

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - MAY 2025

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**Barrington**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

281 County Road  
Barrington, RI 02806

**Contact the Library**  
401-247-1920  
[barringtonlibrary.org](http://barringtonlibrary.org)  
[info@barringtonlibrary.org](mailto:info@barringtonlibrary.org)

#### **Library Closures**

Mother's Day

- 5/11 - CLOSED

Memorial Day

- 5/25 - CLOSED

- 5/26 - CLOSED

#### **Library Hours**

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm

Fri - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm

#### **Follow Us!**



## **Happy Birthday Barrington Public Library!**

Did you know that the library turned 145 this year? Established in 1880, the Barrington Public Library's birthday is traditionally celebrated in May. Help celebrate with us by sending the library a birthday card or postcard! Cards can be mailed or dropped off at the library. We will be displaying all the cards we receive in the library throughout the month. **pg. 4**



### **John Irwin Student Art Show**

Students, family, friends, and the public are welcome to join us for the Opening Reception of our John Irwin Student Art Show on Friday, May 2 at 5 pm. **pg. 4**



### **Classical Musical Film Lecture Series**

From dazzling dance numbers to unforgettable melodies, experience the magic, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of Hollywood's most beloved musicals with Doug. **pg. 2**

# FOR ADULTS



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

### Raising Financially Literate Kids [🔗](#)

THURS. MAY 22 AT 6 PM

Join New York Life for this empowering workshop, where parents, guardians, and educators will learn how to equip children with essential money skills for life. This engaging session will cover age-appropriate ways to talk about money, practical tips for teaching saving, budgeting, and smart spending, and strategies to help kids build healthy financial habits from a young age. Whether you're raising a curious preschooler or a budding teen entrepreneur, this event will provide valuable tools and resources to start meaningful conversations about money at home.



*This program is presented in partnership with New York Life. This is an informational workshop only.*

## LECTURES

### Between Moon Tides – Saving the Saltmarsh Sparrow [🔗](#)

TUES. MAY 6 AT 7 PM

In a ribbon of saltmarsh in coastal New England, an intergenerational group of citizen scientists is trying to save the Saltmarsh Sparrow from extinction, one nest at a time. For a community screening of the new documentary, *Between Moon Tides*.

### Movie Theme Music Magic [🔗](#)

THURS. MAY 15 AT 1 PM

Join Richard King for a musical trip through the world of cinema. From *Casablanca* and *Lawrence of Arabia* to *The Godfather* and *Star Wars*, Richard will showcase these and other movies and provide insights into the musical themes that helped make them classics.

### The Battle of Point Judith [🔗](#)

TUES. MAY 13 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a special lecture by Bob Cembrola one of the last actions of the Battle of the Atlantic, with Germany on the verge of total defeat and surrender, and Hitler having already died by suicide.

### BPS Annual Plaque Program [🔗](#)

THURS. MAY 22 AT 7 PM

Join the Barrington Preservation Society for their Annual Plaque Program where they present the newest houses to be added to the historic register in Barrington.

## FILMS @ BPL

### Classic Musicals Film Lecture Series

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

From dazzling dance numbers to unforgettable melodies, experience the magic, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of Hollywood's most beloved musicals:

- May 7 - *Singin' in the Rain* (1952)
- May 14 - *South Pacific* (1958)
- May 21 - *West Side Story* (1961)
- May 28 - *My Fair Lady* (1964)

A brief film lecture by Doug Swiszc will proceed each film.

### Documentary & Discussion: A Tree of Life

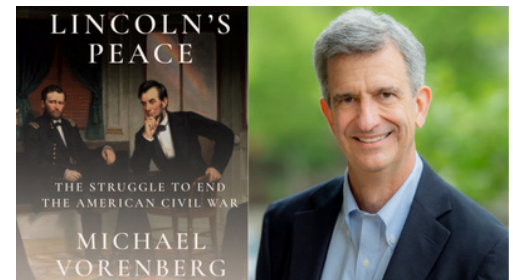
SUN. MAY 18 AT 1 PM

WED. MAY 21 AT 6:30 PM

Join the DEI Committee for *A Tree of Life*, a documentary film about the survivors, family and community of the eleven people killed in the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history. A discussion will follow.



## AUTHOR EVENT



### Michael Vorenberg

TUES. MAY 20 AT 7 PM

Barrington Books presents Michael Vorenberg for a reading and lecture of his new book, *Lincoln's Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War*. This new book represents Vorenberg's journey to find the end of the Civil War—and, along the way, to expand our understanding of the nature of war itself and how societies struggle to draw the line between war and peace.

