

..... BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - MAY 2026



Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Closures
Mother's Day
• 5/10 - CLOSED
Memorial Day
• 5/24 - CLOSED
• 5/25 - CLOSED

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

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VOLUNTEER FAIR!

SATURDAY, MAY 9
10 AM - 2 PM

Volunteer Fair

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved in your community? Join us for our Volunteer Fair on Saturday, May 9 from 10 am - 2 pm and discover how you can make a difference right where you live. Meet representatives from a variety of local organizations who are doing important work to make Barrington a strong and vibrant community. **pg. 7**

Star Wars Day

Celebrate a galaxy far, far away right here at the library this May 4th! Join us on Monday, May 4 at 4:30 pm for an all-ages Star Wars Celebration followed by a screening of Star Wars: A New Hope at 6 pm **pg. 4**

Art in Bloom

Featuring floral interpretations of artwork by students from Barrington High School and St. Andrew's School. On display throughout the library from May 15-17. **pg. 7**

FOR ADULTS

WELLNESS - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. MAY 4 AT 9:30 AM
MON. MAY 18 AT 9:30 AM

All levels are welcome for this vinyasa yoga class with Charlotte. Enjoy flowing movements that build strength, balance, and flexibility, along with breathwork and meditation to help you rest, restore, and reset.

Prepare, Recover, Restore: Gentle Core & Pelvic Floor Wellness

THURS. MAY 14 AT 9:30 AM
WED. MAY 20 AT 9:30 AM

This supportive series focuses on gentle core and pelvic floor wellness through breath, nervous system regulation, and simple movement. Learn techniques to release tension and build strength, healing, and connection in your body.

Understanding Stress, Hormones & Burnout in Women

TUES. MAY 19 AT 6:30 PM

If you've been feeling off in your body but haven't gotten clear answers, this program will give you a different perspective. We'll explore why "normal" doesn't always feel normal, and how to start looking at your health in a more connected, informed way.

Reducing Stress Through Meditation

WED. MAY 27 AT 6:30 PM

Join Dr. Alan Post, Chiropractic Physician and long time meditator for an engaging lecture on how to reduce your stress through meditation. Dr. Post will also share a simple and effective meditation technique which has lasting benefits.

GET CREATIVE

Adult Crafternoon: Salt Shaker Button Bouquets

THURS. MAY 7 AT 2 PM

Join us for a fun crafternoon and make an adorable button bouquet using buttons, floral wire, and salt shakers. All supplies will be provided. No artistic experience required - this is just for fun!



Adult Craft Evening: Terrarium Workshop

MON. MAY 18 AT 6 PM



Join Candace Breen from C & B Plants in Riverside and design and build a beautiful terrarium using a variety of plants, soil, and decorative elements. Learn the basics of layering, plant care, and how to keep your tiny ecosystem thriving.

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. MAY 21 AT 3 PM

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

LECTURES

Sunken British Frigates in Narragansett Bay 1778

TUES. MAY 5 AT 6:30 PM

On August 5, 1778, British forces in Narragansett Bay scuttled and burned four frigates—HMS Lark, Orpheus, Cerberus, and Juno—along the western shore of Aquidneck Island to prevent their capture by the French fleet. Several other transport vessels and smaller ships were also sunk, with the wrecks forming a "time capsule" on the seabed.

From Bicentennial to 250: Preserving Rhode Island's Story

THURS. MAY 7 AT 6:30 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. Grefe will highlight the RIHS Moving Image and Audio Collection and share clips from 1976 to hear and see how Rhode Island marked the Bicentennial throughout the state.



The Life and Music of Elvis with Richard King

WED. MAY 13 AT 1 PM

Enjoy an afternoon with The King...Richard King that is! Richard will be joining us for an exciting multimedia lecture on the life and music of Elvis. Through photos, video clips, and classic recordings, Richard will trace Elvis's remarkable journey from his early days in Tupelo and Memphis to his rise as the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SOMETHING AND WANT TO GIVE A LECTURE?

Contact Siobhan at
segan@barringtonlibrary.org
NOW BOOKING FOR FALL!

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Navigating Retirement with Confidence

WED. MAY 6 AT 6:30 PM

Planning for retirement can feel overwhelming. This educational seminar is designed to help Rhode Island residents better understand how these pieces fit together and what steps they can take today to feel more confident about their financial future.



