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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - APRIL 2026



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Easter
• 4/5 - CLOSED

School Vacation Week
• 4/20 - 4/24

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Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm
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Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
WEEK**

April 19-25, 2026



National Library Week

National Library Week (April 19-25) is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. We'll be celebrating National Library Week with special displays, programs, and more all centered around this year's theme, "Find Your Joy!" **pg. 7**



The Librarians

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Dial-a-Poem

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FOR ADULTS

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Cycling Across America in 101 Poems with Michael Obel-Omia

THURS. APR. 30 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening with local poet and stroke survivor, Michael Obel-Omia. Michael's newest book, *Cycling Across America in 101 Poems: A Stroke Recovery Journey*, was released in January 2026. In this moving collection, Michael Obel-Omia chronicles his extraordinary ride from Missoula, Montana, to Revere Beach, Massachusetts, an adventure born from resilience and hope.

FILM LECTURE SERIES

Comic Relief Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Join Siobhan for a knee-slapping film series celebrating the lighter side of cinema. Each screening will be preceded by a brief lecture from librarian Siobhan Egan.

Complete Series:

- April 8 - Some Like it Hot
- April 15 - What's Up Doc?
- April 22 - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
- April 29 - A League of Their Own

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon: Altered Book Poetry

THURS. APR. 9 AT 2 PM

Join us for a fun crafternoon in honor of National Poetry Month and use recycled book pages and art supplies to create your own altered book poetry. Beginner friendly, no artistic or poetic skills are necessary.. All supplies will be provided.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

WED. APR. 22 AT 6 PM

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

Registration opens Wednesday, April 1 at 6 pm. Space is limited.

DOCUMENTARIES @ BPL

First Friday Documentary Series: Bring Them Home

FRI. APR. 3 AT 1 PM

This documentary tells the story of a committed group of Blackfoot people and their mission to establish the first wild bison herd on their ancestral territory since the species' near-extinction a century ago. Through the process of re-wilding, the tribe seeks to restore the land, re-enliven traditional culture, and bring much needed healing to their community.

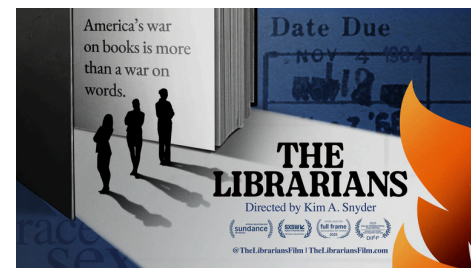
2024 - 1 hr 25 mins - Not Rated

250th Movie Night: No Time to Fail

TUES. APR. 7 AT 6:30 PM

Despite the unbelievable challenges posed by the global pandemic and desperate attempts to disrupt and upend the 2020 election, elections officials across the country succeeded in managing the most secure election in US history. Viewers go behind the scenes of the administration of the 2020 election in this unprecedented voting adventure.

2022 - 1 hr 30 mins - Not Rated



National Library Week Documentary Film: The Librarians

SUN. APR. 19 AT 1 PM

MON. APR. 20 AT 6:30 PM

In *The Librarians*, librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and our First Amendment Rights. Despite facing harassment, threats, and laws aimed at criminalizing their work – the librarians' rallying cry for freedom to read is a chilling cautionary tale.

2025 - 1 hr 28 mins - Not Rated



WELLNESS

Aging & Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not, and How to Make a Difference

THURS. APR. 2 AT 1 PM

This session will explore what types of memory changes can be part of normal aging, what may signal something more, and practical steps you can take to support brain health at any age. Attendees will also learn about promising advances in Alzheimer's prevention research, including how disease risk is identified through tools such as the APOE4 risk gene and amyloid PET scans used in pre-clinical Alzheimer's prevention trials.

Sponsored by Care New England-Butler Hospital.



Prepare, Recover, Restore: Gentle Core & Pelvic Floor Wellness

THURS. APR. 9 AT 9:30 AM

FRI. APR. 24 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.

Grief Yoga: Movement, Breath & Sound

SUN. APR. 26 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.



GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. APR. 13 AT 6 PM
MON. APR. 27 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.

