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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - FEBRUARY 2026



Barrington PUBLIC LIBRARY

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401-247-1920
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Library Closures

Presidents' Day
• 2/16 - CLOSED

Library Hours

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

Follow Us!



Statewide Winter Reading Challenge

Join the Rhode Island 2026 Winter Reading Challenge and build a cozy daily reading habit all February long. Whether you read for 5 minutes or 5 hours, every day you log counts — and earns you a raffle ticket for a chance to win fun winter prizes, including gift cards, cozy reader bundles, and more. All reading counts, all formats are welcome, all ages can participate, and the goal is simple: read a little each day and enjoy it. Sponsored by Ocean State Libraries, Beanstack, and participating libraries Register at www.barringtonlibrary.beanstack.com pg. 4



VIRTUAL All Ages Bingo!

Get your Bingo on from the comfort of your own home! Gather with us on Thurs. Feb. 19 at 5 pm virtually on Zoom and play Bingo for prizes! Free for all ages and abilities. pg. 4



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

FOR ADULTS

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon: DIY Valentine's Day Cards

WED. FEB. 4 AT 2 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting and make a Valentine's Day card for a loved one. We will have a variety of art supplies for you to use to create your masterpiece.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. FEB. 19 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, February 5 at 11 am. Space is limited.

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. FEB. 9 AT 6 PM

MON. FEB. 23 AT 6 PM

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

Wild West Murder Mystery Night

TUES. FEB. 17 AT 6:30 PM

***FULL* - WAITLIST AVAILABLE**

Join us for an interactive Wild West Murder Mystery Night filled with suspicious characters, hidden clues, and plenty of twists. Come dressed in your best cowboy boots or saloon attire (optional but encouraged) and help solve the mystery before the night is through.

Registration and participation required!

Characters will be assigned ahead of time, so please only register if you are certain you will be attending!



WELLNESS

Connecting to the Love Within Through Meditation

THURS. FEB. 19 AT 7 PM

VIRTUAL

Join long time meditator Gaurav Singh on Zoom as he offers this engaging workshop on how to use the practice of meditation to incorporate more love and peace in your life which in turn will have a profound transformation on your overall well-being.

Grief Yoga: Movement, Breath & Sound

SUN. FEB. 22 AT 1 PM

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

WORKSHOPS

Write to Grow Workshop: Nurturing Acceptance

SUN. FEB. 8 AT 1 PM

Join local poet Hannah Little for an hour of meaningful reflection, creativity, and connection. Participants will read about acceptance through the lenses of mindfulness and poetry, complete a guided writing exercise inspired by the poetic form "The Bop," and build community with one another through thoughtful discussion.

Doing History: Making Sense of Family Records

MON. FEB. 9 AT 6:30 PM

Join novelist Cynthia "Cindy" Elder for an interactive workshop on working with family history records. Participants will learn methods of organization, research and archival preservation, while you explore your next steps for transforming these treasures into something that can be shared with future generations. Bring examples of your own historical documents if you have them.



LECTURES

Organic No-Till Farming: A Dream Realized

TUES. FEB. 10 AT 1 PM

Join the Barrington Garden Club for a presentation on organic, no-till farming featuring Camille and Devin from Long Lane Farm in Warren, RI. Long Lane Farm was started in 2023 with the goal to create a farm that can support a family and provide abundant produce to the surrounding community.

Reel vs. Real: Interpreting History in Lincoln

THURS. FEB. 26 AT 6:30 PM

In this talk, Prof. Michael Vorenberg of Brown University will discuss with the audience a number of issues raised by the 2012 film, Lincoln. Does the film picture history accurately? Why the focus on the Thirteenth Amendment? What is the film's message about party politics? Just how much power does a president have, and how much power should the president have? Finally, what is the best route to reform--through moderate or radical means?

FREE CONCERT



Emily Barnes

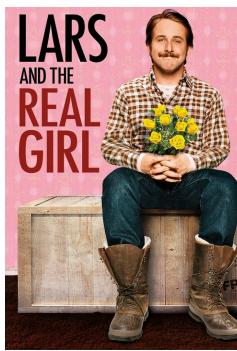
WED. FEB. 18 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a live concert with singer-songwriter Emily Barnes. Hailing from the tiny town of Johnsonburg, NJ, she's built a grassroots following through heartfelt performances and honest storytelling.