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MOVIES & DOCUMENTARIES

First Friday Documentary Series: Echo In The Canyon

FRI. MAY 1 AT 1 PM

This documentary celebrates the explosion of popular music that came out of LA's Laurel Canyon in the mid-60s. It was a moment when bands came to LA to emulate The Beatles and Laurel Canyon emerged as a hotbed of creativity and collaboration for a new generation of musicians who would soon put an indelible stamp on the history of American popular music.
2018 - 1 hr 22 mins - PG-13



Movie Night: Hamnet

TUES. MAY 12 AT 6:30 PM

William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, celebrate the birth of their son, Hamnet. However, when tragedy strikes and Hamnet dies at a young age, it inspires Shakespeare to write his timeless masterpiece "Hamlet."
2025 - 2 hr 5 mins - PG-13

Documentary & Discussion: Church and State

SUN. MAY 17 AT 1 PM

WED. MAY 20 AT 6:30 PM

Church and State is a groundbreaking Documentary exploring the life and legacy of Roger Williams, a visionary who championed the separation of Church and State in 17th century America. His bold ideas laid the foundation for Religious Freedom and tolerance. Principles that continue to shape societies worldwide.
2025 - 1 hr 12 mins - Not Rated



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. MAY 6 AT 11 AM

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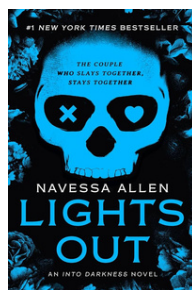
This BYO book chat allows participants to talk about a book they read recently and leave with a bunch of new book suggestions! This group meets on Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month and is lead by Ben Hanley.

Spicy Romance Book Club

TUES. MAY 26 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. Appropriate for adults ages 18+.



Upcoming books:

- Tues. May 26 - Lights Out by Navessa Allen
- Tues. June 23 - TBD (will be chosen at our April meeting)

GET TOGETHER

Board Game Night

MON. MAY 11 AT 6 PM

MON. MAY 18 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.

Please note: through the end of May, Board Game Night will continue to meet in the Peck Center. Starting in June, it will move to St. Andrew's School. More information to come!

Mystery & Thriller Book Discussion Group

WED. MAY 27 AT 6:30 PM

Love to read mystery or thriller books? This is the group for you! This group alternates between a mystery and a thriller title each month.



Upcoming books:

- Wed. May 27 - A Time for Mercy by John Grisham
- Wed. June 17 - The Secret Hours by Mick Herron

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)
- Summer of Charlotte McConaghy (Starts in July!)



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

WRITING

Flash Fiction Writing Workshop with Kate Kulpa

THURS. MAY 7 AT 6:30 PM

THURS. MAY 14 AT 6:30 PM

Join local author and librarian Kate Kulpa for this two-part flash fiction workshop. Start with prompts and exercises, then return with your own pieces to share. Must attend both sessions. No writing experience required!

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FOR TEENS

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



PODCAST CLUB

Making a Teen Podcast: Sounds of the Library

MON. MAY 4 AT 4 PM

Join award-winning audio expert Dr. Matt Boerum for Sounds of the Library, a hands-on, multi-part course where you'll write, record, edit, and produce a professional audiobook-style podcast project from start to finish. Use professional audio equipment, capture real library sounds, and learn both on-location recording and post-production from an active audio professional.

GET TOGETHER

Teen Board Game Night

MON. MAY 11 AT 6 PM

Drop by the Teen Room & play some games, cards & more! Choose from one of the many games on our board game carts or bring your own from home.



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!

COSTUME DESIGN

Runway Show

TUES. MAY 26 AT 7 PM

All are invited to a special fashion show showcasing designs made by teens in our six week costume design workshop led by Emily Bennison.

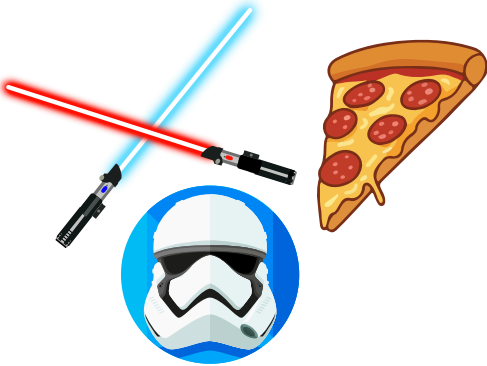
ALL AGES

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!

