



WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE EVENTS, SERVICES, & MORE! - OCTOBER 2026



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Follow Us!



Dial-a-Spooky Story

Give us a call at 401-433-9509 and participate in our fifth annual Dial-A-Spooky-Story! Barrington Public Library staff has come together to bring you a new spooky tale every Monday 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**



Film Lecture Series

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Introduction to Tarot

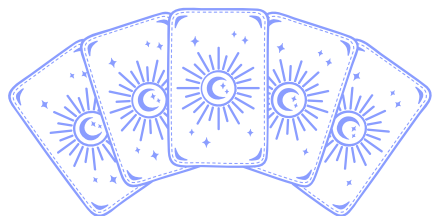
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BOO!



FOR ADULTS

LEARN SOMETHING NEW



Introduction to Tarot

MON. OCT. 19 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required

Adults and teens 16+ are invited to join us for an Introduction to Tarot program with Laura Campagna. Learn the basics of Tarot and what each card means.

We will have tarot decks available for you to use, but you are welcome to bring your own as well.

GET CREATIVE

Adult Craft Evening: Terrarium Workshop

TUES. OCT. 13 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required

Join Candace Breen from C & B Plants in Riverside for a fun craft evening. In this hands-on program, you'll 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. OCT. 22 AT 3 PM

Registration required

Join local artist, John Irwin, for this acrylic painting class. 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!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration required for all book discussion groups

Monthly Adult Book Chat

WED. OCT. 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!

Literary Pairings Book Discussion Group

WED. OCT. 14 AT 6:30 PM

HYBRID

This group pairs an assigned classic one month followed by a contemporary read-alike similar in theme, plot, and/or characters the following month. Upcoming book picks:

- Oct. 14 - Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



Check the website for our other Book Discussion Groups!

MUSIC



Songs & Stories: An Evening with Mark Cutler and Steve Allain

THURS. OCT. 1 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required

Step inside the creative process with veteran singer-songwriters Mark Cutler and Steve Allain. This intimate concert brings two seasoned musical forces together on one stage, trading original songs and pulling back the curtain on the stories behind the music.

FILMS

Registration recommended for all films

First Friday Documentary Series: Pizza Under Fire

FRI. OCT. 2 AT 1 PM

A brave group of international volunteers take their converted truck into Ukraine's Eastern frontline villages to cook, hand out free pizzas and paint the faces of the children.
2025 - 1 hr 12 mins - NR

Film Lecture Series: Between Fantasy & Reality

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Step into worlds where the ordinary gives way to the extraordinary in this four-week film lecture series exploring magic, miracles, ghosts, and the supernatural in cinema. Preceded by a short film lecture by Doug Swiszc.

- October 7 - Portrait of Jennie (1948)
- October 14 - Field of Dreams (1989)
- October 21 - The Green Mile (1999)
- October 28 - Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

Documentary & Discussion: Gather

SUN. OCT. 18 AT 1 PM

WED. OCT. 21 AT 6:30 PM

Gather is an intimate portrait tracing the intentional destruction of Native American foodways and our renaissance and resilience, our inherent right, to reclaim it.
2020 - 1 hr 14 mins - NR



Movie Night: 50th Anniversary of Carrie

TUES. OCT. 27 AT 6:30 PM

In this chilling adaptation of Stephen King's horror novel, withdrawn and sensitive teen Carrie White faces taunting from classmates at school and abuse from her fanatically pious mother at home. When strange occurrences start happening around Carrie, she begins to suspect that she has supernatural powers.
1976 - 1 hr 38 mins - R



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Grief Yoga

SUN. OCT. 18 AT 1 PM

Registration required

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 griever find peace through movement.

Monday Morning Yoga

MON. OCT. 5 AT 9:30 AM

MON. OCT. 19 AT 9:30 AM

Registration required

Experience movement sequences designed to open up, tone and bring balance to your body through movement, breathwork and meditation techniques to rest, restore, and reset.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Farmers and Climate Change

MON. OCT. 5 AT 6:30 PM

Registration recommended

Farmers and ranchers are on the front lines of climate change, but many of them, like other rural Americans, remain unconvinced by climate science. Join Margiana Petersen-Rockney for a special talk based on her new book, *Farmers and Climate Change*, which examines the social, economic and political factors behind climate reticence in agriculture.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

WED. OCT. 7 AT 6:30 PM

Registration recommended

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. Join the Alzheimer's Association for an informational presentation to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, disease stages and risk factors, current research, treatments available, and helpful resources.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

LET'S GAME!

Board Game Night

MON. OCT. 5 AT 6 PM

MON. OCT. 26 AT 6 PM

Registration required

Adults 18+ are invited to join us for a fun Board Game Night in the Makerspace (2nd floor). This event is free and we will have board games on hand but you are welcome to bring your own as well.

BPL Mystery Society

THURS. OCT. 29 AT 6 PM

Registration required

Do you love solving puzzles, uncovering clues, and cracking mysteries? Join fellow sleuths at the library and put your detective skills to the test while we solve a mystery.

