

..... BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - OCTOBER 2025



Barrington
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Barrington, RI 02806

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

Library Closures
Indigenous People's Day
• 10/12 - CLOSED
• 10/13 - CLOSED

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

Follow Us!



Dial-a-Spooky Story

Give us a call at 401-433-9509 and participate in our fourth annual Dial-A-Spooky-Story! Barrington Public Library staff has come together to bring you a new spooky tale every Wednesday in October. Each story is read to you by a different Barrington Public Library staff member and introduced by our very own Count Bookula! **pg. 5**



Hitchcock Film Lecture Series

Join us on Wednesdays at 1 pm this October for a thrilling film series celebrating the Master of Suspense—Alfred Hitchcock. Each screening will be preceded by a brief lecture from librarian Doug Swiszczy. **pg. 2**



Spirits of New England

Join us on Tuesday, October 28 at 7 pm for a chilling and entertaining evening with paranormal investigator, Dustin Pari, best known for his work on Ghost Hunters and Ghost Hunters International. **pg. 3**

BOO!



FOR ADULTS

GET TOGETHER



Board Game Night [🔗](#)

MON. OCT. 6 AT 6 PM
MON. OCT. 20 AT 6 PM

Adults 18+ are invited to join us for a fun Board Game Night in the Collis Family Gallery. 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.

Work From Home Lunch Club [🔗](#)

FRI. OCT. 24 AT 12 PM

Do you work from home? Do you feel like you need to escape your house? Want to do something fun on your lunch break?

Grab your lunch, come to the library, and join Siobhan for a fun lunch club. For this first meet up, we will be making a spooky ghost tea light candle. This quick craft will still allow you time to eat lunch and socialize with other community members. Craft supplies will be provided, please bring your own food to enjoy.

BPL Mystery Society [🔗](#)

THURS. OCT. 30 AT 6 PM

Do you love solving puzzles, uncovering clues, and cracking mysteries? Join fellow sleuths at the library for the Barrington Public Library Mystery Society! At each meeting, we'll work together to solve an immersive, stand-alone mystery from the Deadbolt Mystery Society. These mystery boxes feature intriguing storylines, puzzles, and evidence that will put your detective skills to the test.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monthly Adult Book Chat [🔗](#)

WED. OCT. 8 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!

Historical Fiction Book Discussion Group [🔗](#)

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 1:30 PM

If you love historical fiction books, this group is for you! We will discuss the book's literary merit and historical elements. Discussion questions will be provided, and readers are encouraged to bring their own research and insight into the work's subject. Our October book pick is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali.

Other Book Discussion Groups

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

- Literary Pairings (hybrid)
- Mystery & Thriller



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

MUSIC

An Afternoon with Peter Biedermann [🔗](#)

THURS. OCT. 23 AT 1 PM

Barrington Public Library and the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment invite you to join us in the Peck Center (ground floor of the library) for a very special concert featuring Peter Biedermann, a solo fingerstyle instrumental guitarist based in Green Valley, AZ. Coffee and tea will be served.



FILMS



First Friday Documentary Series: My Name Is Alfred Hitchcock [🔗](#)

FRI. OCT. 3 AT 1 PM

A documentary that takes a critical but contemporary look at the filmography of Alfred Hitchcock, the highly regarded cinematic auteur of his generation.

2022 - 2 hrs - Not rated

Hitchcock Film Lecture Series [🔗](#)

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Join Doug for a thrilling film series celebrating the Master of Suspense—Alfred Hitchcock. Each screening will be preceded by a brief lecture.

- October 8 - Notorious
- October 15 - Rope
- October 22 - Rear Window
- October 29 - The Birds

Documentary & Discussion: DEI-ing [🔗](#)

SUN. OCT. 19 AT 1 PM

WED. OCT. 22 AT 6:30 PM

DEI-ing is a fearless deep dive into the chaotic, often performative world of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

2025 - Not Rated



Movie Night: Sinners [🔗](#)

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 6 PM

Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers return to their Mississippi hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back.

