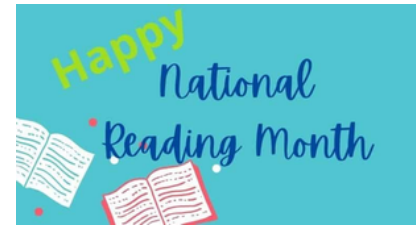




MPL NEWS

March 2023



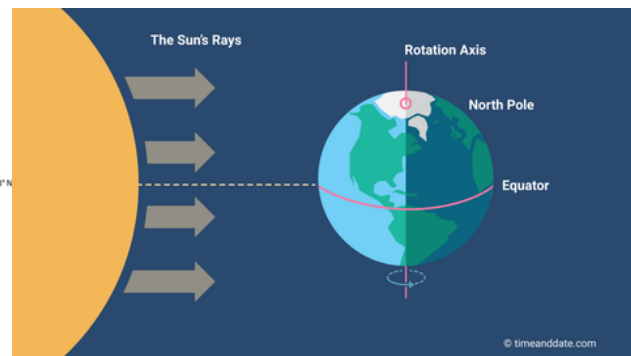
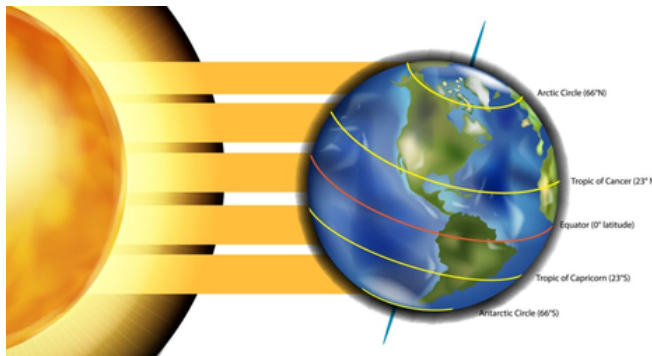
Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

This time last year I wrote about significant events associated with the month of March. Women's History Month and the coming of spring are big ones for me. Thinking about what has transpired since March 2022, I have decided that the most significant women's history related event was the confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court. She is the first Black woman and the first former federal public defender to serve on the court. Clearly Justice Jackson is making history, long overdue.



With regard to the coming of spring -- despite this week's snow storm -- I'm thinking about warmer weather coming soon. Did you know that the Spring Equinox, also known as the vernal equinox, is one of the four solar festivals of the year? The equinox — which translates roughly in Latin to “equal night” — is when the sun sits vertically above the equator, making day and night equal across the planet.



So what does this have to do with the MPL? Well, it means that the library's community garden will be getting underway. On the Spring Equinox, Monday, March 20, 2023 5:24 PM, our library website will have information about how to apply for a garden bed for the 2023 growing season. We've already received seed packets from the URI Master Gardeners' greenhouse. Plus we have many great books and magazines on gardening. I encourage you to stop by and take advantage of these valuable resources.

On another note, in case you are wondering, “What's the latest library news?”

1. The Middletown Town Council continues to work on the Middletown Center (West Main/Coddington) Development Concept, which includes a proposal for a new library building. Check the [Town's planning department webpage](#) for updates. As reported last month, a [Library Building Program](#), based on residents' input is posted as a public document on our webpage. It serves as a template for the future of library services in Middletown. Again, thank you to all who voiced their thoughts, opinions, and vision.
2. The news from my office is that the Director's Search Committee is working diligently toward hiring my replacement, so stay tuned.

In closing, check our library website frequently. We are constantly posting news and program events.

See you at the MPL!

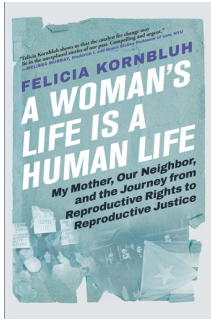
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the (soon-to-be outgoing) Director of Middletown Public Library
She is currently reading, *A World of Curiosities*, by Louise Penny.

