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BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - DECEMBER 2026

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Barrington, RI 02806

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401-247-1920
barringtonlibrary.org
info@barringtonlibrary.org

Library Closures
Christmas Eve
- 12/24 - Closing at 12 pm

Christmas Day
- 12/25 - Closed

New Year's Eve
- 12/31 - Closing at 12 pm

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

Follow Us!



Support Our New Co-Working Space! Donate today!

A new space to work, meet, and create.

Our new co-working space will offer comfortable seating, flexible work areas, technology, and easy access to the library's media collections.

Your support can help transform our vision into a vibrant, welcoming space where our community can work, connect, and create. Every donation brings us one step closer to making it a reality. Give today and help us build a space for everyone!

How to support:

- Scan the QR code to donate directly to this campaign.
- Write a check made out to Barrington Public Library Foundation and send it to us or drop it off.
- Attend our After Hours Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf Fundraiser on January 8. More information to come!

SCAN HERE

If you've ever been grateful to have the Library as a community asset, please consider making a gift today. Help us create a new place where everyone in Barrington feels welcome to stay awhile.

thank you

FOR ADULTS

FREE CONCERT



The Moonbellies

TUES. DEC. 29 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.

Join us for a special New Year's concert featuring The Moonbellies. Known for their lively rhythms, rich harmonies, and irresistible energy, The Moonbellies will bring a festive mix of music that's perfect for celebrating the season. Bring your friends and family, settle in for an evening of toe-tapping tunes, and start your New Year's celebrations a little early at the library!

LECTURES

Dolly Parton: A Life in Song

WED. DEC. 9 AT 1 PM

Registration recommended.

Join media historian Richard King for a special lecture celebrating the life and extraordinary career of Dolly Parton, the legendary singer, songwriter, businesswoman, and philanthropist known as the "Queen of Country."

Evergreens of Rhode Island

TUES. DEC. 15 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.

Join Paul Dolan from the Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Council for a fascinating lecture on evergreens in Rhode Island. Come and find out about evergreens (Conifers) and their properties for protection of wildlife and our homes. Also, what conifers make good Christmas trees.

DOCUMENTARIES

Registration recommended for all films

First Friday Documentary Series: The Pez Outlaw

FRI. DEC. 4 AT 1 PM

The story of Steve Glew, a Midwestern machinist who smuggles rare Pez dispensers from Europe and sells them for thousands, drawing the ire of both U.S. Pez and rival collectors.
2022 - 1 hr 37 mins - PG

Documentary & Discussion: Far East Deep South

SUN. DEC. 13 AT 1 PM
WED. DEC. 16 AT 6:30 PM

An award-winning documentary feature that uncovers the little-known history of the Chinese American community in Mississippi and the lasting impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.
2021 - 1 hr 36 mins - NR

Barrington RHODE ISLAND dei

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon/Evening: Diamond Art Ornaments

THURS. DEC. 10 AT 2 PM
THURS. DEC. 10 AT 6 PM

Registration required.

Join us for a fun adult crafternoon or evening and diamond paint a cute snowflake or snowman ornament. All supplies will be provided.

Please only register for one class.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. DEC. 17 AT 3 PM

Registration required.

Join local artist, John Irwin, for this acrylic painting class. 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!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration required for all book discussion groups

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. DEC. 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!

Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. DEC. 14 AT 6 PM
MON. DEC. 28 AT 6 PM

Registration required.

Adults 18+ are invited to join us for a fun Board Game Night in the Makerspace. 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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. DEC. 7 AT 9:30 AM

Registration required.

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset. Must be able to move from the floor to standing without assistance.

Grief Yoga

SUN. DEC. 20 AT 1 PM

Registration required.

Join Kim Bernardo for this specialized yoga class that uses yoga, movement, breath and sound to release pain and suffering to reconnect back to love.

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

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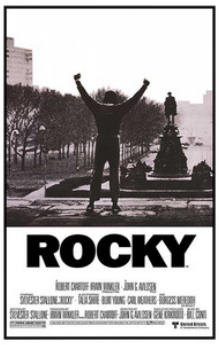
FILMS

Registration recommended for all films

The Odyssey

WED. DEC. 2 AT 1 PM
THURS. DEC. 3 AT 6 PM

Based on an ancient Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, The Odyssey follows the Greek king Odysseus on his 10-year journey home to Ithaca after the Trojan War. Along the way, he faces mythical monsters, vengeful gods, and countless challenges as he fights to reunite with his wife, Penelope, and son, Telemachus, who are also facing many challenges at home in Ithaca.
2026 - 2 hrs 52 mins - R
(no intermission)





