

..... **BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - DECEMBER 2025

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Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Closures

Christmas Eve

- 12/24 - Closing at 12 pm

Christmas Day

- 12/25 - Closed

Day After Christmas

- 12/26 - Closing at 12 pm

New Year's Eve

- 12/31 - Closing at 12 pm

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm

Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm

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THE GREAT LIBRARY



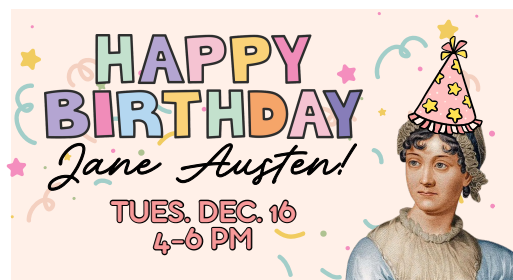
DECEMBER 12 - 23

ONE WINNER PER DAY!
CHECK FACEBOOK FOR HINTS

GINGERBREAD HUNT

The Great Library Gingerbread Hunt!

The Great Library Gingerbread Hunt is back for the fourth year! Every day from December 12-23 we will be hiding a gingerbread man on the first floor of the library. Check our Facebook page or the sign at the Reference Desk for the clue on how to find him. One winner per day, one win per person. Open to all ages! **pg. 5**



Jane Austen Birthday Extravaganza

Join us to celebrate the beloved author's birthday in true Regency style! Enjoy a delightful afternoon of tea, cake, crafts, trivia, and more inspired by Jane Austen's timeless wit and charm. **pg. 5**



The Moonbellies New Years Concert

Join us for a special New Year's concert on Tuesday, December 30 at 6:30 pm featuring The Moonbellies. Enjoy an evening of toe-tapping tunes, and start your New Year's celebrations a little early! **pg. 2**

FOR ADULTS

FREE CONCERTS



Enigmatica [🔗](#)

SUN. DEC. 14 AT 1 PM

Join Bay Spring Community Center for an exciting winter concert featuring Enigmatica, a New England-based mandolin ensemble directed by Marilynn Mair. Part chamber orchestra and part plucked-string double-quartet, Enigmatica performs a variety of music: Baroque, Brazilian, eclectic contemporary, and Americana music written by group members and friends. A reception will follow in the Collis Family Gallery.



The Moonbellies [🔗](#)

TUES. DEC. 30 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a special New Year's concert featuring The Moonbellies. Known for their lively rhythms, rich harmonies, and irresistible energy, The Moonbellies will bring a festive mix of music that's perfect for celebrating the season. Bring your friends and family, settle in for an evening of toe-tapping tunes, and start your New Year's celebrations a little early at the library!

DOCUMENTARIES

First Friday Documentary Series: The Million Dollar Duck [🔗](#)

FRI. DEC. 5 AT 1 PM

Dive into the weird world of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, where the artists competitively paint waterfowl in their obsessive quests to win the Olympics of wildlife art. 2016 - 1 hr 11 mins - Rated PG

Documentary & Discussion: The Uncomfortable Truth [🔗](#)

WED. DEC. 7 AT 1 PM

WED. DEC. 10 AT 6:30 PM

Loki Mulholland, the son of famous Civil Rights Activist Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, grapples with his family's deep roots in racism as he unearths his family's history and the truth behind their slave-owning past. 2017 - 1 hr 25 min - PG13



Documentary Screening: Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire [🔗](#)

MON. DEC. 15 AT 6:30 PM

An intimate and unprecedented look into the life and legacy of Elie Wiesel, one of the most profound voices of our time. With exclusive access to Wiesel's family and personal archives, the film delves into the passions, struggles, and enduring impact of a man who became a powerful voice for human rights. 2025 - 1 hr 27 mins - NR

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night [🔗](#)

MON. DEC. 8 AT 6 PM*

MON. DEC. 22 AT 6 PM

Adults 18+ are invited to join us for a fun Board Game Night! This event is free and we will have snacks for you to enjoy while you play. We will have board games on hand but you are welcome to bring your own as well. *Our December 8 meet-up will take place in the Peck Center (basement of the library).

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat [🔗](#)

WED. DEC. 3 AT 11 AM

VIRTUAL

This BYO book chat allows participants to talk about a book they read recently and leave with a bunch of new book suggestions!