This free concert is the perfect opportunity to enjoy live music in a relaxed, welcoming library setting. Bring a friend, discover a new favorite artist, and experience an evening of music at the library.



FILMS @ BPL



Valentine's Film Lecture: When Harry Met Sally

WED. FEB. 11 AT 1 PM

Classic follows Harry and Sally over a decade as they repeatedly cross paths and test whether men and women can truly be just friends without romance getting in the way. Preceeded by a short film lecture by librarian, Doug Swiszcz.

1989 - 1 hr 36 mins - R

Valentine's Movie Night: Lars and the Real Girl

THURS. FEB. 12 AT 6:30 PM

A socially isolated man surprises his family and town by introducing his "girlfriend," a life-size doll, prompting a compassionate community to support him on his path toward healing.

2007 - 1 hr 46 mins - PG-13

250th Movie Night: Lincoln

MON. FEB. 23 AT 6 PM

With the nation embroiled in still another year with the high death count of Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln brings the full measure of his passion, humanity and political skill to what would become his defining legacy: to end the war and permanently abolish slavery through the 13th Amendment. Having great courage, acumen and moral fortitude, Lincoln pushes forward to compel the nation, and those in government who oppose him, to aim toward a greater good for all mankind.

2012 - 2 hrs 30 mins - PG-13

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. FEB. 4 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!

Breakfast with Books

THURS. FEB. 5 AT 9 AM

Join BPL Staff members at Atria Bay Spring Village as we share some of the books we have read recently and give you recommendations on what to read next. We will also share some of the services and programs at the library that you may not know about. Registrants are invited to join in breakfast at Atria beginning at 9 am. The book presentation will begin around 9:30 am. This is always a fun community event! You won't want to miss it.

To register, please call Atria Bay Spring Village at 401-246-2500.

Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. FEB. 24 AT 6:30 PM



Heat up your reading routine at our Spicy Romance Book Club with Siobhan! Join us on the last Tuesday of every month for a lively discussion of sizzling love stories. Each month, we'll dive into a steamy contemporary romance novel. Whether you're a fan of enemies-to-lovers, slow burns, or forbidden passion, this is the place to indulge your literary cravings.



Other Book Discussion Groups

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

- Literary Pairings (Hybrid)
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

DOCUMENTARIES

First Friday Documentary Series: The Witness

FRI. FEB. 6 AT 1 PM

The name "Kitty Genovese" became synonymous with urban apathy after The New York Times printed an article stating that she was stabbed to death during an attack that lasted more than half an hour, while 38 witnesses did nothing. Fifty years later, her brother uncovers a lie that transformed his life, condemned a city, and defined an era.
2015 - 1 hr 15 mins - Not Rated

Documentary & Discussion: The Inquisitor

SUN. FEB. 22 AT 1 PM

WED. FEB. 25 AT 6:30 PM

Join the DEI Committee for a screening of *The Inquisitor*, a documentary about Barbara Jordan. Jordan was a groundbreaking Texas congresswoman whose sharp intellect and moral clarity transformed U.S. politics. From Nixon's impeachment to civil rights battles, her voice demanded accountability, while she privately faced struggles few ever knew of.

2025 - 1 hr 35 min - NR

TECH CLASSES

The Palace Project

TUES. FEB. 3 AT 10 AM

Ocean State Libraries invites you to explore our new platform to access even more ebooks! Palace is a new open source, library-driven ebook experience.

Kanopy

TUES. FEB. 10 AT 10 AM

Learn more about our entertainment platform for watching tv, movies, independent and foreign films, documentaries with Kanopy.

Flipster

TUES. FEB. 17 AT 10 AM

Learn more about our entertainment platform for reading digital magazines, Flipster.

FOR TEENS

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!

SHARE A TALENT

Barrington Library's Little Variety Show

THURS. FEB. 19 AT 6:30 PM

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

Open to teens and adults!