50th Anniversary of Rocky

WED. DEC. 16 AT 1 PM

When small-time Philadelphia boxer Rocky Balboa gets an unexpected shot at the world heavyweight championship, he sets out to prove that he has what it takes to go the distance. This inspiring underdog story is a timeless tale of determination, heart, and perseverance.
1976 - 2 hr - PG

Holiday Movie Night: A Christmas Story

TUES. DEC. 22 AT 6:30 PM

9-year-old Ralphie Parker spends the holiday season trying to convince his parents, his teacher, and a department store Santa Claus to get him his ultimate dream gift: an Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle.
1983 - 1 hr 34 mins - PG

January Sneak Peak!

2027 Bookmark Design Contest

JANUARY 2 - 31

Our Bookmark Design Contest returns! Attend one of our many workshops in the Makerspace to design your own bookmark inspired by the theme BOOKS ARE MAGIC. You can also pick up a blank bookmark and entry form from the Reference Desk.
Open to all ages - kids, teens, and adults!

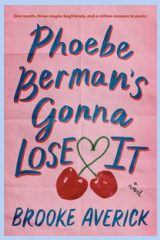
Tech Classes Return!

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

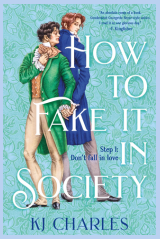
The long awaited return of tech classes is finally here! Meet our new Digital Services Librarian, August, and learn some new tech skills. Please check our website for exact dates and upcoming class topics.

Hopeless Romantic Book Club

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING IN JANUARY







Calling all hopeless romantics! Join us on the last Monday of every month for a book club dedicated to swoon-worthy stories, unforgettable characters, and all things romance. From charming rom-coms and emotional love stories to historical romance and everything in between, we'll read a different romance novel each month and gather to discuss our favorite moments, characters, and, of course, happily-ever-afters.

Library Wordsearch!

Can you find all the words? Words can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally and may be forwards or backwards. Good luck!

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STORYTIME
CATALOG
PLOT
NONFICTION
MYSTERY
PAPERBACK
BOOKWORM
READING

FOR KIDS

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All children's programs are free and open to all ages and abilities. However, age recommendations are intended for parental guidance.

Kids under 10 are not permitted in the Children's Room unattended.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Letters to Santa



DECEMBER 1 - 16

Write a letter to Santa Claus while visiting the McCulloch Children's Room. All supplies -- including paper, pens, envelopes and stamps -- will be on hand. All you need to provide is legible handwriting and a return address.

Note: Library staff will also be at the Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5 with Santa's Mailbox! Stop by our station and write a letter then.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Cure for the Common Show with Bryson Lang

MON. DEC. 28 AT 11 AM

Registration required.

Delight in this high-energy, interactive, family-friendly comedy juggling show! Expect to see captivating routines that mix comedy, bouncing ball antics, fire-juggling, flying hats, glo-in-the-dark objects, and always a few surprises.

Luminous Bubble Experience with Circus Dynamics



TUES. DEC. 29 AT 11 AM

Registration required.

Be captivated by The Luminous Bubble Experience an incandescent world of bubbles like you have never seen before! This high-energy spectacle features giant bubble creations with radiant LED effects and upbeat music. Expect to float away filled with luminous magic and joy!

STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Drop-in

Share stories and songs in our colorful, cozy Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook in the McCulloch Children's Room. This is a drop-in program with limited spaces. An adult must be present for the duration of story time.

Space is limited to 35 attendees, no exceptions.
Recommended for ages 2-5

Babies & Board Books

MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
THURSDAYS AT 10 AM

Registration required.

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 - 24 months

SPECIAL STORY TIME

Holiday Stories & Festive Fun

MON. DEC. 14 AT 5 PM

Registration required.

Share holiday joy with festive stories, songs and a special visit from Santa Claus! Santa will sit for family photos immediately following the story time. Holiday garb (or pajamas) is most welcome but completely optional.

ANIMAL PROGRAM

Dave Marchetti Animal Experience

SAT. DEC. 26 AT 1 PM

Registration required.

Get up-close and learn fascinating facts about Dave's incredible creatures. At the end of the presentation, and with the help of adult volunteers, kids will have the chance to hold them.

MOVIE MATINEE

Olive the Other Reindeer

THURS. DEC. 10 AT 10:30 AM

Registration required.

