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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - AUGUST 2026

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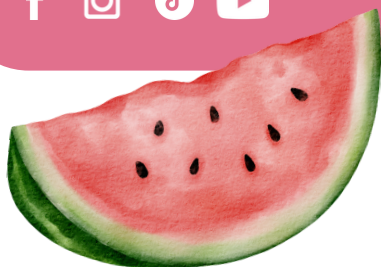
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CAN WE TALK ABOUT AI? A PANEL DISCUSSION



Can We Talk About AI? Virtual Panel Discussion

AI is everywhere—from the apps we use every day to the headlines shaping our future. But what exactly is artificial intelligence, and how will it impact our lives? Join five East Bay libraries for a thought-provoking virtual panel discussion on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm featuring experts from a variety of fields as they explore the opportunities, challenges, and ethical questions surrounding AI. Attend online or in-person! **pg. 3**



Atwater-Donnelly Trio Free Concert

Join us on Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm for a special all-ages concert by The Atwater-Donnelly Trio w/ Cathy Clasper-Torch in the Salem Family Auditorium. **pg. 5**



Summer Reading

It's not too late to join the fun this summer with Barrington Public Library's Summer Reading Program—open to kids, teens, and adults! Summer Reading runs through August 19 this year. **pg. 7**

FOR ADULTS

ADULT SUMMER CAMP

Adult Summer Camp

Rediscover the joy and wonder of childhood by joining us for Adult Summer Camp! Embrace your inner child as you participate in fun activities and workshops designed to bring out your playful side. Each participant will receive a commemorative lanyard and will earn a badge for every activity completed. Don't miss this opportunity to relive the carefree days of summer and make new memories with like-minded individuals in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Camp is divided into two sessions. Register for each session separately. By registering, you are committing to all 4 days of camp. You cannot register for individual activities only.

Session 2 (August 17 - 27)

Dates and activities:

- Mon. Aug. 17 at 2 pm: Felt Fruit Book Corners
- Thurs. Aug. 20 at 2 pm: Mindfulness Workshop
- Mon. Aug. 24 at 2 pm: Sea Glass Art
- Thurs. Aug. 27 at 2 pm: Mini Summer Pies

Session two registration opens
Monday, August 3 at 2 pm

Adult Summer Camp is supported in part by a grant from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) and The Friends of the Barrington Public Library.



Attend all 4 days in
each session and
receive a special
Adult Summer Camp
mug!

WELLNESS

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. AUG. 3 AT 9:30 AM
MON. AUG. 17 AT 9:30 AM
MON. AUG. 31 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body. Must be able to move from the floor to standing without assistance.

GET CREATIVE

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. AUG. 13 AT 6 PM

Join local artist, John Irwin, for this acrylic painting class. No prior painting experience (or talent) is required! John will take the class step-by-step through the process of recreating a famous masterpiece or one of his own works of art. All materials will be supplied and participants can expect to leave with a completed painting!

ELDER LAW FUNDAMENTALS

Estate Planning Essentials

TUES. AUG. 4 AT 6 PM

Join Elder Law Attorney, David Ball of Ball Law Associates, P.C. and learn about important documents from powers of attorney and advanced healthcare directives to wills and trusts and more.

Protecting the Home from Long-Term Care Costs

TUES. AUG. 25 AT 6 PM

Join Elder Law Attorney, David Ball of Ball Law Associates, P.C. and discover strategies to protect your assets from long-term care costs including trust-based planning and common myths and misconceptions.

This three-part Estate Planning & Elder Law Fundamentals with David Ball series will conclude on
Tues. Sept. 15 at 6 pm
with Medicaid for Long-Term Care.

LECTURES



Take Me Home: The Life and Music of John Denver

THURS. AUG. 6 AT 1 PM

Join music historian and lecturer Richard King for an engaging exploration of the life, career, and enduring legacy of John Denver. From his rise to fame in the 1970s to beloved songs such as Take Me Home, Country Roads, Rocky Mountain High, and Annie's Song, this lecture traces how Denver became one of America's most recognizable singer-songwriters.



