



# MPL NEWS

## June 2023

Library CLOSED on Monday,  
June 19, 2023 in observance of



### Events and Happenings at Middletown Public Library

#### From the Director's Laptop

On May 22nd Ocean State Libraries, Rhode Island's public library network, migrated to a new system. As transitions go, it was one of the better ones I'm told, but it was not without problems. Our phone rang constantly because folks could not access their library accounts or the streaming services we provide. That lasted for about five days. It's a relief to tell you that just about every problem that was encountered is now resolved. If you find that your library card is not giving you access to the wealth of resources you have enjoyed in the past, call us and we will help you get back on track.

Did you know that our summer reading program is starting on June 24th? We have planned great activities and prizes for all age groups because summer reading is no longer just for school children to keep their reading skills sharp during July and August! Teens and adults can join in, too. Check out our online calendar of events. For sure you will find something that appeals to your sense of adventure, discovery, and creativity.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to remember Middletown Councilwoman M. Theresa Santos, who passed on May 27th. I had just spoken with her the week before at the Town Council Budget Workshop on Saturday, May 20th. She looked well and was perky as always. I was stunned when I read her obituary.

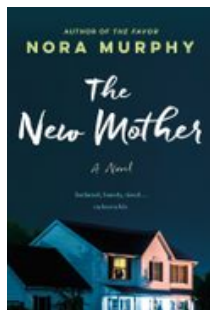
Our first meeting was on August 19, 2009. It was my second day of employment at MPL and there was a Library Board meeting that night. Councilwoman Santos came to the meeting and officially welcomed me to Middletown. Right from the beginning, she was always pleasant and supportive. We worked together on several projects, most notably the dedication of the library's community room in honor of Norman and Jillian Hall.

Over the years, during phone calls, emails, or in person conversations, she'd refer to me as #1 and herself as #2 because we both have the same name, spelled the same way. I would always say, "No, you are #1", and it would go from there. It's hard to believe that we won't have those conversations anymore. Rest in peace #1.

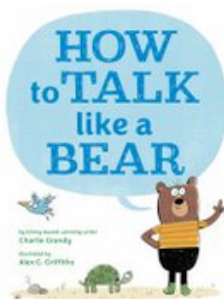
In closing, I hope you enjoy the start of summer and take time to visit the MPL.  
Theresa

Theresa Coish is the Director of Middletown Public Library  
She is currently reading, *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee

## What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



New Teen Books



**MPL's Summer Reading  
Challenge for All Ages is  
coming soon . . . watch our  
website for details!**



### **"MIDDLETOWN NIGHT"**

WITH THE NEWPORT GULLS  
IS MONDAY, JUNE 12

Gates At 5 PM | Pre-Game Ceremony At 6 PM | First Pitch At 6:35 PM

Come To Cardines Field On America's Cup Avenue In Newport  
To Celebrate Middletown, Great Baseball & Get A Free Giveaway

**Free tickets are  
available at MPL!**  
(while supplies last)

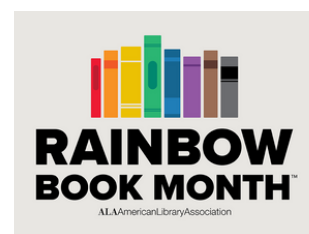
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Details



Governor McKee's  
Pride Month proclamation

RI PrideFest and  
Illuminated Night Parade

2023 Rainbow Booklist courtesy of the Rainbow  
Round Table of the American Library Association.



Browse the LGBTQ+ collection at MPL

## Youth Services Spotlight



**Podcast**  
**Tell your story**

**PODCAST**

Record on with us!  
Call for an appointment  
@ 401-846-1573 ext 3

Here are some choices:

1. Interview between Grandparents and Grandchildren
2. Teen/Tweens - Tell us What this world needs now
3. Adults : Your RI Story



**Sewing**  
for  
Beginners  
with  
imagination

Tuesdays in June at 4:00pm



**THURSDAYS**  
**FUN**  
**MOVIE**  
**ALL SUMMER!**

Thursdays @ 3pm  
Starting June 1st

**FREE**

6/1 BFG - PG  
6/8 DUNE - PG13  
6/15 Hidden Figures - PG  
6/22 Wonder Pig - PG  
6/29 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - PG13



**VOLUNTEER DAY**

**JUNE 10**

Come in while we're open and get your volunteer hours completed!

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY



### HISTORY MYSTERY PARTY JUNE 10TH @2PM - 3:30PM

Get together with a group of local sleuths to uncover the truth behind a mystery based on the Greek poet Sappho!



## T E E N S



**VIDEO FILMING & EDITING**

LEARN TO FILM A SHORT VIDEO AND EDIT IN IMOVIE!

FRIDAY  
JUNE  
30TH @  
1PM - 3PM

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

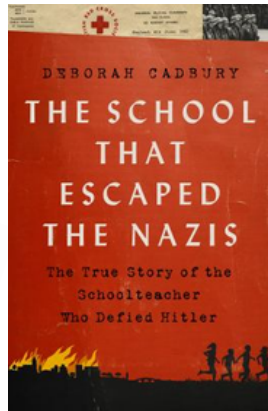
# MPL's Adult Programming

## Adult Book Club

3:30pm in our community meeting room

**Monday,  
June 12th**

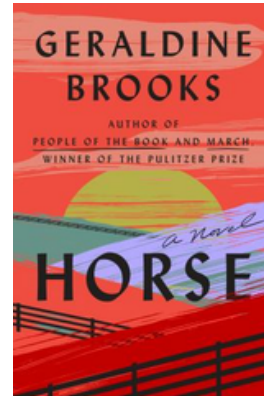
*We'll be  
discussing*



The School That  
Escaped the  
Nazis

Get your  
copies  
today!

Horse



**Monday,  
July 10th**

*We'll be  
discussing*



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

## Adult Writer's Club

**Thursday, June 8th at 5:00pm**

**ALL** writing styles and **ALL** experience  
levels are welcome!

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



## Adult Poetry Club

**Wednesdays, June 7th & 21st  
at 5:00pm**

In this club, we come together to share our love for  
words, inspire each other, and grow as poets.

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



**NEW!**

## GENEALOGY CLUB

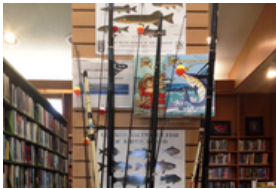
**Our first meeting will be Monday, June 26th  
4:00pm - 6:00pm**

*Find Your Voice By Exploring Your Past*

*Learn to use Ancestry.com, create a book of your  
family history, and make a family tree poster!*

Click [HERE](#)  
for details





Borrow fishing poles and tackle boxes with your library card!

**GO TO FULL DETAILS**

Borrow MPL's Norman Bird Sanctuary **discount pass** for FREE TRAIL ACCESS for your household!



## **Browse MPL's outdoors & nature collection**

### **The Friends Corner**

Class of  
**2023**  
*Congratulations!*

## **June Celebrations**



High School graduations are in June as well as Father's Day. The Friends of the Middletown Library Bookstore has gifts for the graduates and Dads, including books and framed and unframed prints done by Middletown's Joseph Matose. Stop in and make a selection for your graduate or Father.

If you are a reader and ever wanted to work in a bookstore, stop in the bookstore and pick up an application to volunteer. Hours are of your own choosing and are in two hour periods. You will be contacted once your paperwork is completed.

One way to support your public library and its programs is to join the Friends of the Middletown Library. Applications are in the library and the bookstore, or email [FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com).

### **Connect with us!**



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[middletownpubliclibraryri.org](http://middletownpubliclibraryri.org)

**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