ALL AGES

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lion Dance Performance

TUES. FEB. 17 AT 4 PM

Celebrate the vibrant traditions of the Lunar New Year with a captivating Lion Dance performed by Rhode Island Kung Fu Club. All ages and abilities are welcome to enjoy this captivating performance.

School Vacation Week Program!

BINGO RETURNS!

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School Vacation Week Program!

[🔗](#) 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.

GET CREATIVE

Make & Take - Moose Balls

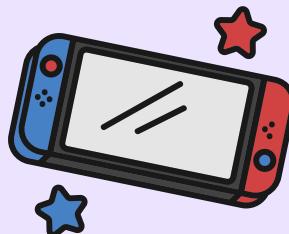
TUES. FEB. 10 AT 6:30 PM

Mix and roll up some delicious moose balls, a delicious chocolate treat made with Oreos.

Collaging Through Music

TUES. FEB. 17 AT 6:30 PM

In this workshop, multi-media artist, Amy Salomone will cover some design elements and how to communicate them through music. Participants will create a collage using the same song and then a collage of a song of their choice.



Check out the Rec Room!

When our Teen Librarian, Tanya, is working, teens can ask to use the Nintendo Switch and play some video games while they hang out in the library!

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

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!



How to participate:

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

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Register here!



FOR KIDS

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



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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

Keepsake Craft Hour *NEW*

WED. FEB. 4 AT 5:30 PM

Drop-in to create a special valentine-themed craft with your little one(s). This program is designed for parents and caregivers to craft together with their kids. Drop-in, registration is not required. Children of all ages are welcome to craft with their adult. While supplies last.

Dungeons & Dragons Club



THURS. FEB. 5 AT 4:30 PM

THURS. FEB. 26 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. FEB. 11 AT 3:30 PM

Create, build & explore with each other and Lego bricks! Drop-in. *Recommended for grades K-5.*

MOVIE MATINEE



Morning Matinee: Wicked For Good



FRI. FEB. 20 AT 10 AM

Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba lives in exile in the Ozian forest, while Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity. As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good.

2025 - 2 hr 17 mins - PG

STORY WALK

Winter Story Walk

THROUGH FEBRUARY 21

Take a stroll along the walkway by the Resilience Garden and enjoy the story *Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers* by Jessia Kulekjian. This beautifully illustrated picture book explores how animals adapt in winter.

SATURDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY



Sensory Exploration

SAT. FEB. 28 AT 10 AM

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. For all ages and abilities.

School Vacation Week - February 17-20

Please note that there will be no story times during School Vacation Week. Story time will resume on February 23.

Kids Yoga



WED. FEB. 18 AT 11 AM

Move, breathe and embrace the many benefits of yoga! This playful take on traditional yoga will incorporate helpful techniques for your child to ease anxiety and promote positive ways to navigate their daily life. Designed for ages 8-11 to attend independently.

Makerspace Mania



WED. FEB. 18 AT 1 PM

Join Mr. Pat for fun in the Makerspace! Benjamin Ripley needs your help! His mission: to read and discuss *Spy School: Blackout*, the newest adventure in the Spy School Series by Stuart Gibbs. Agents who attend will receive a personalized Spy ID card made with our Glowforge printer. *Recommended for grades 3-6*

STORY TIMES

There will be no story times during School Vacation Week, February 17-20.

Babies & Board Books



MONDAYS AT 1:30 PM *NEW*

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 *NEW*

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

Winter Wonderland Comedy Show



THURS. FEB. 19 AT 11 AM

Celebrate all things snow with this Winter Wonderland Comedy Show with comic mime (and happy humorist) Robert Rivest. This highly interactive show will introduce all ages to the art of mime, comical characters and cool mime illusions. Everyone will leave with a new appreciation for mime, improv and New England Winters. Fun for the whole family!

OTHER PROGRAMS*

Lion Dance Performance



TUES. FEB. 17 AT 4 PM

VIRTUAL Bingo Night!