Do Not Take Selfies With the Fluffy Cows!: Visiting America's National Parks

WED. AUG. 26 AT 6 PM

Go on a virtual journey through some of the country's most iconic National Parks with author and avid traveler Matt Davis. Showcasing dozens of his original photographs, he'll provide interesting details about how the parks were created, the unique landscapes and wildlife they protect, and some of the challenges they face from ever-increasing tourism.





SUMMER FILM LECTURE SERIES



Summer Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Our Summer Film Lecture Series continues in August! Escape the heat in our air-conditioned Salem Family Auditorium and enjoy a classic movie.

- August 12 - Best in Show (2000)
- August 26 - The Big Short (2015)

Each movie will be preceded by a short film lecture given by either Doug or Siobhan.

Please note: this will be the end of our Summer Film Lecture Series. Doug will be back with another series in October!

MOVIE NIGHT

Project Hail Mary

TUES. AUG. 11 AT 5 PM

Science teacher Ryland Grace wakes up on a spaceship with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory slowly returns, he soon discovers he must solve the riddle behind a mysterious substance that's causing the sun to die out. As details of the mission unravel, he calls on his scientific training and sheer ingenuity - but he may not have to do it alone.
2026 - 2 hr 37 min - PG-13

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Summer of Charlotte McConaghy

WED. AUG. 19 AT 6:30 PM

Join Ben for the conclusion of his Summer of Charlotte McConaghy book discussion group.

- August 19 - Wild Dark Shore

AI PANEL

Can We Talk About AI?

WED. AUG. 5 AT 6:30 PM

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Join five East Bay libraries for a thought-provoking virtual panel discussion featuring experts from a variety of fields as they explore the opportunities, challenges, and ethical questions surrounding AI. Whether you're curious about how AI works, concerned about its impact on jobs and society, or simply want to better understand this rapidly evolving technology, this conversation will offer insights, perspectives, and plenty of opportunities for questions.

Attend virtually from your own home or join a watch party here at the library!



GET TOGETHER

BPL Mystery Society

TUES. AUG. 4 AT 6 PM

Do you love solving puzzles, uncovering clues, and cracking mysteries? Join fellow sleuths at the library for the Barrington Public Library Mystery Society!

Board Game Night @ St. Andrew's School

MON. AUG. 17 AT 6 PM

MON. AUG. 24 AT 6 PM

Our summer session of Adult Board Game Night is here and we are moving offsite! Adults 18+ are invited to join us for board games and fun at St. Andrew's School in Barrington.

Directions and parking instructions available online.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
RHODE ISLAND

GRANT UPDATE

Barrington Times Digitization Project

TUES. AUG. 18 AT 1:30 PM

Join us for a special presentation of the Barrington Times Digitization Project on Tuesday, August 18 at 1:30 pm. Librarian Ben Hanley will talk about the preservation project, including how it all began, the grant opportunity, working with Advantage Archives, the digitization of the bound volumes, and the online archive.

Barrington
Times

TECH CLASSES

Intro To Photo Editing With Pixlr

TUES. AUG. 4 AT 3 PM

Join us for this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop introducing Pixlr, a powerful and completely free web-based photo editor. Guided by student volunteer Benjamin—a Barrington High School student with a deep passion for technology and computer science.

Exploring The Barrington Times Digital Archive

TUES. AUG. 11 AT 10 AM

Dive into the fascinating world of historical newspapers using the newly updated digital archive of The Barrington Times. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a researcher, or simply curious about the past, this class is for you.

Intro To 3D Modeling With Onshape

TUES. AUG. 18 AT 3 PM

Join us for this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop introducing Onshape, a powerful, modern computer-aided design (CAD) platform that runs entirely in your web browser. Guided by student volunteer Benjamin—a Barrington High School student with a deep passion for technology and computer science.



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.

SPECIAL STORY TIME

Monday Night Story Time

MON. AUG. 17 AT 6 PM

Share stories, songs and summer nights with us in Tap-in Turf! Pack a blanket (and your supper) and enjoy the extended daylight before it is gone! Recommended for birth to 5+

SUMMER KIDS PROGRAMS

Art with Ela

MON. AUG. 3 AT 11 AM
WED. AUG. 5 AT 11 AM
WED. AUG. 12 AT 11 AM

Create fun art with Ela, an exceptionally talented BHS student, ready to share her talents with your kids. Each workshop will focus on a specific art medium: creating zines (self-published booklets), comic strips, and recycled art respectively. Recommended for kids 8+

Kids Chess

FRI. AUG. 7 AT 10:30 AM
FRI. AUG. 7 AT 2:30 PM

Play chess with Barrington's talented and elite chess players, Andrew and Robert Li. Enjoy chess lessons, casual matches, and tournaments for the extra competitive (small prizes included!!)