Drop-in Mahjong Open Play

SUN. OCT. 25 AT 1 PM

*Drop-in. First come, first play.
Space is limited.*

Join us for Drop-in Open Play Mahjong. 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. We will provide the tables, chairs, and Mahjong sets. Come connect with fellow players, sharpen your skills, and have fun!

A Path for Nature

WED. OCT. 14 AT 7 PM

Registration recommended

Join The Nature Conservancy for a conversation with RI State Director John Torgan. John will lead a virtual tour of coastal restoration projects in the East Bay and explain how these local projects are informing larger scale efforts to strengthen coastlines and improve fisheries science across the Northeast.



Let's Talk About Money: Low-Conflict Conversations for Couples

THURS. OCT. 15 AT 6:30 PM

Registration required

Join licensed therapist and author, Terry Gaspard for an important talk about the most common source of conflict in relationships, a leading cause of separation or divorce, and the thing we are most uncomfortable talking about: MONEY.

Common and Uncommon Backyard Birds

TUES. OCT. 20 AT 1 PM

Registration required

Join the Barrington Garden Club and 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.



Combining Art and Science to Save Species

TUES. OCT. 20 AT 7 PM

Registration required

Wildlife populations are declining around the world because of human impacts, and yet too few of us are part of the solution. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how combining art and science can bring us together to save species.



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FOR KIDS

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

SENSORY FRIENDLY

Sensory Exploration

MON. OCT. 5 AT 3:30 PM

Drop-in

Touch, pour, stack, squish, sort, and create using a variety of sensory materials. This program encourages fine-motor skills, problem-solving, early STEM concepts, and social interaction in a welcoming environment.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween Stories & Crafts

TUES. OCT. 27 AT 10 AM

Registration required

Join RI children's author and illustrator Jill Austin for interactive Halloween stories, songs, and crafts. Recommended for ages 3+ (with a caregiver).



Tommy James Halloween Magic Show

SAT. OCT. 31 AT 2 PM

Registration required

Chills and thrills abound in this silly, spooky magic show with magician Tommy James. Costumes are encouraged but not necessary. Recommended for all ages

STORY TIMES

Outdoor Family Story Time

TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
FRIDAYS AT 11 AM

Drop-in

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!

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

Registration required

Enjoy simple rhymes, songs, and stories, especially for new parents and growing babies.

Recommended for birth - 18 months

STORY TIME UPDATE

Our Fall Story Time Session runs through Fri. Oct. 23. Winter Session starts Mon. Nov. 2!

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Kids Chess

THURS. OCT. 8 AT 4:30 PM

Drop-in

Chess for Kids in the Makerspace! First come, first served as space and supplies are limited.

Recommended for grades 2-5.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

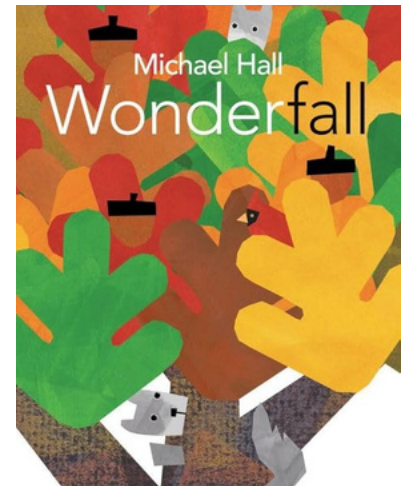
THURS. OCT. 22 AT 4:30 PM

Registration required

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

Recommended for grades 4-6

STORY WALK



Autumn Story Walk Along the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center

THROUGH NOVEMBER 1

Take a stroll along the walkway by the Resilience Garden at Barrington Government Center, and enjoy the story *Wonderfall* by Michael Hall.

Funded by a grant from the Office of Library and Information Services.

FAMILY CRAFT PROGRAM

Keepsake Craft Hour

THURS. OCT. 15 AT 2:30 PM

Drop-in

Create a special Halloween-themed craft for kids! Crafts are designed for kids of all ages and abilities to make something spooky with their caregiver. Stop by anytime during craft hour, while supplies last.

MOVIE MATINEE

Curious George A Halloween Boo Fest

FRI. OCT. 30 AT 10 AM

Drop-in

Tag along with Curious George at the Annual Boo Festival full of autumn's colorful leaves, hayrides, pumpkin patches. A bewitching treat for the whole family.

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FOR TEENS

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Program dates & times subject to change.

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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. 22 AT 6:30 PM

Registration recommended

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



MONSTER-TOBER

Registration required for all October crafts



Make a Monster Notebook

TUES. OCT. 6 AT 6:30 PM

Using assorted yarns and felt, create your own Monster Notebook just in time for the spooky season.



Make a Chia Pet Monster

TUES. OCT. 13 AT 6:30 PM

Make your own chia pet using clay with the folks from Cermicozoa. Pieces will be fired and returned by the following week.



