

BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - MARCH 2025



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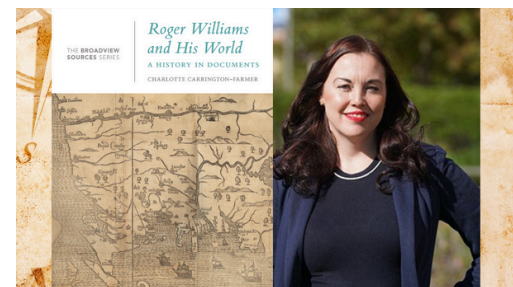
That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America with Amanda Jones

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Irish in America

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Roger Williams and His World

Join Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer for a lecture based on her new book *Roger Williams and His World: A History in Documents* on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. **pg. 3**

FOR ADULTS

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon: Salt Shaker Button Bouquets [🔗](#)

MON. MAR. 17 AT 1 PM

Join us for a fun crafternoon and make an adorable button bouquet using buttons, floral wire, and salt shakers. All supplies will be provided.

Tied Fleece Blankets with Barrington Lions Club [🔗](#)

WED. MAR. 19 AT 10 AM

WED. MAR. 19 AT 12:30 PM

Join members of the Barrington Lions Club and help us make some tied fleece blankets to donate to Project Linus, an organization that provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Beginner Quilting Workshop [🔗](#)

THURS. MAR. 20 AT 10 AM

THURS. MAR. 27 AT 10 AM

THURS. APR. 3 AT 10 AM

Learn the basics of quilting with Alison Wilber in this 3-part workshop. Participants will make a table runner as they learn to choose and cut fabric, piece blocks and add sashing, and finish with simple machine quilting.

*Must attend all 3 workshops.
BEGINNERS ONLY!*

Five Libraries, One Program

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Amanda will be joining us via Zoom, but you will have the option to watch from home via Zoom or join us at the library to watch the livestream in person and engage in a discussion afterwards with your community members.

Registration is required for the Zoom link!

WELLNESS

Grief Yoga: Movement, Breath & Sound [🔗](#)

SUN. MAR. 2 AT 1 PM

Join Kim Bernardo for this specialized yoga class designed to help griever find peace through movement and meditation.

Vinyasa Flow with Charlotte [🔗](#)

MON. MAR. 10 AT 9:30 AM

MON. MAR. 24 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.

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. MAR. 10 AT 6:30 PM

MON. MAR. 24 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. Bring a friend and join the fun!



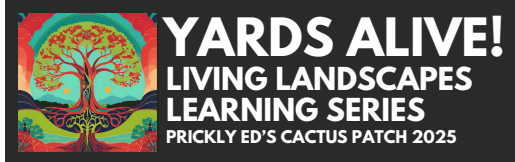
GARDENING

Rise and Shine: Waking Up Your Garden in Spring [🔗](#)

TUES. MAR. 18 AT 1 PM

Learn how to get your garden off to a great start with tasks that can be done in February, March and April. Lecture by Jana Milbocker from Enchanted Gardens.

Sponsored by The Barrington Garden Club. Registration required for non-members only.



The following two workshops are part of the 2025 Yards Alive Living Landscapes Learning Series organized by Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch.

Back to Class! The Science of Plants and Why it Matters in a Rapidly Changing World [🔗](#)

WED. MAR. 12 AT 6:30 PM

Prepare to embark on a deep dive into the world of plants with horticulturist, master gardener, and science teacher, Joel Swan. Join this verdant journey where you'll decode the secrets behind plant nomenclature, terminology, and growing techniques while learning the importance of matching each plant with its ideal location.

Bay-wise Landscapes Designed to Boost Biodiversity [🔗](#)

THURS. MAR. 27 AT 6:30 PM

Join Audubon Society of Rhode Island's dynamic duo, Katie Schortmann, Pollinator Wizard, and Rebecca Reeves, Stormwater Innovation Center Guru for an engaging exploration of how your yard can transform into both a stormwater sponge and a vibrant habitat. This interactive workshop will feature a live simulation demonstrating the connection between our outdoor spaces and local waterways.





FILMS @ BPL

Inspirational Women Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

In honor of Women's History Month, join Librarian Doug Swiszczy for a collection of biopics featuring inspiring women from history. Each film will be preceded by a short film lecture.

