



MPL NEWS

February 2023

Library **CLOSED** Sunday, February 19, 2023
and Monday, February 20, 2023
in observance of



Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

I have three important announcements this month:

1. [The Library Building Program](#) is completed and accessible on our website. This document was prepared by Lauren Stara, a private building consultant who is also an architect and a professional librarian. Lauren's day job is with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners where she oversees grant funded public library construction and renovation projects. In essence, the building program is a template for the library's future architectural design. If you recall during the summer and fall, we asked library users to complete an online survey, and hosted three community forums. All the data you submitted was compiled by Lauren into a vision for library services. Your feedback was instrumental in writing a robust document that will serve Middletown well when planning for a new building gets underway. It is understood that the actual work is still several years away so it is important that this first, initial piece (of the whole) has now been completed. Thank you to everyone who participated.
2. The next announcement is that this year's Friends Annual Meeting will be in person on Friday, March 10th, at the Atlantic Resort, Wyndham Newport, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown. There will be a 6PM social time followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30PM. There has not been an in person annual meeting since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic so this year's meeting will be a great reunion for all. Special guest is Harle Tinney, historian and author of two local interest books: [The Ghosts of Belcourt Castle](#), and [Belcourt Castle: Milestones and Memories](#). You can find a digital copy of the first title both on [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#). The second title is available in print in the library's circulating collection.
3. We have a new reference librarian, AnnaLivia Rayne. AnnaLivia is very experienced in public library reference services and I know you will enjoy meeting her. So stop by the reference desk and say hello. Here's an update on the search for a new director: the search committee has a finalist and, as I write this, the candidate will be meeting with the full Board, staff, and Friends of the Library. So stay tuned as an announcement may be right around the corner.

In closing, be sure to check out our library website, middletownpubliclibraryri.org, to get the latest MPL news, learn about the Library Building Program, peruse new titles, attend events, and much more. With that, I want to take this opportunity to wish you good health, peace and happiness.

See you at the MPL!
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the (soon-to-be outgoing) Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *All Creatures Great and Small*, by James Herriot.

What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books



Calling All Writers!

Are you looking for a place to meet and share your writing with other local writers?

ALL writing styles and ALL experience levels are welcome at . . .

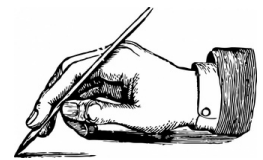
MPL's Adult Writers Club

Thursday, February 9th

5:00pm-6:00pm

in our community meeting room

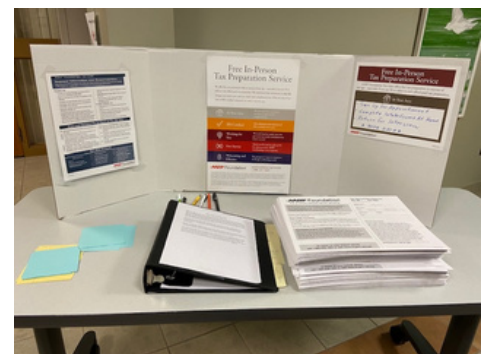
Registration is required.



**AARP offers FREE Tax Assistance
with filing your 2022 Taxes at MPL!**



[CLICK HERE for Full Details](#)



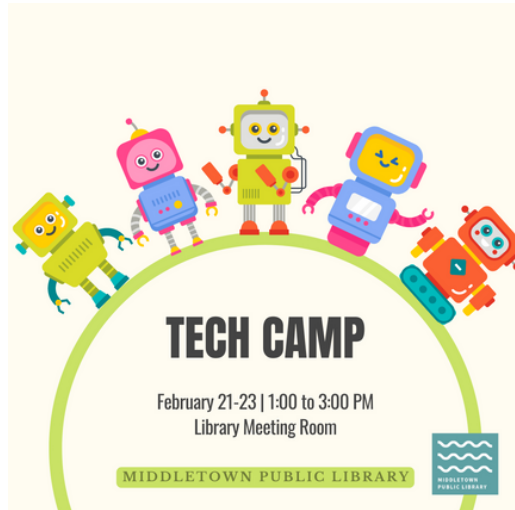
*AARP's sign-up table
located in MPL's lobby*

