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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - APRIL 2025

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Closures

Easter
• 4/20 - CLOSED

School Vacation Week

• 4/14 - 4/18

Library Hours

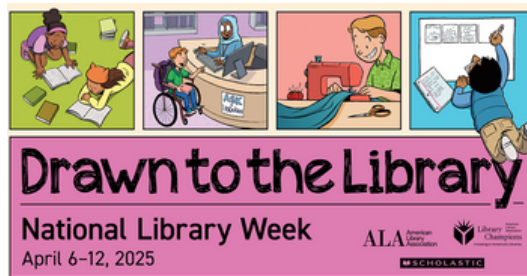
Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm
Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm

Follow Us!



Peep Diorama Contest

Our Peep Diorama Contest is BACK for the 8th 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 April 5-13 and fill out an entry form. Library patrons are invited to vote for their favorite between April 14-17. All winners will be announced on April 18! **pg. 6**



National Library Week

We are celebrating National Library Week from April 7-11! To celebrate, there will be a different fun activity or opportunity to take part in every day. Open to all ages! **pg. 6**



Dial-a-Poem

Back for a fifth year! This year Dial-a-Poem is hosted by Mr. Pat and his puppet pals, Burt & Dewey! All of our poems this year will be read by kids from Barrington. **pg. 6**

FOR ADULTS

GET TOGETHER

Spring Cookbook Club [🔗](#)

TUES. APR. 8 AT 6:30 PM
TUES. APR. 22 AT 6:30 PM

Adults are invited to join us for the Spring Session of cookbook club! The book for Spring 2025 is *Korean American: Food That Tastes Like Home* by Eric Kim.

In our first meeting, we will discuss the author, book introduction, layout, and recipe map, 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 sessions.

Board Game Night

MON. APR. 14 AT 6 PM
MON. APR. 28 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.

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon: Scrabble Tile Coasters [🔗](#)

THURS. APR. 24 AT 1 PM

Join us for a fun Adult Crafternoon and make a pair of coasters using Scrabble tiles. No artistic experience necessary, all supplies will be provided.

Registration opens Thursday, April 3 at 9 am. Space is limited.

Watercolor Paint Night [🔗](#)

TUES. APR. 29 AT 6:30 PM

Join local artist Sue Greco for a fun and relaxing watercolor paint night! All supplies provided, beginner friendly!

Registration opens Tuesday, April 15 at 9 am. Space is limited.

FILMS @ BPL

SUN. APR. 6 AT 1 PM

Ten films from four continents in two hours give expression to what we're feeling—hope and cynicism, climate denial and climate grief, rage and heartbreak, resilience and resolve—and offer paths toward climate empowerment.



Film Lecture: A Complete Unknown

MON. APR. 14 AT 6 PM
WED. APR. 16 AT 1 PM

In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

2024 - 2 hrs 20 mins - R

Film Screening & Discussion: Kite Runner

SUN. APR. 27 AT 1 PM
WED. APR. 30 AT 6 PM

Join the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for a screening of *The Kite Runner*, a moving story of friendship and forgiveness based on the 2003 bestseller of the same name written by Khaled Hosseini. A discussion lead by Barrington High School student members of the DEI Committee will follow the screening.

2007 - 2 hrs 8 mins - PG-13



WELLNESS

Vinyasa Flow with Charlotte [🔗](#)

MON. APR. 7 AT 9:30 AM
MON. APR. 21 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body.

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

SUN. APR. 13 AT 1 PM

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



DRAMA - DOCUMENTARY - DARK COMEDY - ANIMATION

InShape: Empowering Young Adults to Lead Active, Fit, and Healthy Lives [🔗](#)

WED. APR. 16 AT 5:30 PM

Young adults ages 18-28 are invited to attend this workshop that will help to raise awareness about healthy habits, provide feedback that highlights the benefits of wellness behaviors, and the risks of substance misuse. During this workshop, participants will set a goal plan and learn how to monitor their goals to avoid substance misuse.



GARDENING

Creating Magical Outdoor Spaces Where Kids Can Thrive

WED. APR. 9 AT 6:30 PM

Explore the growing chasm between kiddos and the great outdoors— it's a very big deal! Learn how to invite nature home and craft nature rich wonderlands that'll have young ones blossoming like wildflowers!