STAR WARS DAY

Star Wars Day Celebration

MON. MAY 4 AT 4:30 PM



Celebrate a galaxy far, far away right here at the library this May 4th! Join us for an all-ages Star Wars Celebration filled with fun for the whole family. Test your knowledge with Star Wars trivia, create your very own lightsaber using a pool noodle, and try your luck at bowling for Stormtroopers. Enjoy pizza and a sweet treat while you explore activities inspired by your favorite characters and stories.

Movie Night: Star Wars A New Hope

MON. MAY 4 AT 6 PM

Follow young Luke Skywalker as he embarks on an unforgettable adventure across the galaxy, teaming up with unforgettable heroes—and facing the dark power of the Empire. Whether you're revisiting a classic or experiencing it for the first time, this iconic film is the perfect way to celebrate the Star Wars universe. 1977 - 2 hrs 1 min - PG



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

A Better World Is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis

THURS. MAY 14 AT 7 PM

Join award winning environmental journalist Meera Subramanian for an engaging all-ages discussion of her new graphic novel, A Better World Is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis. We encourage students to attend and participate in this free event.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

Spring Fling Dance Performance

SAT. MAY 30 AT 1 PM

Join the Southern New England Witch Dancers for an exciting Spring Fling dance performance in Library Cove (grassy area behind the library down by the water). The Witch Dancers will be performing several of their dances.

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.

STORY WALK

Spring Story Walk

THROUGH MAY 31

Enjoy a sunny stroll near the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center and read the witty, zany, hilarious story: *The Duck Never Blinks*, written and illustrated by Alex Latimer. Come and see for yourself if a duck blinks. Or not!

The Story Walk along the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center is located at the top of the Gazebo Hill on the County Road side.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Sensory Exploration

SAT. MAY 2 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.

While this program is designed for neurodivergent individuals and those on the Autism spectrum, all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB

The Lions' Run Book & Podcast Club

THURS. MAY 7 AT 4 PM

Join us for an afterschool book club for Sara Pennypacker's newest novel, *The Lions' Run*, an exciting historical fiction story that takes place in Nazi-occupied France during World War II. If you enjoy reading about brave teenagers trying to make a difference during difficult times, then you will love this book. Enjoy French-themed snacks, games and as well make a fun podcast recording.

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

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



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

AUTHOR EVENT

Meet & Greet with Children's Author Sara Pennypacker

SUN. MAY 31 AT 1 PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon with beloved children's author Sara Pennypacker! She will discuss her newest novel, *The Lions' Run*, before opening up the floor to answer your questions. Sara also loves to hear from readers about her other renowned works: the *Clementine* and *Waylon* series, *Pax* and *Pax Journey Home*, *Here in the Real World* and *Leeva at Last*.



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!



Books will be available for purchase and to have signed by the author. Registration is required to attend; limited spaces are available.

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.

TECH CLASSES

Tech classes are taught by our Digital Services Librarian, Kyle, on Tuesdays at 10 am or as otherwise noted. Tech classes are a great way to learn about current technology, library services, and more in a supportive, hands-on class.

Open Source Apps

TUES. MAY 5 AT 10 AM

Explore the world of open-source software, which offers free and flexible alternatives to many popular programs.

Typing & Voice Dictation Basics

TUES. MAY 12 AT 10 AM

Learn basic keyboard typing skills and how to use built-in voice-to-text tools on your device to make typing easy.

Online Privacy

FRI. MAY 15 AT 10 AM

Learn how to protect your personal information while using the internet. *Taught by MET High School student, Isaiah Torres.*

Skool 101

TUES. MAY 19 AT 10 AM

Learn about Skool, an online platform that allows you to connect and learn online without the noise of traditional social media.

Intro to Canva

FRI. MAY 22 AT 10 AM

Discover how to design flyers, posters, and social media graphics using Canva. *Taught by MET High School student, Isaiah Torres.*

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!