All ages and levels are welcome.

Let's Play Games!

WED. AUG. 19 AT 2 PM

Take a break from the scorching summer sun and cool off with fun indoor games! Explore with Legos, magnetic bricks and good old fashioned board games. This program is intended for kids and adults to enjoy together. Kids 10+ are welcome to attend alone. Fun for all ages and abilities.

STORY TIMES

Outdoor Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

Share stories and songs together in Tap-in Turf! Please park in the main parking lot. Drop-in, no registration needed. If it rains, Story Time will be canceled.

For all ages and abilities

Babies & Board Books

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

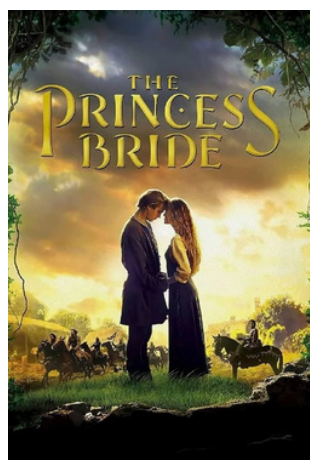
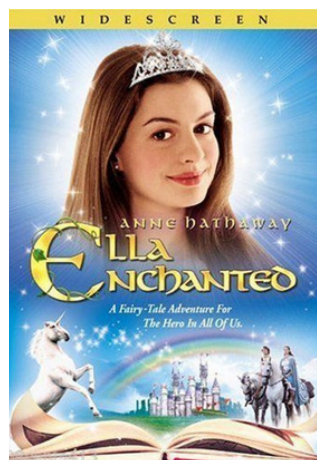
Simple stories, rhymes and songs for new parents and growing babies. This is a small group by design, indoors in our Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook. Registration required.

Recommended for birth - 18 months

STORY TIME UPDATE

Our Summer Story Time Session runs through Wednesday, August 5!
We will return after Labor Day for our Fall Session - keep an eye out for our schedule.

FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE



Enjoy a fun, family-friendly movie on select Fridays in August! These movies are free and open to all and are a cool way (in more ways than one) to spend a Friday morning together!

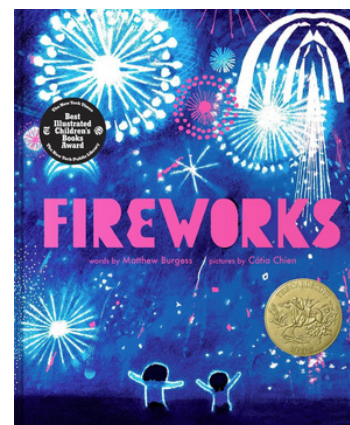
- Aug. 7: Ella Enchanted (2004 - 1 hr 36 mins - PG)
- Aug. 14: The Princess Bride (1987 - 1 hr 38 min - PG)
- Aug. 21: Labyrinth (1986 - 1 hr 41 min - PG)

STORY WALK

Story Walk Along the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center

THROUGH AUGUST 16

Take a stroll along the walkway by the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center, and enjoy the story Fireworks by Matthew Burgess, winner of the 2026 Caldecott Medal! Fireworks highlights the simple delights of a steamy city day in July as two siblings eagerly anticipate a spectacular fireworks display.



FOR TEENS

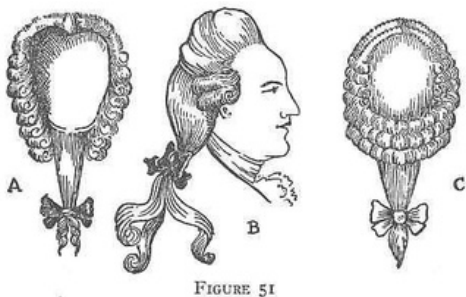
To register, call 401-247-1920 x6, or visit barringtonlibrary.libcal.com

Program dates & times subject to change.