Container Gardening Tips, Tricks and Trade Secrets

TUES. APR. 22 AT 1 PM

Join the Barrington Garden Club for this informative lecture on container gardening by Deborah Trickett, owner of The Captured Garden.

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

The ABCs and 123s of Creating and Maintaining Living Landscapes

WED. APR. 23 AT 6:30 PM

Dig into the nitty gritty of infusing life and vitality into area landscapes. Grounding participants in the how and why of resilient landscaping practice, the session is designed to leave attendees feeling empowered and ready to tackle this gardening season.

Free Soil Testing

FRI. APR. 26 AT 10 AM

How healthy is your soil? Get it tested with the URI Master Gardeners at the library! Check website for sampling instructions and more information.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Stormwater Management in a Coastal Town

MON. APR. 7 AT 7 PM

As a coastal area already coping with rising sea levels, the challenge of stormwater management adds another layer of complexity. What solutions are available and how can we, as a community, limit the damage from inland and coastal flooding?

Part of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust Learning Series.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. APR. 2 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: The Boys in the Boat

TUES. APR. 29 AT 1:30 PM

Come watch a popular and recent movie that was adapted from a book! Discussion of book & movie will follow.

The Boys in the Boat is based on Daniel James Brown's book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*.

A 1930s-set story centered on the University of Washington's rowing team, from their Depression-era beginnings.

2023 - 2 hr 3 mins - Color - PG-13

TECH CLASSES

Microsoft 365

TUES. APR. 1 AT 10 AM

Learn about Outlook, OneDrive, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and how to use these apps to increase your productivity and efficiency.

Google Workspace

TUES. APR. 8 AT 10 AM

Learn about Gmail, Drive, Docs, Sheets, and Slides and how to use these apps to increase your productivity and efficiency.

Apple Camera & Photo Gallery

WED. APR. 9 AT 6:30 PM

Learn more about how to use your camera app and photo gallery on your iPad or iPhone. Get some tips and tricks that will make taking photos and videos a breeze!

Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. APR. 29 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.

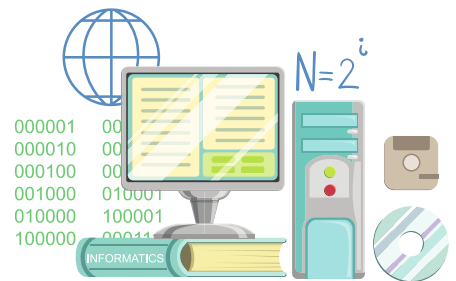
Other Book Discussion Groups

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

- Literary Pairings
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!



Earth Day Technology

TUES. APR. 22 AT 10 AM

This class will cover a variety of online resources that can be used to learn about environmental issues and ways to make a positive impact on the planet.

Facebook & Instagram

TUES. APR. 29 AT 10 AM

Learn the basics of two popular social media sites, Facebook and Instagram. You do not need an account on either site to participate in this class.



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. APR. 8 AT 11 AM

Little ones are welcome to enjoy simple stories, crafts and a snack with their caregiver! This program is perfect for getting ready for preschool. Recommended for ages 3+

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.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK - APRIL 14-18

Tommy James Magic Show

TUES. APR. 15 AT 11 AM

Back by popular demand, the Tommy James Magic Show is a definite crowd pleaser not to be missed! His engaging stage-presence combines mystifying magic tricks, silly humor and tons of audience participation. A guaranteed delight for all ages and abilities.



Animal World Experience with Matt Gabriel

WED. APR. 16 AT 10 AM

Experience an animal program like no other with this interactive, educational and exciting animal presentation for audiences of all ages. Matt's main goal through his animal presentations is to encourage attendees to respect all types of animals.

STORY TIMES

Please note that there will be no Babies & Board Books during School Vacation Week, April 15-18.

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Share stories and songs together!
Drop-in.

When indoors: Space is limited to 35 attendees. Once capacity is reached, exceptions will not be made. Recommended for ages 2-5

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

Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Inside Out 2

THURS. APR. 17 AT 1 PM

In this much-anticipated sequel, Riley is entering her teen years, and her mind is making room for a new, unexpected emotion, anxiety. Her mind's resident emotion are not sure how to feel about this latest development. And neither is Riley.

