

BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - FEBRUARY 2025



Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Barrington, RI 02806

Contact the Library
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Library Closures
Presidents' Day
• 2/17 - CLOSED

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

Follow Us!



LOVE the Library

Library Lovers Month

February is Library Lovers Month! Libraries aren't just about books — they're hubs of inspiration, education, and imagination. We want to hear why you love the library! Call 401-433-9509 and leave us a voicemail on our dedicated Library Lovers Month line and you may be featured in an upcoming social media post. **pg. 4**

SCHOOL VACATION

February School Vacation Week
School is out and the library is ready with tons of fun activities and programs to keep your kids busy. Plan ahead! Most programs require registration and will fill up fast. **pg. 5**



Murder Mystery Night
Dust off your shoulder pads and tease up your hair. You're invited to our Totally 80s Prom Reunion Murder Mystery Party on Tuesday, February 18. **pg. 2**

FOR ADULTS

GET CREATIVE

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. FEB. 13 AT 3 PM

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

Registration opens Thursday, January 30 at 3 pm. Space is limited.

Watercolor Paint Night

TUES. FEB. 25 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, February 11 at 6 pm. Space is limited.

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. FEB. 10 AT 6:30 PM

MON. FEB. 24 AT 6:30 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.

Totally 80s Prom Reunion Murder Mystery Night

TUES. FEB. 18 AT 6:30 PM

Dust off your shoulder pads and tease up your hair, it's time to rewind the clock for a night of mystery and nostalgia! Join us as we solve a whodunit as twisted as a Rubik's Cube. Grab your most rad 80s prom attire and prepare your best alibi.

Registration and participation required!

Characters will be assigned ahead of time, so please only register if you are certain you will be attending! Registration opens Tuesday, February 4 at 10 am.



WELLNESS

Grief Yoga: Movement, Breath & Sound

SUN. FEB. 2 AT 1 PM

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

Meditation for Inner and Outer Peace in a Chaotic World

WED. FEB. 5 AT 6:30 PM

We are living in a time that feels often confusing and stressful. People are more anxious and there is often a struggle to find ways to stay positive and true to our inner core. Join Dr. Alan Post for this powerful workshop and learn how meditation can help calm the body and the mind.

Vinyasa Flow with Charlotte

MON. FEB. 10 AT 9:30 AM

MON. FEB. 24 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body. Patrons will be guided in through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset.



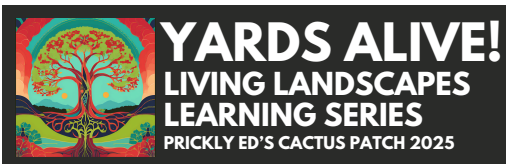
GARDENING

Climate Impact on our Landscape and Gardens

TUES. FEB. 11 AT 1 PM

John Torgan from The Nature Conservancy will be talking about conservation in Rhode Island including our challenges and opportunities, particularly coastal preservation.

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



These two workshops are part of the 2025 Yards Alive Living Landscapes Learning Series organized by Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch

The Art of Inspired Ecological Design

THURS. FEB. 13 AT 6:30 PM

Meet Beth Brandon, Brooke Merriam, and Tysh McGrail, three Landscape Design Innovators who are redefining our understanding of outdoor spaces in Rhode Island. Dive into their standout projects and gain insightful design tips, culminating in an engaging panel discussion on topics surrounding the fast-changing local garden aesthetics.

Reclaiming the Front Yard: Freedom from Convention

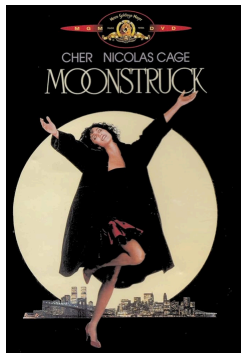
THURS. FEB. 27 AT 6:30 PM

Get ready to explore design strategies with Michael Veracka, a RISD-trained landscape architect to build a landscape teeming with curb appeal and habitat benefits. Say goodbye to lifeless lawns and sad foundation beds, and hello to a front yard that's bursting with life!