- March 5: The Diary of Anne Frank (1959)
- March 12: The Miracle Worker (1962)
- March 19: Jackie (2016)
- March 26: Respect (2021)

Movie Matinee: Wicked

FRI. MAR. 21 @ 1 PM

Due to popular demand, we have decided to do another matinee showing of the smash hit *Wicked* starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande.

2024 - 2 hrs 40 mins - Color - PG

Documentary & Discussion: Fire Through Dry Grass

SUN. MAR. 23 AT 1 PM

WED. MAR. 26 AT 6:30 PM

This March is the 5th Anniversary of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Join the DEI Committee for two screenings of *Fire Through Dry Grass*, a documentary that uncovers in real-time the devastation experienced by residents of a New York City nursing home during the coronavirus pandemic.

2023 - 1 hr 29 mins - Color - Not Rated



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. MAR. 5 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!

From Page to Screen: Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.

TUES. MAR. 25 AT 1:30 PM

Come watch a popular and recent movie that was adapted from a book! There will be a brief discussion of the book before the movie and, if time permits, a discussion about the movie adaptation. Our March pick is *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.* based on the Judy Blume novel of the same name.

Eleven-year-old Margaret moves to a new town and starts to contemplate everything about life, friendship and adolescence.

2023 - 1 hr 46 mins - Color - PG-13

Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. MAR. 25 AT 6:30 PM



Heat up your reading routine at our Spicy Romance Book Club with Siobhan! Join us on the last Tuesday of every month 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.

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.

- Literary Pairings (hybrid)
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other
Book Discussion Groups!

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Roger Williams and His World: A History in Documents

TUES. MAR. 18 AT 6:30 PM

In this lecture, Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer will vividly bring to life Roger Williams to life. Her presentation will span from his early years in England through the founding of Providence as well as his revolutionary views on religious freedom and the wide-ranging interactions he had with indigenous peoples.

TECH CLASSES

Hoopla & Kanopy

TUES. MAR. 4 AT 10 AM

Learn more about our entertainment platforms for reading ebooks, audiobooks, and watching movies, with Hoopla & Kanopy.

Flipster

TUES. MAR. 11 AT 10 AM

Learn more about Flipster, our entertainment platform for reading digital magazines for free! Flipster is provided by AskRI.org.

ChatGPT & AI Agents

WED. MAR. 12 AT 6:30 PM

Learn how different AI tools work, their practical applications, and how to use them for tasks like drafting emails, brainstorming ideas, and even creative writing.

NewsBank

TUES. MAR. 18 AT 10 AM

Learn more about our database platform for reading digital newspapers, NewsBank. Get access to the Providence Journal and other news sources free online.

Barrington Times Archive

TUES. MAR. 25 AT 10 AM

Learn about the fascinating world of historical newspapers using the newly launched digital archive of The Barrington Times.

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!

GET CREATIVE

Teen Craft Night: Felted Toadstools

TUES. MAR. 11 AT 6:30 PM

Learn the art of needle felting and sculpt your own colorful mushroom out of wool. All supplies will be provided.



IN THE TEEN ROOM

Card Tricks with Matt

TUES. MAR. 18 AT 6:30 PM

Join us in the Teen Room for some amazing card tricks & more, performed by a local teen. You won't believe your eyes!

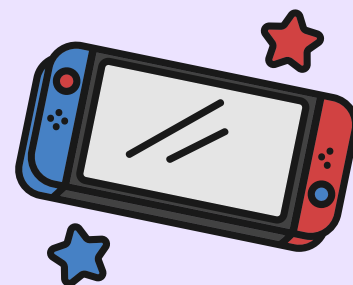


OPEN MIC NIGHT

Open Mic Night

THURS. MAR. 20 AT 6:30 PM

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



Check out the Rec Room!

When our Teen Librarian, Tanya, is working, teens can ask to use the Nintendo Switch and play some video games while they hang out in the library!

Games we have to play include Super Smash Bros, Zelda, Mario 3D World, and Sega Genesis Classics.

ALL AGES

FREE CONCERT

Irish in America

SUN. MAR. 9 AT 2:30 PM

Get your green on, warm up your voices and enjoy the warmth, spirit and hilarity of the 'Irish in America' with this free concert featuring Mary King, Cathy Clasper-Torch, and Ed Sweeney.

This is a family-friendly concert. All ages are welcome.