2025 - 2 hrs 17 mins - Rated R



PARENTING

Caregiver Cafe

SAT. OCT. 4 AT 10:30 AM

The Caregiver Café is designed to give caregivers an opportunity for connections and learning at the library. Our first cafe will feature Jessica Hay, MSN, CPNP-AC, RN who will be giving a presentation called Sleep Tight, All Night: Practical Strategies for Pediatric Sleep. Time for questions and conversation (with tea and coffee) will follow. This event is for adults only.

More Than Sad: Suicide Prevention for Parents

TUES. OCT. 14 AT 6 PM

Lead by Kerrie Constant from the Rhode Island Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this program will help parents learn how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate a conversation with their child, and get him or her help.



BARRINGTON
Prevention Coalition



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Grief Yoga

SUN. OCT. 5 AT 1 PM

Join Kim Bernardo for this specialized yoga class that uses yoga, movement, breath and sound to release pain and suffering to reconnect back to love. This gentle class is designed to help grievors find peace through movement and meditation.

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. OCT. 6 AT 9:30 AM

MON. OCT. 20 AT 9:30 AM

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to best rest, restore, and reset. Must be able to move from the floor to standing without assistance.

GARDENING

Common and Uncommon Backyard Birds

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 1 PM

Join the Barrington Garden Club for a special presentation featuring wildlife photographer, Geoff Dennis. Dennis will be sharing photos of the common and uncommon birds he has photographed in and around his Little Compton yard and why his yard is such a bird-friendly place.



Missed a Garden Club lecture? We are now recording and uploading select lectures! Check out our YouTube channel for the recordings @BarringtonPLRI



LECTURES

Beyond Salem 1692: Witchcraft in the Seventeenth Century

THURS. OCT. 30 AT 6:30 PM

Join Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer for an in-depth lecture of witchcraft in the seventeenth century. The lecture will address how and why magic and witchcraft made sense to early modern people and what it meant when someone was accused of making a pact with the Devil.

How Healthy is Narragansett Bay?

WED. OCT. 8 AT 7 PM

Join the BLCT for this presentation on the health of Narragansett Bay by Dr. Warren Prell. Dr. Prell will review how the Narragansett Bay estuary works, the changes that were made to reduce pollution levels, and how the improvements to the Bay were monitored. He will also speculate on how climate change may affect the Bay.



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TECH CLASSES

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

Phishing Emails: Don't Take the Bait!

TUES. OCT. 7 AT 10 AM

Learn how to identify phishing scams and protect yourself from them.

Passwords: Why Your Password is Bad, and How You Can Change it!

TUES. OCT. 14 AT 10 AM

Learn how to create strong passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess as well as how to keep your passwords safe and secure.

Misinformation

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 10 AM

This class will equip participants with the skills to identify fake news, understand its impact, and develop strategies to critically evaluate information sources.



Spirits of New England with Dustin Pari

TUES. OCT. 28 AT 7 PM

Join us for a chilling and entertaining evening with paranormal investigator, Dustin Pari, best known for his work on Ghost Hunters and Ghost Hunters International. In this engaging presentation, Dustin takes audiences on a supernatural journey through New England's most haunted locations. He will even touch upon a legend with local roots that has become a world-wide phenomenon.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED
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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.

All children's programs are free and open to all ages and abilities. However, age recommendations are intended for parental guidance.

Kids under 10 are not permitted in the Children's Room unattended.

SPECIAL STORY TIME



Saturday Story Time

SAT. OCT. 18 AT 10 AM

Start your Saturday with a Story Time! We will meet outdoors at TapIn Turf, the lower, grassy field to the right of the library entrance. Pack a snack, something to sit on & enjoy!

HALLOWEEN FAMILY PROGRAM



Spooktacular Halloween Laser Show

FRI. OCT. 24 AT 5 PM

Enter at your own risk and enjoy this glow-in-the dark Halloween laser show that is exactly what Dr. Frankenstein ordered! Tag along with a slew of friendly Halloween monsters dancing to creepy classics like Monster Mash, Thriller, Purple People Eater and more! This spirited sing-along spooktacular is suitable for children of all ages, offering a balance of ghostly great music and frightfully fun laser imagery!

