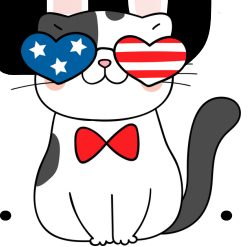


..... BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY .....

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - JULY 2026



**Barrington**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Barrington, RI 02806

Contact the Library  
401-247-1920  
barringtonlibrary.org  
info@barringtonlibrary.org

**Library Closures**  
Independence Day  
• 7/3 - Close at 12:30 pm  
• 7/4 - CLOSED  
• 7/6 - CLOSED

**Library Hours**  
Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

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FRIENDS OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SUMMER BOOK SALE!

FRIENDS of the BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### HUGE Summer Book Sale

Browse thousands of books including adult fiction and nonfiction, children's, and young adults, as well as CDs, DVDs, and much more at the Friends of the Barrington Library Summer Book Sale from Thursday, July 9, through Sunday, July 12. Most items are available for only \$1- 2 each. There is also a selection of rare and valuable books for sale. **pg. 8**

## ADULT SUMMER CAMP

**Adult Summer Camp!**  
Rediscover the joy and wonder of childhood and relive the carefree days of summer! Adult Summer Camp is split into two sessions. Register for session one, session two, or both! **pg. 3**

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**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 from through August 19 this year. **pg. 6**

# FOR ADULTS

REMINDER

## FILMS



### Summer Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

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

- July 15 - Stand By Me (1986)
- July 29 - The Game (1997)

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

### Movie Night: Wuthering Heights

TUES. JULY 21 AT 5:30 PM

A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw. Directed by Emerald Fennell. 2026 - 2 hr 18 mins - R

## GET TOGETHER

### Board Game Night @ St. Andrew's

MON. JULY 13 AT 6 PM  
MON. JULY 27 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. Snacks and beverages will be provided! We will have board games on hand but you are welcome to bring your own as well.

#### St. Andrew's Address:

63 Federal Road  
Barrington, RI 02806

Use entrance across from the Barrington Police Station.

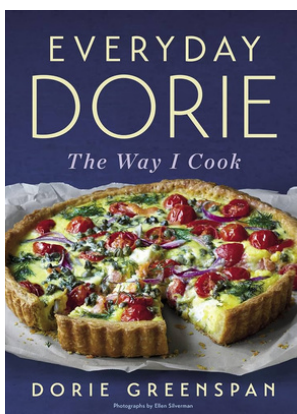
## COOKBOOK CLUB

### Summer Cookbook Club

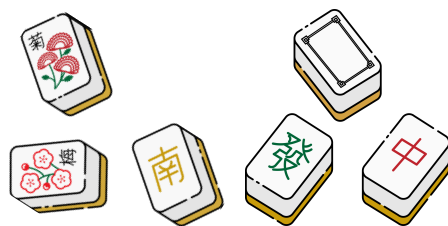
TUES. JULY 14 AT 6 PM  
TUES. JULY 28 AT 6 PM

Adults are invited to join us for the Summer Session of cookbook club! This group will meet twice for the Summer Session in the Collis Family Gallery on the second floor of the library.

Our Summer Cookbook is *Everyday Dorie* by Dorie Greenspan.



In our first meeting, we will discuss the author, book introduction, layout, and recipe map, and then set the menu for the next meeting and decide who will bring what. Then for our second meeting, everyone will make a dish at home, and bring it to our potluck.



### Summer Mahjong Open Play

MONDAYS AT 6 PM

This is a relaxed and social program for intermediate players looking to build confidence and enjoy the game in a casual setting. This is not an instructional session—it's designed for those who already know the basics and want to gain more experience through play. Bring your own 2026 Mahjong play card, and we'll provide the tables, chairs, and Mahjong sets.

Many of our events have waitlists, and we want to make sure as many community members as possible have the chance to participate. If you register for a program and find that you can no longer attend, please take a moment to cancel your registration or contact the library to let us know. This allows us to offer your spot to someone on the waitlist.

