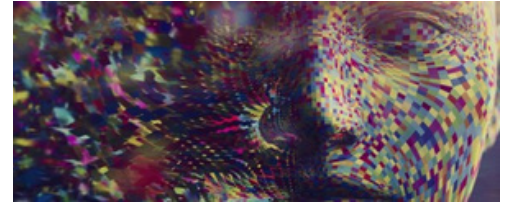
Digital Photography 101

This Digital Photography course teaches you ways to house your special memories forever. You'll learn how to incorporate camera tools to photograph stunning water reflections and mesmerizing sky images.



Photography 101 Beginner to Intermediate

This course will help you discover how to use the camera you have - no matter how fancy or simple it is--so that you can take great pictures.



Photoshop Elements 101

In this course, you will learn your way around Elements to make navigating it a breeze. You'll also learn all the features and how to utilize the options for editing, organizing, and sharing your photos.

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watercolor painting classes with Julie Shoen-Hood.

Art Lunch Fridays
10:30am to 1:00pm

in our community meeting room

Six workshops that will start on May 13th and run through June 24th. (no class May 20th)
Students will be encouraged to use their imaginations, everyday objects and experiences and other forms of inspiration to create personal, illustrated watercolor journals. Artist/ instructor Julie Shoen-Hood will guide you through basic introduction to drawing, color theory, and watercolor painting techniques. All supplies included. Bring a lunch and discover the beautiful medium of watercolor. No experience necessary, all levels welcome. Registration is required. Space is limited.

This program is made possible by a RI Legislative Grant, sponsored by Rep. Deborah Ruggiero.

Take me to the REGISTRATION FORM!



To our men and women in uniform . . .
past, present and future *Thank You*

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roses!" - Maya Angelou



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

Click [HERE](#)
to make a fairy
house like this one
made by Chris



*"Thou art thy mother's glass and she in thee
Calls back the lovely April of her prime;
So thou through windows of thine age shalt see,
Despite of wrinkles, this thy golden time.
But if thou live, remembered not to be,
Die single and thine image dies with thee."*

Mother's Day
May 8, 2022

William Shakespeare Sonnet III

[View full Sonnet III with commentary of modern day translation](#)

[Browse MPL's Shakespeare collection](#)

The Friends Corner

National Library Legislative Day

The American Libraries Association sponsors a two day conference in Washington D.C. every year in May to provide attendees an opportunity to learn from policy experts and to raise awareness among legislators why libraries are so important to their communities.

The conference works to gain the support of our senators and representatives for community libraries. Contact your local, state, and national representatives to support the needs of libraries; this is especially pertinent now as the town is planning for a new library.

Click to Take Action

The Friends of the Middletown Public Library welcomes new members. For information about the FRIENDS or an application, stop in the library or email 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