

..... BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - JUNE 2026



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Library Closures
Juneteenth
• 6/19 - CLOSED

*CLOSED Sundays
starting June 1

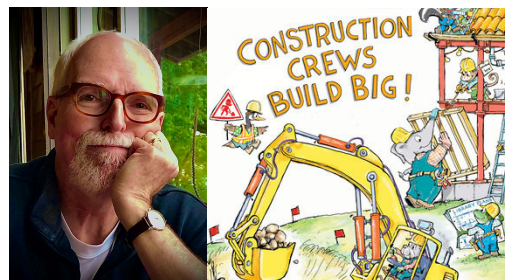
Library Hours
Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Follow Us!



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FOR ADULTS

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night @ St. Andrew's

MON. JUNE 8 AT 6 PM
MON. JUNE 22 AT 6 PM

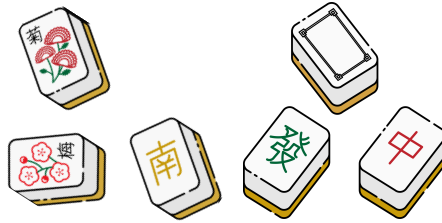
Our summer session of Adult Board Game Night is here and we are moving offsite! Adults 18+ are invited to join us for board games and fun at St. Andrew's School in Barrington.

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.

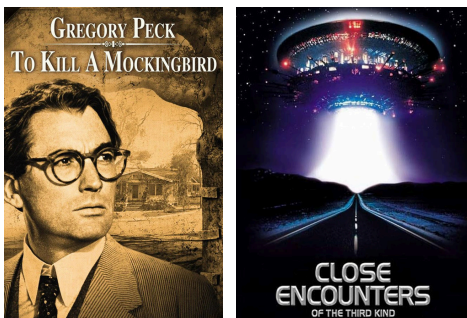


Summer Mahjong Open Play

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. Come connect with fellow players, sharpen your skills, and have fun!

SUMMER FILM LECTURE SERIES



Summer Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Join Doug and Siobhan on select Wednesdays at 1 pm from June through August for our Summer Film Lecture Series! Escape the heat in our air-conditioned Salem Family Auditorium and enjoy a classic movie.

June Movies:

- June 10 - To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)
- June 24 - Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

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

DOCUMENTARIES & FILMS

First Friday Documentary Series: Gay USA

FRI. JUNE 5 AT 1 PM

The first American feature-length documentary by and about LGBTQ+ people. Director Arthur J. Bressan Jr. mobilized camera crews across the country to document the national Gay Freedom Day marches in June 1977. Gay USA conveys the passion, anger, and defiant optimism of a community under attack. 1977 - 1 hr 18 mins - R

Pride Movie Night: Bros



THURS. JUNE 11 AT 6 PM

Bobby is a neurotic podcast host who's happy to go on Tinder dates and content not to have a serious relationship. That all changes when he meets Aaron, an equally detached lawyer who likes to play the field. Repeatedly drawn to each other, both men begin to show their vulnerable sides as their undeniable attraction turns into something resembling a commitment. 2022 - 1 hr 55 mins - R

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. JUNE 3 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!

Please note: our regular book discussion groups take a short break in July and August and will return in September and reopen for registration. Keep an eye on our calendar for dates and details!

Documentary & Discussion: My Name is Violeta

WED. JUNE 17 AT 1 PM

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Join the DEI Committee for for a screening of My Name Is Violeta, a moving film about a trans girl and unprejudiced parental love.



250th Movie Night: 1776

TUES. JUNE 30 AT 5:30 PM

This beloved film brings the drama, humor, and humanity of the founding of the United States to life as the Continental Congress debates independence and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Filled with memorable songs and powerful performances, 1776 offers a lively and entertaining look at one of the most pivotal moments in American history.

1972 - 2 hrs 22 mins - Not Rated





LECTURES

Rhode Island's Native Bees

MON. JUNE 8 AT 7 PM

Do you know how many bees are native to Rhode Island? Are we doing enough to help them thrive in the landscape? Join us for a presentation by Casey Johnson, Research Associate with the University of Rhode Island Bee Lab. The Land Trust will hold its annual meeting at 6 pm in the auditorium. The presentation will follow immediately after at 6:30 pm. The entire event is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a Land Trust member to attend.