Thank you for helping us make our programs accessible to everyone.

## SUMMER READING

### Summer Reading for Adults

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 19

Adults are invited to participate in Summer Reading! Read books, write reviews, and earn badges and tickets to enter into raffle drawings for fun prizes! More information on page 6.

## GET CREATIVE



### Adult Craft Evening: Book Bedazzling

TUES. JULY 7 AT 6 PM

Bedazzle your favorite book! Bring your own book from home or purchase a book from the Friends Daily Book Sale. All other supplies will be provided.

### Adult Crafternoon: Red, White, & Blue Floral Design

THURS. JULY 16 AT 1 PM

In honor of our nation's independence day, join us for a special Adult Crafternoon featuring local floral designer, Sally Gruber who will lead us in creating a patriotic masterpiece. Each participant will receive their own festive container complete with fresh delphinium, carnations, and babies' breath for designing.



## 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 1 (July 20 – 30)

Dates and activities:

- Mon. July 20 at 2 pm: Mandala Rocks
- Thurs. July 23 at 2 pm: Flash Fiction
- Mon. July 27 at 2 pm: Bulb Planting Workshop
- Thurs. July 30 at 2 pm: Indoor Games

Session two registration opens Monday, July 6 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 magnet!



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



### Summer of Charlotte McConaghy

WED. JULY 8 AT 6:30 PM  
WED. JULY 29 AT 6:30 PM  
WED. AUG. 19 AT 6:30 PM

Let's get together this summer and read 3 published works by author Charlotte McConaghy. This book group will explore her powerful, nature-infused storytelling across three compelling novels.

- July 8 - Migrations
- July 29 - Once We Were Wolves
- August 19 - Wild Dark Shores

*Please note: our regular book discussion groups take a short break in July and August and will return in September and reopen for registration.*

## WELLNESS

### Monday Morning Yoga

MON. JULY 20 AT 9:30 AM

All levels are welcome for this vinyasa yoga practice with Charlotte. Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body. Patrons will be guided through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset.

### InShape Prevention Plus Wellness

TUES. JULY 14 AT 4 PM

Adults ages 18-25 are invited to join the East Bay Regional Coalition for this substance use prevention program designed to increase fitness, health and performance-enhancing behaviors like physical activity, exercise, healthy eating, getting adequate sleep, and practicing stress control while avoiding harmful substance use for young adults. Upon completion of the training, all participants will receive a \$25 gift card.

## TECH CLASSES



**Tech Classes have moved outside for the summer! All classes will take place behind the library on the stone patio at the picnic benches.**

### Flipster Magazines

TUES. JULY 7 AT 10 AM

Learn how to read digital magazines for FREE with Flipster! Read on your phone or tablet without a library card. Free to all RI residents through AskRI.

### Kanopy

TUES. JULY 14 AT 10 AM

Learn about Kanopy, our streaming platform featuring documentaries, movies, tv, and other video. Free to Barrington card holders.

### Apps for Mindfulness

TUES. JULY 21 AT 10 AM

Learn about about popular mindfulness apps like Headspace and Calm, which offer guided meditations, breathing exercises, and other relaxation techniques, and websites like MyNoise and Noisli, which provide soothing sounds and ambient noise to help you focus and reduce stress

### Apps for Fitness & Nutrition

TUES. JULY 28 AT 10 AM

Learn about the latest technologies and digital tools that can help you achieve your fitness goals and improve your overall health and well-being.

# FOR TEENS

To register, call 401-247-1920 x6, or visit [barringtonlibrary.libcal.com](http://barringtonlibrary.libcal.com)

Program dates & times subject to change.

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



## CRAFT LIKE A COLONIAL

### Make a Market Wallet

TUES. JULY 14 AT 6 PM

Hand sew a colonial style wallet like the ones used in the 18th century to carry personal items.

No sewing experience necessary!



### Johnny Cakes

TUES. JULY 28 AT 6 PM

Mix up a batch of this Rhode Island staple, also known as "journey cake." With butter and assorted syrups!