Please note: The Salem Family Auditorium will be dimly lit (at best) to optimize the laser effects and animations. Strongly recommended for those not afraid of the dark.

STORY TIMES

Outdoor Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Share stories & songs at TapIn Turf, the lower, grassy field to the right of the library entrance. Pack a snack, something to sit on & enjoy! Follow the sidewalk past the main doors and it will lead you to the story time meeting place.

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

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. Meets in the Amanda Robidoux Reading Nook inside the Children's Room. Recommended for birth - 18 months

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Preschool Palooza

THURS. OCT. 23 AT 11 AM

Share stories, crafts and a snack with Miss Lisa! This program is perfect for getting your little ones ready for preschool.

Recommended for ages 3+ (with a caregiver).

MOVIE MATINEE

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

SAT. OCT. 4 AT 1 PM

Revisit this classic treasure before Arts Alive brings it to life on stage in January of 2026. Join Dick Van Dyke, a down-on-his-luck inventor, as his broken-down Grand Prix transports him and his children on a magical fantasy adventure to a far-off land.

STORY WALK



Story Walk Along the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center

THROUGH DECEMBER 5

Take a stroll along the walkway by the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center, and enjoy the story *A Very Big Fall* by Emmy Kastner. This charming picture book about finding joy in change is perfect as we transition into fall.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM



Dungeons & Dragons Club

THURS. OCT. 16 AT 4 PM

Adventurers wanted for our Kids Dungeons & Dragons Club. Some D&D experience is helpful, but new players are welcome.

Our campaign: Assassins are after a magical sheep, and only clever adventurers can keep it safe. Along the way, a cursed wizard enlists their help to reclaim his true form before the mutton ends up on someone's dinner plate.

Recommended for grades 4-6.

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.

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!

SHARE A TALENT

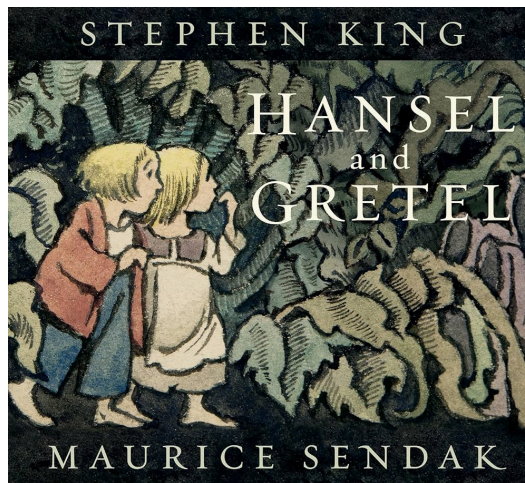
Barrington Library's Little Variety Show

THURS. OCT. 16 AT 6:30 PM

Sing. Read. Recite. Do some stand-up comedy. Bring an instrument. Anything goes. Spectators welcome!
Open to teens and adults!



HANSEL & GRETEL



A month long celebration of the new Hansel & Gretel book by Stephen King and Maurice Sendak! The haunting tale of two brave children lost in a dark and dangerous forest.

Register for one event or all of them!

Open to teens in grades 6-12 only.

Sew a Pillow

TUES. OCT. 7 AT 6:30 PM

Using Hansel & Gretel themed printed fabric, sew a small pillow to rest your head on.

Make a Candy House

TUES. OCT. 14 AT 6:30 PM

Using a variety of candies and other goodies, decorate your own candy house.

Paint a Peg Doll

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 6:30 PM

Paint wooden peg dolls in the likeness of Hansel, Gretel & the Witch.

Watch the Movie

TUES. OCT. 28 AT 6:30 PM

Watch the film, Gretel and Hansel (Rated PG-13) with snacks and have your picture taken in our witch's corner. Costumes encouraged!

