

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - JANUARY 2025

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Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

281 County Road
Barrington, RI 02806

Contact the Library
401-247-1920
barringtonlibrary.org
info@barringtonlibrary.org

Library Closures

New Year's

- 12/31 - Close at 12 pm
 - 1/1 - Closed all day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/20 - Closed all day

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm
Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm

Follow Us!



Winter Reading Challenge

Join our Winter Reading Challenge, open to readers of all ages! Whether you're cozying up by the fire or braving the winter chill, this challenge is a fun way to stay motivated, explore new books, and embrace the winter months with the joy of reading. Simply read at least 30 minutes each day and log your reading in Beanstack to earn an entry into our raffle every day you read. The challenge runs from January 13 - February 14. **pg. 4**



Lunar New Year Celebration!

Celebrate the vibrant traditions of the Lunar New Year on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm with a fun-filled family program. **pg. 4**



Aging Optimally Symposium

Adults age 60+ are invited to our Aging Optimally Symposium featuring a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. **pg. 3**

FOR ADULTS

WORKSHOPS

Writing a Legacy Letter: Sharing Your Values with Loved Ones [🔗](#)

THURS. JAN. 9 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

A legacy letter (also called an "ethical will") is a written document that allows you to share your life lessons, express your values and transmit your blessings to future generations. Join Jay Sherwin on Zoom for this virtual program and learn what a legacy letter is and how you can write your own.

*This is a virtual workshop.
Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.*

Toddlerhood: New Foods, Changing Moods [🔗](#)

TWO-PART WORKSHOP

TUES. JAN. 14 AT 6 PM

TUES. JAN. 21 AT 6 PM

This two-part interactive workshop is an opportunity to explore how best to feed and parent through the formidable toddler years. Whether you are joining us to prevent or resolve common feeding issues such as picky eating, sneaky eating, or mealtime behaviors, you will learn the skills to overcome common pitfalls and nourish the quirky toddler who is learning how to become a joyful eater.

Must attend both workshops.

WELLNESS

Vinyasa Flow with Charlotte [🔗](#)

MON. JAN. 13 AT 9:30 AM

MON. JAN. 27 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body. Patrons will be guided in through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset.

Registration opens 2 weeks before class.



GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. JAN. 13 AT 6:30 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.

Winter Cookbook Club [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 14 AT 6:30 PM

TUES. JAN. 28 AT 6:30 PM

Love to cook? Join our adult Cookbook Club! The book for Winter 2025 is Smitten Kitchen Keepers by Deb Perelman. In our first meeting, we will discuss the author, introduction, and layout, and then set the menu for the next meeting and decide who will bring what. Then for our second meeting, everyone will make a dish at home, and bring it to our potluck dinner.

Must attend both meetings.

LECTURE

Broadway in Barrington: A History of the Barrington Players

SAT. JAN. 25 AT 1 PM

Join the Barrington Preservation Society for a special lecture by Dr. Luther Spoehr, Senior Lecturer Emeritus at Brown University on the history of the Barrington Players, a community theater group that was a mainstay in Barrington from the 1930s to the mid-1970s.

TECH CLASSES

iPhone & iPad Basics [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 7 AT 10 AM

New year, new gadget? Learn about the various features and capabilities of your Apple device, including its touch screen interface, built-in apps, and downloading additional apps.

Android Basics [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 14 AT 10 AM

New year, new gadget? Learn the basics of the Android interface and navigation, as well as how to customize your device to your preferences.

Google Keep [🔗](#)

WED. JAN. 15 AT 6:30 PM

Learn how to use Google Keep to plan your schedule. This easy-to-use free app is helpful for documenting daily tasks and memos to keep you on track.

Libby: Ebooks and Audiobooks [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 21 AT 10 AM

Learn how to access and navigate our eZone digital collection with the Libby app. We will walk through how to read free ebooks and audiobooks.

Your New Computer: Setting Up and Getting Started [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 28 AT 10 AM

This class is designed to help patrons set up their new computers. We'll cover initial setup, installing essential software, and securing your device. Bring your computer with you!