*All Teen Programs are for ages 11-17 unless otherwise noted.*

*Visit the Teen Room to use our computers, play games, socialize with friends, or...read!*

# ALL AGES

## CONTRA DANCE

### Contra Dance

THURS. JULY 2 FROM 6-8 PM

Get ready to kick off the July 4th weekend and kick up your heels at the library! Join us on for a lively evening of Contra Dancing—a fun, high-energy social dance that's been bringing communities together for generations. No experience? No problem! Contra dance is easy to learn and all about moving in lines with a partner (and your neighbors!) to the rhythm of upbeat folk music.

Come solo, with a partner, your family (kids welcome!) or bring a group of friends—just be ready to move, mingle, and have a great time.



We'll have a live band setting the pace and a friendly dance caller who will guide you through every step, so you can jump right in and enjoy the fun. Expect plenty of laughter, great music, and a welcoming atmosphere where everyone is invited to participate.

Comfortable shoes recommended! Festive red, white, and blue dance attire welcome!

## LIBRARY COVE FUN

### Spin Art Bike

WED. JULY 22 AT 5 PM

Celebrate our Library winning the Collegebound Saver 529 sweepstakes (in partnership with OLIS) with a spin art bike from Carnival Party. With snacks!

*For ages 10 and up!*



## 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 6.*



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. JULY 13 AT 6 PM

Savor A Cup of Quiet in this special summer evening story time celebrating the 2026 Kids Reading Across RI (KRARI) selection by best-selling author Nikki Grimes. Each family will receive a brand-new copy of A Cup of Quiet to keep for their own library collection, compliments of Rhode Island Center for the Book.

## SUMMER KIDS PROGRAMS

### Kids Art Class [🔗](#)

WED. JULY 22 AT 1 PM

Tap into your creative side with this simple, yet instructive art class led by local artist John Irwin. All participants will leave with a completed canvas of their own.  
*Recommended for kids 8+*

### Kids Chess

FRI. JULY 31 AT 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Play chess with Barrington's talented and elite chess players, Andrew and Robert Li. Partake in chess lessons, casual matches between participants, and tournaments for the extra competitive (small prizes included!) Drop-in, registration is not required.  
*All ages and levels are welcome.*

### Kids Yoga [🔗](#)

TUES. JULY 28 AT 11 AM  
THURS. JULY 30 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. Kids will attend independently.  
*Recommended for kids ages 8-11.*

## STORY TIMES

### Outdoor Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

Share stories and songs together in Tap-in Turf! For all ages and abilities. Drop-in.

*If it rains, Story Time will be canceled.*

### 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 from Tuesday, July 7 through Wednesday, August 5. This abbreviated session allows our staff to focus on other summer programming for kids and family as well as Summer Reading. We look forward to seeing you!*

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Kimberly's Pocket Circus [🔗](#)

FRI. JULY 24 AT 11 AM

Step right up for an amazing array of acrobatics, hula hoops, handstands and more with Kimberly's Pocket Circus, a pocket-sized tent jammed full of circus surprises!  
*All ages and abilities are welcome.*

### Dave Marchetti Animal Experience [🔗](#)

MON. JULY 20 AT 6 PM

Get an up-close look and learn fascinating facts about Dave's incredible creatures! At the end of the presentation, kids and grown-ups can hold the animals. Outdoors in Library Cove.  
*All ages and abilities are welcome. This event will be moved indoors if it rains.*

### The Magic of Russ DeSimone [🔗](#)

WED. JULY 29 AT 6 PM

Be magically spellbound by magician Russ DeSimone and his loveable friends. With the help of his sidekicks, Presto the Rabbit and Flutter the Fish, Russ has captivated crowds for over 30 years with his modern take on classic tricks.  
*All ages and abilities are welcome.*

## BABY PROGRAM

### Baby Steps with Head Start [🔗](#)

TUES. JULY 21 AT 10:30 AM

Engage with your children through Baby Steps age-appropriate activities and simple crafts, facilitated by Head Start professionals. Each child will receive a book to keep for their own home library collection.  
*Recommended for birth to age 5.*

## SUMMER READING

### Summer Reading for Kids [🔗](#)

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 19

Kids are invited to participate in Summer Reading! Log books, complete activities, and earn badges and tickets to enter into raffle drawings for fun prizes! More information on page 6.