ALL AGES

DIAL-A-SPOOKY STORY

Dial-a-Spooky Story

NEW STORY EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

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Call 401-433-9509 to listen!

Each story is read to you by a different Barrington Public Library staff member and introduced by our very own Count Bookula!



COUNT
BOOKULA

You can call as many times as you like!

We also have a Dial-a-Spooky Story kiosk on the first floor of the library where you can listen to the stories.



FOR ADULTS

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GET CREATIVE

Acrylic Painting with John Irwin

THURS. OCT. 9 AT 3 PM

Join local artist, John Irwin, for this acrylic painting class. No prior painting experience (or talent) is required! John will take the class step-by-step through the process of recreating a famous masterpiece or one of his own works of art. All materials will be supplied and participants can expect to leave with a completed painting!

Watercolor Paint Night

TUES. OCT. 21 AT 6 PM

Join local artist Sue Greco for a fun and relaxing watercolor paint night. Participants will be guided through creating their own watercolor acorn duo and everyone will leave with a beautiful work of art. Beginner friendly! All supplies provided.

Wet Felting Workshop: Make a Scarf

SAT. OCT. 18 AT 10 AM

SUN. OCT. 19 AT 12 PM

Join local fiber artist Bea Lawnsby for a two-day wet felting workshop. Attendees will learn the basics of wet felting and use wool to create their own felted scarf. This is a beginner friendly workshop!

This is a two-day workshop from 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday (including 1-hour for lunch) and then from 12-3 pm on Sunday. You must be able to attend both days.

Please note: This is a physically taxing workshop. Upper body strength is needed and you should be able to stand for long periods of time.

REMINDER

We kindly ask that you refrain from registering for programs you have already attended in the past such as Acrylic Painting with John Irwin and Watercolor Painting with Sue Greco.

This helps ensure that more community members have the chance to enjoy new experiences, learn new skills, and participate in programs for the first time.

Thank you for helping us keep our programs welcoming and accessible to all!



WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

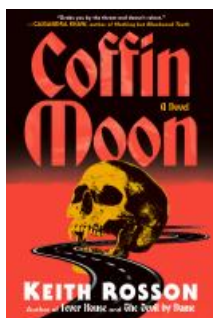
Check out our catalog for new books, recommended reading lists, and staff picks!



ADULT FICTION



Play Nice
by Rachel Harrison
A stylish influencer inherits her late mother's supposedly demon-possessed house.



Coffin Moon
by Keith Rosson
A traumatized Vietnam veteran and his teenage niece set out on a bloody quest for vengeance against a supernatural killer.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



A Spell to Wake the Dead
by Nicole Lesperance
Two friends discover a body during a midnight spell and must solve the mystery before they become the next victims.



My Fair Monster
by Adrienne Rivera
A beauty queen with secret dreams of becoming a horror star enters a monster costume contest.

MIDDLE GRADE



Stitch Head
by Guy Bass
Forgotten by his creator, a little monster named Stitch Head must protect his fellow creatures from a scheming circus master.



Troubling Tonsils!
by Aaron Reynolds
Jasper Rabbit tells the eerie tale of Charlie Marmot, whose decision to keep his tonsils after surgery leads to creepy, mysterious events.

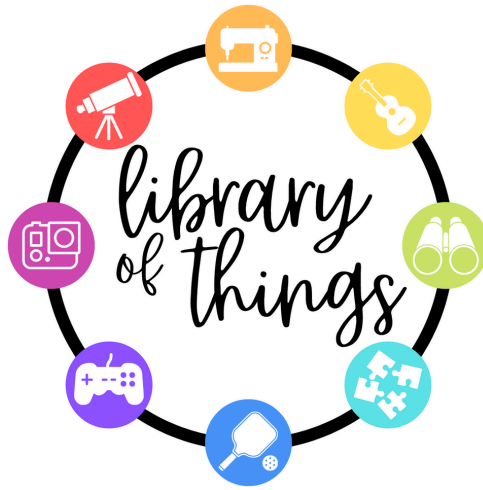
LIBRARY SERVICES

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Your library card unlocks more than just books—borrow tools, gadgets, and fun items to explore new hobbies, tackle projects, or enjoy family time.