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



CRAFT LIKE A COLONIAL



Historical Wig Presentation & Try-on

TUES. AUG. 4 AT 6 PM

Meet Audrey, from Cuffed & Coiffed, a living history interpreter with a background in theatrical design, clothing construction, hair dressing & revolutionary New England. Participants will get their pictures taken wearing a 18th Century replica wig!

Blacksmith Demo

TUES. AUG. 11 AT 6 PM

Join us in the back of the Library in Library Cove for a demonstration from Iron Mountain Forge of this age-old craft.



Gaming (Colonial Style)

TUES. AUG. 18 AT 6 PM

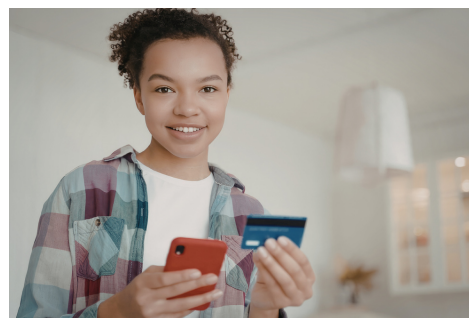
Have fun playing colonial era games such as graces, marbles, ring toss and more. And win fun prizes! The last in our "Craft Like a Colonial" summer series.

FOR GRADES 6-8

Teen Personal Finance: A Speed Round

MON. AUG. 17 AT 6 PM

Join Raymond Hu, a student at Brown University as he empowers teens with the financial knowledge and practical skills needed to make informed decisions through engaging, interactive hands on activities using real world simulations.



ALL AGES

FREE CONCERT



Atwater-Donnelly Trio

TUES. AUG. 18 AT 6 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.

SUMMER READING

Summer Reading

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 19

Kids, teens, and adults are invited to join our Summer Reading Challenge at the library! Make reading a part of your daily routine, track your progress, earn badges and raffle tickets, and enter for the chance to win fun prizes.

Whether you're diving into a new novel, listening to an audiobook, exploring a new topic, or reading with your family, every page counts. There's no better time to discover your next great read and make reading a part of your summer.

Sign up today and start your summer reading adventure!

More information on page 7.

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!



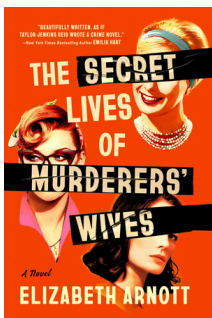
WHAT TO READ



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

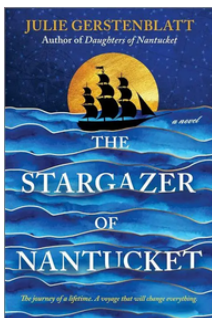
Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

ADULT FICTION



The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives by Elizabeth Arnott

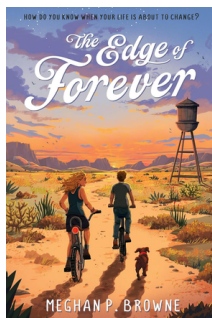
A remarkable trio whose lives were cracked wide open by their husbands' crimes unite to catch a serial killer.



The Stargazer of Nantucket by Julie Gerstenblatt

In June 1851, 18-year-old Winnie Starbuck stows away on her parents' final voyage to China, defying a lifelong ban rooted in a family tragedy.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



The Edge of Forever by Meghan P. Browne

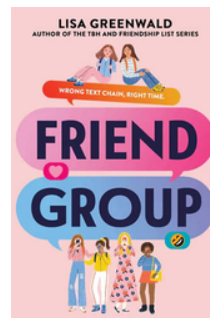
After her father's death, Maisie spends the summer in tiny Heaven, Texas, where a new friend helps her uncover a long-buried family secret that changes everything.



Girl Reflected in Knife by Anica Mrose Rissi

After moving again with her unstable mother, Destiny's first heartbreak and a single lie spiral out of control, forcing her to confront the truth and reclaim her life.

MIDDLE GRADE



Friend Group by Lisa Greenwald

Sadie and Olive have never been part of their class's popular friend group...until Sadie is accidentally added to their group chat.



Deeply Dave by Mike Grover

Dave's mom is missing...and only he can save her from the alien monsters and bizarre sea creatures that lurk in the depths.