FILMS @ BPL



Valentine's Movie Night: Dirty Dancing

TUES. FEB. 11 AT 6:30 PM

Get ready to have the time of your life at our Valentine's Movie Night! We're bringing the classic Dirty Dancing to our big screen and you're invited to sway along.

1987 - 1 hr 40 mins - PG-13

Valentine's Film Lecture: Moonstruck

WED. FEB. 12 AT 1 PM

That's amore! Get "moonstruck" with Cher and Nicolas Cage at this special Valentine's Film Lecture with librarian, Doug Swiszc.

1987 - 1 hr 42 mins - PG



Documentary & Discussion: Summer of Soul

SUN. FEB. 23 AT 1 PM

WED. FEB. 26 AT 6:30 PM

Join the DEI Committee for Summer of Soul, a powerful and transporting documentary about The Harlem Cultural Festival an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture and fashion in 1969.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. FEB. 5 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: American Fiction

TUES. FEB. 25 AT 1:30 PM

Come watch a popular and recent movie that was adapted from a book! There will be a brief discussion of the book before the movie and, if time permits, a discussion about the movie adaptation.

American Fiction is based on Percival Everett's book, Erasure.

A novelist who's fed up with the establishment profiting from Black entertainment uses a pen name to write a book that propels him into the heart of the hypocrisy and madness he claims to disdain.

2023 - 1 hr 57 mins - Color - R

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 (Virtual)
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Radio's Greatest Hits

THURS. FEB. 6 AT 1 PM

Join Richard King as he takes you back to "those thrilling days of yesteryear" with this unique program about the history of radio from its inventor beginnings through its glory days to the advent of TV.

Social Security Planning Workshop

WED. FEB. 19 AT 6:30 PM

Filing for Social Security is one of the biggest financial decisions you'll make. Join the Retirement Freedom Team for an informational presentation to help you understand your filing options and how Social Security fits into your overall retirement income plan.

TECH CLASSES

Udemy

TUES. FEB. 4 AT 10 AM

Learn about Udemy, an online library of over 4,000 on-demand video courses. Available for free through ASKRI.org!

Create A Vision Board With Canva

WED. FEB. 5 AT 6:30 PM

Learn how to a personalized vision board using Canva, a user-friendly online design tool. No prior design experience is needed—just bring your aspirations and creativity!

LearningExpress Library

TUES. FEB. 11 AT 10 AM

Learn about LearningExpress Library, a one-stop shop for practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, and eBooks to enhance school, work or life proficiencies.

Mango Languages

TUES. FEB. 18 AT 10 AM

Learn about Mango Languages is an online language-learning program that can help patrons learn more than 70 languages.

FOR TEENS

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



All Teen Programs are for ages 12-17 unless otherwise noted.

Visit the Teen Room to use our computers, do homework, socialize with friends, or...read!

GET CREATIVE

Teen Craft Night: Heart Garland

TUES. FEB. 11 AT 6:30 PM

Make heart garland using book pages & beads just in time for Valentine's Day! And while you are crafting we will of course have candy to enjoy.

Watercolor Workshop

TUES. FEB. 25 AT 6 PM

Create a watercolor painting with local artist Arianne Del Rios. This is a 1.5 hour workshop. No prior experience necessary.

FASHION DESIGN

Fashion Design Workshop: Upcycling

STARTS MON. FEB. 10

Explore the art of upcycling by transforming old clothes into innovative & personalized ones, giving new life to preloved garments while developing their own unique fashion aesthetic.

This is a 7 week program from Feb. 10 through Mar. 31. You must be able to attend all 7 workshops.



UPCYCLING



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Open Mic Night

THURS. FEB. 20 AT 6:30 PM

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

ALL AGES

GET CREATIVE

All Ages Crafternoon: DIY Valentine's Day Cards

MON. FEB. 3 AT 3 PM

Make a beautiful Valentine's Day card for a loved one. We will have a variety of art supplies for you to use to create your masterpiece. All supplies will be provided.

BINGO RETURNS!

All Ages BINGO Night

THURS. FEB. 20 AT 5 PM

It is time to get your bingo on! Gather with us in the Peck Center (basement of the library) and have fun while competing for prizes! All bingo supplies will be provided so no need to bring anything except a positive attitude.

LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

Leave Us a Voicemail!

FEBRUARY 1-28

Call 401-433-9509 and leave us a kind voicemail on our dedicated Library Lovers Line. Share something you love about the library, shoutout one of our staff members, or tell us a book you've been loving. We can't wait to hear from you!



READING CHALLENGE

Winter Reading Challenge

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 14

Whether you're cozying up by the fire or braving the winter chill, this challenge is a fun way to stay motivated, explore new books, and embrace the winter months with the joy of reading. This challenge is open to all ages so it's the perfect family activity!

How to participate:

- Sign-up or login to Beanstack and join the challenge.
- Read at least 30 minutes each day.
- Log your reading in Beanstack.
- Earn an entry into our raffle every day you read.

Raffle Prizes:

- \$50 Gift Card to Dudek Bowling in Warren, RI
- \$50 Gift Card to Nacho Mamma's in Barrington, RI

FOR KIDS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x4, or visit barringtonlibrary.libcal.com



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. FEB. 4 AT 11 AM

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

Recommended for ages 3+

Makerspace Mania [🔗](#)

THURS. FEB. 6 AT 4 PM

Join Mr. Pat for another fun STEM project! Build a balloon-powered car from recycled materials.

Recommended for kids 7+



Story times are held in our Amananda Robidoux Reading Nook. No story time on BPS no school days.

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.

STORY TIMES

Please note that there will be no story times during School Vacation Week, February 18-21.

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

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 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

School Vacation Week - February 18-21

Please note that there will be no story times during School Vacation Week. Story time will resume on February 25.



Morning Matinee: Wicked [🔗](#)

TUES. FEB. 18 AT 10 AM

All ages are welcome to join us for a very special school vacation week matinee showing of the smash hit, Wicked starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo. Perfect for the whole family!

2024 - 2 hrs 40 mins - PG

Evan Music at the Blissful [🔗](#)

WED. FEB. 19 AT 11 AM

Join Boston family-favorite and national touring musician, Evan Haller of Music at the Blissful for a high-energy, fun-filled, movement-packed musical experience for the whole family. Sing, jump, shake and laugh with Music at The Blissful featuring songs off Evan's new album, What's Next?



RWP Zoomobile [🔗](#)

FRI. FEB. 21 AT 11 AM

Experience an up-close, educational opportunity with animal ambassadors from the Roger Williams Park Zoomobile. Participants will learn about animal conservation followed by a meet & greet with three live animals. Please note that touch opportunities are NOT available in this program. Space is very limited.

Recommended for kids 8+

LIBRARY SERVICES

MUSEUM PASSES

Looking for something to do during School Vacation Week?

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
- RISD Museum of Art in Providence
- Salem Witch Museum in Salem, MA

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

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

Our Homebound Delivery Service brings books, audiobooks, magazines, and more to residents of Barrington who are physically unable to get to the library, including those who are residents of nursing homes or assisted living facilities.



Questions? Interested in registering a loved one for the program? Call the Reference Desk at 401-247-1920 x2



MOBILE PRINTING

Print directly from your mobile device using the Princh App, available for both iOS & Android. You can also print for your laptop or desktop at home by visiting print.princh.com and entering our Printer ID (106364).

Princh allows you to easily upload documents to print at the library. The app provides a numeric code after sending your document to the printer. Enter the numeric code (for example, 1234) at the touchscreen kiosk beside the printer to release your job.

You can pay online with a credit card before your library visit or at the reference desk with cash when you come in.

Detailed instructions are available on our website or at the Reference Desk.

LIBRARY NEWS



Visit our website for updates and exciting programs and services.

MEET ROGER WILLIAMS

Roger Williams at BPL

FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 30

Roving Roger will be visiting Barrington Public Library again for six weeks starting the week of February 10! Stop by and take a picture with this bigger than life statue of Roger and learn about his life from the two panels of information. We'll even have an interactive trivia game!



BOOK DROP CLOSURE

Presidents' Day

The outside book drops will be locked at 3:30 pm on Sunday, February 16 and will remain closed until Tuesday, February 18 when the library reopens.