Iran: The Roots of War with Stephen Kinzer

TUES. JUNE 9 AT 6 PM

The US is engaged in an epic confrontation with Iran. The reasons for its failure are deeply tied to Iranian history. Kinzer explains why foreign powers have such difficulty bending Iran to their will. Stephen Kinzer is an award-winning foreign correspondent who has covered more than 50 countries on five continents. Please note: this lecture will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube Channel.

Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace.

Lost & Found: Plymouth Colony's Frontier Settlement at Barrington's Nockum Hill 1667-1675

MON. JUNE 15 AT 7 PM

Join The Barrington Preservation Society in the Town Council Chambers for this fascinating lecture by Stephen Venuti. This lecture will explore what recent archaeological studies and historical document research reveal about the people who settled Barrington and the events that led to its early demise at the onset of King Philip's War in June of 1675.

Sponsored by The Barrington Preservation Society.

The Role of Journalism in Democracy Today

TUES. JUNE 16 AT 6 PM

Join Scott Pickering from The Barrington Times for a timely conversation on the essential role journalism plays in a healthy democracy. This discussion will explore the enduring importance of the Fourth Estate, why local journalism remains a vital part of civic life, and how community reporting helps keep residents informed, connected, and engaged. We'll also take a closer look at the realities facing local news organizations today, from shifting media landscapes to economic pressures, and discuss how communities can help sustain and support trusted local journalism for the future.

Sponsored by the Barrington 250 Committee.



From Bicentennial to 250: Preserving Rhode Island's Story

MON. JUN 22 AT 6 PM

Join Rhode Island Historical Society Executive Director C. Morgan Grefe as we contemplate our nation's 250th anniversary in comparison to the Bicentennial in 1976. Since 1822, the RIHS has set forth to collect archives and items that allow us to preserve and share many aspects of this small state's vast history from manuscripts, maps, photographs, and objects, as well as news footage, B-roll, and even home movies.

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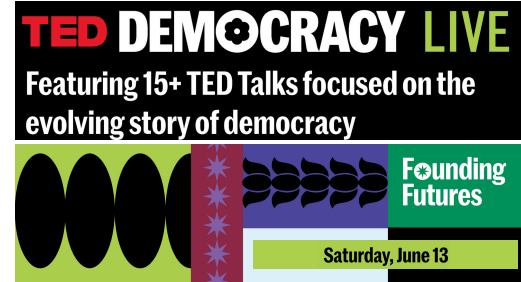
WELLNESS

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. JUNE 8 AT 9:30 AM
MON. JUNE 29 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.

LIVESTREAM



TED Democracy Live: Founding Futures

SAT. JUNE 13 FROM 11 AM - 5:30 PM

Barrington Public Library is proud to host a livestream of TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Futures at the library. You are free to come and go as you please throughout the event as the livestream is broken into three different sessions. In between the sessions we will have activities for you to partake in as well as discussion of what we watched. Pizza will be served for lunch at 1 pm for those attending.

This daylong symposium features 15+ brand-new TED Talks focused on the evolution and future of democracy, streaming live from Philadelphia during America's 250th anniversary.

Schedule for the day:

- Session 1 TED Talks: 11 am - 12:30 pm
- Discussion: 12:30 - 1 pm
- Activity: 1 - 2 pm (Create your own flag for Flag Day)
- Session 2 TED Talks: 2 - 3:30 pm
- Discussion: 3:30 - 4 pm
- Session 3 TED Talks: 4 - 5:30 pm

Join us for big ideas, thoughtful conversation and a shared civic moment.

Sponsored by Visit Philadelphia in collaboration with the American Library Association.

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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.

GET CREATIVE

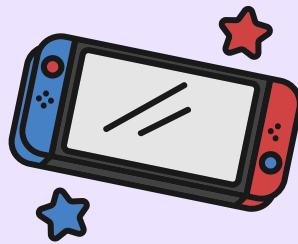
Two Day Workshop: Book Sculptures with Kendra

MON. JUNE 22 AT 6 PM
MON. JUNE 29 AT 6 PM

Learn the art of sculpture using recycled books, mixed media and more, with artist Kendra Bidwell Ferriera. Must attend both sessions.