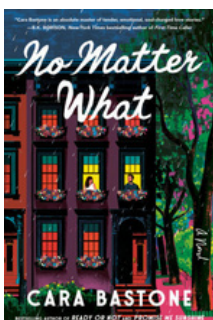


ADULT FICTION



The Burning Library by Gilly Macmillan

A thrilling dark academic tale of murder, obsession and ruthless ambition, set in remote St Andrews, Scotland.



No Matter What by Cara Bastone

A tender, slow-burn contemporary romance focusing on a married couple, Roz and Vin, trying to reconnect after a life-altering accident.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Wish Upon a K-star by Kat Cho

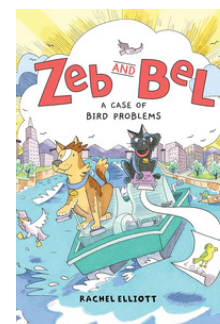
When a rising K-drama star and K-pop idol are filmed having an argument, the two stars must participate in a fake dating show to keep their careers on track.



When Tomorrow Burns by Tae Keller

Three former friends are drawn together by a mysterious book of prophecies which seems to be predicting the wildfires threatening their city, Seattle.

MIDDLE GRADE



Zeb and Bel by Rachel Elliott

When local prankster, Payton Parakeet, goes missing, Zeb and Bel must team up to get to the bottom of this feathery mystery.



The First Unicorn Rider by A.F. Steadman

Shipwrecked on a mysterious island, a aspiring adventurer discovers bloodthirsty unicorns, befriends one, and confronts a deadly lurking presence.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer Fair

SAT. MAY 9 FROM 10 AM - 2 PM

Meet representatives from a variety of local organizations who are doing important work—from supporting families and seniors to protecting the environment, promoting the arts, and more. Whether you have a few hours to give or are looking for a long-term commitment, there are opportunities for every schedule, skill set, and interest. Volunteering is a powerful way to connect with others, learn new skills, and create positive change. Stop by, ask questions, and find the cause that inspires you—your community will be stronger because of it.

This fair is put together in the spirit of Barrington 250's May theme, "We the People," which aims to highlight local individuals and organizations that work to advance the common good through civic engagement and leadership.



Organizations attending:

- Barrington Farm School
 - Sowams Heritage Area
 - TAPIN
 - East Bay Regional Coalition
 - Barrington Garden Club
 - Barrington Village
 - The Friends of the Barrington Public Library
 - Parkinson's Foundation New England Chapter
 - Rhode Island Atheists
 - Arts Alive!
 - Amenity Aid
 - Barrington Terrapin Conservation Project
 - Girl Scouts
 - Barrington Lions Club
 - American Red Cross
- and more!

SHRED DAY

Free Shred Day!

SAT. MAY 16 FROM 10 AM - 12 PM

Gather all those old documents, sensitive information, and papers you've been meaning to get rid of; Washington Trust, will be sponsoring a FREE community shredding event at the Library! This will be a drive-thru event located in the Peck Center parking lot behind the library. Washington Trust volunteers will be on-site to remove any boxes or bags of documents you have from your car and load them into the shredder.



FREE CONCERT

PROVIDENCE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA



Providence Mandolin Orchestra

THURS. MAY 28 AT 7 PM

The Providence Mandolin Orchestra is a group of amateur and professional musicians united by the love of performing a unique style of music. They are committed to carrying on the rich tradition of the American mandolin orchestra while actively promoting original, new pieces. They strive to enrich their community with their cultural presence and have become a major contributor in the international field of plucked string music. The PMO is directed by Mark Davis.

ART IN BLOOM



Art in Bloom at the Library

FRI. MAY 15 - SUN. MAY 17

Celebrate the coming of spring with art and flowers! Art in Bloom is a collaboration between the Hameo Garden Club and Barrington Public Library to showcase floral interpretations of artwork created by talented art students from Barrington High School and St. Andrew's School.

The floral arrangements will be on display from Friday, May 15 at 12 pm through Sunday, May 17 at 4 pm throughout the library.

We will also be holding an opening reception on Friday, May 15 from 5-7 pm which is free and open to all.



FRIENDS' CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



MOTHER'S DAY



Art Kits, books, gift tags and art prints are all available for purchase at the Daily Sale on the main floor of the library.