Here is a selection of some of the new and exciting items available in our Library of Things:

- Laser Measuring Tool
- Garment Steamer
- Portable Document Scanner
- Metal Detector
- Mah Jongg Set
- Binoculars
- Hiking Walking Sticks
- Yarn Ball Winder
- VCR
- Ghost Hunting Kit
- Giant Wood Yard Dice
- Radon Detector
- Puzzles
- and MORE!



All our Library of Things items may not be reserved or sent through the library delivery system.

Loan period is 7 or 21 days depending on item. Please call the Circulation Desk for renewals (not guaranteed).

Did you know we also have a Library of Things Jr.?

Located in the glass display cases outside the Children's Room, this collection includes puzzles, STEM kits, games, and other family-friendly things for you to check out and take home! Ask a librarian today!

GENEALOGY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We have several online databases and physical resources that can help in your genealogical or local history research.

Online Databases:

- Ancestry (in-library use only)
- Barrington Times Digital Archive
- Providence Journal Online & Heritage Hub

Physical Collections (in-library use):

- Barrington High School Yearbooks
- Barrington Times Newspaper
- Karl P. Jones Horticultural Book Collection
- Rhode Island Collection

Please ask at the Reference Desk if you would like to access any of these physical collections or need help accessing the online databases listed above.

TECH HELP DESK

One-on-one tech help is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. All appointments are 30 minutes in length. One appointment per person per week.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH...

- eBooks & eAudiobooks
- eReaders, smartphones & tablets
- Windows OS & Mac OS
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Searching the internet
- Zoom & FaceTime
- Resizing or printing pictures
- Email
- Social Media websites & apps
- and MORE!



Scan the QR Code to make an appointment or call 401-247-1920 x2

MUSEUM PASSES

Barrington Public Library offers free or reduced admission to museums and cultural attractions around southern New England thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Barrington Public Library.

Highlighted Institutions:

- Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA
- Museum of Science in Boston, MA
- Mystic Seaport in Mystic, CT
- Newport Art Museum in Newport

We also have tickets available to productions at The Gamm Theatre! These are available on a first come, first serve basis at the Reference Desk.

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

MUSEUM PASS BUDDY



Meet Barry, our Museum Pass Buddy!

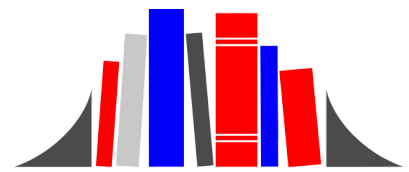
Barry loves going on adventures and is excited to join you on your next museum trip.

Reserve Barry just like you would a normal museum pass or check to see if he is available when you pick up your museum pass. Barry must be picked up from and returned to the Reference Desk. Please do not put him in the book drop!

Be sure to sign his Adventure Log and tell us about your day together and take lots of photos, too!

FRIENDS CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



FRIENDS of the **BARRINGTON**
PUBLIC LIBRARY

HALLOWEEN CRAFT KITS

The Friends are happy to introduce two new craft kits perfect for the spooky season!

The Day of the Dead Garland Kit uses recycled dictionary pages to create a garland out of sugar skulls and marigolds. The kit even includes fun background information about Day of the Dead including the importance of sugar skulls and marigolds in the Dia de los Muertos celebrations.



The other seasonal kit is a special hanging spooky house which uses a recycled book cover, book pages, cardstock, and more!

Kits are available for just \$5 or \$8, with all proceeds directly supporting library programs and services. Stop by the library to pick one up and craft something beautiful today!

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



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. There is also a Daily Sale book bin outside of the Children's Room.

Cash and credit card 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.

Please limit your donations to 2 boxes or bags per visit.

We are in special need of kids books!

OCTOBER ART EXHIBITS



JENNIFER ENGLISH GALLERY
John Sideli | Mixed Media



MAIN FLOOR GALLERY
Linus Powers | Acrylic Paintings