BPL Mystery Society

THURS. APR. 23 AT 6 PM

Do you love solving puzzles, uncovering clues, and cracking mysteries? Join fellow sleuths work together to solve an immersive, stand-alone mystery from the Deadbolt Mystery Society.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. APR. 1 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. APR. 28 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. Apr. 28 - Praise by Sara Cate
- Tues. May 26 - Lights Out by Navessa Allen

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!

WRITING

Write to Grow: Developing Self-Awareness

SUN. APR. 12 AT 1 PM

Join local poet Hannah Little for an hour of meaningful reflection, creativity, and connection. Participants will explore their level of self-awareness with guided exercises, read poetry by the facilitator, produce an original piece of creative writing, and build community with one another through thoughtful discussion.



GARDENING

Throw the Burning Bush on the Brush Pile: Overused Plants and Superior Alternatives

TUES. APR. 14 AT 1 PM

In this talk, Adam Wheeler from Broken Arrow Nursery, will open your mind to amazing plants you may not have thought to include in your garden. *Sponsored by The Barrington Garden Club. Registration required for non-members only.*

Yards Alive 2.0: Garden Trivia with a Twist

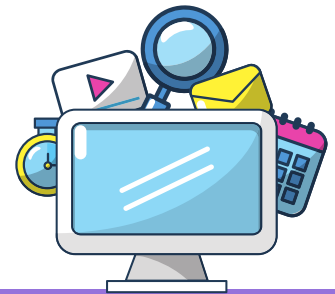
THURS. APR. 16 AT 6:30 PM

It's nearly time to get those shovels into the ground! But, before you do, join us for a lively send off into garden season with an ecological gardening trivia night designed to be equal parts education and fun! Grab a few friends to play as a team or just come on your own and make some new friends in the process - all are welcome!

Free Soil Testing and Gardening Information Kiosk

SAT. APR. 25 FROM 10 AM - 12 PM

How healthy is your soil? Get it tested with the URI Master Gardeners who will be at the library. The test will find out its pH, and help you decide how you can make your soil better. *Check our website for sampling instructions and more information.*



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LECTURES

The Fabric of the Neighborhood: How Italian Immigrants Built a Mid-Century Community

THURS. APR. 2 AT 6:30 PM

Step into a classic Providence triple-decker and explore what it meant to grow up Italian-American with three generations of family under one roof. In this engaging lecture, Ed brings the past to life through precise, vivid storytelling that weaves together social history, family history, and the rich local history of Providence's neighborhoods.

This lecture is sponsored by the Barrington Preservation Society.

Lessons from Dragonflies and Damselflies

MON. APR. 13 AT 7 PM

Join the Barrington Land Conservation Trust and Virginia "Ginger" Brown for an exploration into insects and their importance to our world. Ginger is the state's leading expert on the Odonata—the order of insects comprised of the dragonflies and damselflies—and the author of two authoritative books on the group.

Primus House: Reflective History and Civic Possibility

WED. APR. 29 AT 6:30 PM

Located at 21 Meeting Street in the College Hill Historic District in Providence, Primus House, a Revolutionary War era house, will open to the public in 2027 as a Center for Reflective History. Join us to learn more about the vision for this new organization.



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

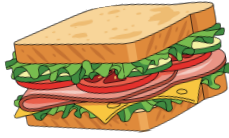
THURS. APR. 16 AT 6:30 PM

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

MAKE & EAT!

The Sandwich Club

MON. APR. 20 AT 6:30 PM



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

Got a suggestion for something you want to try on a future sandwich? Let Tanya know!

GET CREATIVE

Watercolor Workshop with Arianne

THURS. APR. 23 AT 6 PM

Learn how to paint using watercolors in this lesson with local artist Arianne Del Rios.

WRITING WORKSHOP

Write Now: A Writing Workshop for Teens

MON. APR. 13 AT 4 PM
MON. APR. 20 AT 4 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.

ALL AGES

DIAL-A-POEM



6th Annual Dial-a-Poem

NEW POEM EVERY FRIDAY

Celebrate National Poetry Month with us! Every Friday in April, call 401-433-9509 to hear a brand-new poem. This year, we have four poems written by poets from around Rhode Island.

Call as many times as you like - each poem will be available for a week until the new poem is uploaded.

You can also stop by our Dial-a-Poem kiosk in the library to listen to all four poems. Missed a poem or want to listen back? Check out our Soundcloud account by visiting soundcloud.com and searching Barrington Public Library.