Youth Services Spotlight

Children



Tweens



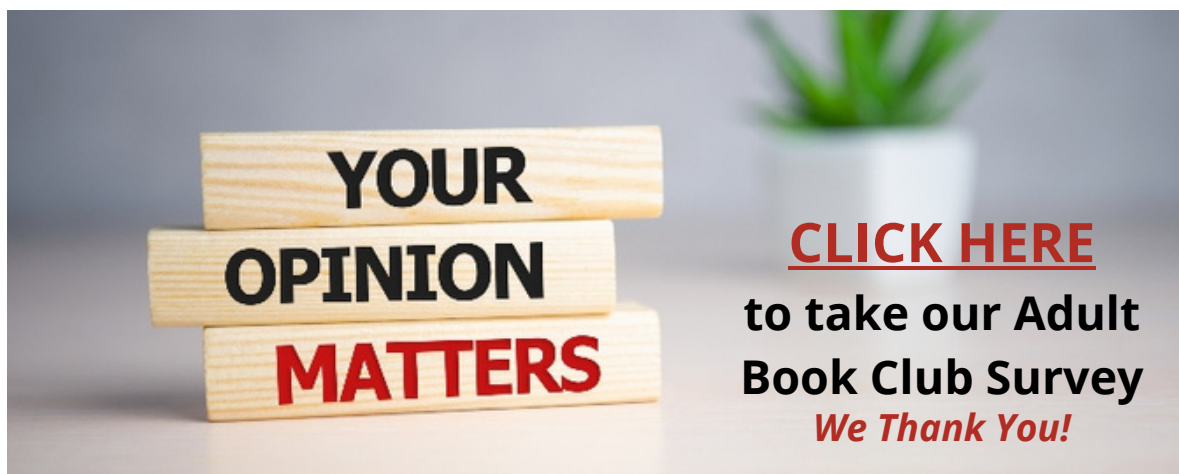
Teens



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

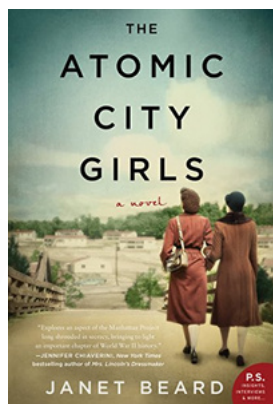
MPL'S Adult Book Club

During the month of February, the Library is conducting a brief survey regarding the Spring review of the Adult Book Club. Please take a moment and answer 5 questions about the Adult Book Club. We want to hear your thoughts and appreciate your input!



Our Next Meeting will be Monday, February 13th
3:30pm in our community meeting room

**Monday,
February 13th**
*We'll be
discussing*



*The Atomic
City Girls*

Get your
copies
today!

Bossypants



**Monday,
March 13th**
*We'll be
discussing*

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



Be sure to take a calendar
of our teen programs
while browsing our
Young Adult Display!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

[View their Exhibits, Collections
and Audio & Video](#)

[Browse MPL's Black History Collection](#)



Stop by our Adult Display
and pick up a popular and
healthy African American
recipe to try at home!



Patron Picks Display & Raffle

Love Themed

Visit our display during the month of February and complete a Patron Pick form and recommend a favorite adult/young adult love-themed book or audiobook. Any type of love . . . family, pet, romance, etc. For every Patron Pick form you complete, you will have an entry in the drawing for a **\$20 Island Books gift card**. And, be sure to browse the Patron Picks on display and available for checkout. We hope you join in the fun!

Spread the LOVE with Patron Picks!

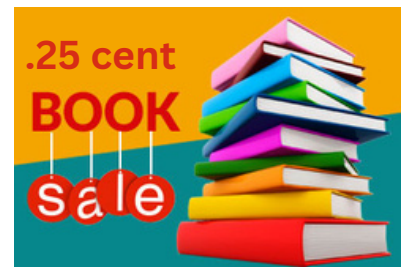


The Friends Corner



The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Middletown Library will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Atlantic Resort, Wyndham Newport. Your invitation will be in the mail soon. Responses are needed by March 1. Join us for an evening celebrating the members and the contributions that the Friends make to the library.

The bookstore is having a **.25 cent book sale**. Drop in and see if there is anything that is of interest. We are also accepting donations of books in good condition and DVDs. We do not accept textbooks, dictionaries, Readers Digest books, or Time-Life Series.



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.

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