Other Book Discussion Groups

These groups are currently full. Please email Librarian Ben Hanley at bhanley@barringtonlibrary.org to be placed on a waiting list.

- Mystery & Thriller
- Literary Pairings (hybrid)



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

GET CREATIVE



Adult Crafternoon: Wine Cork Ornaments *FULL*

TUES. DEC. 9 AT 1 PM

Join us for a fun Adult Crafternoon and create a cute wreath ornament out of recycled wine corks. This easy craft will make a perfect decoration for your tree. No artistic experience necessary, all supplies will be provided.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin [🔗](#)

THURS. DEC. 18 AT 3 PM

Join local artist, John Irwin, for this acrylic painting class. No prior painting experience (or talent) is required! John will take the class step-by-step through the process of recreating a famous masterpiece or one of his own works of art. All materials will be supplied and participants can expect to leave with a completed painting!



FILMS

Jane Austen Movie Matinee: Sense and Sensibility

TUES. DEC. 16 AT 2 PM

After the financial-crippled Dashwoods move to a cottage in Devonshire, Elinor's sister Marianne is torn between the handsome John Willoughby and the older Colonel Brandon. Meanwhile, Elinor's romantic hopes with Edward Ferrars are hindered due to his prior engagement. Both Elinor and Marianne strive for love while the circumstances in their lives constantly change.
1995 - 2 hrs 15 mins - PG



Jane Austen Movie Night: Pride and Prejudice

TUES. DEC. 16 AT 6:30 PM

Elizabeth Bennet lives with her mother, father and sisters in the English countryside. As the eldest, she faces mounting pressure from her parents to marry. When the outspoken Elizabeth is introduced to the handsome and upper-class Mr. Darcy, sparks fly. Although there is obvious chemistry between the two, Darcy's overly reserved nature threatens the fledgling relationship.
2005 - 2 hrs 8 mins - PG



Holiday Film Lecture: Christmas in July

WED. DEC. 17 AT 1 PM

A workplace practical joke goes awry when an office clerk, believing he has won a \$25,000 prize, takes his girlfriend on an extravagant Christmas shopping spree...in the middle of July! After they discover it was all a hoax, their spending spree turns into a wild slapstick riot.
1940 - 1 hr 8 mins - B&W

With pre-film commentary by Librarian, Doug Swiszc.

Holiday Movie Night: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

TUES. DEC. 23 AT 6:30 PM

When the notorious Herdman siblings, the worst kids in town, crash the annual Christmas pageant auditions looking for snacks, they unexpectedly land the lead roles and just might teach a shocked community the true meaning of Christmas. Based on the 1972 novel by Barbara Robinson.
2024 - 1 hr 39 mins - PG

Spicy Romance Book Club

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING IN JANUARY

Heat up your reading routine at our Spicy Romance Book Club with Siobhan! Join us for a lively discussion of sizzling love stories. Each month, we'll dive into a steamy contemporary romance novel. Whether you're a fan of enemies-to-lovers, slow burns, or forbidden passion, this is the place to indulge your literary cravings.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. DEC. 1 AT 9:30 AM
MON. DEC. 15 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset. Must be able to move from the floor to standing without assistance.

Grief Yoga

SUN. DEC. 7 AT 1 PM

Join Kim Bernardo for this specialized yoga class that uses yoga, movement, breath and sound to release pain and suffering to reconnect back to love. This gentle class is designed to help griever find peace through movement and meditation.

Please note: Monday Morning Yoga with Charlotte will be taking a pause for January and February 2026. Please keep an eye on the calendar for future dates. Thank you for your understanding!

TECH CLASSES



Facebook Basics

TUES. DEC. 9 AT 10 AM

Learn about the basics of Facebook, including how to navigate Facebook, join groups, and connect with people. Bring your fully charged device, Facebook password, and questions.

Instagram Basics

TUES. DEC. 16 AT 10 AM

Learn the basics of Instagram, including how to find content and follow creators, and understand how millions of people use this app each month. You do not need an Instagram account to attend this class.

January Sneak Peak!