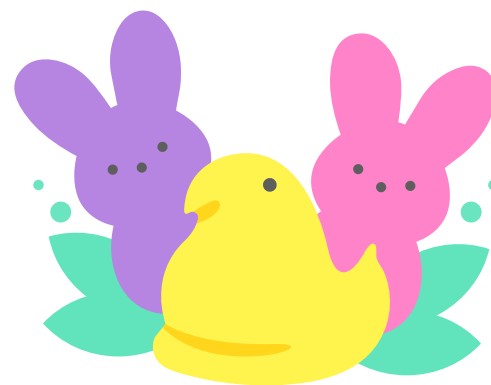
SCAVENGER HUNT

Troll Hunt

MARCH 1 - 31

There are 9 trolls hiding in the Children's Room...find them all and be entered to win a fun prize.

These trolls are designed and created by Barrington Middle School Students! Scavenger hunt sheets and instructions can be found in the Children's Room.



COMING SOON!

8th Annual Peep Diorama Contest

COMING IN APRIL!

Mark your calendars! Our Peep Diorama Contest is BACK!

Timeline:

- Drop-off: April 5-13
- Judging: April 14-17
- Winners Announced: April 18

Check our website for rules and guidelines. Open to all ages!

GUESS THE DISPLAY

Guess the Display

MARCH 1 - 31

There is a display on the first floor with a special theme...but we aren't telling you what it is! Guess the theme and be entered to win a fun prize!





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. MAR. 4 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+

Makerspace Mania

WED. MAR. 12 AT 3:30 PM

Join Mr. Pat for another fun STEM project! Build a balloon-powered car from recycled materials.

Recommended for kids 7+

Lego Club

THURS. MAR. 27 AT 3:30 PM

Create, build, explore with each other and Lego bricks! Recommended for kids in grades K-5. Registration is not needed to attend.

THERAPY DOG

Millie the Therapy Dog

SEE WEBSITE FOR DATES

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

MOVIE MATINEE

Morning Matinee: Moana 2

MON. MAR. 24 AT 10 AM

Moana journeys to the far seas of Oceania after receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors.

2024 - 1 hr 40 mins - Color - PG

AUTHOR EVENT



Kimberly Newton Fusco Reading & Book Signing Drop-in

WED. MAR. 26 AT 4 PM

Join us in welcoming Kimberly Newton Fusco for a reading and signing of her newest book *The Secret of Honeycake*. Set in 1930, the book is about an eleven-year-old named Hurricane who struggles to adapt to life in the city after her mother's death and her sister's illness. But through new friendships and her love for writing, she learns to embrace change and find her voice.

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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



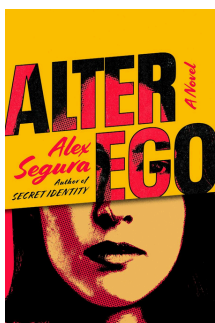
Story times are held in our Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook. No story time on BPS no school days.



WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

ADULT FICTION



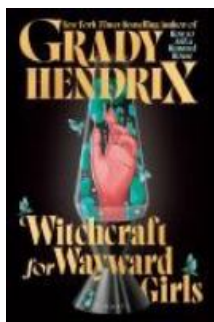
Alter Ego by Alex Segura

In the present day, a comics legend is given the chance to revive a beloved but forgotten character. But at what price?



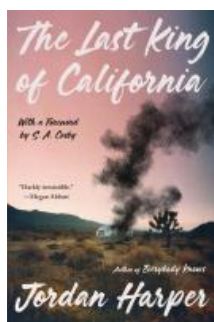
Private Rites by Julia Armfield

A speculative reimagining of King Lear, centering three sisters navigating queer love and loss in a drowning world.



Witchcraft for Wayward Girls by Grady Hendrix

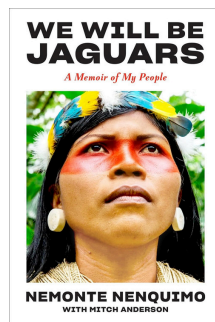
Set in Florida in the 1970s, this novel follows five young women in a home for unwed mothers who find a guide to witchcraft.



The Last King of California by Jordan Harper

A stirring and brutal novel of a man who after years apart from his criminal family returns to their flock deep in the California desert.

ADULT NONFICTION



We Will be Jaguars by Nemonte Nenquimo

An impassioned memoir about an indigenous childhood, a clash of cultures, and the fight to save the Amazon rainforest and protect her people.



