



MPL NEWS

June 2022

Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

It's no surprise that June is National Great Outdoors Month. Our RI summer reading theme is, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path". Everyone is encouraged to visit their public library for summer adventures. This year we have circulating kits for summer fun and creativity, all made possible by a grant from the Rhode Island Office of Library & Information Services. On the adult level, there are kits for sea shell and sea glass crafting, bird watching and gardening. All the supplies just arrived and soon everything will be catalogued and ready for circulation. For the younger set, we have more STEM kits and science activities. For teens, STEM kits are already set to go so stop in and check them out!

Speaking about the great outdoors, we have [fishing equipment](#) available for loan, courtesy of the RI DEM. Just think about how much you can save by borrowing a rod and reel. All you need is a library card.

Did you know we now officially have a book club? The first meeting is Monday, June 6th at 3:30pm in our community room. All the information is on our [website](#) so take a look and sign up!

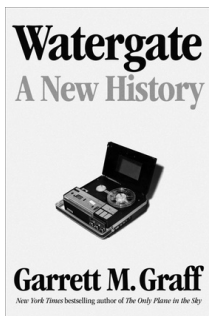
And wasn't it great to learn about the local recognition given to our good friend, Lois Murray? Follow this link, [Making Middletown Marvelous](#) and you can read about her accomplishments. If you don't know Lois, I encourage you to join the Friends of the Library where you can meet her and many more dedicated folks who give their time to enrich our library. Don't forget about the Friends bookstore where you can find wonderful Father's Day gifts. The inventory has a great selection of books, music, movies and framed art.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank, Representative Deborah Ruggiero, for sponsoring our library to receive a Rhode Island Legislative Grant that has made possible Art Lunch Fridays, a series of watercolor painting classes with Julie Shoen Hood. We hope to offer more classes this summer, so stay tuned and keep watching our library webpage for information.

See you at the MPL!
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *The Private Patient*, by P.D. James.

What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books

Summer Reading Challenge

For All Ages!

Children, Teens and Adults

June 20th – August 27th

Earn tickets by reading or listening, completing activities, and writing book reviews. Tickets can be used for our weekly virtual raffle drawings for each age group. All age groups for the SRC that complete requirements between June 20th-August 27th will be automatically entered into the Grand Prize drawing.

**Bonus early bird
registration drawing for
people who register by
June 18th!**



**Check out the full
details [HERE!](#)**

READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH



IREADPROGRAM.ORG

The statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Come in and check these out!



Utopia 360
Degree Camera

**GO TO
full
details!**

3D Doodler
Create Pen

Dice Game Kit

Sphero Spark+

Teen Summer Activities

Thursdays June 23rd- Aug 25th

3:30pm-5pm

Wood working, 3D Printing, Game Day, Book Club are just a few! See our [Event Calendar](#) for schedule and to Register.



**Summer Camp
Grades 6-12**

Tuesdays June 21st- Aug 29th

3:30pm-5pm

Reservations required

Tech Talk



YES! I want to listen
to Freegal's African
American Music
playlist for **FREE**
with my MPL card!



Black Music Appreciation Month (also known as African American Music Appreciation Month) is an annual celebration of African American music in the United States. It was initiated as Black Music Month by President Jimmy Carter who, on June 7, 1979, decreed that June would be the month of Black music.

[Read President Biden's A Proclamation on Black Music Appreciation Month, 2022](#)

*Audiobook
Appreciation
Month*

Listen in your car, on a walk, during your workout, by a campfire, relaxing in bed, in the sun or under the stars ... the list goes on and on!

[Browse eZone Audiobooks](#)

[Browse Hoopla Audiobooks](#)



MPL'S Adult Book Club

Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 3:30pm
in our community meeting room

We hope you
can join us!

There's still time to

REGISTER



**Browse MPL's
LGBTQIA collection**

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

How to make a
butterfly like
this one made
by Arlene:



**Instructions
Tutorial Video**

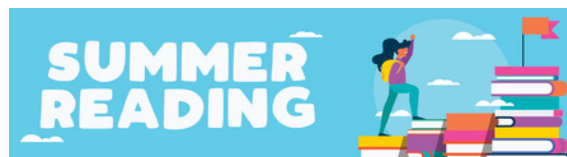
Save the Date!

Monday, July 25th, 2022



Blood Drive at MPL

The Friends Corner



June 21st is the first day of summer and school is almost over. It's time to sign up for the Middletown Public Library's summer reading program. Pick a good book to read during the lazy, hot days ahead of us. Stop in at the book store where there are books for all school age children and teens.

The Friends of the Middletown Public Library welcomes new members. Applications are available at 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