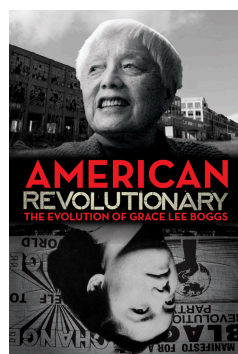
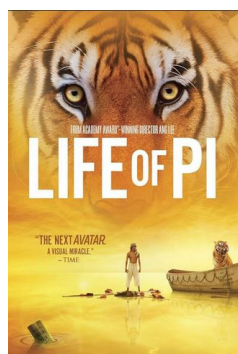


FILMS @ BPL

Film Lecture: Life of Pi

WED. JAN. 15 AT 1 PM

Pi Patel, a teenager from India whose family owns a zoo, sets off with his family and the animals to start life anew in Canada, but his life takes a fantastic turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with only a ferocious Bengal tiger named Richard Parker for company. Will be preceded by a brief film lecture by librarian, Doug Swiszczy. 2012 - 2 hrs 3 mins - PG



Documentary & Discussion: American Revolutionary

SUN. JAN. 26 AT 1 PM
WED. JAN. 29 AT 6:30 PM

Join the DEI Committee for *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs*, a documentary about a Chinese-American woman who has immersed herself in social activism in Detroit for more than 70 years. Each screening will be followed by discussion lead by DEI Committee and community members. 2014 - 1 hr 24 mins - Color - Not Rated

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. JAN. 8 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!

Breakfast with Books

THURS. JAN. 30 AT 9 AM

Join BPL Staff members at Atria Bay Spring Village as we enjoy breakfast together, share some of the books we have read recently and give you recommendations on what to read next. We will also share about library services and upcoming programs. To register: call Atria at 401-246-2500



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

GARDENING

Tips & Tricks for Entering a Flower Show

TUES. JAN. 21 AT 1 PM

This panel style program presented by three Garden Club members, will be focused on floral design and mechanics and the necessary tips and tools to create award-winning arrangements for floral shows (or your home!).

Native Wildflower Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

TUES. JAN 21 AT 6 PM

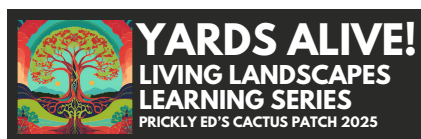
Learn how to grow your own native wildflower plants from seed with volunteers from the Barrington Pollinator Pathway. This is a hands-on workshop in which you will sow some seeds to take home with you. Growing from seed is easy and fun, will save you money, and will produce many plants! Seeds, soil, and pots will be supplied.

Buzz Alert! Rhode Island's Native Bees are in Trouble - Discover How to Help Them Right at Home

THURS. JAN. 30 AT 6:30 PM

Step into the world of Casey Johnson from the URI Bee Lab. With her captivating passion for our local pollinators, Casey will inspire you to partake in the valiant effort to safeguard these vital creatures.

This workshop is part of the 2025 Yards Alive Living Landscapes Learning Series organized by Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch



GET CREATIVE

Expressive Writing Circle

MON. JAN. 6 AT 10 AM

Join Courtney Oman for this 4-hour journaling workshop. This is a nurturing space for self-expression and connection through shared experiences. Participate in guided writing prompts that foster solace, resilience, and empowerment. Journals will be provided, along with art supplies for decorating your pages.

Adult Crafternoon: Design Your Own Desktop Calendar

WED. JAN. 8 AT 2 PM

Learn how to design your own 2025 desktop calendar in Canva! Use graphics from Canva or bring a flash drive with your own photos. Patrons will be able to pick up their calendars the following week.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. JAN. 9 AT 3 PM

Learn how to paint with John Irwin! No prior experience is required. Everyone will leave with a finished painting.

Registration opens Friday, December 27 at 3 pm. Space is limited.

Aging Optimally Symposium

WED. JAN. 22 FROM 9 AM - 2 PM

This fun and educational event designed for adults age 60+ will feature a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Attendees will also be entered to win a variety of different raffle prizes and enjoy a special musical performance to end the day. Register now!



Partner:



FOR TEENS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x6, or visit
barringtonlibrary.libcal.com



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!