How to Let Things Go by Shunmyo Masuno

Step away from life's mounting demands and free yourself up for what matters with this succinct and sensible guide.

LIBRARY SERVICES

FLIPSTER

Flipster allows users to read digital magazines on the go FOR FREE and offers an easy, browse-able reading experience.



Mobile devices: Look for Flipster in your device's App store. Select Get Started then search for "Barrington Public Library". Tap "Log In" and then enter your zip code.

Please note: Flipster is only accessible while in Rhode Island. If you would like to read any magazines while on vacation or out of state, you will need to download them before you leave!

Flipster is a free service to you, provided via AskRI.org.

TAX FORMS

We have 2024 Federal 1040 and 1040-SR forms and instruction booklets available for free near the Reference Desk.

We also have Massachusetts state tax forms available.

Need Rhode Island state tax forms or Federal schedules and additional forms? We are happy to print them for you for \$0.15 per page.



ITEMS YOU CAN BORROW OR USE WHILE IN THE LIBRARY!

Available for in-library check out from the Reference Desk. Just ask!

- Headphones
 - Over the ear headphones available to borrow for 2 hours
 - Earbuds available for purchase (\$2)
- Phone chargers/charging station
 - iPhone/Android chargers available to borrow for 2 hours
 - Charging station available to use in the Computer Lab
- Room Supply Kits
 - Kit with pencils, pens, white board markers, etc. available to borrow when using a study room
- White Noise Sound Machine
 - Available to check out when using a study room
- Flash Drives
 - Available for purchase (\$5)

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



YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Rest in Peaches by Alex Brown

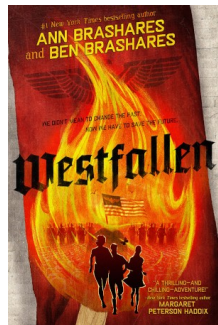
Sapphic romance meets comedy horror in this slasher mystery where the final girl is also the legendary school mascot—Peaches the Parrot.



Cupid's Revenge by Wibke Brueggemann

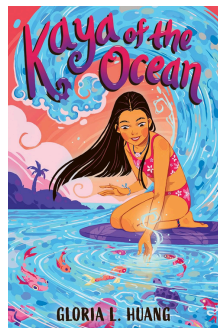
Tilly isn't looking for a girlfriend, but her best friend Teddy is. You know Cupid: he'll get you when you least expect it!

MIDDLE GRADE



Westfallen by Ann & Ben Brashares

An action-packed alternate history thriller that asks what it would be like to wake up in present-day America if Germany had won World War II.



Kaya of the Ocean by Gloria L. Huang

Anxious 13-year-old Kaya learns she is the descendant of a Chinese water goddess, and must learn to master herself to master her powers!



Old School by Gordon Korman

After being homeschooled by the residents of his grandmother's retirement village, 12-year-old Dexter is forced to attend middle school.



The Witching Wind by Natalie Lloyd

11-year-old friends must find a way to overcome the loss of their grown-ups to the Witching Wind, a magical wind that "steals" what people love most.

LIBRARY NEWS

Visit our website for updates and exciting programs and services.

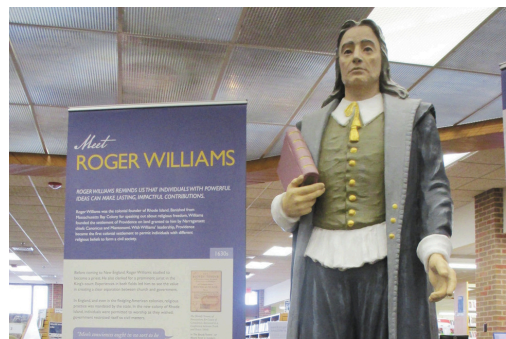


MEET ROGER WILLIAMS

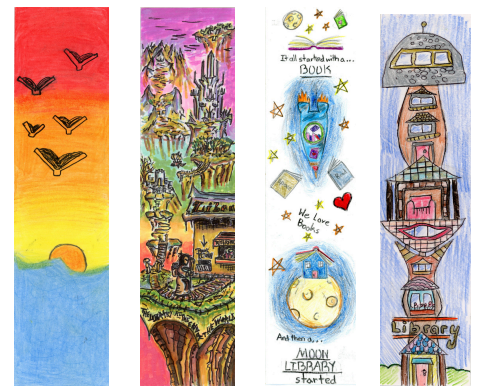
Roger Williams at BPL

UNTIL MARCH 30

Roving Roger will be visiting Barrington Public Library again for six weeks starting the week of February 10! Stop by and take a picture with this bigger than life statue of Roger and learn about his life from the two panels of information. We'll even have an interactive trivia game!



BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to Velia, Linus, Annika, and Mary, the winners of our 2025 Bookmark Design Contest!

Their winning designs are available throughout the library for the rest of 2025. Pick one (or all four) up today!

EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSURES

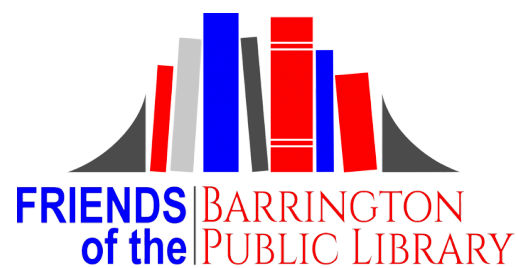
With the winter season upon us, make sure you are kept up to date with library closures by subscribing to our email newsletter or following us on Facebook and Instagram. We will post our closures on our website as well.

COLD & FLU SEASON REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, if you or your child is sick, please stay home. We are in the peak of cold and flu season and this selfless act helps to keep everyone, including library staff, healthy and well. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

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.

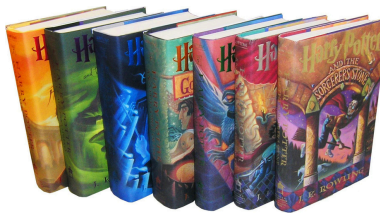
DAILY BOOK SALE

Open every day 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.

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

RARE & VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE

The Friends have recently received two complete sets of Harry Potter! Both of these sets are in very good condition and would be a wonderful gift for a young reader.



Hardcover Books 1-7
Very Good Condition
\$45 for complete set
(a \$175 value)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FRIEND?

Becoming a Friend of the Barrington Public Library is a great way to support our library programming, services, and collections. Anyone can be a Friend - you don't even need to live in Barrington.

If you are interested in purchasing either of these sets or want to learn more, call 401-247-1920 x9, and ask for Joyce. Pick up at the library only.



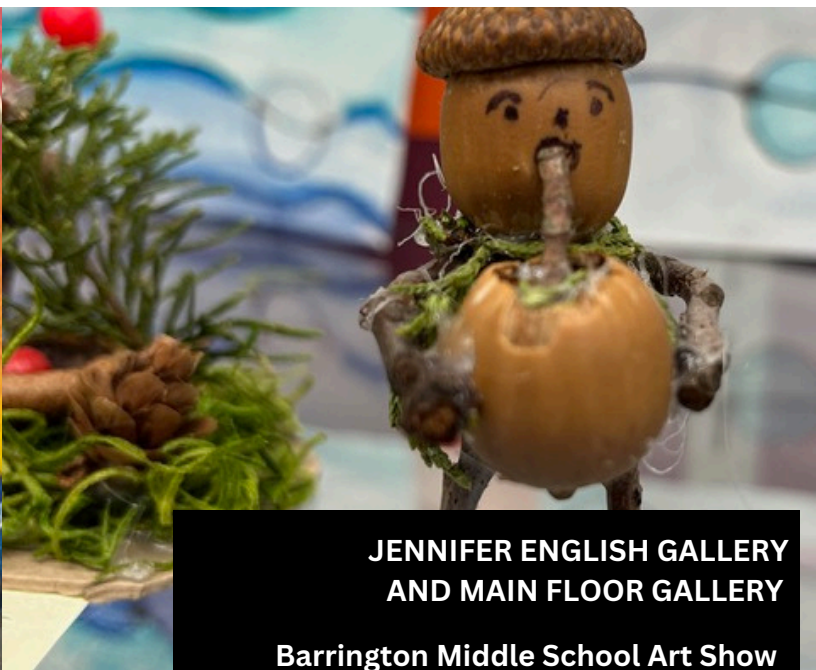
Paperback Box Set, Books 1-7
Very Good Condition (never read)
\$30 for complete set
(retails for \$100 online)

Dues start at \$10/year:

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- Sponsor - \$25
- Patron - \$50
- Benefactor - \$100

Memberships and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

MARCH ART EXHIBIT



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
AND MAIN FLOOR GALLERY

Barrington Middle School Art Show