Watch Olive the Other Reindeer while enjoying self-made reindeer snacks! Based on the beloved children's book, a determined dog tries to save Christmas after learning that one of Santa's reindeer is injured.
Recommended for ages 2+

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS



Afterschool Chanukah Celebration with Rabbi Howard

TUES. DEC. 8 AT 4 PM

Registration required.

Curious about Chanukah customs and traditions? Join Rabbi Howard from Temple Habonim and honor Chanukah with traditional stories, rituals, and refreshments. Children of all faiths are welcome to attend.
Recommended for grades 1-5.

Kids Chess

WED. DEC. 9 AT 3:30 PM

Drop-in

Chess for Kids in the Makerspace! First come, first served as space and supplies are limited.
Recommended for grades 2-5.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

THURS. DEC. 17 AT 4:30 PM

Registration required

Adventurers wanted for our Kids Dungeons & Dragons Club. Some D&D experience is helpful, but new players are welcome.
Recommended for grades 4-6

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.

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!

BUSINESS SUMMIT

She Leads: A Business Summit for Teens

TUES. DEC. 1 AT 5:30 PM

Registration required.



Designed to empower teens and young adults. Join us for a panel of female business professionals, breakout spaces for individual conversations, and meaningful networking opportunities for teens to connect with those in their desired careers.

Once registered participants will receive an email with a short form to answer so that we can place you in the sessions that best match your goals.

GET CRAFTY

Make a Holiday Ornament

TUES. DEC. 8 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.

Using assorted materials create a one-of-a-kind holiday ornament to give as a gift or to hang at home!

Book Themed Chocolates

TUES. DEC. 22 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.

Wrap some miniature chocolates in book themed wrappers to give as a gift or as a treat for yourself.

2D Animation Workshop

TUES. DEC. 29 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.

Using the Gif-O-Graf animator, work together to map out a story, create characters and make a short animation. No experience required!

SHARE A TALENT

Barrington Library's Little Variety Show

THURS. DEC. 17 AT 6:30 PM

Registration recommended.

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

Bring Your Own Book Club

MON. DEC. 28 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required.



BYOB! Bring along a book you've read or would like to read and join us for a casual discussion. Snacks will be provided.
Meets monthly.

ALL AGES

SCAVENGER HUNT

The Great Library Gingerbread Hunt!



DECEMBER 12 - 23

The Great Library Gingerbread Hunt is back for the fifth year! Every day from December 12-23 we will be hiding a gingerbread man on the first floor of the library. Check our Facebook page at 8 am or the sign at the Reference Desk for the clue on how to find him.

Winner will receive a small prize. One winner per day, one win per person. Open to all ages!

MOVIE MATINEE

The Greatest Showman

WED. DEC. 30 AT 1 PM

Drop-in

Experience the wonder of The Greatest Showman on the big screen! An inspirational, feel-good film for the whole family during the holiday vacation break.

The Greatest Showman celebrates the birth of show business and tells the story of PT Barnum, a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.
2017 - 1 hr 45 mins - PG

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



2026 STAFF FAVORITES

Reading recommendations from Barrington Public Library staff to you!



Each year our staff reads hundreds of books—across genres, formats, and age groups—and we love sharing the stories that inspired us, challenged us, made us laugh, or kept us turning pages late into the night. This collection highlights the titles that made the biggest impact on us in 2026.

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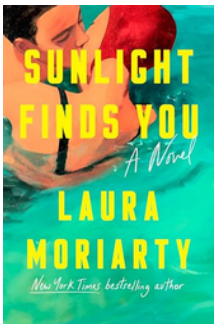
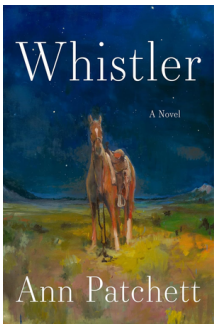


Sunlight Finds You by Laura Moriarty

Young love blooms but family suspicions and a life-changing decision set off decades of secrets, betrayals, and a journey toward self-trust.

CAROLYN



Whistler by Ann Patchett

A chance reunion with her former stepfather leads Daphne to reflect on love, loss, and the moments that shape our lives.

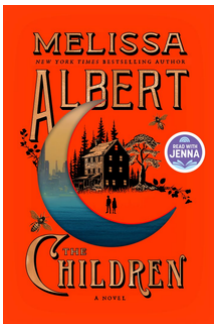
LISA



Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth

When a neighbor is murdered, a grumpy 81-year-old must confront her own dark past.