## K-5 READING LISTS

*Check our catalog at [barringtonlibrary.oslri.net](http://barringtonlibrary.oslri.net) for the K-5 school summer reading lists! We also have a display in the Children's Room of all the summer reading books your kids can choose from. Don't wait until the last week of summer to grab your books!*

# SUMMER READING

June 24 - August 19



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!



How to use

1. Go to [barringtonlibrary.beanstack.org](http://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.



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!

Our 2026 Summer Reading Challenge begins 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!

## SUMMER SNEAK PEAK

### AI PANEL

#### Can We Talk About AI? [🔗](#)

WED. AUG. 5 AT 6:30 PM

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 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!

### 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.

The performance is appealing to all ages and with a relaxed stage presence, Aubrey, Elwood, and Cathy, explain song, instrument, and dance origins to give more relevance to the material.

*Sponsored by The Barrington Public Library Foundation through the Calvin and Jean Cronin Fund.*

### FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEES

#### Ella Enchanted

FRI. AUG. 7 AT 10 AM

As a baby Ella was bestowed a magical gift that requires her to obey anything that she is told to do. This proves to be more of a curse than a blessing. 2004 - 1 hr 36 mins - PG

#### The Princess Bride

FRI. AUG. 14 AT 10 AM

A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. Together they must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other. 1987 - 1 hr 38 min - PG

#### Labyrinth

FRI. AUG. 21 AT 10 AM

Sarah is given thirteen hours to solve a labyrinth and rescue her baby brother when her wish for him to be taken away is granted by the Goblin King Jareth. 1986 - 1 hr 41 min - PG

# 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



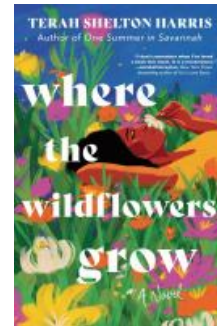
### Her Last Breath by Taylor Adams

After years of excuses, Tess has finally agreed to go caving with her best friend Allie. As the two friends descend into the depths, they realize they're not alone.



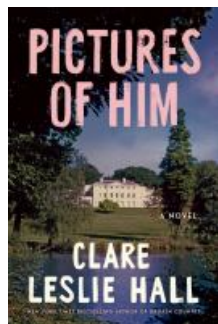
### More Than Friends by Denise Hunter

After losing her job and boyfriend, Jenna returns home where she investigates her mother's suspicious new boyfriend and finds unexpected love.



### Where the Wildflowers Grow by Terah Shelton Harris

A woman haunted by her past finds healing on an Alabama flower farm until the secrets she's been running from catch up with her.



### Pictures of Him by Clare Leslie Hall

When a former lover resurfaces, Catherine is forced to confront traumatic secrets she has long buried, threatening the fragile life she has built.



### It's All in Your Head by Sabina Nordqvist

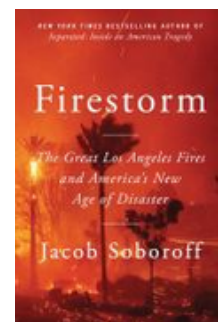
A woman with chronic illness agrees to fake date a disgraced professional snowboarder she met in an online support group.



### What Happened that Night by Nicci French

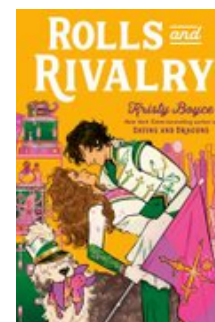
A hair-raising locked-room thriller about a group of old university friends with a killer in their midst.

## ADULT NONFICTION



### Firestorm by Jacob Soboroff

A firsthand account on reporting on the Palisades Fire and the Eaton Fire, in Altadena, and a discussion of natural disasters.