MIDTERMS WEEK

Exam Cram

WED. JAN. 22 FROM 4-8:30 PM
THURS. JAN. 23 FROM 4-8:30 PM

Study with friends and classmates and
be prepared for your midterm exams in
the Collis Family Gallery.

Snacks will be provided!

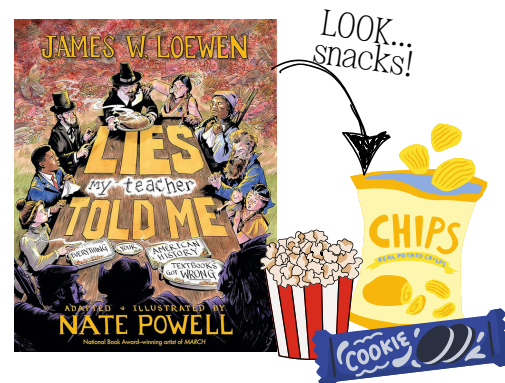


TEEN BOOK CLUB

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Graphic Novel Edition

MON. JAN. 13 AT 6:30 PM
MON. JAN. 27 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a new kind of book club
where we meet twice a month and
dissect chapters together. With snacks!
Pick up a copy of the graphic novel
from the Circulation Desk.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Open Mic Night

THURS. JAN. 16 AT 6:30 PM

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

GET CREATIVE

Winter Watercolor Workshop

TUES. JAN. 14 AT 6 PM

Create a watercolor painting of a
winter scene with local artist Arianne
Del Rios. This is a 1.5 hour workshop.
No prior experience necessary.

ALL AGES



MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

Atwater-Donnelly

SUN. JAN. 5 AT 2 PM

The Atwater-Donnelly Band performs a
unique and thrilling blend of traditional
American and Celtic folk music and
percussive dance. Kick off the new year
the right way with this amazing
concert. Open to all ages!

*Registration is required. Space is
limited.*

READING CHALLENGE

Winter Reading Challenge

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 14

Whether you're cozying up by the fire
or braving the winter chill, this
challenge is a fun way to stay
motivated, explore new books, and
embrace the winter months with the
joy of reading. This challenge is open to
all ages so it's the perfect family
activity!

How to participate:

- Sign-up or login to Beanstack and join the challenge.
- Read at least 30 minutes each day.
- Log your reading in Beanstack.
- Earn an entry into our raffle every day you read.

Raffle Prizes:

- \$50 Gift Card to Dudek Bowling in Warren, RI
- \$50 Gift Card to Nacho Mamma's in Barrington, RI

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year Celebration & Lion Dance Performance

MON. JAN. 27 AT 6:15 PM

Celebrate the vibrant traditions of
the Lunar New Year with a
fun-filled family program that brings
together delicious food, cultural
crafts, and festive activities.

At 7 pm, all attendees will be
welcomed into to the Auditorium to
enjoy a Lion Dance performed by
Rhode Island Kung Fu Club. If you are
only interested in attending the Lion
Dance Performance, we have a
separate registration available!

This is a perfect chance for families of
all backgrounds to come together and
learn about the rich cultural heritage
of the Lunar New Year. All patrons are
encouraged to wear red!



FOR KIDS

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



Age recommendations are made for most programs, however, all programs are free and open to all ages and abilities.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

Preschool Palooza [🔗](#)

TUES. JAN. 14 AT 11 AM

Little ones are welcome to enjoy simple stories, crafts and a snack with their caregiver! This program is perfect for getting your little ones ready for preschool.

Recommended for ages 3+

SENSORY FRIENDLY

Sensory Friendly Art Class [🔗](#)

SAT. JAN. 25 AT 11 AM

A hands-on, sensory friendly art class designed especially for neurodiverse children and their families. Participants will explore basic art materials in a guided session, allowing the opportunity for creative expression in a safe space.

This class will be led by Artist/Educator Kristin Holmes Linder.



THERAPY DOG

Millie the Therapy Dog

CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES

Pet, cuddle, or read with Millie, a gentle, loveable therapy-trained golden retriever while visiting the McCulloch Children's Room. Millie visits most Monday mornings!