*This event requires registration. There is a free ticket option. Books will be available for purchase and signing.*





## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

### Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. MAY 7 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!

### Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. MAY 27 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](mailto:bhanley@barringtonlibrary.org) to be placed on a waiting list.

- Literary Pairings
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other  
Book Discussion Groups!

## GET TOGETHER



### Board Game Night

MON. MAY 12 AT 6 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.

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

### The Southern New England Witch Dancers

SAT. MAY 17 AT 1 PM

Something witchy this way comes!

Join the Southern New England Witch Dancers in Library Cove for a special performance. You won't want to miss this event!



## TECH CLASSES

### Apps for Mindfulness

TUES. MAY 6 AT 10 AM

Learn about the latest technologies and digital tools that can help you manage stress, improve your mental health, and promote overall well-being.

### Apps for Fitness & Nutrition

TUES. MAY 13 AT 10 AM

Learn about a variety of websites and apps focused on fitness and exercise, as well as food, diet, and nutrition. Learn how technology can help you set goals and track your progress.

### What's Inside My Computer: Exploring Computer Hardware

TUES. MAY 20 AT 10 AM

This class is designed to help participants understand the various hardware components inside a computer. We'll cover the basics of each component, such as the CPU, RAM, and storage devices.

### Open Source Apps

TUES. MAY 27 AT 10 AM

This class will explore the world of open-source software, which offers free and flexible alternatives to many popular commercial programs.

## WELLNESS

### Grief Yoga: Movement, Breath & Sound

SUN. MAY 4 AT 1 PM

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

### Vinyasa Flow with Charlotte

MON. MAY 5 AT 9:30 AM  
MON. MAY 19 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body.

### Suicide Prevention Training

MON. MAY 19 AT 6:30 PM

Do you know what to do if someone talks about suicide? Learn the questions that can save a life with this free training on suicide prevention.

## GET CREATIVE

### Adult Crafternoon: Paper Garland Craft

THURS. MAY 8 AT 2 PM

Make a fun paper garland or wall hanging using recycled book pages salvaged from books otherwise destined for the landfill. All supplies will be provided.

*Registration opens Thursday, April 3 at 9 am. Space is limited.*

### Adult Crafternoon: Gratitude Jars

MON. MAY 19 AT 1 PM

Make a gratitude jar with Courtney Oman! A gratitude jar serves as a visual reminder to focus on the positive aspects of life by periodically revisiting the collected notes.

*Registration opens Thursday, April 3 at 9 am. Space is limited.*

# 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.



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

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

## FILM SCREENING

### The Legend of the Brickyard Beast

MON. MAY 5 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a screening & snacks of an original short horror film made by a local high school student.

## GET CREATIVE

### Say it & Stitch it - An Embroidery Workshop

TUES. MAY 13 AT 6 PM

Learn the art of embroidery and stitch some words of wisdom, humor or anything you'd like.

## STORYTELLING



### F\*cked Up Fairy Tales with Liz

TUES. MAY 27 AT 6:30 PM

Join us we welcome Liz Gotauco - librarian, award-winning cosplayer, TikTok star and creator of the popular web series F\*cked up Fairy Tales. Liz will regale us with her wit and wisdom as she retells tales and folklore like you've never heard before.

## COLLEGE BOUND



### A College Application Social

MON. MAY 12 AT 6:30 PM

Applying to college can feel overwhelming, but with the right guidance, students can make informed decisions and stand out in the admissions process. Join Brian Mitchell for an engaging presentation as he breaks down key aspects of college applications.

This event is free and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the college admissions process. Bring a friend, and bring your questions! Let us help you minimize your stress, and maximize your results!


# ALL AGES

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### **Celebrate BPL's 145th Birthday!**

Our library is turning 145 years young, and we want to celebrate with YOU!

Help us mark this amazing milestone by sending a birthday card our way. Whether it's handmade, heartfelt, or hilariously punny, we'd love to hear from you!

 **Mail your card to:**  
Barrington Public Library  
281 County Road  
Barrington, RI 02806

Or drop it off during your next visit—we'll proudly display your messages for all to see!

Thank you for being part of our story. Here's to 145 years of books, learning, and community!



## GUESS THE DISPLAY

### **Guess the Display**

MAY 1-30

There is a display on the first floor with a special theme...but we aren't telling you what it is! Guess the theme and be entered to win a fun prize!

## ART SHOW

### Opening Reception: John Irwin Student Art Show

FRI. MAY 2 AT 5 PM

Students, family, friends, and the public are welcome to join us for the Opening Reception of our John Irwin Student Art Show. This exhibit, which will be in the Jennifer English Gallery in May, features paintings created by students who attended John's art classes here at the library.



