

..... BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - MARCH 2026

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Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Barrington, RI 02806

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Staff Training
• 3/13 - CLOSED AT 12 PM

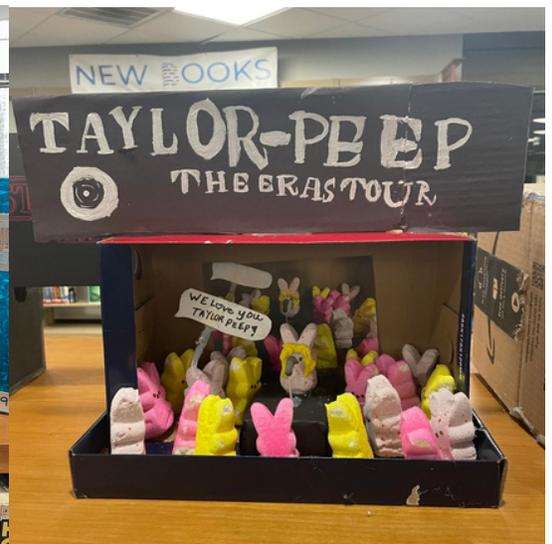
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Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm

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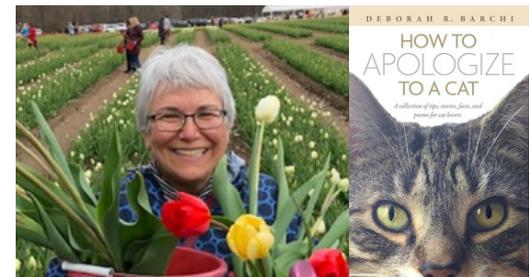


9th Annual Peep Diorama Contest

Our Peep Diorama Contest is BACK for the 9th year! Create a diorama inspired by a scene from a book, film, or TV show using peeps as the main focus. Drop off your diorama at the Circulation Desk between March 14-29 and fill out an entry form. Library patrons are invited to vote for their favorite between March 30-April 2. All winners will be announced on April 3!
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An Afternoon with Greg Abate
Join us on Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm for an afternoon of jazz with the Greg Abate Jazz Quartet featuring Chris Taylor on piano, Todd Baker on bass, Gary Johnson on drums, and Greg Abate on saxophone and flute. **pg. 6**



Deborah Barchi Author Event
Join Deborah Barchi, former Director of Barrington Public Library, on Sunday, March 15 at 1 pm for a launch of her new book *How to Apologize to a Cat*. **pg. 2**

FOR ADULTS



GET CREATIVE

Adult Craft Evening: Candle Making Workshop [🔗](#)

MON. MAR. 16 AT 6:30 PM

Participants will learn the basics of candle making and create one custom 8oz soy candle to take home. Choose from over 8 spring-inspired scents and decorate your candle using dried botanicals. All supplies provided.

Registration opens Monday, March 2 at 11 am. Space is limited.

WRITING PROGRAMS

Creature Needs: A Generative Art-Science Workshop [🔗](#)

SAT. MAR. 7 AT 1 PM

Join the Barrington Land Conservation Trust for this workshop led by Dr. Lucy Spelman and Susan Tacent. This is a generative workshop for people interested in creating work in all media about what it means to share our six basic needs - air, food, water, shelter, room to move, and each other - with all creatures.

Write to Grow: Cultivating Self-Compassion [🔗](#)

SUN. MAR. 8 AT 1 PM

Join local poet Hannah Little for an hour of meaningful reflection, creativity, and connection. Participants will learn about self-compassion through the work of Dr. Kristin Neff, read poems about the topic by Mary Oliver and others, complete a guided writing exercise inspired by one of the poems, and build community with one another through thoughtful discussion.

Working in Micros: Keep it Short, Keep it Sweet [🔗](#)

MON. MAR. 23 AT 6:30 PM

Brevity is power! Join award-winning local poet Karen Donovan for a workshop in writing micro prose. Please bring paper or a notebook, a writing instrument and your favorite stone, pinecone, seashell, leaf, feather, seed pod or any other natural object to use as a center for storytelling.