KIDS BOOK CLUB



Virtual Book Discussion with Author Stuart Gibbs [🔗](#)

WED. JAN. 8 AT 6 PM

VIRTUAL

Invite Stuart Gibbs, beloved author of the popular Spy School childrens series, into your home via Zoom. He will share fun facts about his novels and life as an author before an interactive Q&A session. Now is the time to ask him anything you have ever wondered about his stories and characters.

Recommended for grades 3-5



Story times are held in our Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook. No story time on BPS no school days.

STORY TIMES

Babies & Board Books [🔗](#)

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.

Recommended for birth - 18 months

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Share stories and songs together! Drop-in. Space is limited to 35 attendees. Once capacity is reached, exceptions will not be made.

Recommended for ages 2-5



LIBRARY SERVICES

BOOK CLUB IN A BAG

In charge of choosing the next book for your book club and don't know where to start? Borrow a Book Club in a Bag kit! Each kit contains 10 copies of a book and a binder containing fun "behind the book" information and discussion questions all in a handy canvas bag for easy transportation. This program makes it easy (and free!) for everyone in your book club to obtain a copy of your next read.

New Kits Added in September 2024:

- Horse by Geraldine Brooks
- Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- The Measure by Nikki Erlick
- Lightning Strike by William Kent Krueger
- Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty

Kits are available to check out for six weeks. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 401-247-1920 x2 for more info.



Want to place a Book Club in a Bag kit on hold for a future book club meeting date? Please call the Reference Desk at 401-247-1920 x2 for assistance. Please do not use the online catalog to place a hold on kits.

You must speak with a librarian to place a hold!

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Barrington Times Digital Archive

In October 2023, Barrington Public Library received a grant from the Office of Library and Information Services for \$25,000 to digitize the bound 1958-1983 issues of the Barrington Times owned by the Library. This searchable archive is now available to the public!

Visit barrington.historyarchives.online to access the archive.



Providence Journal Online

Barrington Public Library has access to The Providence Journal Collection online which provides full-text articles on local news, issues, events, people and more from current and archived issues of the Providence Journal (1981-current). Search current and archived issues with full-color newspaper pages, full-text articles and content only published online.

Remote (at home) access requires a Barrington Public Library card number starting with 21332.

Museum Pass Spotlight

Barrington Public Library offers free or reduced admission to museums and cultural attractions around southern New England thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Barrington Public Library.

We offer three kinds of passes:

- **Takeaway:** paper pass you pick up at the library and do not need to return.
- **Returnable:** reusable pass you pick up at the library and must return to the library by 9 am the morning after your reservation.
- **E-pass:** discount code or electronic pass emailed to you. You do not need to come into the library to pick anything up.

AUDRAIN AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

222 Bellevue Ave, Newport
401-856-4420

Pass Benefits: Each pass grants FREE admission for 1 person. May reserve both passes if more than 1 person is going. You must bring the library pass when you visit the Museum. Admission includes 20 minutes free on the iRacing Simulators per visit.

Returnable pass.

NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM

18 Johnny Cake Hill
New Bedford, MA
508-997-0046

Pass Benefits: Each pass grants 50% off regular admission up to 4 people. If you have more people in your party, we have extra single-use passes. Please ask us when you pick up your pass.

Returnable pass.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

25 Evans Way, Boston, MA
617-566-1401

Pass Benefits: Each pass grants \$5 per person for up to 4 people over 18. Children under the age of 18 are admitted free. Must prepurchase tickets online using code on library pass.

Takeaway pass.

Passes subject to change without notice. For a complete list of all available museum passes, stop by the Reference Desk for a Museum Pass brochure or check our website at barringtonlibrary.org/museum-passes

LIBRARY NEWS

Visit our website for updates
and exciting programs and services.



MAKERSPACE STUDIO

Preserve your memories by converting your old home videos to new digital video files that you can enjoy for years to come.

Take those old VHS, VHS-C, Hi8, Digital8, and MiniDV videos and use our media conversion equipment and software in our Makerspace to convert these obsolete files to an MP4 file that can be exported to a USB flash drive and stored in the cloud.