# FOR KIDS

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



Program dates & times subject to change.  
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.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### Preschool Palooza

TUES. MAY 13 AT 11 AM

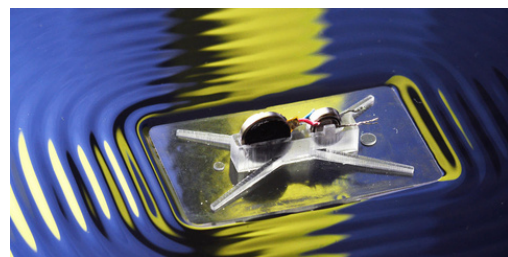
Join local illustrator Laurel Aylesworth as she shares her newest book, *Chalk the Walk!* and chalk art with us. This program is perfect for getting your little ones ready for preschool. Recommended for ages 3+



## MAKERSPACE MANIA

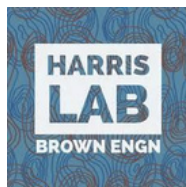
### Build a Surfurbot

WED. MAY 7 AT 3:30 PM



Build your own swimming SurferBot, a small robot that self-propels on the fluid surface.

This instructional workshop, led by Yesenia Gómez, a Brown University undergraduate student researcher, encourages students to work collaboratively to design and build their own SurferBot. Recommended for ages 5+



## 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 will not be made. Recommended for ages 2-5



Babies & Board Books Story time is held in our Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook. No story time on BPS no school days.

### 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  
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.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Please visit our website for complete details and the most accurate story time schedule. Story Time will be canceled if Barrington Public schools are not in session.

**THANK YOU!**

## 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. Millie's schedule subject to change.

# LIBRARY SERVICES

## MAKERSPACE STUDIO

Unleash Your Creativity at Barrington Public Library's Makerspace Studio!

Discover a world of innovation and hands-on learning at the Makerspace Studio, located on the second floor in the Westfall Children's Program Room. This dedicated space offers access to a variety of STEM-related tools and equipment, providing engaging experiences that promote discovery and self-directed learning.



Scan QR Code for more info!

Explore Our Equipment:

- **3D Printing:** Bring your designs to life with our Flashforge Adventurer 3 printer.
- **Laser Cutting & Engraving:** Create precise cuts and intricate designs with the Glowforge Pro.
- **Material Cutting:** Craft custom designs using the Silhouette Cameo 3.
- **Heat Pressing:** Transfer your designs onto various materials with the Cricut Easy Press 2.
- **Media Conversion:** Digitize old VHS tapes, cassettes, and vinyl records to preserve cherished memories.

Studio Hours:

- Mondays: 10 am-4 pm (Open Hours)
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1 pm-4 pm (By Appointment Only)

## 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



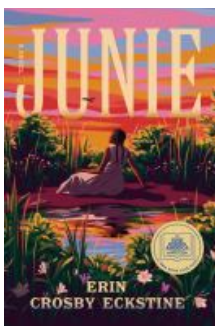
# WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from  
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

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

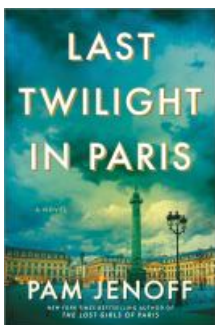


## ADULT



**Junie by Erin Crosby Eckstine**

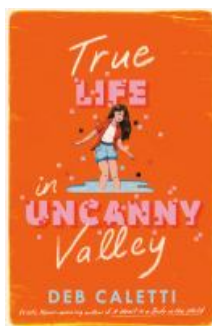
A strong-willed enslaved girl is haunted by her sister's ghost as she grapples with circumstances beyond her control, risking her life as the Civil War looms.



**Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff**

London, 1953. Louise is still adjusting to her postwar role as a housewife when she discovers a necklace in a box at a secondhand shop.

## YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



**True Life in Uncanny Valley by Deb Caletti**

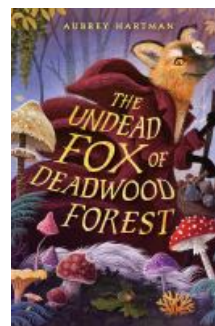
A teen girl goes undercover and gets a job in her famous father's house to get to know him better, but he doesn't know who she is.



**Isle of Ever by Jen Calonita**

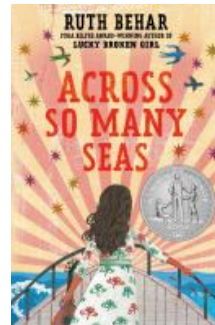
In order to receive her mysterious inheritance, twelve-year-old Everly "Benny" must play--and win--a game following clues left by her ancestor.