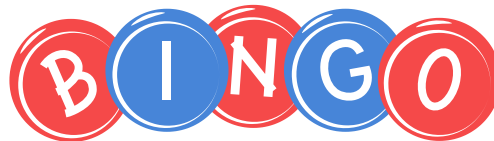
POETRY MONTH

Drop-in Magnetic Poetry

MON. APR. 20 - FRI. APR. 24

Stop by the library and try your hand at magnetic poetry! Using words from the Declaration of Independence, build your own haiku or other short poem. Magnetic white board will be available on first floor of the library during School Vacation Week.

BINGO



Red, White, and Bingo!

TUES. APR. 21 AT 5 PM

Celebrate community and a bit of local history as we play ten lively rounds of Bingo with the Barrington 250 Committee! Between rounds, test your knowledge with quick trivia questions inspired by American history and Barrington's past—perfect for all ages and a great way to learn something new while you play.

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!

FREE CONCERT



Atwater-Donnelly Trio

SUN. APR. 26 AT 2 PM

The Atwater-Donnelly Band performs a unique and thrilling blend of traditional American and Celtic folk music and percussive dance. Elwood Donnelly, Aubrey Atwater, and Cathy Clasper-Torch blend beautiful vocals and play guitar, mountain dulcimer, banjo, fiddle, cello, bass, whistle, harmonica, limberjacks, and other surprises including freestyle Appalachian clogging and French Canadian footwork.

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.



SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Coding with Scratch

FRI. APR. 3 AT 10:30 AM

Join us for this fun no-school day STEM activity and learn how to code using Scratch. Taught by MET High School student, Isaiah Torres. Perfect for beginners—no prior coding experience needed.

Recommended for grades 3-5.

Astronomy Smash-Up

MON. APR. 6 AT 6 PM

Join renowned astrophysicist and children's author Dr. Marc Kuchner for an exciting hands-on program about colliding stars! Kids will learn about astronomy through hands-on activities, cool videos, and games.

Recommended for kids ages 7+.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

THURS. APR. 16 AT 4:30 PM

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.



Lego Club

WED. APR. 29 AT 3:30 PM

Create, build & explore with each other and Lego bricks in the Makerspace! Drop-in.

Recommended for grades K-5.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure

MON. APR. 20 AT 11 AM

If you like the Crocodile Hunter, then you'll LOVE Bwana Iguana! Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure, an exciting interactive program with Ray Ward, entertains and educates all ages about the mysterious world of reptiles and amphibians. Ray's subtle humor and wit, coupled with his unbridled enthusiasm and love of reptiles and children, makes every one of his shows a hit.

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Poppi's Planet Puppet Show

WED. APR. 22 AT 11 AM

Get transported to Poppi's Planet full of music, dance and puppetry! Celebrate what it means to be our unique selves as big feelings, emotions and resiliency are explored! Attendees will leave with joyful mindful hearts!

Fiddle 'N Fun

THURS. APR. 23 AT 11 AM

Partake in this unique, hands-on musical experience with Mister Joel designed for preschool-aged children (and their adult caregivers) with plenty of singing, movement, instruments, and much more!

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

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Keepsake Craft Hour

WED. APR. 8 AT 5:30 PM

Drop-in with your little one(s) and create with recycled materials. This program is designed for parents and caregivers to craft together. Children of all ages are welcome. Drop-in, registration is not required.

Sensory Exploration

MON. APR. 13 AT 4 PM

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.

While this program is designed for neurodivergent individuals and those on the Autism spectrum, all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

STORY TIMES

There will be no story time on Friday, April 3 and during School Vacation Week, April 20 - April 24.

Babies & Board Books

MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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*

TECHNOLOGY

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 or as otherwise noted. Tech classes are a great way to learn about current technology, library services, and more in a supportive, hands-on class.

Microsoft 365 [🔗](#)

TUES. APR. 7 AT 10 AM

Learn more about Microsoft's productivity apps including Outlook, OneDrive, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and how to use these apps to increase their productivity and efficiency.

Google Workspace [🔗](#)

TUES. APR. 14 AT 10 AM

Learn more about Google's productivity apps including Gmail, Drive, Docs, Sheets, and Slides and how to use these apps to increase their productivity and efficiency.