This is a FREE service that we offer, you just supply the flash drive and we will train you to use the media conversion equipment.

Contact the Makerspace Desk at 401-247-1920 x308 or makerspace@barringtonlibrary.org to learn more!

DONATIONS NEEDED - BHS YEARBOOKS

The Library is looking for BHS Yearbook donations.

Years we need:

1943, 1952, 1965, 1967, 1975-76, 1978-83, 1988, 1993-95, 2016-2023

However, we will accept any and all yearbooks in good condition. Yearbooks can be dropped off at the Reference Desk.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found behind the Circulation Desk is currently overflowing with winter gloves, hats, scarves, and coffee/travel mugs.

If you are missing something, please stop by and check to see if we have it!

BOOK DROP CLOSURES

New Year's

The outside book drops will be locked at 11:30 am on Tuesday, December 31 and will remain closed until Thursday, January 2 when the library reopens.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The outside book drops will be locked at 3:30 pm on Sunday, January 19 and will remain closed until Tuesday, January 21 when the library reopens.

Please hold onto your library books during these closures. Do not leave books outside the library as they may be stolen or damaged.

We are fine free and do not charge overdue fines!

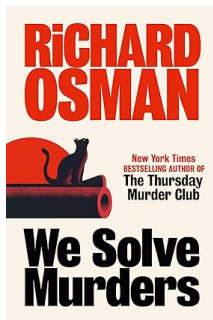
WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

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

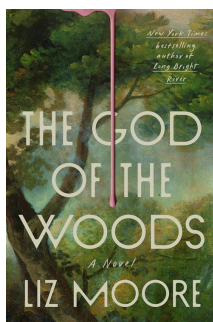


ADULT



We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

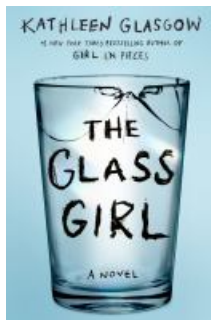
A retired police officer turned small-time private investigator teams up with his daughter-in-law to solve a murder.



The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide in this thrilling drama.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



The Glass Girl by Kathleen Glasgow

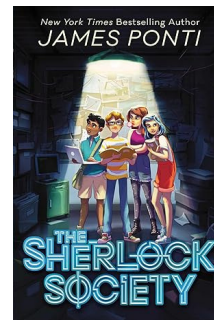
When fifteen-year-old Bella's latest blackout lands her in the hospital, she enters rehab to confront her addiction to alcohol.



Twenty-Four Seconds from Now by Jason Reynolds

An unfiltered and undeniably sweet stream of consciousness story of a teen boy about to experience a huge first.

MIDDLE GRADE



The Sherlock Society by James Ponti

In the tradition of Nancy Drew, four kids and one grandfather in Miami tackle a decades-old mystery.

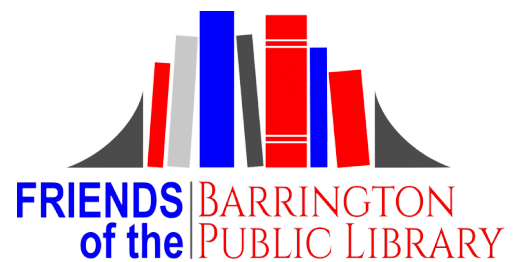


Gracie Under the Waves by Linda Sue Park

The heartfelt story of a snorkeling-loving young girl who is on a mission to save a reef from destruction.

FRIENDS CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



BOOK DONATIONS

Book donations are a great way to support your library!

The Friends accept donations from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays only at the book donation door located at the rear of the building facing the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment parking lot.

Do not leave book donations outside or in the library book drop.

DAILY BOOK SALE

Open every day during library hours 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.

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

FALL BOOK SALE REPORT

A huge shout out to everyone who shopped our Fall Book Sale last November. Our Fall Book Sale raised over **\$9,800** between sales, memberships, and donations.

100% of our proceeds goes to support the library through programs, services, and special collections like The Library of Things and our Museum Passes.

Thank you so much for your support!



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