2026 Bookmark Design Contest

JANUARY 2 - 31

Our Bookmark Design Contest returns! Attend one of our many workshops in the Makerspace to design your own bookmark inspired by the theme Libraries: Always Revolutionary. You can also pick up a blank bookmark and entry form from the Reference Desk. Open to all ages - kids, teens, and adults!

FOR KIDS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x4, or visit
barringtonlibrary.libcal.com

Program dates & times subject to change.

Please check our online calendar for most up to date information.



All children's programs are free and open to all ages and abilities. However, age recommendations are intended for parental guidance.

Kids under 10 are not permitted in the Children's Room unattended.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Santa's Mailbox

DECEMBER 1 - 14

Write a letter to Santa Claus while visiting the McCulloch Children's Room. All supplies -- including paper, pens, envelopes and stamps -- will be on hand. All you need to provide is legible handwriting and a return address.



Note: Library staff will also be at the Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 6 with Santa's Mailbox! Stop by our station and write a letter then.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Magic Palooza

MON. DEC. 29 AT 11 AM

There's magic in the air! Please join us for Family Magic Palooza, a fantastic show full of magic, comedy, balloon sculpture and oodles of audience participation. Magician Lon Cerel fills you with laughter, demonstrates the impossible, and leaves you with a sense of lasting wonder.



Cool Banana Wig

TUES. DEC. 30 AT 11 AM

Go bananas for Cool Banana Wig, a musical experience like no other! This live show includes unique homemade musical instruments, built by the band. Kids have the opportunity to go onstage, join the band and try these wacky, silly and unexpected instruments.

STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
TUESDAYS AT 11 AM ***NEW***
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Share stories and songs in our colorful, cozy Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook in the McCulloch Children's Room. This is a drop-in program with limited spaces. An adult must be present for the duration of story time.

Drop-in. Space is limited to 35 attendees, no exceptions.
Recommended for ages 2-5

Babies & Board Books

MONDAYS AT 1:30 PM ***NEW***
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
THURSDAYS AT 10 AM

Enjoy simple rhymes, songs, and stories, especially for new parents and growing babies. This is a small group by design with the intent to foster a positive first story time experience in a nurturing environment. Meets in the Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook inside the McCulloch Children's Room.
Recommended for birth - 24 months

SPECIAL STORY TIME

Bedtime Stories with the Clauses!

MON. DEC. 8 AT 5 PM

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for magical holiday stories and Christmas wishes! Spread even more holiday cheer by wearing your favorite pajamas. Family photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus will immediately follow the program.

STORY WALK

Story Walk Along the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center

DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 23

Take a stroll along the walkway by the Resilience Garden and enjoy the story *Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers* by Jessica Kulekjian. This beautifully illustrated picture book explores how animals adapt in winter.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Chanukah Preschool Celebration

TUES. DEC. 16 AT 11 AM

Enjoy Chanukah themed-stories, music, crafts and snacks with David Perolman from Temple Habonim! All faiths are welcome to attend.
Recommended for ages 3+

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS



Afterschool Chanukah Celebration with Rabbi Howard

WED. DEC. 10 AT 4 PM

Curious about Chanukah customs and traditions? Join Rabbi Howard from Temple Habonim and honor Chanukah with traditional stories, rituals, and refreshments. Children of all faiths are welcome to attend.
Recommended for grades 1-5.

Makerspace Mania

THURS. DEC. 11 AT 4 PM

Make a seasonal ornament with Mr. Pat using the Glowforge Laser Cutter! Kids will watch as the Laser Cutter engraves and cuts it (from start to finish) before adding their own personal touch. Each child will leave with a timestamped holiday memento.
Recommended for grades 3-6.



Dungeons & Dragons Club

THURS. DEC. 18 AT 4:30 PM

Adventurers wanted for our Kids Dungeons & Dragons Club. Some D&D experience is helpful, but new players are welcome.
Recommended for grades 4-6.

FOR TEENS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x6, or visit
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Program dates & times subject to change.

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All Teen Programs are for ages 11-17
unless otherwise noted.

Visit the Teen Room to use our
computers, do homework, socialize
with friends, or...read!

SHARE A TALENT

Barrington Library's Little Variety Show

THURS. DEC. 18 AT 6:30 PM

Sing. Read. Recite. Do some stand-up
comedy. Bring an instrument. Anything
goes. Spectators welcome!
Open to teens and adults!