In honor of Autism Awareness Month, this film will be shown with dim lighting and a softer volume. Each attendee will receive (for keeps) a bubble-squeeze sensory fidget toy, while supplies last.

Makerspace Mania

FRI. APR. 18 AT 1 PM

Join Mr. Pat for a fun STEM-based activity! This month, kids will design a Marble Run Maze! All supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination. Space is limited. Recommended for kids 7+



Family Story Time moves OUTDOORS to Tap-in Turf starting Tuesday, April 15!

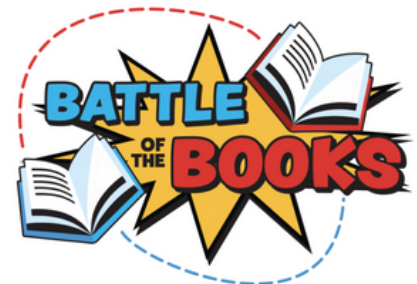


Tap-in Turf

Finding Tap-in Turf

Please park in the main library parking lot. Follow the sidewalk past the main doors and it will conveniently take you to the story time meeting place. Remember to pack something to sit on and snacks.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Battle of the Books is back this year! Started by Ms. Burke, this program has been a spring fixture for many years. Fifth graders at Hampton Meadows School work in teams to read as many of the 63 Battle of the Books titles as possible. The contest ends with a multi-part tournament in June with the entire 5th grade in attendance.

There will be a Battle of the Books cart in the Children's Room with all the participating books through the end of May.

Let's cheer on our Barrington 5th graders as they participate!

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: Decorate a Wooden Egg

MON. APR. 14 AT 6:30 PM

Decorate a wooden egg using colored twine and other assorted materials. All supplies will be provided and we will have candy to snack on as well!

Watercolor Workshop

TUES. APR. 15 AT 6:30 PM

Local artist Arianne Del Rios will lead us in a watercolor workshop on the art of painting still life. No prior experience necessary.

FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Open Mic Night

THURS. APR. 17 AT 6:30 PM

Sing. Read. Recite. Do some stand-up comedy. Bring an instrument. Anything goes.

Open to teens and adults!

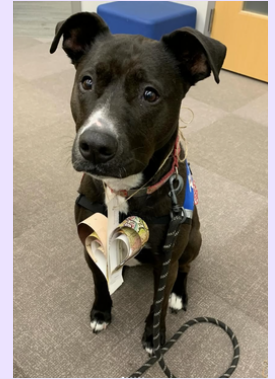
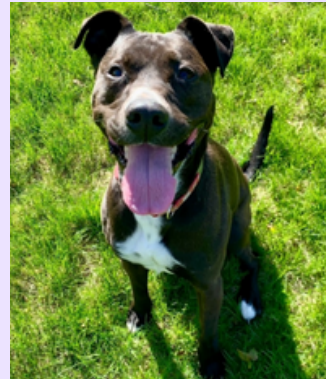


Hot Pepper Shakespeare

TUES. APR. 22 AT 6:30 PM

Join us in celebration of the Bard's Birthday by reciting pieces of his work whilst eating a hot pepper. Bread & milk will be provided as needed along with an array of Shakespeare's work to choose from. Have a favorite? Bring it along. Spectator's wanted and welcome!

Open to teens and adults!



Meet Winnie!

Introducing Winnie, the new Teen Room Therapy Dog! Winnie will be attending programs and visiting with teens in the Teen Room. Here are some fun facts about Winnie:



1. Winnie is 7 years old although most people think she is much younger because of her exuberant energy!
2. Winnie loves running, swimming and playing with cat toys. She also loves licking everyone and eating as many snacks as she can.
3. Winnie became a therapy dog around 10 months ago so this is still fairly new for her. She was originally visiting nursing homes where she was surprisingly calm but her new gig in the Teen Room is more her speed (she adores kids).
4. When Winnie was first adopted, her shelter name was Princess Eloise Wiggle Butt which actually describes her perfectly. However, her owners decided to rename her after the book *Because of Winn Dixie* which is about a dog who brings joy which fits her just as well. Winnie loves everyone she meets and her enthusiasm for life is contagious.