SUMMER READING

*Looking for your teen's Summer Reading book list?
Check the BPS website!
We will have a limited number of books available in the Teen Room.*



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 AGES

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration

WED. JUNE 24 FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us in Library Cove on Wednesday, June 24 from 5:30-7:30 pm for a family-friendly Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration with musical performances, food trucks, lawn games and more!

Delight in the musical talents of Providence Drum Troupe (PDT), a dynamic band of musicians and performers who demonstrate that living in harmony is not an antiquated notion! Connecting creative forces for the greater good, PDT encourages children and children-at-heart to participate, dance and celebrate being alive in this truly wondrous world.

This event is sponsored by The Barrington Public Library Foundation.



As part of the festivities, make sure to sign up for the Barrington Public Library Summer Reading Challenge, a simple ALL ages online reading challenge with terrific prizes. Or support the Friends of Barrington Public Library's Pop-up Book Sale! All proceeds directly support Barrington Public Library programs.

Bring something to sit on, enjoy food from one of our food trucks (or pack your own) and gather with us for this incredible summer reading kick-off celebration!



GET CREATIVE

Design Your Own PRIDE Buttons!

MON. JUNE 1 FROM 4-7 PM

Join us on Monday, June 1 from 4-7 pm in the Makerspace and design your own Pride button! We will have button templates and art supplies available and will show you how to use our pin-back button machine so you can create a button to show your Pride, announce your pronouns, or whatever else inspires you. One button per person.

MOVIE MATINEE

Movie Matinee: Charlotte's Web

SAT. JUNE 27 AT 2 PM

Join 7 Walker Farm for a special movie matinee on Saturday, June 27 at 2 pm featuring Charlotte's Web, a story about friendship, and the miracles gained from trust, help, and the fulfilling of promises, based on the beloved children's book. Before the movie, visit with Harper, a special therapy goat from 7 Walker Farm. 2006 - 1 hr 27 mins - G



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.

AUTHOR EVENT

Meet Children's Author & Illustrator R.W. Alley

MON. JUNE 15 AT 6 PM

Join us for a special evening with local children's author and illustrator, R.W. Alley in celebration of his newest book *Construction Crews Build Big*, part of the Breezy Valley series. Alley has been the illustrator of the infamous Paddington Bear book series for nearly 30 years. Books will be available to purchase and have signed following the presentation. Refreshments will be provided, while supplies last.

This event is in partnership with Barrington Books.

MOVIE MATINEE

Hoppers

MON. JUNE 22 AT 10 AM

A heartfelt, hilarious Pixar adventure with a stellar voice cast! Join extremely passionate yet erratic Mabel as she fights to stop the paving over of the pond she loves. This film expertly balances environmental themes with explorations of processing emotions while growing up. A heartwarming film for the whole family.
2026 - 1 hr 44 mins - PG

GET CREATIVE

Flag Day Art Workshop

SAT. JUNE 13 AT 10 AM

Celebrate Flag Day with a creative community art project! Design and make your own unique flag using a variety of colorful materials and supplies. Whether you create a traditional flag, a personal symbol of what freedom means to you, or something completely imaginative, this hands-on program is a fun way to express yourself and honor the spirit of the day.

STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Share stories and songs together!
Drop-in.

When indoors: Space is limited to 35 attendees. Once capacity is reached, exceptions cannot be made.
Recommended for ages 2-5

Babies & Board Books

MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM
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 has moved OUTDOORS to Tap-in Turf!



Tap-in Turf

Finding Tap-in Turf

Please park in the main library parking lot. Follow the sidewalk past the main doors and it will conveniently take you to the story time meeting place. Remember to pack something to sit on and snacks.

STORY TIME UPDATE

Our Spring Story Time Session will end on Thursday, June 11. All story times will then take a three week break until our Summer Story Time Session begins on Tuesday, July 7.

SUMMER FAMILY PROGRAMS

Meet Gilbert the Party Pig (& friends)

FRI. JUNE 12 AT 10:30 AM

Squeal with delight at this unforgettable pig party! Attendees will learn about pig behavior, training, and animal care through hands-on interactions with real pigs. Experienced handlers will ensure a safe, structured, and enjoyable experience for all guests and pigs. There will be time at the end of the program to capture memorable photos.