Please hold onto your library books during this closure. Do not leave books outside the library as they may be stolen or damaged.

We are fine free and do not charge overdue fines!

EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSURES

With the winter season upon us, make sure you are kept up to date with library closures by subscribing to our email newsletter or following us on Facebook and Instagram. We will post our closures on our website as well.

COLD & FLU SEASON REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, if you or your child is sick, please stay home. We are in the peak of cold and flu season and this selfless act helps to keep everyone, including library staff, healthy and well. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



WHAT TO READ

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



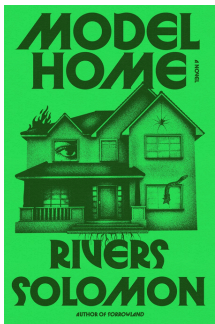
Reading recommendations from Barrington Public Library staff to you!

ADULT



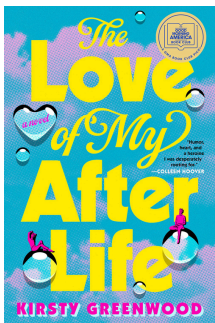
Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune

An uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home.



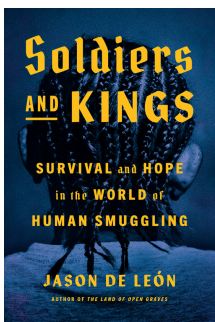
Model Home by Rivers Solomon

A haunted-house story turned on its head, unearthing the dark legacies of segregation and racism in the American South.



The Love of My Afterlife by Kirsty Greenwood

A recently deceased woman meets "the one" in the afterlife and scores a second chance at life if she can find him on Earth in ten days.



Soldiers and Kings by Jason De Leon

An intense, intimate and first-of-its-kind look at the world of human smuggling in Latin America.



How to Hide in Plain Sight by Emma Noyes

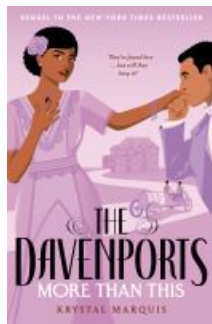
A woman estranged from her family returns for a wedding and must try to keep the walls she has built around her intact.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Such Charming Liars by Karen M. McManus

When mother-daughter grifters set out on their final job, the heist gets deadly and dangerously personal.



The Davenports by Krystal Marquis

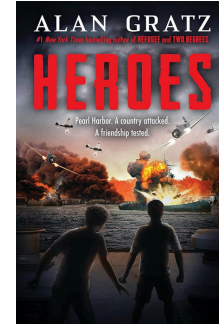
The Davenport sisters, along with their closest friends, are finding their way through turbulent changes in life and love in 1910 Chicago.

MIDDLE GRADE



A Brush with Magic by Flora Ahn

What if an ancient ink brush, oceans away in Korea, could unlock long-buried family secrets? Find out in this magical adventure novel.



Heroes: A Novel of Pearl Harbor by Alan Gratz

A heart-pounding, inventive, and powerful new novel about the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

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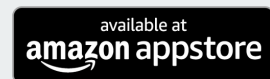
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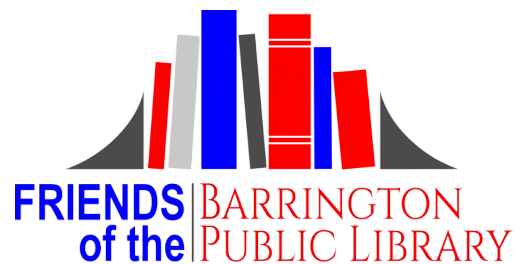
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Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



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.

FRIENDS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On Friday, January 17 we held a special Friends Appreciation Breakfast to thank the wonderful volunteers of our Friends group.

Through their efforts, the Friends support 88% of our library programming as well as special collection such as our Express Books, Museum Passes, and the Library of Things. They also support services such as access to the Providence Journal Online and capital projects such as the study rooms.

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



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FEBRUARY ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
Wesley VanLeer | Photography



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Joesph Mushipi | Painting