GET CRAFTY



DIY Ornaments

MON. DEC. 8 AT 6:30 PM
MON. DEC. 15 AT 6:30 PM

Drop-in to the Teen Room and make a
festive ornament using an assortment
of items. Be entered into a raffle for a
small prize on each day!

Book Bedazzling

MON. DEC. 22 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a creative, hands-on
workshop where you'll decorate and
bedazzle a book—either to keep as a
unique piece of book art or to gift to
someone special. We'll provide a
carefully curated selection of books
donated by the Friends of the Library,
along with decorative materials, or
you're welcome to bring a favorite
book from home to transform.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A New Years Treat - Cookie Dough Balls

TUES. DEC. 30 AT 6:30 PM

Make & take home some delicious
edible cookie dough balls for the New
Year.



ALL AGES

SCAVENGER HUNT

The Great Library Gingerbread Hunt!

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Every day from December 12-23
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on the first floor of the library. Check
our Facebook page at 8 am or the sign
at the Reference Desk for the clue on
how to find him.



Winner will receive a small prize. One
winner per day, one win per person.
Open to all ages!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANE AUSTEN!

Jane Austen 250th Birthday Extravaganza

TUES. DEC. 16 FROM 4-6 PM

Join us to celebrate the beloved
author's birthday in true Regency
style! Enjoy a delightful afternoon of
tea, cake, crafts, trivia, and more
inspired by Jane Austen's timeless wit
and charm. Dress in your best period
attire (if you fancy!) and immerse
yourself in all things Austen—from
Pride and Prejudice to Persuasion.

*You are also welcome to attend one of
our two Jane Austen film screenings.
Information found on page 3.*



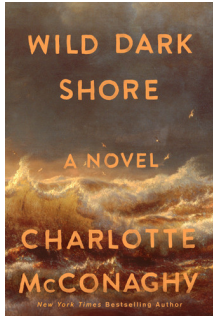
2025 STAFF FAVORITES

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!



Each year our staff reads hundreds of books—across genres, formats, and age groups—and we love sharing the stories that inspired us, challenged us, made us laugh, or kept us turning pages late into the night. This collection highlights the titles that made the biggest impact on us in 2025.

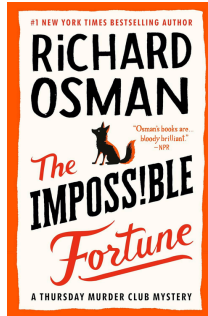
MARY



Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

A family on a remote island. A mysterious woman washed ashore. A rising storm on the horizon.

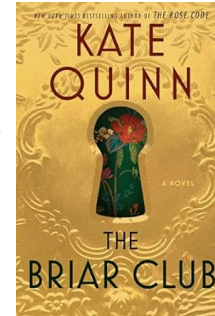
CAROLYN



The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman

Who's got time to think about murder when there's a wedding to plan? The fifth book in the Thursday Murder Club.

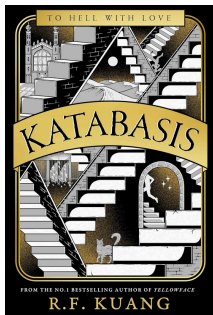
LISA



The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

A haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington, D.C. boardinghouse during the McCarthy era.

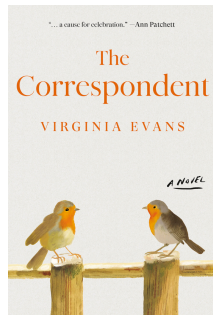
TANYA



Katabasis by R.F. Kuang

Two graduate students must set aside their rivalry and journey to Hell to save their professor's soul, perhaps at the cost of their own.

JOANNA



The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Lifelong letter-writer Sybil Van Antwerp must finally confront a painful past and send the unsent letter that holds the key to forgiveness and moving on.

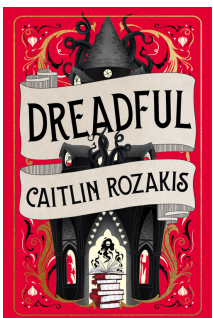
KYLE



Super Mario Galaxy : Prima Official Game Guide

Guide to help find all 120 stars with full-color galaxy maps and tips for uncovering hidden 1-Up Mushrooms.