No saleable books were harmed in the making of these Craft Kits. Paper was sourced from damaged, outdated books that were donated to the Friends of the Library but destined for the landfill or paper pulp factory. All proceeds support the Barrington Public Library.

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!

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.

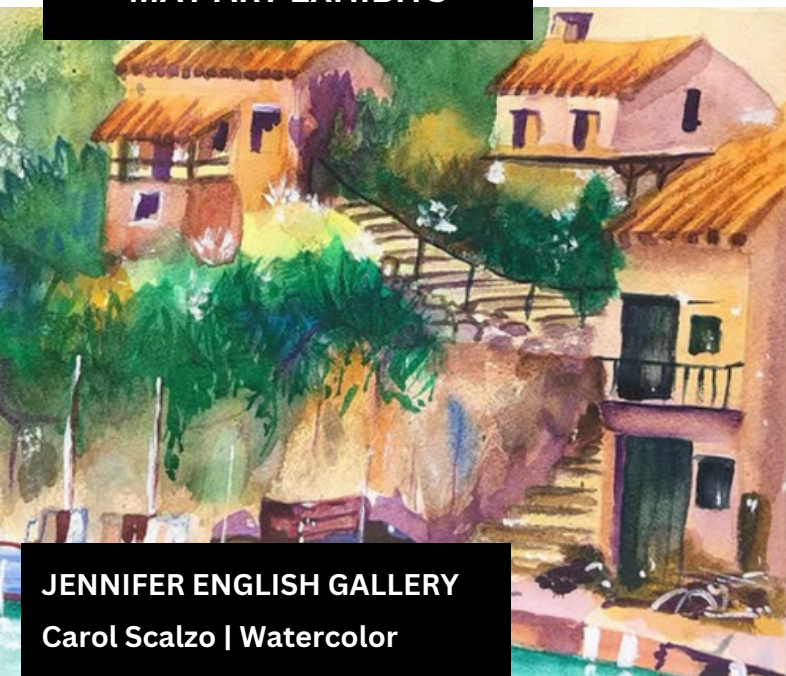
Celebrate the mom figure in your life with a hand crafted card made from one of our upcycled book floral card kits.

While you're here, pick up a special gift for mom:

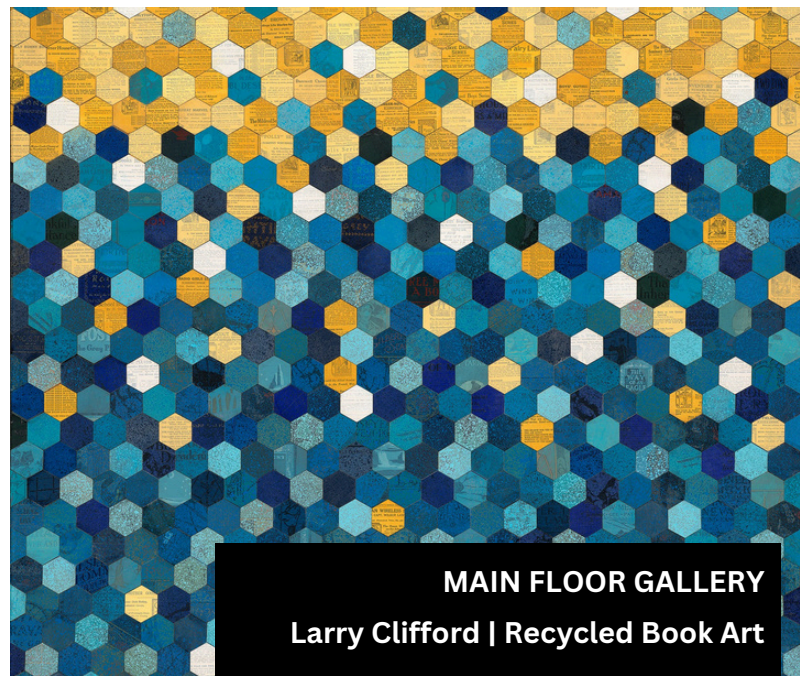
- Like a new book
- Floral & Assorted gift tags (they make great bookmarks!)
- Framed art prints



MAY ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
Carol Scalzo | Watercolor



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Larry Clifford | Recycled Book Art