The Learn with Laughter Show

MON. JUNE 29 AT 6 PM

An all-around hilarious show chock full of comedy, acrobats, and juggling. Etienne McGinley has been entertaining families with his incredible talent since 1996. He has brought laughter and amazement to audiences around the world with his unique performances and creations. Fun for the whole family!

SUMMER READING

Looking for your child's Summer Reading book list? Check the BPS website!

We will have a limited number of books available in the Children's Room.

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!



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



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

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Contra Dance

THURS. JULY 2 AT 6 PM

Get ready to kick off the July 4th weekend and kick up your heels at the library! Join us 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.

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. Festive red, white, and blue dress encouraged!

Co-sponsored by The Barrington 250 Committee.

GO BACK TO CAMP!

Adult Summer Camp

JULY AND AUGUST

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 Session One, Session Two, or both!

Session One: July 20-30
Session Two: August 17-27

Registration required. Space is limited.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

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.
2025 - 2 hr 18 mins - R

Project Hail Mary

TUES. AUG. 11 AT 5 PM

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

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER HOURS

Starting June 1, we will be instituting our Summer Hours:

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

Please note that during the summer, the Children's Room and all meeting and study rooms will close at 7:45 pm Monday through Thursday. Please plan accordingly.

These summer hours will be in effect through Labor Day weekend.

SUMMER BOOK DROPS

During the summer, our drive-up book drop in the circle in front of the library will be locked starting at 4 pm on Saturday and will remain closed on Sundays.

Please use one of the walk up book drops at the top of the steps to return your books.

Do NOT leave your books on the ground outside the library.

SUMMER BOOK SALE!

Looking ahead! Our HUGE Summer Book Sale is coming up July 9-13!

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.

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

TECHNOLOGY

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Need help with your phone, tablet, laptop, or a specific tech question? Barrington Public Library offers one-on-one Tech Help appointments with our Digital Services Librarian who can assist with email, apps, video calls, basic troubleshooting, and more.

30-minute one-on-one tech appointments can be scheduled online or over the phone. Appointments are free and open to all skill levels.

Current schedule:

- Mondays 10-11 am
- Wednesdays 2-3 pm
- Thursdays 2-3 pm

Because of the high demand for appointments, we allow one appointment per person per week. First-come, first-serve.



Scan the QR Code to make an appointment now!

TECH CLASSES

Tuesday morning Tech Classes are moving outside for the summer! All classes will take place behind the library on the stone patio at the picnic benches.

Free Wi-Fi is available - choose "Library_ParkingLot" from the list of Wi-Fi options on your device to connect. Chairs will be provided.

If there is inclement weather, class will be held in the Residential Properties Room on the second floor of the Library.

ChatGPT for Beginners [🔗](#)

WED. JUNE 10 AT 6:30 PM

Curious about ChatGPT but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly class is designed for those who have never used ChatGPT, as well as those who have tried it but are not sure how to make it truly useful.

This class is presented by Bonnie Aspen, a member of the Friends of the Barrington Public Library.

Nature Identification Apps [🔗](#)

TUES. JUNE 2 AT 10 AM

Learn about different apps designed for plant and animal identification, followed by hands-on testing of these apps around the library cove and pond.

AllTrails & Strava [🔗](#)

TUES. JUNE 16 AT 10 AM

Whether you're a seasoned hiker, an avid runner, or just looking to explore new fitness opportunities, this class will introduce you to two essential apps—AllTrails and Strava.

Libby 101 [🔗](#)

TUES. JUNE 23 AT 10 AM

Learn more about your iPhone or iPad including the various features and capabilities of the device, including its touch screen interface, built-in apps, and the ability to download and use additional apps from the App Store. You will also learn basic troubleshooting and maintenance tips.

FRIENDS' CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



POP-UP BOOK SALE

The Friends will be hosting a Pop Up Book Sale during the Summer Reading Kick Off on June 24 at Library Cove, from 5:30-7:30.

We'll have a great selection of books for kids of all ages, along with plenty of choices for adults too. Be sure to stop by and browse our popular handmade Craft Kits as well. Every purchase supports library programs and activities throughout the year.



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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.

JUNE ART EXHIBITS



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Flag Day Art



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