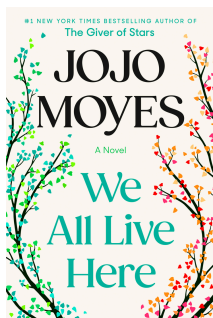
PAT



Dreadful by Caitlyn Rozakis

A sharp-witted, high fantasy farce featuring killer moat squid, toxic masculinity, evil wizards and a garlic festival - all at once.

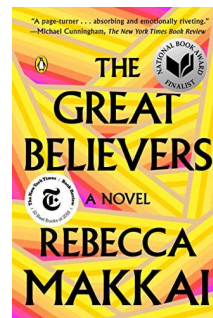
KRIS



We All Live Here by JoJo Moyes

A woman's life unravels and the sudden return of her long-absent father forces her to confront the past and discover what love and family truly mean.

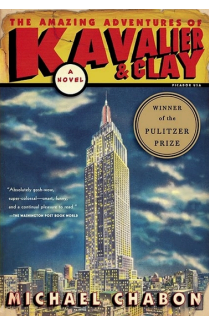
BEN



The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

A novel of friendship and redemption in the face of tragedy and loss set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris.

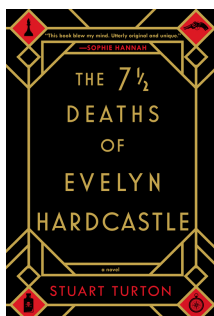
ED



The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay by Michael Chabon

A pair of Jewish cousins channel their struggles and dreams into creating a bestselling comic-book superhero.

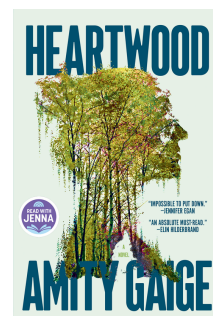
KIM



The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

A breathlessly addictive locked-room mystery that follows one man's race against time to find a killer, with an astonishing time-turning twist.

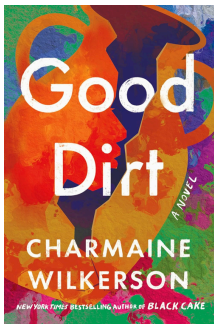
LAURA S.



Heartwood by Amity Gaige

A search and rescue team race against time when an experienced hiker mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail

LAURA H.



Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson

The daughter of an affluent Black family pieces together the connection between a childhood tragedy and a beloved heirloom.

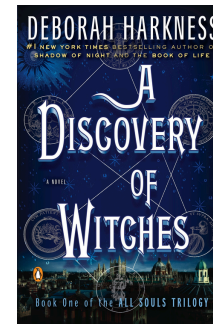
JEFF



The City and Its Uncertain Walls by Haruki Murakami

A love story, a quest, an ode to books and to the libraries that house them, and a parable for our peculiar times.

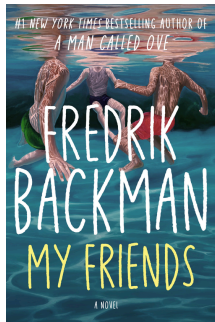
JANET



A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness

A richly inventive novel about a centuries-old vampire, a spellbound witch, and the mysterious manuscript that draws them together.

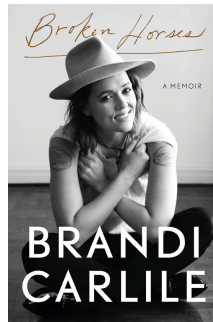
JESS



My Friends by Fredrik Backman

A tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

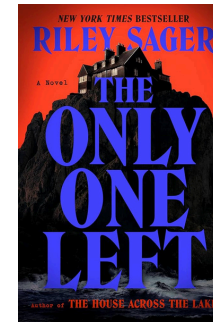
RENEE



Broken Horses: A Memoir by Brandi Carlile

The critically acclaimed singer-songwriter opens up about a life shaped by music in this candid, heartfelt, and intimate story.

CASSIDY



The Only One Left by Riley Sager

A woman takes a job caring for elderly invalid Lenora Hope, who was accused decades ago of murdering her parents and younger sister.