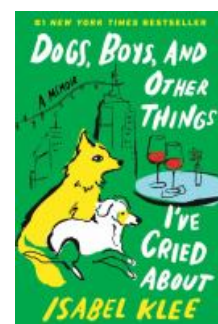
### Rolls and Rivalry by Kristy Boyce

A sweet romance where Hazel, a D&D Dungeon Master and color guard captain, navigates her feelings when her former best friend and crush Max returns to town.



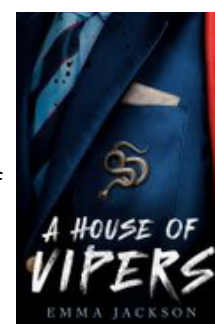
### Return to Sender by Vera Brosgol

Ten-year-old Oliver discovers that the wish-granting mailbox in his new apartment may make his dreams come true, but they come with a cost.



### Dogs, Boys, and Other Things I've Cried About by Isabel Klee

An emotional memoir of a girl living in New York City, trying to find love, and saving dogs by fostering.



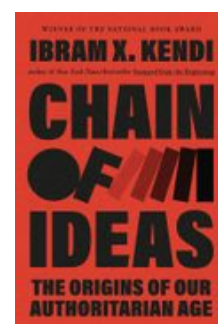
### A House of Vipers by Emma Jackson

A thrilling dark academia mystery that begins a year after the sudden disappearance of a student at an elite boarding school.



### Creaky Acres by Calista Brill

Ten-year-old Nora learns to love to her new home in rural Greenville when she starts an eventing team with the horseback riders at Creaky Acres.



### Chain of Ideas by Ibram X Kendi

A revelatory account of how "great replacement theory" has become a dominant political idea of our time and ushered in an antidemocratic age.



### Seconds to Spare by Rachel Reiss

Aboard Aloha Airways flight 1333, eighteen-year-old Evelyn is trapped in a twenty-eight-minute time loop that ends with the plane crashing.



### My Sister, The Freak by Dani Jones

A heartfelt exploration of sisterhood, forgiveness, and outer space invasions.

# FRIENDS' CORNER

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Great libraries need Friends.

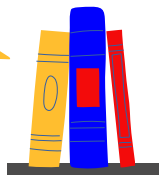


## SUMMER BOOK SALE

July 9-13

# SUMMER

# BOOK SALE!



Our HUGE Summer Book Sale is this month!

Shop thousands of adult fiction, nonfiction, teen, and kids books. Most books are \$1 or less!

We also have DVDs, vinyl records, puzzles, craft kits made from recycled books, and valuable and rare books available for sale.

### Regular Sale Hours:

Friday, July 10 from 10 am - 4 pm  
Saturday, July 11 from 10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday, July 12 from 12 pm - 3 pm

### Special Sale Hours:

Members Only Night  
Thursday, July 9 from 5 - 8 pm

Join the Friends and get special early access to the sale on Thursday night!

\$5 Fill-a-Bag Day!  
Monday, July 13 from 10 am - 2 pm

We provide the bag, you fill it to the brim with books, and pay only **\$5** – no matter how much you can fit! It's the perfect chance to stock up on cozy fall reads, holiday gifts, or books for every reader in your home.

## 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

Due to limited storage space and the high volume of generous contributions we receive, the Friends will be pausing book donations from May 30 through August 1.

We are incredibly grateful to our community for your ongoing support and for thinking of the library when sharing your gently used books. Your donations help support library programs, collections, and services throughout the year.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to accepting donations again beginning August 1.

**OUR SUMMER BOOK SALE IS ONE OF THE MAIN FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR THE FRIENDS. EVERY SALE SUPPORTS ESSENTIAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES!**

**LAST YEAR OUR SALE RAISED OVER \$10,000 FOR THE LIBRARY!**

## JULY ART EXHIBITS



**JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY**  
Jorge Santander | Photography



**MAIN FLOOR GALLERY**  
Barrington 250 Wish Wall