BOOK LAUNCH

How to Apologize to a Cat [🔗](#)

SUN. MAR. 15 AT 1 PM

Did you know that every 3.5 seconds, someone, somewhere is apologizing to a cat? Well. Maybe not. But anyone who has lived with a cat, or in a household overflowing with cats, knows that cats have very high standards regarding their humans, and expect those standards to be assiduously met. Join Deborah Barchi, former Director of Barrington Public Library for a launch of her new book *How to Apologize to a Cat*.

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night [🔗](#)

MON. MAR. 9 AT 6 PM

MON. MAR. 23 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.

Spring Cookbook Club [🔗](#)

TUES. MAR. 31 AT 6:30 PM

TUES. APR. 14 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for the Spring Session of cookbook club featuring *My Mexican Kitchen* by Eva Longoria. First meeting will be our book discussion and second is our potluck dinner.

WELLNESS

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

SUN. MAR. 22 AT 1 PM

Join Kim Bernardo for this specialized yoga class designed to help grievers find peace through movement and meditation. No previous yoga experience is needed.

4-Week Yoga Series with Charlotte [🔗](#)

MONDAYS AT 9:30 AM
STARTING MON. MAR. 9

Explore yoga poses and move in a vinyasa style and repetitive yoga sequence that you can learn and embody at home.

GARDENING

Yards Alive 2.0: Wild By Design [🔗](#)

WED. MAR. 4 AT 6:30 PM

As a new gardening season approaches, landscapes that celebrate individuality and environmental awareness are taking center stage. Cindy and Ed Moura, co-owners of Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch will dive into some of the top garden trends for 2026 and explore how to practically integrate them into home and community landscapes.

Through the Eyes of the Plants [🔗](#)

TUES. MAR. 17 AT 1 PM

Cindy Larson Moura, co-owner of Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch will explore integrating native plants into home landscapes by digging deep on the stories of twelve native plants species and how they naturally function in the landscape.

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

Yards Alive 2.0: What's All the Buzz About Gardening for Pollinators? [🔗](#)

TUES. MAR. 31 AT 6:30 PM

Join Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch for a panel discussion featuring local entomologists, researchers, community builders, and landscape professionals who want you to know why pollinators are essential to our ecosystem.

Prepare, Recover, Restore: Gentle Core & Pelvic Floor Wellness [🔗](#)

THURS. MAR. 26 AT 9:30 AM

This supportive, body-literacy series focuses on gentle core and pelvic floor wellness through breath, nervous system regulation, and accessible movement. Participants will learn pelvic floor mapping, tension release techniques, and simple tools to support strength, healing, and connection in their bodies. Especially supportive for pregnancy and postpartum recovery. No prior experience needed.



FILMS @ BPL



250th Movie Night: Lincoln

THURS. MAR. 5 AT 6 PM

Amid the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln uses his leadership and resolve to abolish slavery through the 13th Amendment.

2012 - 2 hrs 30 mins - PG-13

Movie Night: The Housemaid

TUES. MAR. 17 AT 6:30 PM

Millie is relieved to get a fresh start as a housemaid to Nina and Andrew, an upscale, wealthy couple. She soon learns that the family's secrets are far more dangerous than her own.

2025 - 2 hr 12 mins - Rated R

Movie Matinee: Song Sung Blue

THURS. MAR. 19 AT 1 PM

Two down-on-their-luck performers form a Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams.

2025 - 2 hrs 13 mins - Rated PG-13



DOCUMENTARIES @ BPL

First Friday Documentary Series: Turtles on the Hill

FRI. MAR. 6 AT 1 PM

Since 1990, local leaders in Barrington have worked to protect these rare coastal turtles. Learn more and enjoy this beautiful footage of Barrington, the turtles, and our local conservation leaders.

2023 - 21 mins - Not Rated

Our Town Barrington Screening

THURS. MAR. 12 AT 6:30 PM

Neighbors and friends of Barrington bring a fresh perspective with stories that examine the Barrington Library, the Barrington Garden Club, the history of West Barrington and more.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. MAR. 4 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!

Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. MAR. 24 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.