THURS. FEB. 19 AT 5 PM

**More info on page 4!*

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

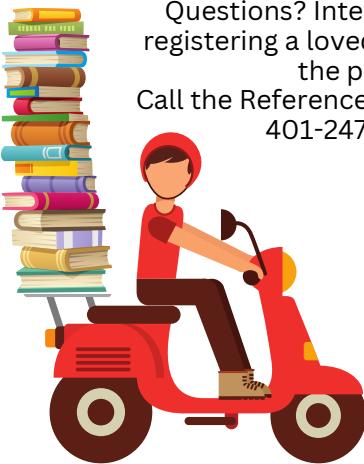
Passes subject to change without notice. For a complete list of all available museum passes, stop by the Reference Desk for a Museum Pass brochure or check our website at barringtonlibrary.org/museum-passes

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



NEW YORK TIMES ALL ACCESS

The New York Times

Barrington Public Library now offers all Barrington cardholders complimentary and unlimited access to everything The New York Times has to offer!

Access NYTimes.com while onsite and connected to the library Wi-Fi. Access all of The Times — including News, Games, Cooking, Audio, Wirecutter, The Athletic, and all apps — from anywhere!

Stay up to date on the news, explore games and puzzle archives, discover thousands of easy recipes, listen to over 40 podcasts and past episodes, follow your favorite sports teams, and so much more!

LIBRARY NEWS

SAFE HARBOR MURAL

Have you seen the new mural in our main stairwell?

Created from individual pieces of artwork made by community members during the summer of 2025, Safe Harbor is a powerful reflection of creativity, connection, and belonging. Each contribution comes together to form a shared visual story that represents our community as a place of welcome and care.

The mural was designed by Ann Fischler Forrest, a RISD graduate and accomplished artist, who thoughtfully wove these many individual works into a cohesive and meaningful whole. Many thanks to the Friends of the Barrington Public Library and the Barrington Public Library Foundation for coming together to fund this project.



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.

BOOK DROP CLOSURE

Presidents' Day

The outside book drops will be locked at 3:30 pm on Sunday, February 15 and will remain closed until Tuesday, February 17 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!

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.



Visit our website for updates and exciting programs and services.

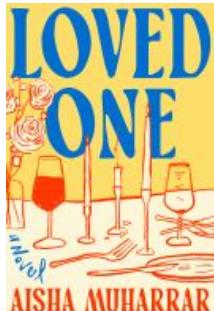
WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

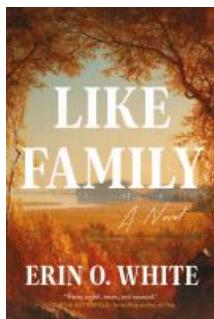


Check out our catalog for new books,
recommended reading lists, and staff picks!

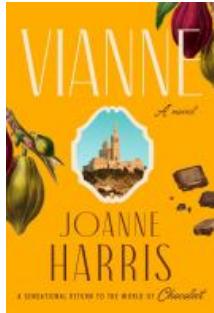
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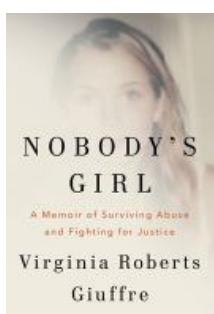
Loved One
by Aisha Muharrar
A warm, witty, novel about a woman who goes looking for answers after her first love/best friend dies unexpectedly, and winds up finding herself.



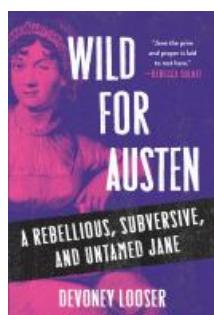
Like Family
by Erin O. White
In idyllic Radclyffe, New York, Ruth and her wife Wyn live a seemingly perfect life until a hidden secret threatens the sweetness at its core.



Vianne
by Joanne Harris
A pregnant young woman follows the wind to Marseille, where cooking awakens a powerful magic—and a dangerous secret.



Nobody's Girl
by Virginia Roberts Giuffre
This memoir shares Virginia Giuffre's powerful story of surviving abuse, reclaiming her voice, and fighting for justice.