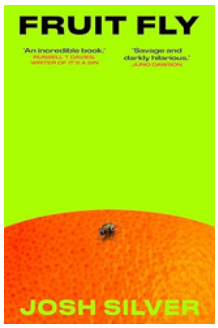
TANYA



The Children by Melissa Albert

The estranged children of a famous fantasy author confront dark family secrets and the mysterious fire that destroyed their childhood.

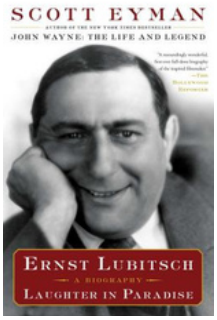
JOANNA



Fruit Fly by Josh Silver

A washed-up author will stop at nothing to claw her way back to relevancy—even if it means appropriating a young gay man's tragic story.

DOUG



Ernst Lubitsch: Laughter in Paradise by Scott Eyman

A biography explores Lubitsch's distinct, sophisticated, and witty directorial style that defined Hollywood's Golden Age.

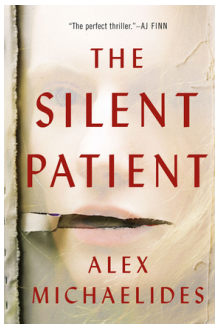
PAT



The Storyteller by Dave Grohl

Dave Grohl shares stories from his childhood, musical career, and unforgettable experiences with some of rock's biggest legends.

KRIS



The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

A shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.

BEN



Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

A woman learns the incredible story of a real-life American Kingdom and her family's ties to it.

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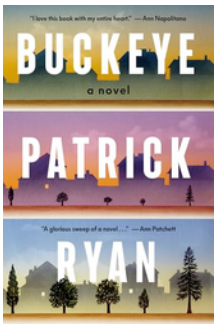
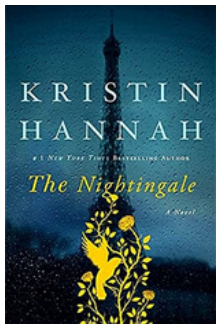


Buckeye by Patrick Ryan

In postwar Ohio, a fleeting betrayal binds two families through decades of secrets, regret, and lasting consequences.

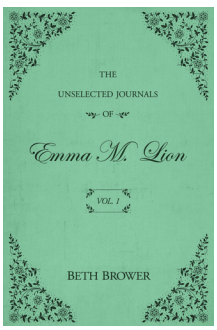
KIM



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

In Nazi-occupied France, two sisters take different paths to survival and resistance, risking everything for love, family, and freedom.

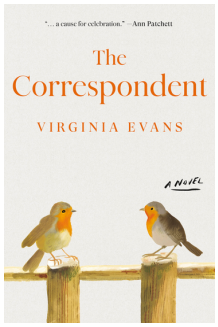
CATHERINE



The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion (Vol. 1-8) by Beth Brower

In 1883 London, Emma M. Lion humorously chronicles her adventures with eccentric relatives and quirky neighbors.

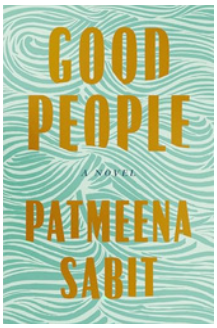
LAURA H.



The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

A lifelong letter writer confronts painful memories and discovers the power of forgiveness, connection, and second chances.

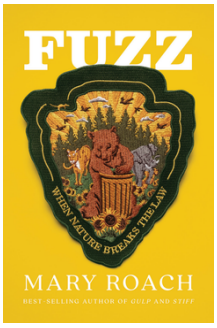
SHEILA



Good People by Patmeena Sabit

When their eldest daughter dies under suspicious circumstances, a successful Afghan refugee family faces scrutiny, rumors, and secrets.

AUGUST



Fuzz by Mary Roach

Mary Roach humorously explores human-wildlife conflicts and the science behind peacefully coexisting with nature's troublemakers.

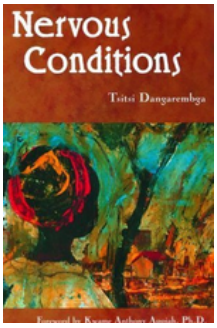
JESS



Dolly All the Time by Annabel Monaghan

When Dolly returns to Rhode Island to save her family home, an unexpected arrangement with a handsome heir turns into a romance that challenges her fierce independence.