Phishing [🔗](#)

FRI. APR. 17 AT 10 AM

Learn how to identify phishing scams, protect yourself from them, and what to do if you fall victim to one. *Taught by MET High School student, Isaiah Torres.*

ChatGPT For Beginners [🔗](#)

TUES. APR. 21 AT 10 AM

Curious about ChatGPT but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly class is designed for those who have never used ChatGPT, as well as those who have tried it but are not sure how to make it truly useful. *Taught by Bonnie Aspen, a member of the Friends.*

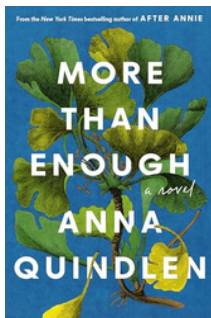
WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from Barrington Public Library staff to you!

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

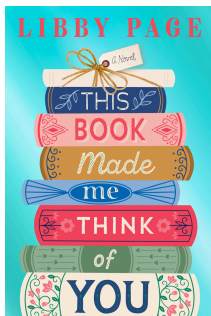


ADULT FICTION



More Than Enough by Anna Quindlen

A high school English teacher's life is upended by an unexpected DNA ancestry test result, forcing her to re-examine her family, marriage, and friendships.



This Book Made Me Think of You by Libby Page

A woman receives an unexpected gift from the man she loved and lost—a year of books, one for every month.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Love Me Tomorrow by Emiko Jean

17-year-old Emma stops believing in lasting love until she starts receiving mysterious love letters from her future self.



Gaslit by Megan Davidhizar

When a night of babysitting turns fatal, a girl burdened with survivor's guilt becomes increasingly convinced that someone is responsible for a fatal gas leak.

MIDDLE GRADE



Hattie Mae Begins Again by Sharon Flake

Hattie Mae struggles to fit in at a Philadelphia school where she's judged for her Southern roots and begins to doubt whether she'll ever truly belong.



Gumshoe by Brenna Thummler

In a gossip-filled town, a girl is mistaken for a notorious mail thief and must team up with a group of runaways to clear her name and reclaim her dream of becoming a mail carrier.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 19 - 25, 2026



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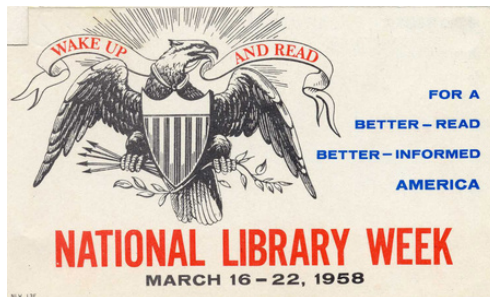
Award-winning librarian, author, and new host of the children's program "Reading Rainbow" Mychal Threats will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week.

"I love libraries enthusiastically every week! To serve as Honorary Chair for National Library Week takes that enthusiasm to a whole new level. Celebrating libraries, thanking library workers, visiting libraries is how I find my joy. There are so many library kids and library grown-ups who have yet to fully embrace their library joy, and I am so excited for them! When they enter the world of libraries and stories, I am confident they will find not only their library joy but their courage to believe in their own story and maybe even share it with others."
—Mychal Threats

WHAT IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK?

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

National Library Week has roots back to the 1950's when the American Library Association established the first National Library Week in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" The 2026 celebration marks the 68th anniversary of the first event.



CELEBRATION DAYS DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Monday, April 20: Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its State of America's Libraries Report, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2025.

Tuesday, April 21: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 22: National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 23: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK KICK OFF!

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2025 - 1 hr 28 mins - NR

FRIENDS' CORNER

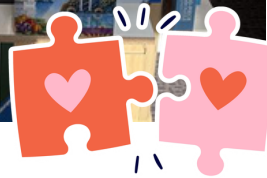
Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



PUZZLES FOR SALE!

The Friends of the Library have had many generous donations of puzzles from the public this winter. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Pick up one of these puzzles at the Daily Sale on the ground floor of the library, priced between \$3 and \$5. All proceeds support the library.



Do you have a puzzle to donate? Does it have all its pieces?

We accept puzzle donations alongside our normal book donations on Wednesdays and Saturdays! Pass along the puzzle love to another puzzler.

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.

APRIL ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
Samantha Becker | Oil Paint



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Robin Fogg Schuldt & Laurel Ferrelli