DROP-IN ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

Drop-in to the Teen Room anytime during school vacation week and take advantage of the Rec Room and Game Cart!

Board Games

Check out our Board Game Cart and find a fun game to play together while you hang out in the Teen Room.



Games available include:

- Photosynthesis
- El Grande
- Scrabble
- Harry Potter Clue
- Uno
- LIFE
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Munchkin
- Settlers of Catan
- ...and more!

Rec Room

Ask Tanya, our Teen Librarian, to use the Nintendo Switch and play some video games while you hang out in the library!

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

Computers

Play Minecraft or Roblox with friends on one of our Teen Room computers. Ask at the Reference Desk for a guest pass or use your library card to log in to the computers.

ALL AGES

PEEP DIORAMA CONTEST

8th Annual Peep Diorama Contest!

Create a diorama inspired by a scene from a book, film, or TV show using peeps as the main focus.

Timeline:

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

Rules for Entry:

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Maximum size allowance is 14" wide X 10" deep X 10" tall (think large shoe box size).
- Do not put your name on the diorama!
- Drop off your diorama at the circulation desk and fill out a short entry form. Dioramas that do not have an entry form cannot win!
- Open to all. One entry per family or individual.

Voting:

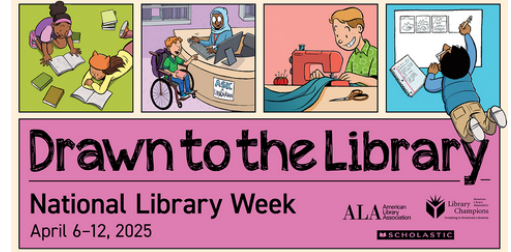
- We will have three voting rounds this year: People's Choice, Family Favorite, and Best in Show.
- For the Family Favorite and Best in Show prizes, library staff will vote for their favorite diorama and the winner in each category will receive a prize.
- Library patrons are invited to vote for their favorite. Winner of the patron vote will win the People's Choice prize.
- All winners will be announced on April 18!



2024 Winners

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week is April 7-11! This year we are celebrating with a fun activity or opportunity every day.



MON. APR. 7 - Tell Us Your Favorite Book



Check out our table near the entrance of the library where you can fill out a paper book spine with your favorite book or series. We will be displaying these book spines in the vestibule for the rest of the week!

TUES. APR. 8 - Donate A Book, Get A Book For Free



Bring a like-new book you have already read to the library and donate it, then pick out a new book from the Daily Book Sale for free! One book swap per person. Books must be an equal swap (hardcover adult book for hardcover adult book, kids book for kids book).

WED. APR. 9 - Call Our Dial-a-Poem Line



Call 401-433-9509 and listen to our new poem. At the end of the poem will be a secret clue. Give that clue to a staff member and get a sweet treat!

THURS. APR. 10 - Ducks for Donuts



We've hidden 24 rubber ducks on the first floor of the library. Find a duck and bring it to the Circulation Desk to receive a coupon for a free donut at Blue Kangaroo!

THURS. APR. 10 - Free Popcorn Day!



Check out a DVD or Blu-Ray and receive a free bag of microwave popcorn. Love streaming instead? Register for Kanopy and receive a free bag too!

DIAL-A-POEM



Dial-a-Poem 2025 - Kids Edition!

NEW POEM EVERY WEDNESDAY

It's time for our Fifth Annual Dial-A-Poem!

Celebrate National Poetry Month with us! Call **401-433-9509** to hear a brand-new poem every Wednesday in April.

This year, we have a special kids edition hosted by Mr. Pat and his puppet pals, Burt & Dewey! They'll bring poetry to life with fun, laughter, and a little puppet magic. All of our poems this year will be read by kids from Barrington.

Call as many times as you like!

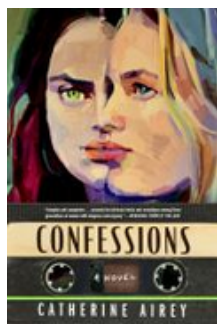
WHAT TO READ

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



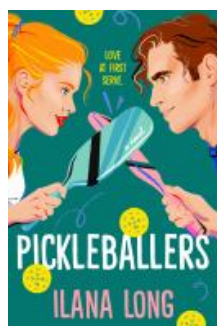
Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

ADULT



Confessions by Catherine Airey

Three generations of women are bound by family secrets, lost memories and an enigmatic boarding school game as they unravel mysteries spanning 40 years.