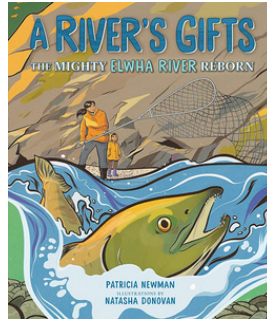


Sunday, March 12, 2023

What's New at the Library



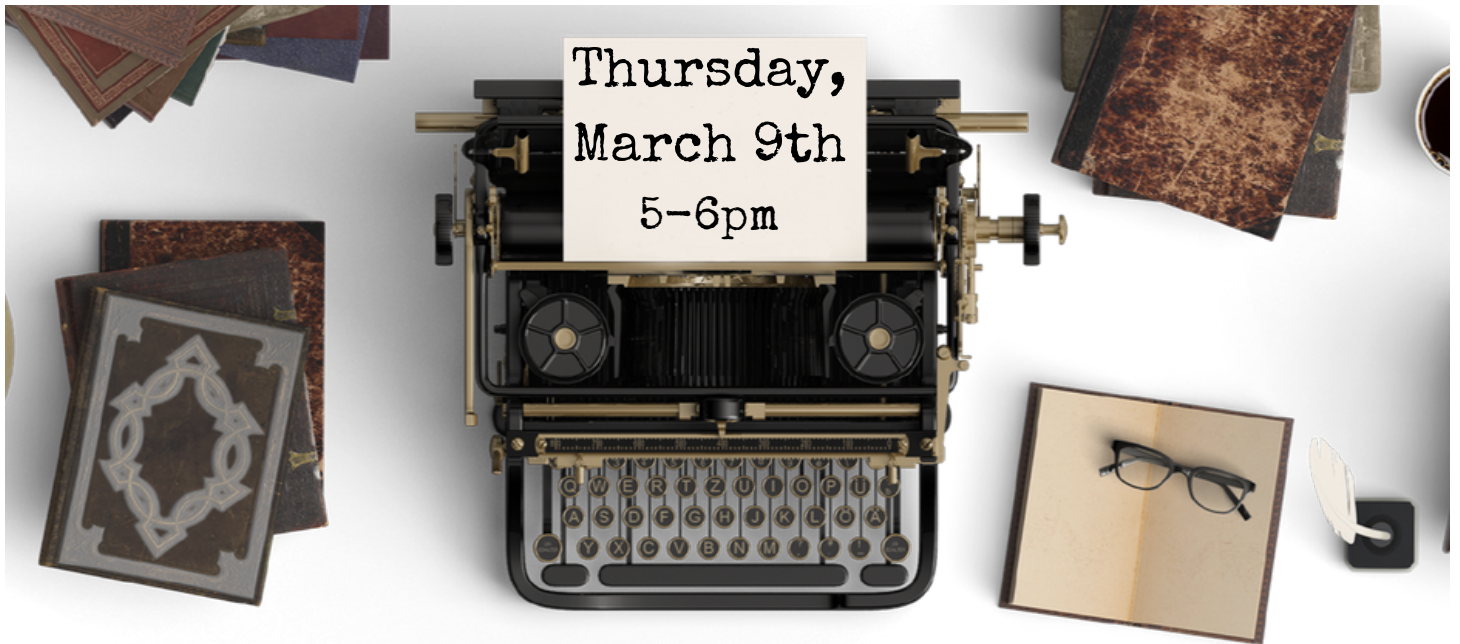
New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books



ALL writing styles
and
ALL experience
levels are welcome!

MPL's Adult Writers Club

Registration
is required.



[BIARI's brain injury facts & resources](#)

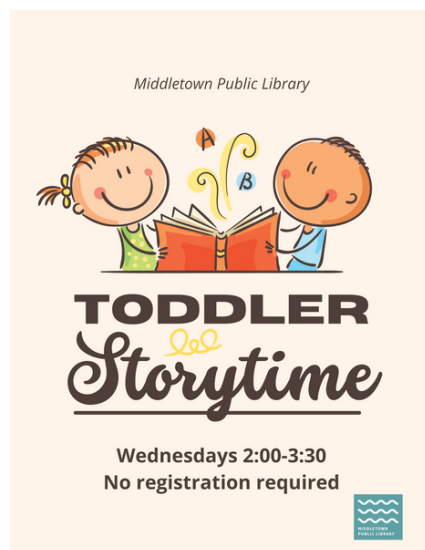
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Brain Injury
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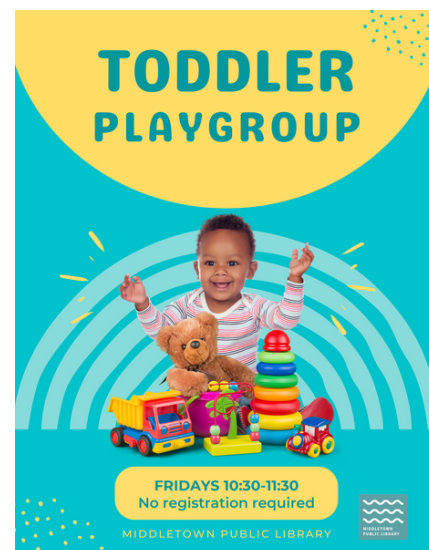