SIOBHAN



Say You'll Remember Me by Abby Jimenez

After an unforgettable date, Samantha tries to distance herself from the seemingly perfect Xavier to focus on her family, only to realize their connection may be too powerful to leave behind.

MELISSA



Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah

A novel about the lifelong friendship between two women, Tully Hart and Kate Mularkey, who become inseparable friends at age 14 in 1974

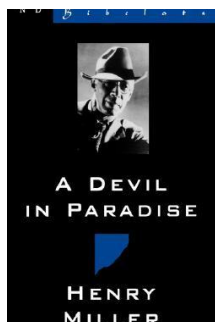
BRENNA



Snake-Eater by T. Kingfisher

A young woman seeking a fresh start is confronted by ancient gods, supernatural forces, and eccentric neighbors in an isolated desert town.

PATRICK



A Devil in Paradise by Henry Miller

An autobiographical work about a difficult houseguest named Conrad Moricand, whom Miller brought to live with him in Big Sur out of a sense of mercy.

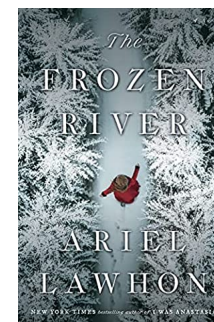
MARTHA



The Axeman's Carnival by Catherine Chidgey

Tama, a talking magpie and social media influencer, is the sole witness to a marriage in freefall.

SHEILA



Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

At an elite New England boarding school, eight students are selected for an exclusive storytelling workshop.

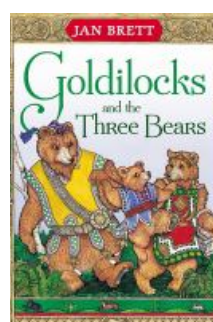
CATHERINE



Other People's Clothes by Calla Henkel

Two American ex-pats obsessed with the Amanda Knox trial find themselves at the nexus of murder and celebrity in glittering late-aughts Berlin.

BARRY



Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Jan Brett

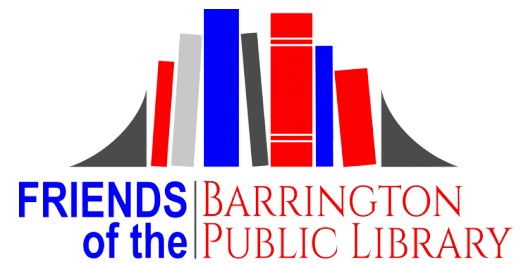
Lost in the woods, a tired and hungry girl finds the house of the three bears where she helps herself to food and goes to sleep.



Check out our catalog for new books, recommended reading lists, and staff picks!

FRIENDS CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



FALL BOOK SALE REPORT

We are please to announce that our Friends of the Barrington Public Library Summer Book Sale raised...

\$11,022.98

That is over \$400 more than we raised at our record breaking summer sale (\$10,612.39). Every dollar raised goes to support the programs and services you know and love here at Barrington Public Library. Thank you to everyone who came out to shop the sale and support the library!



DAILY BOOK SALE

Open every day the library is open and replenished daily! We have a wide selection of books for all ages including fiction, nonfiction, puzzles, DVDs, and a large collection of children's books. Located on the first floor of the library near the Reference Desk. There is also a Daily Sale book bin outside of the Children's Room.

Cash and credit cards accepted. Purchase all books at the Circulation Desk. All proceeds go to the library.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

The Friends will be offering free gift wrapping to anyone who buys a book on Saturday, November 29, from 10 am -12 pm and Thursday, December 4, from 3-5 pm.



CRAFT KITS

Our craft kits made from reclaimed book pages make beautiful gifts for the crafty people in your life!

Kits are available for just \$5 or \$8, with all proceeds directly supporting library programs and services and helping us to reduce our waste.

Stop by the library to pick one up and craft something beautiful today!

BOOK DONATIONS ON HOLD

Book donations are currently on hold until December 10 as the Friends sort through the generous donations already received. We kindly ask that you hold onto your donations until then.

Please do not leave donations outside or in the book drops!

thank you

DECEMBER ART EXHIBITS

From the Studios of
19 on Paper

MAIN FLOOR GALLERY &
JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY

19 On Paper | Mixed Media