



# MPL NEWS

## September 2022

Library will be CLOSED on  
Monday, September 5, 2022  
in observance of Labor Day

Sunday hours  
begin on  
September 11th  
12pm-5pm

### Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

#### From the Director's Laptop

It's September – already. Aside from an extended drought and extremely high temperatures, where did the summer go...?

Here we are back again in National Library Card Sign-up Month. I've said this before: a library card is empowering. It gives you free access to technology, resources, and services that enable you to pursue your passion and dreams. If you don't have a library card, don't be shy. Come on in and sign up.

During September, everyone who signs up, or renews an expiring card, will receive a voucher for a free Friends' Bookstore item. You can select a free book, music CD or DVD. Artwork, collectible books, coffee table books and Friends of the Library tote bags are excluded; but you can buy them very reasonably!

If you have a family, come in and meet our new Youth Services staff – Wendy, Jess, and Chris. We have a lot planned so keep checking our website for a new schedule of programs and fun activities.

I also want to cordially invite you to attend one of three public forums scheduled for September 20th, 22nd and 25th. We will be asking you for your opinions and ideas on the services the library provides or should provide in the coming years. All input will be included in a library building program. Details are:

**Tuesday, September 20th, 6pm in person in the library's Hall Community Room.**

**Thursday, September 22nd, 6pm in person in the library and online at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84909674921?pwd=b1VnVWpkTzEvYjU1ZGFtUGJCenFYQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 0967 4921 Pass code: 252470

**Sunday, September 25th, 1pm in person in the library and online at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058533410?pwd=bTZ3Y1ZoUG0xbCt4WDJjZVNxL2c1QT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5853 3410 Pass code: 513881

I really hope you can join us! This is a unique opportunity to have your voice heard.

By the way – did you participate in Overdrive's **Big Library Read**? I did. I listened to the digital audio book, *The Girl in His Shadow*, by Audrey Blake. It's historical fiction, set in 19th century England. The main character is a woman who is knowledgeable about scientific medicine at a time when only men were allowed to practice it. I liked it so much that I'm on a wait list for the sequel, *The Surgeon's Daughter*.

In case you don't know, the **Big Library Read** is a global book club that happens several times a year. It's a reading program that connects readers around the world with the same book at the same time with no wait lists. You access it through the library's e-zone collection. Of course, if you'd rather participate in person, join [our book club](#)! The next meeting is September 12th. The book being discussed is *The Martian Chronicles*, by Ray Bradbury.

See you at the MPL,  
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library  
She is currently reading, *Portrait of an Unknown Woman*, by Daniel Silva.

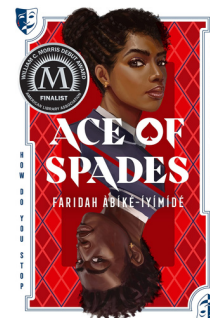
## What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



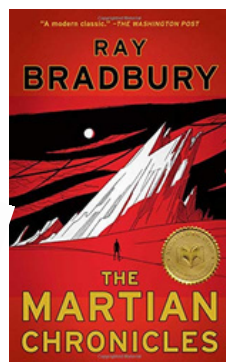
New Teen Books

## MPL'S Adult Book Club

3:30pm in our  
community meeting room

**Monday,  
September 12th**

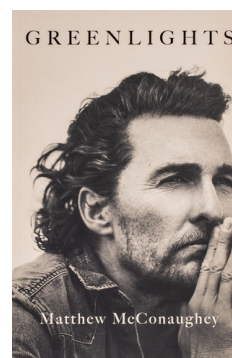
*We'll be  
discussing*



*The Martian Chronicles*

Get your  
copies  
today!

*Greenlights*



**Monday,  
October 17th**

*We'll be  
discussing*

**We hope you can join us! Click [HERE](#) to register.**

## **Celebrating the remaining weekly WINNERS of our Summer Reading Challenge!**

**To ALL  
of our  
participants...**



### Week 7

Children: Eva H.  
Teen: Brian C.  
Adult: Dawn B.

### Week 8

Children: Xavier G.  
Teen: Liam W.  
Adult: Alison D.

### Week 9

Children: Julius B.  
Teen: Samuel H.  
Adult: Julie T.

### Week 10

Children: Adeline W.  
Teen: Grace W.  
Adult: Christine G.

## **.... and our GRAND PRIZE WINNERS**



### CHILDREN

K-Gr2: Zeke M.  
Gr3-5: Colette W.

### TEENS

Claire C.  
Mary Ellen W.

### ADULTS

Trudy S.  
Tianne A.



# New Faces in Youth Services



Wendy  
Head of Youth Services

Hello Middletown!