Upcoming books:

- Tues. Mar. 24 - Lilac by B.B. Reid
- Tues. Apr. 28 - Praise by Sara Cate

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



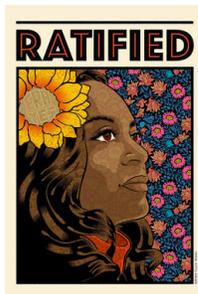
Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

DEI Documentary & Discussion: Ratified

SUN. MAR. 22 AT 1 PM

WED. MAR. 25 AT 6:30 PM

Led by Black women and with the support of a multi-racial, multi-generational coalition, this documentary traces the legal, political, and deeply personal fight to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution nearly a century after the ERA was first proposed.



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LECTURES

The Life and Songs of Neil Diamond with Richard King

WED. MAR. 11 AT 1 PM

Join media historian Richard King for a special multimedia lecture on the life and songs of Neil Diamond.

Reel vs. Real: Interpreting History in Lincoln

WED. MAR. 18 AT 6:30 PM

In this talk, Prof. Michael Vorenberg will discuss with the audience issues raised by the 2012 film, *Lincoln*.

Beyond Social Security: Strategies to Help Solve the Retirement Income Puzzle

TUES. MAR. 24 AT 6:30 PM

Learn a practical framework designed to help create sustainable retirement income. Ideal for those approaching retirement who want to better understand how to manage income, risk, and financial security.

Sowams Heritage Area: Living History, Empowering Communities

THURS. MAR. 26 AT 6:30 PM

How do you leverage heritage resources to advance your community? Andrea Rounds discusses the development of Sowams Heritage Area, a region that includes Barrington and eight other towns on the northeastern side of Narragansett Bay.

News Media in the Misinformation Age

MON. MAR. 30 AT 6:30 PM

In today's world of 24-hour news, social media algorithms, and rampant misinformation, staying informed can feel overwhelming. Join acclaimed journalist Philip Eil for a conversation on the state of the news media, how we arrived at this chaotic moment, and practical tips for maintaining a healthy information diet.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED
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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!

SHARE A TALENT

Barrington Library's Little Variety Show

THURS. MAR. 19 AT 6:30 PM

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



MAKE & EAT!

Shamrock Shakes

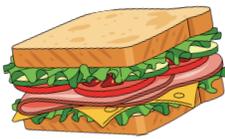
TUES. MAR. 17 AT 6:30 PM

Make & drink a delicious shamrock shake with us in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!



The Sandwich Club

MON. MAR. 23 AT 6:30 PM



A club where Teens make, eat and rate different sandwiches. All supplies will be provided.

WRITING WORKSHOP

Write Now: A Writing Workshop for Teens

THURS. MAR. 12 AT 6:30 PM
THURS. MAR. 19 AT 6:30 PM

Whether you have a project in the works or are looking for inspiration, join our writers workshop to improve your craft and develop your stories. With local writer, Laura Sanders. Come for one week or both!



ALL AGES



All of our programs are FREE and open to all but some are recommended for certain age groups. Be sure to check age recommendations before registering!

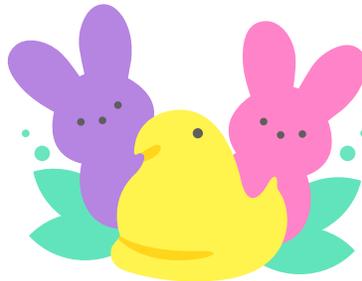
GRAMMY NIGHT IN BARRINGTON



An Immersive Listening Event with Mixing & Mastering Engineer Matt Boerum

MON. MAR. 2 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of great music and discussion with Barrington's own multi-award winning audio engineer, inventor, educator and immersive audio tech entrepreneur Dr. Matt Boerum. Matt's career spans nearly 25 years in the music industry earning top recognition through 16 Grammy nominated projects, 5 Grammy Awards and 1 Emmy Award.



PEEP DIORAMA CONTEST

9th Annual Peep Diorama Contest

Mark your calendars! Our Peep Diorama Contest is BACK!

Timeline:

- Drop-off: March 14-29
- Judging: March 30-April 2
- Winners Announced: April 3

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!



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.

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.

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.

SATURDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY



Sensory Exploration

SAT. MAR. 21 AT 10 AM

Touch, squish, sort, and create using fun sensory items. This program encourages fine-motor skills, problem-solving, early STEM concepts, and social interaction in a welcoming environment. Drop-in. For all ages and abilities.



SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS



Kids Composting 101

WED. MAR. 4 AT 4 PM

Learn the basics and what is needed for a healthy compost! A composting expert from Eastern RI Conservation District will facilitate this program and educate participants in a fun, creative way. Kids will also have the opportunity to design and create their perfect composters. *Recommended for grades 3-5.*



Dungeons & Dragons Club

THURS. MAR. 12 AT 4:30 PM
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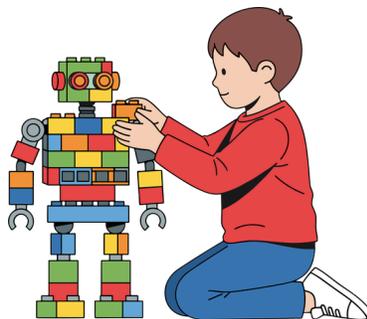
Adventurers wanted for our Kids Dungeons & Dragons Club. Some D&D experience is helpful, but new players are welcome. Registration required. *Recommended for grades 4-6.*



Kids Chess

THURS. MAR. 5 AT 4:30 PM

Chess for Kids in the Makerspace! First come, first served as space and supplies are limited. Drop-in, registration is not required. *Recommended for grades 2-5.*



Lego Club

WED. MAR. 18 AT 3:30 PM

Create, build & explore with each other and Lego bricks in the Makerspace! Drop-in. *Recommended for grades K-5.*

STORY TIMES

There will be no story time on Friday, March 20 and Monday, March 23.

Babies & Board Books

MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM ***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. *Recommended for birth - 18 months*

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
TUESDAYS AT 11 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.

**AGE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS.
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL KIDS PROGRAMS.**

FOR ADULTS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x7, or visit barringtonlibrary.libcal.com



Program dates & times subject to change.

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

FREE CONCERTS

Fáilte

TUES. MAR. 3 AT 6:30 PM

Experience the lively rhythms and rich traditions of Ireland with Fáilte, an Irish music ensemble of accomplished musicians who perform traditional and contemporary Irish music. Fáilte, which means "welcome" in Irish, has a diverse repertoire of songs and tunes and bring the heritage of Ireland to their audience at every performance.



An Afternoon of Jazz with Greg Abate

SUN. MAR. 29 AT 2 PM

Join us for an afternoon of jazz with the Greg Abate Jazz Quartet featuring Chris Taylor on piano, Todd Baker on bass, Gary Johnson on drums, and Greg Abate on saxophone and flute. Greg Abate is a world-renowned jazz saxophonist, flutist, and composer who spends 225 days a year touring the globe.

REMINDER

A gentle reminder to please cancel your reservation if you're no longer able to attend a program. This helps open spots for others who are waiting and ensures seats don't go unused.

We truly appreciate your consideration and support in making our programs accessible to as many community members as possible.

To cancel your reservation for any program please call: 401-247-1920 x7



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!

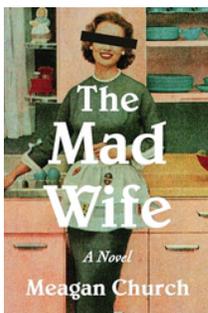


ADULT FICTION



Anatomy of an Alibi by Ashley Elston

A suspenseful thriller about two women, Camille and Aubrey, who swap lives for a night, leading to murder and a desperate scramble for an alibi.



The Mad Wife by Meagan Church

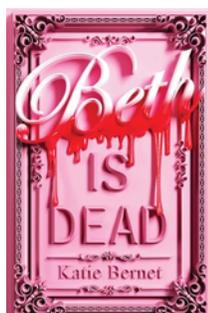
A historical suspense novel about Lulu Mayfield, a 1950s housewife whose seemingly perfect life unravels after childbirth.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Room to Breathe by Kasie West

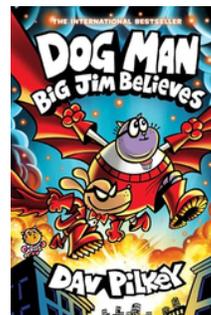
Indy and Beau's friendship is shattered, but getting accidentally locked in a bathroom together just might be what's needed to reconnect.