## MIDDLE GRADE



**The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman**

An undead fox serving as the usher of souls has his life upended when a mysterious badger soul appears.



**Across So Many Seas by Ruth Behar**

A novel telling the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family, many of them forced to leave their country and start a new life.



# SHOW UP FOR LIBRARIES

Advocate on behalf of your local library!

## RI FREEDOM TO READ

The Rhode Island Freedom to Read Act (S0238, H5726) protects our right to free speech, free inquiry, and the right to form and express our own opinions, as laid out by the First Amendment and the Rhode Island Constitution.

### This law...

- Protects library users from censorship attempts by special interest groups outside their community.
- Protects libraries and schools from frivolous lawsuits designed to deplete library and school funding.
- Shields librarians, teachers, and museum employees from civil and criminal charges for materials available in their collections.
- Protects the freedom of expression for Rhode Island's authors and creators.
- Standardizes guidelines for library acquisition and review policies.



### What you can do:

- Send a postcard or letter to your RI Congressional Representative expressing your thoughts on the Rhode Island Freedom to Read Act.
- Encourage your friends and family, especially those living in other areas of Rhode Island, to do the same.

### Find and contact your Representative or Senator:

- Go to [www.rilegislature.gov](http://www.rilegislature.gov)
- Select "House" in the menu bar to find your State Representative
- Select "Senate" to find your State Senator
- Click the photo of your legislator to find their contact information.

## INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

On March 14, the White House issued an Executive Order on Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy (Executive Order 14238). This order eliminates to the maximum extent the "non-statutory components and functions" of several government entities, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS was created through the Museum and Library Services Act which also includes the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA provides for a number of programs including the Grants to States Program, the single largest source of federal funding for libraries in the nation. Grants to States provides the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), Rhode Island's state library agency, with 45% of its annual budget (\$1,413,623 in FY2025).

### LSTA funding supports the following programs at OLIS:

- Talking Books Library
- Reading Programs such as Summer Reading and Reading Across Rhode Island
- Subgrants to libraries to develop programs and services
- Library Development including consultant services to libraries
- Continuing Education (professional development) for librarians and library support staff
- Resource sharing (library delivery) among libraries, including online resources and physical sharing of materials
- Salaries of agency staff who coordinate these programs

The loss of federal funding and support for library services for Rhode Island and states across the country will seriously impact the ability of state library agencies to support and develop local library services. Libraries provide critical services to their communities, supporting education, workforce development, life-long learning, access to information, and skilled professionals who can help Americans navigate the confusing and at times overwhelming abundance of information and government services that are available online. The elimination of the one federal agency that supports these activities and so much more would have a considerable, negative impact on communities in Rhode Island and across the nation.

### What you can do:

- Contact your Senator or Representative. Scan the QR code below each legislator to find their contact information.

Sen. Jack Reed



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse



Rep. Gabe Amo



Rep. Seth Magaziner



- After you contact your Rhode Island congressional delegation, visit the American Library Association Show Up for Our Libraries page and learn how you can do more: <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/show-up-for-our-libraries>

# FRIENDS CORNER

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.

## SATELLITE BOOK SALE BIN

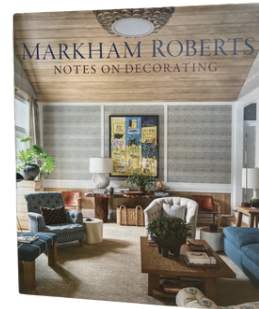


We're excited to announce a new Friends Book Sale Bin just outside the McCulloch Children's Room!

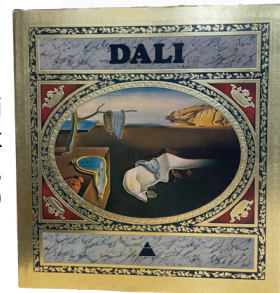
This mini-sale spot is stocked with 90% children's books and 10% adult materials—perfect for young readers and the grown-ups who love them.

Children's books will still be available on the first floor in the Daily Book Sale area, and as always, please bring all sale items to the Circulation Desk for payment.

## RARE & VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE



Markham Roberts, Notes on Style Vogue magazine, c. 2020. \$30



Salvador Dali Art Book Great condition, \$30

*If you are interested in purchasing any of these books or want to learn more, call 401-247-1920 x9, and ask for Joyce. Pick up at the library only.*

## MAY ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY  
John Irwin Student Art Show | Acrylic Paintings



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY  
Allison Wilbur | Quilting