My name is Wendy Kirchner. I love being a librarian. I worked in a school setting for the past seventeen years. I am truly honoured for this new opportunity to lead the children's and young adult library programs here in Middletown. We have so much to offer, new STEM kits and book bundles on many kid favourite topics. If there is any program you would like to see happening at your library please reach out. I am open to your creative ideas and always love to chat about programs involving books. I love to read and well, as you can see I was lucky enough to make a career out of it! I also love to learn which led me to get a Masters in Education, a Masters in Technology for Education, and best of all a Masters in Library and Information Science. In my free time I love to take art classes, do art of any kind, sew, kayak and hike. My favourite new series is the Explorer Academy where kids get to travel the world with high tech gadgets and do conservation projects.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and your children. Please come by and meet me. I would love to help you explore our wonderful book collection.



Jessica  
Library Assistant

I am Jessica Beaudoin and I am new to the area. Originally from Utah, I lived in San Diego for several months before moving to Middletown with my husband. I have worked in public libraries for almost five years and am currently enrolled in University of Alabama's MLIS program. I am excited to be part of the Youth Services team at Middletown Public Library and hope to foster learning and community through creative programming. When I am not at work, I enjoy playing board games with friends, finding new things to read, attending yoga classes, and exploring Rhode Island and its neighboring states.



Learn about  
Chris Lalli  
Library page

While growing up in northern Minnesota, I often walked to our neighborhood library with my girlfriends after school or on Saturdays finding a wonderful new book to read.

Fast forward, when my son began kindergarten, I began studying for my master's in library science, then worked as a school librarian in Maryland for a number of years.

Our family then relocated to Rhode Island, and I was employed for many years as a research analyst at a local university. Very recently, I happily returned to the library! I am working in the Children's Room ten hours a week. I am getting acquainted with so many new and interesting book titles and of course, still see some of my old favorites on the shelves. I am also learning about the large selection of audio books, music DVDs and online resources available to our youngest patrons. I am enjoying being part of the team to welcome the children and their families visiting our community library.

Stop in to  
learn more  
about our



**Storytimes!**  
(Infant, Toddler, Family  
and Pajamas too!)

**Book Club!**  
(Gr. 3-5)

**Lego  
Club!**

**NEW  
Stem Kits!**

**Fun and Games!**

... or [visit our website](#) for details!





*"It's a little card that goes a loud way. Let your imagination sing at the library." — Idina Menzel*

*"The library is where your imagination sings. Get your library card and 'check it out' today." — Cara Mentzel*

## MPL is CELEBRATING

### National Library Card Sign-Up Month

with Honorary Chairs Idina Menzel, Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel.



ALL new or renewing MPL card holders receive a **one free item certificate\*** to the Friends' Bookstore during the month of September!

(\*excludes artwork, collectible books, coffee table books, and tote bags)

**Celebrate with Us!**

KINDERGARTENERS  
GET YOUR VERY OWN  
**LIBRARY CARD**

First 30 to sign up at MPL receive a **Kindergarten Readiness Kit!**



## BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2022

September 18–24

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read; it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

**Learn more about the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) and Banned and Challenged Books**



**Thank you to all of our PATRON PICKS last month!**

Congratulations to the winner of the \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card

**Diane M.**

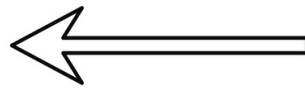


**MPL Adult Writing Club**

Watch our website for details!

# CELEBRATE NATIONAL

## SELF-IMPROVEMENT MONTH



Learn at your own pace for FREE  
with your MPL library card!

### Building Self Esteem



A course examining what self-esteem is, the development and factors effecting self-esteem, an examination of the consequences and symptoms of low self-esteem, the behaviors associated with the symptoms of low self-esteem, and methods to rebuild self-esteem and maintain a good level of self-esteem throughout life

### Stress Management 101



Working through the lessons in this course will help you understand the origins of your stress and provide you with a practical approach for reducing stress in your life and thus, improving your health and emotional well being.

### Memory Improvement



Most people think of memory as how we recall past events, but it is also the building blocks for almost everything we do in the present and future. This course will explain how memory works, and will also cover topics such as: Strategies to improve Memory, Peg Memory Systems, The Loci Method, and Everyday Memory Aids

### The Friends Corner

## *Libraries Remember Day*



Libraries Remember Day is celebrated each year on September 11. It was inaugurated after the attack on the twin towers as a library was proposed on the site. This day honors the role that public libraries play in the life of the community. Libraries are open to all, they are free, they encourage and cultivate reading, they are repositories of knowledge, and they provide online services and special programs for all ages. Visit your library on this special day.

The Friends of the Middletown Library is an organization that supports the library. Be a friend and join the Friends of the Middletown Library. Applications are available in the Library or email [FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com](mailto: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