Pickleballers by Ilana Long

A pickleball newbie looking to recover from life's swings and misses crosses paddles with love in this debut romantic comedy.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Royal Heirs Academy by Lindsey Duga

Three royal grandchildren and one fortuitous commoner compete to inherit a kingdom while attending an academy.



Wicked Darlings by Jordyn Taylor

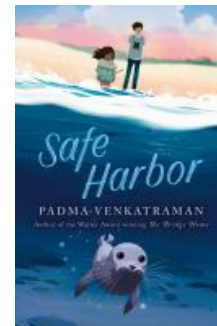
When an aspiring journalist decides to investigate her sister's mysterious death, she finds herself embroiled in the underbelly of Manhattan's elite.

MIDDLE GRADE



The Snips by Raúl the Third

A fun and zany graphic novel series starring a crew of scissors-wielding hairdressers who must save the city from evildoers bent on destruction.



Safe Harbor by Padma Venkatraman

Moving from India to the US is difficult for Geetha, but things start to get better when she and a new friend help rescue a stranded seal.

LIBRARY SERVICES

SEED LIBRARY



Barrington Public Library's Seed Library was created in Summer 2022 to encourage everyone to try their hand at gardening.

Our Seed Library is located in the old card catalog next to the Reference Desk on the first floor of the library.

Seeds are available to the public for free! But please only take what you can plant and leave some for your neighbors.

We are always looking for seed donations - either store bought or harvested from your own garden! Donations can be brought to the Reference Desk and our staff will sort the seeds into the Seed Library.

GENEALOGY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We have several online databases and physical resources that can help in your genealogical or local history research.

Online Databases:

- Ancestry (in-library use only)
- Barrington Times Digital Archive
- Providence Journal Online & Heritage Hub

Physical Collections (in-library use):

- Barrington High School Yearbooks
- Barrington Times Newspaper
- Karl P. Jones Horticultural Book Collection
- Rhode Island Collection

Please ask at the Reference Desk if you would like to access any of these physical collections or need help accessing the online databases listed above.

TECH HELP DESK

One-on-one tech help is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. All appointments are 30 minutes in length. One appointment per person per week.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH...

- eBooks & eAudiobooks
- eReaders, smartphones & tablets
- Windows OS & Mac OS
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Searching the internet
- Zoom & FaceTime
- Resizing or printing pictures
- Email
- Social Media websites & apps
- and MORE!



Scan the QR Code to make an appointment or call 401-247-1920 x2

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.

MUSEUM PASS BUDDY



Meet Barry, our new Museum Pass Buddy!

Barry loves going on adventures and is excited to join you on your next museum trip.

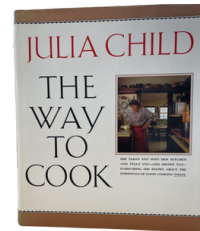
Reserve Barry just like you would a normal museum pass or check to see if he is available when you pick up your museum pass. Barry must be picked up from and returned to the Reference Desk. Please do not put him in the book drop!

Be sure to sign his Adventure Log and tell us about your day together and take lots of photos, too!

FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all Barrington High School seniors: write a 250-500 word essay about how the library has impacted your life. The writer of the winning submission will win a \$500 college scholarship! More info coming soon.

RARE & VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE

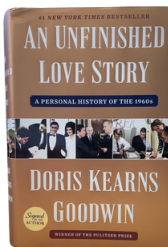


The Way to Cook
by Julia Child

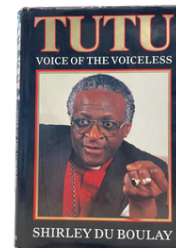
Signed
First Edition

\$125

An Unfinished Love Story
by Doris Kearns Goodwin



Signed
\$15



Tutu: Voice of the Voiceless
by Shirley Du Boulay

Signed TWICE
by Desmond Tutu

\$50

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

APRIL ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY

Kyla Schmigle | Tufted Rug,
Ceramic, & Watercolor Artist



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY

Michele Hoben | Acrylic Painting