Youth Services Spotlight

Children



**NEW
TIMES!**



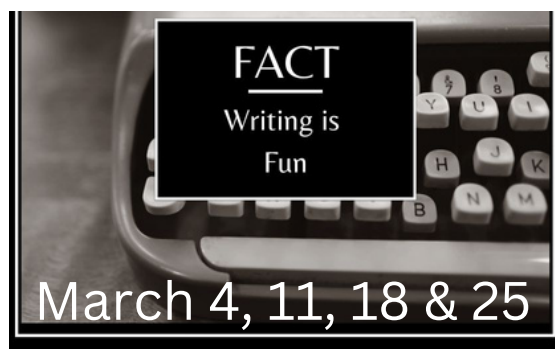
Tweens



One-Act Playwriting

Saturdays
3:00-4:00

Teens



Intro to Japanese Language

March 11 & 25

3:30-4:30

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

MPL'S Adult Book Club



for participating in our Book Club survey last month - we appreciate your opinion!

**Our Next Meeting
will be**

**Monday,
March 13th**

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

3:30pm in our community meeting room

**Monday,
March 13th**

*We'll be
discussing*



Bossypants



**Get your
copies
today!**



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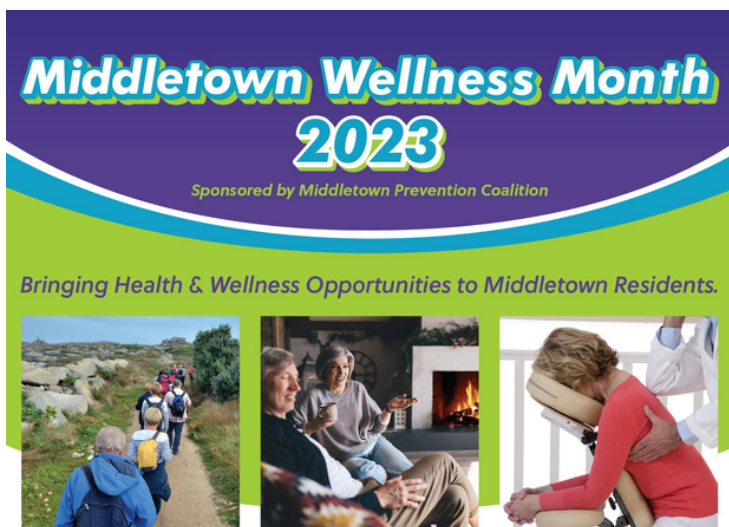


**Monday,
April 10th**

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discussing*



Middletown Wellness Month is Here!



The Middletown Prevention Coalition is once again sponsoring a month-long series of activities for youth, seniors, families and community members.



Wellness walks, sunset strolls, chair massages for seniors . . . check out all of MPC's planned wellness activities [HERE](#)



View Women's History Month Exhibits, Collections & Audio and Video

(Courtesy of 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.)

Read President Biden's, *A Proclamation on Women's History Month, 2023*

Browse MPL's Women's History collection

The Friends Corner

March is Women's History Month where we celebrate the contributions of women to society. The Friends bookstore has countless books by women authors on every topic from novels and mysteries to biographies and cookbooks. Stop in to buy books by your favorite women authors.



If you are cleaning out your bookcases, bring in the books you no longer want to the Friends Bookstore. We are accepting donations of books in good condition.

Remember The Friends Annual Meeting and dinner is Friday, March 10th at 6:00pm at the Atlantic Resort, Wyndham Newport. Sign up and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.



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