



MPL NEWS

December 2022



Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

This time last year I wrote about the Friends Art Sale. I said that art is the perfect gift for someone who has everything. That's still true, but I'll expand on that by saying that books, music and DVD's also make perfect gifts. The Friends Bookstore has a large selection plus framed art, prints, note cards, and puzzles, all in pristine condition.

In case you have not yet discovered what a gem the bookstore is, let me tell you about it. There are mysteries, biographies, collectibles, coffee table books, children's books, cookbooks and so much more. Every genre, subject matter, and reading level can be found on neatly organized shelves. Books make wonderful gifts and they are on sale in December. You really should visit and see for yourself the variety that is available. The icing on the cake is that we are hosting gift wrapping by local Girl Scout Troop #602 in the library's community room from 11am-3pm on the first three Saturdays in December.

Changing course, I would be remiss if I did not tell you that you will see different faces at the library in 2023. Three new trustees were appointed by the Town Council in August. Anna Anton, Ruth Donohue, and Mary "Holly" Johnson are joining Robert Crump, Joan DeFinis, William Jones, and Sarah Mullen to comprise the full seven-member Library Board of Trustees. Sarah Gauch, Ellrony Williams and John Nelson will be missed as will Barbara VonVillas, who served as the Town Council liaison to the Library Board. We send our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Sally, Ron, John, and Barbara.

In addition, two circulation staff members, Arlene and Rhonda, have moved on to a new chapter in their lives, and our reference librarian, Michael, whom many of you have come to know, is retiring effective January 6th. He is the friendly librarian at the reference desk who expertly finds answers to tough questions, locates hard to find materials through interlibrary loan, patiently assists all who need help with photocopying, scanning, printing at the public computers, finding the correct tax form, and everything else in between. We wish Arlene, Rhonda, and Michael all the best in 2023.

I'm also leaving my position in 2023, having thoroughly enjoyed serving Middletown since 2009. It has been very satisfying working with the Library Board of Trustees both past and present, every member of the library staff, the Friends of the Library Executive Board, and all my colleagues at Town Hall, the DPW, Fire and Police Departments, the Senior Center, and the Middletown Historical Society. My job has never been difficult because the Town Council and Town Administrator have always been supportive and appreciative of new initiatives. Our library patrons are endearing, intellectually curious, and very conscious of how hard we all work to provide exemplary library services. I feel privileged to have enjoyed a fruitful career in Middletown.

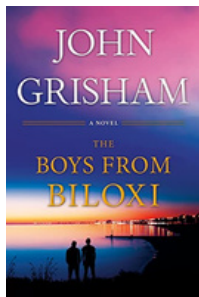
In closing, I hope you have a joyous and healthy yuletide and remain filled with the holiday spirit: A feeling that you have every day when you do good work, be kind, spread love and happiness, and are thankful for what you have in life.

See you at the MPL.
Theresa

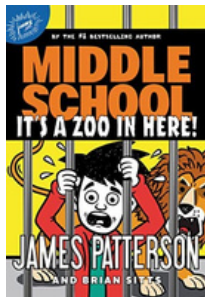
Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library

She is currently reading, *From Strength to Strength: finding success, happiness, and deep purpose in the second half of life*, by Arthur C. Brooks.

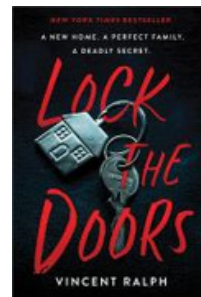
What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books

MPL'S Adult Book Club

3:30pm in our
community meeting room

Monday,
December 12th

*We'll be
discussing*

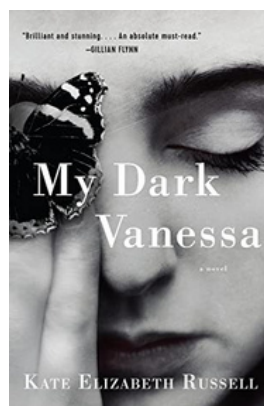


Luster

Get your
copies
today!