LIBRARY SERVICES

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.

MUSEUM PASSES

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

Highlighted Institutions:

- Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA
- Museum of Science in Boston, MA
- Mystic Seaport in Mystic, CT
- Newport Art Museum in Newport

We also have tickets available to productions at The Gamm Theatre! These are available on a first come, first serve basis at the Reference Desk.

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

MUSEUM PASS BUDDY



Meet Barry, our 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.

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

SUMMER READING

June 24 -
August 19



Our 2026 Summer Reading Challenge began on June 24 and is open to readers of all ages - kids, teens, and adults - making this the perfect summertime activity for the whole family!

We've streamlined things this year and now the challenge is simple: read every day and earn badges. No reviews, no activities, just reading!

Once again this year, we will be using Beanstack for Summer Reading. Easily log your reading online or on the Beanstack app. This makes it easy to keep up with Summer Reading even if you are on vacation!



Any and all reading counts for Summer Reading. This includes ebooks, audiobooks, and reading out loud to your kids! Check out our reading recommendations below to get started!



How to use
Beanstack

1. Go to barringtonlibrary.beanstack.org, download the Beanstack app, or scan the QR code
2. Login or create a new account
3. Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge
4. Every day you log reading you will earn a badge and a ticket.
5. Use your tickets to enter virtual drawings for prizes!
6. The last day to record your reading is August 19. The prize drawings will be held August 20.

FALL SNEAK PEAK

MUSIC

Piano Men: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John

MON. SEPT. 14 AT 6:30 PM

Celebrate the unforgettable hits of Billy Joel and Elton John in this lively tribute featuring pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels. With rich vocals and jazz-infused flair, Jay performs classics like "Piano Man," "Your Song," "Rocket Man," and more—bringing fresh life to the music of two pop legends in an evening of timeless tunes and nostalgic charm.

Adult String Instrument Workshop with Community Strings Project

THURS. SEPT. 17 AT 6:30 PM

Adults are invited to join members of the String Orchestra and Guitar Ensemble for a brief concert followed by a meet-and-greet with the musicians and their instruments. This is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with a violin, viola, cello, bass, and classical guitar and get an introduction to Community String Project's programs.



fall book discussion group preview

Monthly Adult Book Chat

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT 11 AM

Our virtual book group that meets monthly on Zoom! Be ready to talk about one book you recently read or are currently reading and leave with a bunch of new book recommendations.

Mystery & Thriller

THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

Our monthly whodunit group that meets in person. This group alternates between a mystery and a thriller title each month. Upcoming book picks:

- Sept. 16 - The Spy Coast by Tess Gerritsen
- Oct. 21 - First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston
- Nov. 18 - Spider Woman's Daughter by Anne Hillerman
- Dec. 16 - Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger

Literary Pairings

SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

This group pairs an assigned classic one month followed by a contemporary read-alike similar in theme, plot, and/or characters the following month. Upcoming book picks:

- Sept. 9 - Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
- Oct. 14 - Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- Nov. 4 - A Room with a View by E.M. Forster
- Dec. 9 - Sex and Vanity by Kevin Kwan



FRIENDS CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



Summer Book Sale Report!

We are please to announce that our Friends of the Barrington Public Library Summer Book Sale raised...

\$12,727.75

That is over \$2,100 more than we raised at our last summer sale (\$10,612.39). Every dollar raised goes to support the programs and services you know and love here at Barrington Public Library. Thank you to everyone who came out to shop the sale and support the library!



BOOK DONATIONS

Book donations start back up on August 1 and 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. There is also a Daily Sale bookbin outside of the Children's Room.

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

AUGUST ART EXHIBIT



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Melanie dai Medeiros

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Melanie dai Medeiros is an interdisciplinary visual artist who lives and works around the East Bay of Rhode Island. Her artwork uses materials and processes that elaborate on the inconsistencies of memory both in the narrative of imagery and physicality of the material. She is passionate about raising awareness of our collective impact on our environment and its inhabitants, sustainable art practices, and leaving the world better than she finds it.

JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY

Our Second Floor Gallery will be closed this August while it undergoes repairs and receives a fresh coat of paint. There will be no artist exhibit during this time. Stay tuned for announcements about future exhibits!