Beth is Dead by Katie Bernet

A reimagining of Little Women as a murder mystery, where Beth March is found dead, and her sisters Jo, Meg, and Amy must uncover her killer, suspecting each other as secrets are revealed.

MIDDLE GRADE



Big Jim Believes by Dav Pilkey

Our caped crusaders, Dog Man, Commander Cupcake, and Sprinkles, discover that the city has changed, and nothing is how it should be.



Chris Makes a Friend by Alex Gino

A book-loving kid named Chris is sent to stay with their grandparents for the summer while their mom recovers from surgery and finds an unexpected friend.

TECHNOLOGY @ BPL

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Need help with your phone, tablet, laptop, or a specific tech question? Barrington Public Library offers one-on-one Tech Help appointments with our Digital Services Librarian who can assist with email, apps, video calls, basic troubleshooting, and more.

30-minute one-on-one tech appointments can be scheduled online or over the phone. Appointments are free and open to all skill levels.

Current schedule:

- Mondays 10-11 am
- Wednesdays 2-3 pm
- Thursdays 2-3 pm

Because of the high demand for appointments, we allow one appointment per person per week. First-come, first-serve.

TECH CLASSES

Tech classes are taught by our Digital Services Librarian, Kyle, on Tuesdays at 10 am. Tech classes are a great way to learn about current technology, library services, and more in a supportive, hands-on class.

Digital Newspapers 101

TUES. MAR. 3 AT 10 AM

Learn more about our database platforms for reading digital newspapers. Get access to the New York Times, Providence Journal, and the Barrington Times Archive, among other news sources free online.

Udemy

TUES. MAR. 10 AT 10 AM

Learn how Udemy can help improve your career skills or further develop a personal interest with access to more than 4,000 continuously updated, on-demand video courses.

Mango Languages

TUES. MAR. 17 AT 10 AM

Learn languages in a fun and efficient way with real-life conversations, native-speaker audio and cultural context. Mango app will make you speak like a local in a blink of an eye.

ASKRI Free Resources

TUES. MAR. 24 AT 10 AM

Learn what AskRI offers, how to navigate the website, and how to use some of the included research databases, learning tools, and online resources.

LIBRARY NEWS

Visit our website for updates and exciting programs and services.



TAX FORMS

We have 2025 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.

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.

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to Hattie, Billie, Maisie, and Beatriz, the winners of our 2026 Bookmark Design Contest!

Their winning designs will be available at all service desk in April!

Thank you to everyone who entered our contest this year. If you want your original bookmark back, please pick it up at the Reference Desk by March 20. All bookmarks not picked up by then will be used as bookmarks by our staff.

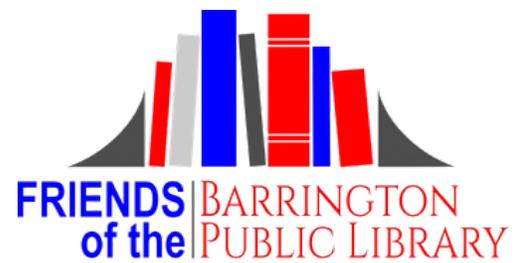
Our 2026 Bookmark Design Contest is sponsored by The Friends of the Barrington Public Library and the Barrington 250 Committee.

Thank you to our sponsors!



FRIENDS' CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



FRIENDS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On Friday, January 23 we held a special Friends Appreciation Breakfast to thank the wonderful volunteers of our Friends group.

Through their efforts, the Friends support 88% of our library programming as well as special collection such as our Express Books, Museum Passes, and the Library of Things. They also capital projects such as the first floor study rooms and the Safe Harbor mural.

Thank you to our Friends! We couldn't do it without you!



thank you

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, craft kits, 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.

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.

MARCH ART EXHIBIT

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Art Department
proudly presents...



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
AND MAIN FLOOR GALLERY

Barrington Public Schools Art Show