My Dark

Vanessa: A Novel



Monday,
January 9th

*We'll be
discussing*



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

MPL's closings in December

Saturday, 12/24

CLOSED

in observance of Christmas Eve

Sunday, 12/25 and Monday, 12/26

CLOSED

in observance of Christmas

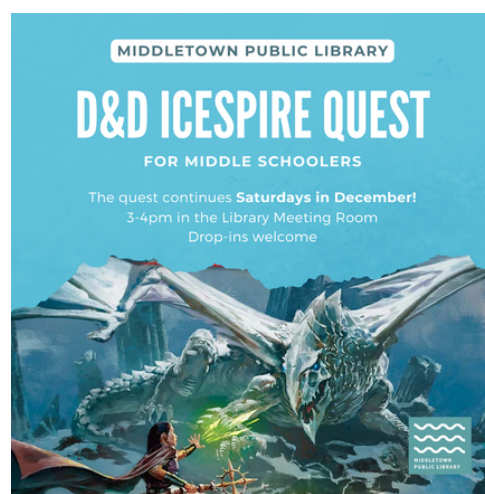
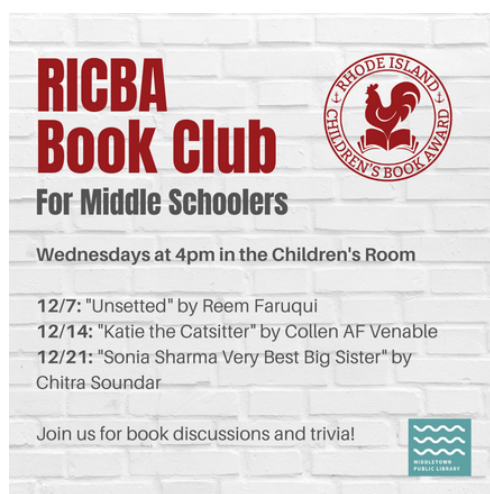


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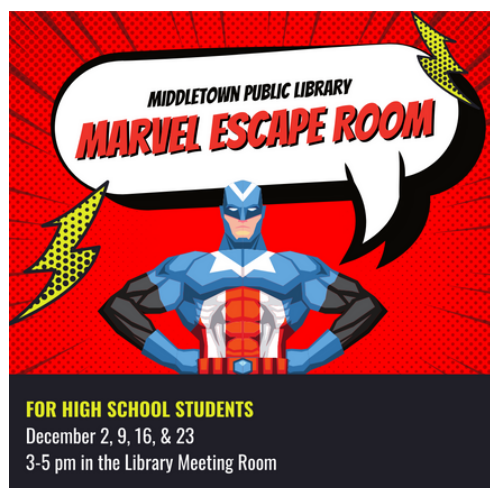
Children



Tweens



Teens



Check out our full calendar of events [HERE](#)

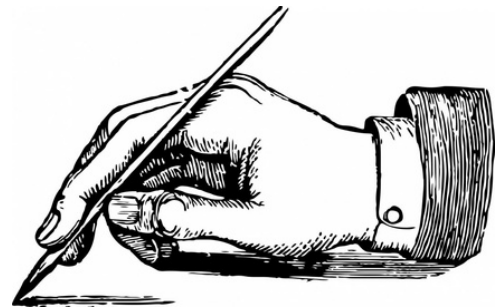
**MPL Adult
Writers
Club**



**Thursday,
December 8th
5:00pm-6:00pm
in our community
meeting room**

*Short stories, essays,
poetry, novel outlines,
memoirs . . . ALL
writing styles and ALL
experience levels are
welcome to join us!*

**Registration
is required.**



**There's a NEW discount pass at MPL
for checkout with your OSL library card!**



Pass allows for FREE TRAIL ACCESS FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. Also offers 10% discount in the Barn Owl Shop and Discounted Rates on educational programs.

[Norman Bird Sanctuary](#) is a nonprofit wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center with more than 300 acres of diverse habitats and 7 miles of hiking trails. There is plenty to see at all times of the year! You can bring your binoculars and go for a walk along the well-maintained trails. You will be sure to see a variety of wildlife, including local and migratory birds, depending on the season.

GO TO all of MPL's museum and discount passes

Tech Talk



Celebrate National Learn a Foreign Language Month!

Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user's native language. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook®.

Register and Learn for FREE!

The Friends Corner

December is Read a New Book Month, so as the days darken it's time to pick up a book and sit down and read. Jane Austen's birthday is the sixteenth and those who love her stories can celebrate by rereading one of her novels.



The Friends bookstore is holding a **FILL A BAG FOR \$10 BOOK SALE** in December. You will receive a book bag to fill up with the books you select. The Matose cards and prints are for sale and will make great Christmas gifts, so that's another reason to pay us a visit.

It's time to renew your membership in the Friends in December. If you are not a member and want to join, pick up a membership form in the library or the bookstore. Also, you can contact the Friends at FRIENDSOFTHE MIDDLETOWNRILIBRARY@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