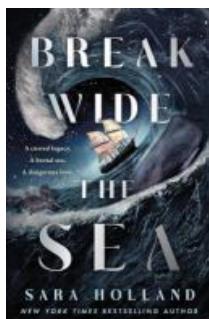
Wild for Austen
by Devoney Loosner
Thieves! Spies! Abolitionists! Ghosts! If we ever truly believed Jane Austen to be a quiet spinster, this book puts that myth to rest at last.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



My Roommate From Hell by Cate Dietrich

Eighteen-year-old Owen agrees to fake-date his chaotic roommate—who happens to be the prince of hell—and sparks fly.



Break Wide the Sea
by Sara Holland

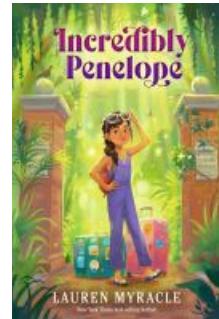
Cursed with a deadly heartbreak sickness, a young woman races to save her legacy from ancient finfolk, a murderous fiancé, and forbidden love.

MIDDLE GRADE



Spy School Goes Wild by Stuart Gibbs

On another harrowing mission, survival training comes in handy when Ben Ripley is stranded in the wilderness with his nemesis, Murray Hill.



Incredibly Penelope
by Lauren Myracle

Penelope gets her wish to attend school but faces hardship when her mother and godmother disappear, forcing her to work at the school to survive.

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Great libraries need Friends.



PAPER CRAFT KITS COMING IN FEBRUARY!

VALENTINE EXCHANGE CARDS

Celebrate Valentine's Day with hand crafted valentines in a multi-pack craft kit—fun for a classroom, a party, or your workplace. Simply follow the included assembly instructions, fill out your Valentine's well wishes, and get ready to share them with friends or classmates!



HEART CRAFT KITS

Be on the lookout for a February craft to keep everyone busy during school vacation week or a winter weekend spent indoors.

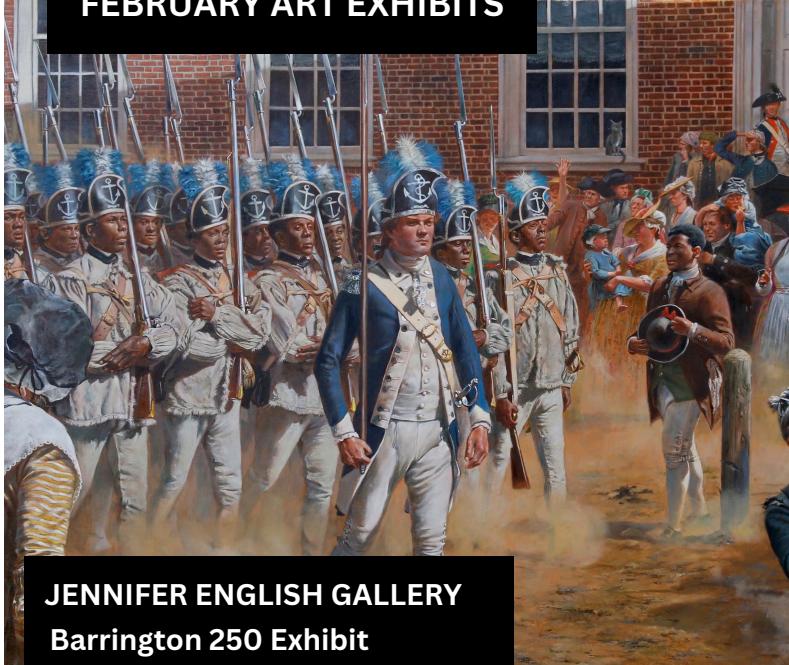
FRAMED FLORAL ART PRINTS READY FOR GIFTING

Combining vintage text pages and floral art, these ready to hang prints will also be for sale this month. Pick up a special, unique print to hang in your home or gift to a friend! (Not pictured)

No salable books were harmed in the making of these Craft Kits. Paper was sourced from damaged, outdated, or unsold books that were donated to the Friends but destined for the landfill or paper pulp factory. Help us give these old books a new life!



FEBRUARY ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
Barrington 250 Exhibit



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Soul Force Student Artwork

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!

BOOK DONATIONS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD!

Starting February 7, the Friends will 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.