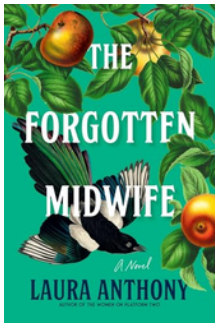
KRISTINE



Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga

Through Tambu and the women in her family, this novel explores gender, race, class, and cultural change in postcolonial Africa.

CASSIDY



The Forgotten Midwife by Laura Anthony

In 1950s Ireland, a young woman risks everything to protect girls in a home for "fallen women."

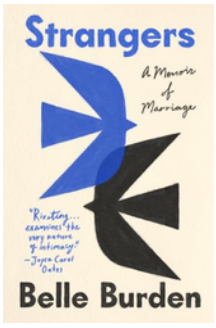
SIOBHAN



Best Offer Wins by Marisa Kashino

Desperate to buy her dream home, a woman resorts to increasingly outrageous tactics in a ruthless housing market.

MARTHA



Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage by Belle Burden

A memoir about the sudden end to a seemingly happy marriage—an aching, love-filled, and transcendent account of surviving betrayal and discovering joy.

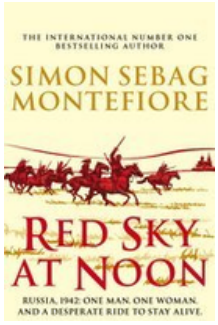
BRENNA



Weyward by Emilia Hart

Weaves together the stories of three women across five centuries focusing on female resilience and the transformative power of the natural world.

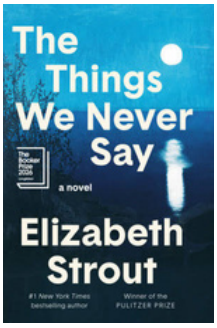
PATRICK



Red Sky at Noon by Simon Sebag Montefiore

A wrongly imprisoned man joins a Soviet penal battalion to fight the Nazis in a story of love, betrayal, and survival.

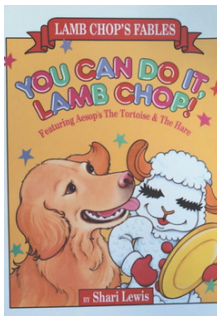
LAURA S.



The Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Strout

A lonely high school teacher discovers a life-changing secret that forces him to reconsider everything he thought he knew.

MILLIE



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Lamb Chop learns the importance of never giving up while trying to throw a Frisbee.

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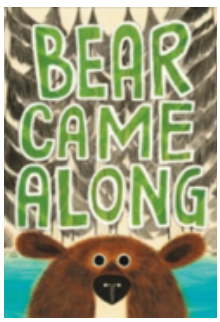

Bear Came Along by Richard Morris

Once there was a river flowing through a forest. The river didn't know it was capable of adventures until a big bear came along.

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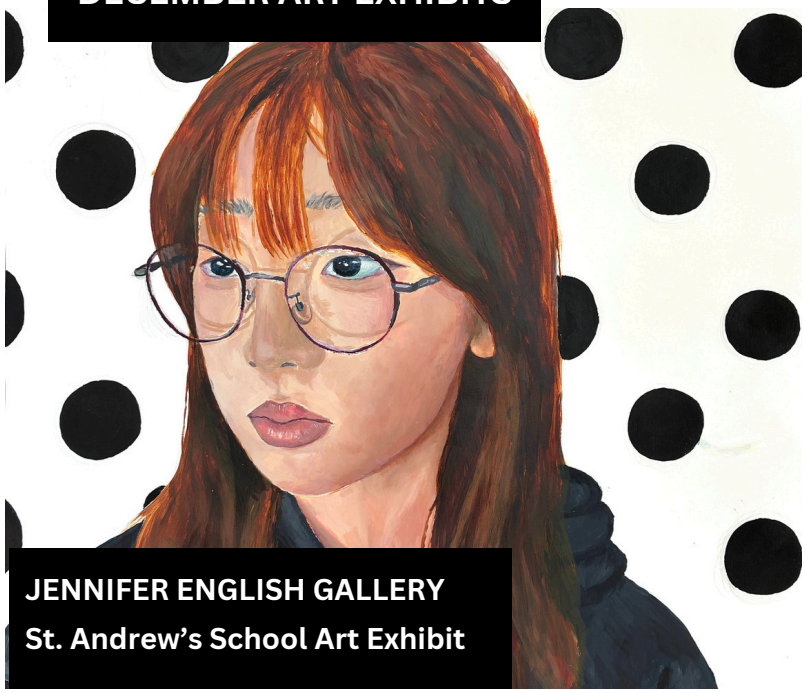

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