Sew a Monster Pillow

TUES. OCT. 20 AT 6:30 PM

Using assorted material and felt sew up a cool monster pillow just in time for spooky season.



Monsters in Motion: Animation on the Gif-O-Graf

TUES. OCT. 27 AT 6:30 PM

Create a monster 2D animation using our newest equipment, the Gif-O-Graf. There will be candy.

ALL AGES

DIAL-A-SPOOKY STORY

Dial-a-Spooky Story

NEW STORY EVERY MONDAY 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

To register, call 401-247-1920 x7, or visit
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Program dates & times subject to change.

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COOKBOOK CLUB

Cookie Swap

WED. OCT. 14 AT 6:30 PM

WED. OCT. 28 AT 6:30 PM

FULL - WAITLIST ONLY

Adults are invited to join us for the Fall Session of cookbook club! This year, we are doing a cookie swap!

In our first meeting, we will discuss our chosen cookie cookbooks and everyone will decide what cookie they will be making. Please come prepared with a few different cookies you would be willing to make so we get a wide range of cookies to enjoy. Then in our second meeting, we will swap cookies and enjoy a few before bringing our cookies home.

You must attend BOTH sessions!



The books for our Fall 2026 Cookie Swap are:

- *Zoë Bakes Cookies* by Zoë François
- *100 Cookies: The Baking Book for Every Kitchen* by Sarah Kieffer
- *Holiday Cookies: Showstopping Recipes to Sweeten the Season* by Elisabet der Nederlanden

Once you register, you can pick up a copy of one of the books at the Circulation Desk!

REMINDER

If you've registered for a program but can no longer attend, please take a moment to cancel your registration. When a registered attendee doesn't show up, that seat may have been taken from someone else in the community who wanted to attend.

We understand that plans can change—life happens! By canceling when you can no longer make it, you give another community member the opportunity to join us.

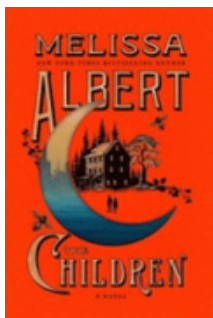
Thank you for your understanding!



WHAT TO READ

Reading recommendations from
Barrington Public Library staff to you!

ADULT FICTION



The Children by Melissa Albert

Guinevere confronts dark secrets from her childhood after her estranged brother's art exhibition revives questions about their famous mother and a deadly fire.



The Half Life by Rachel Beanland

A young Navy wife in Italy questions her marriage and loyalties amid protests over possible nuclear contamination.



We Will See You Bleed by Ron Currie

During a bitter 1984 paper mill strike in Waterville, Maine, union leader Babs Dionne is pushed toward violence as she fights to protect her struggling community.



Liar's Dice by Julieta Faithfull

In 1970s Brazil, a teenage girl fights to reunite with her ailing twin sister while coming of age amid family secrets and political repression.

ADULT NONFICTION



Blizzard of Lies by Dave Wedge

The explosive story of O'Keefe's death and the subsequent accusation and trial of his girlfriend Karen Read that gripped the nation.



The Last Kings of Hollywood by Paul Fischer

Chronicles how Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas, and Steven Spielberg transformed American cinema from the late 1960s to the early 1980s.

LIBRARY SERVICES

PRINT FROM HOME!



Print to the library directly from your home computer, laptop, or mobile device using Princh!

Visit print.princh.com and entering our Printer ID (106364).

Princh allows you to easily upload documents to print at the library. Once you submit your job and choose how to pay, Princh provides a four-digit numeric code. Enter the numeric code (for example, 1234) at the touchscreen kiosk beside the printer to release your job.

You can pay online with a credit card before your library visit or at the reference desk with cash.

Detailed instructions are available on our website or at the Reference Desk.

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:

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



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

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS



Killing Sadie
by Rachel Peterson
After Sadie is murdered at a house party, conflicting stories from her twin, her boyfriend, and her best friend reveal small inconsistencies that add up to big lies.



Bound by Fury
by Noelle Monet
After awakening her magical abilities, Harper attends an elite boarding school where she unravels her family's connection to the school's dark past.



The Boyfriend: Vol. 1
by Seth Sherwood
A bullied teen named Chloe invents an imaginary boyfriend who suddenly comes to life and becomes dangerously obsessed with her.



Love Bites: Vol. 1
by Alicia Wallace
As a teenage vampire, Kieran has always been warned to stay away from werewolves, but everything changes when he falls for Mason--the Alpha's son.

MIDDLE GRADE



Ghost in the Night
by Tiffany Jackson
While investigating a possible ghost sighting in Savannah, Harmony uncovers clues to an unsolved murder and a dangerous mystery.



Yarn is Everything!
by Aaron Reynolds
The tale of Winona Mole, whose life begins to unravel after a cursed crochet hook increases her talent overnight, winning her a spot on the television show Yarn Is Everything!

FRIENDS CORNER

Great communities need great libraries.
Great libraries need Friends.



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.

Do not leave book donations outside or in the library book drop.

OCTOBER ART EXHIBITS

