



MPL NEWS

July 2022

Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

What does the Middletown Public Library mean to you? How well does it serve your educational, recreational and cultural needs? What would you like it to be?

We're preparing an online survey with these and more questions to understand how you envision our library should serve you in the coming years. With that goal in mind, we are working with a library building consultant to develop a library building program. Once written, the document will become a template for an architectural design of a building that has the space to provide services that you are most interested in.

With all the public discussion about the proposed Middletown Center, this is the time to ask these questions in order to formulate a plan. Your input will assist the Library Board of Trustees and Town Administration in planning a building that will serve Middletown well for years to come. It's both exciting and daunting but I am sure that by asking these questions, we'll get it right.

Do you visit other libraries when you travel? I do. I always see something that impresses me and I want to bring back to Middletown. Please take the time to complete our online survey and feel free to add comments in case there is something we didn't ask but you want us to know. I feel that we are at a cross roads regarding the decision making involved with planning for a new building. This opportunity doesn't come along often so please make your voice heard.

As a new fiscal year is starting on July 1st, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your ongoing support and patronage. I'll close with this thought: this is your library. Make it everything you want it to be.

See you at the MPL!

Theresa

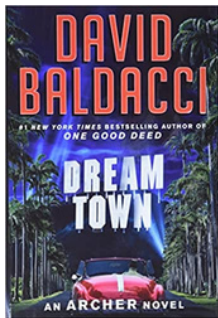
Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library

She is currently reading, *The Code Girls: the untold story of the American women code breakers of World War II*, by Liza Mundy.

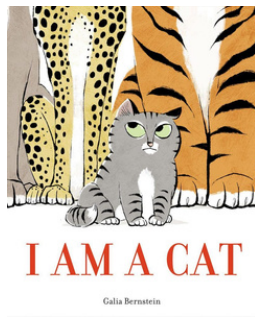


We invite you to complete our [Community Service Survey](#) consisting of 20 questions. We thank you in advance for your time and participation.

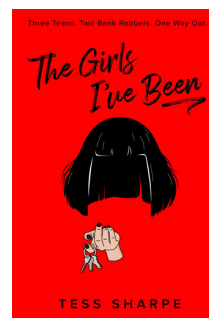
What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books

MPL'S Adult Book Club

Monday, July 11th, 2022
at 3:30pm in our
community meeting room

We'll be discussing:



"A female apothecary secretly dispenses poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them – setting three lives across centuries on a dangerous collision course."

We hope you can join us!
Click [HERE](#) for full details and to register.

Our Summer Reading Challenge is off to a great start! **Congratulations to our winners so far!**

Weekly drawings for local business gift cards for each age group.



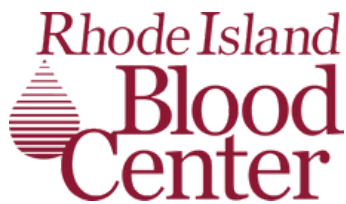
All age groups for the SRC that complete requirements by August 27th will be automatically entered into the Grand Prize drawing.



GO TO full details and REGISTRATION

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.





The Bloodmobile is coming to MPL!



Monday, July 25, 2022

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bloodmobile

700 West Main Rd, Middletown

DONATIONS BY APPOINTMENT!

(walk-ins will be welcomed if availability permits at time of arrival)

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Mask requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Click [HERE](#) for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

Sponsor Code

0456

YES! I want to make an appointment to give blood and help save lives!



Teen Summer Fun at MPL!

Grades 6-12

Tuesdays 3:30pm-5pm



Come and be a part of a mission to close the gender gap in technology!

[Reservations required](#)

Thursdays 3:30pm-5pm

Summer Activities

Memory boxes, Air plant terrariums, Acrylic pouring, Book Club and more! See our [Event Calendar](#) for schedule and to Register.

Summer Art Classes with Julie Shoen-Hood



Kid's Art Workshop

Saturday, July 30th

10:30am to 1:00pm

- All Supplies included
- Ages 6-11
- Registrations Required
- Limit of 10 Participants

Adult Beginner's Watercolor Classes

Saturdays in August

August 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

12:30pm to 3:00pm

- All supplies included
- Course Limited to 8 Participants
- Registration Required

GO TO DETAILS AND TO REGISTER!

Our patrons had a great time with Arlene's candy counting contest last month!



Congratulations to the winner, Lori A.! Her guess of 1058 was closest.

And thank you to Arlene for counting the 1,111 M&M's for her display!



Middletown's Summer Concert Series

The Town of Middletown is again hosting free music at Second Beach on Mondays during the month of August from 6-9 pm. Food trucks and beach fires will be available, but alcohol and dogs are prohibited. Come get in on the fun!

[GO TO CONCERT SCHEDULE](#)

The Friends Corner



July Book Sale

The Friends will hold a book sale on Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd in the Library's community meeting room from 10:30AM to 3:00PM. Books, movies, note cards, and the art work of Joseph Matose will be on sale. Stop in and stock up!

Submit a design for a sign reading "The Friends Bookstore" and win a \$50 Johnny's at the Atlantic Resort gift certificate. The dimensions of the sign are 24" high and 30" wide. Entries should be received by August 31st. Address your design to the Friends of the Middletown Library and drop it off at the Circulation Desk.



Be a friend and join the Friends of the Middletown Library. Applications are available 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* - 12 pm - 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