Needle Felting Workshop
Thursday, June 20
6:00 pm

Come join us for a night of wool felting fun and take home 2 of the most adorable dryer balls you’ve ever seen! You might even start looking forward to doing laundry! We are going to be decorating 2 wool dryer balls with cute designs. This will be a fun event, and we will have all the tools you will need! Space is limited and registration is required.

Dryer balls are 100% wool. They are a sustainable resource and great for the environment. Dryer balls are used in place of fabric softeners and dryer sheets, naturally softening your clothes, removing static and reducing time in your dryer.

The class will be led by instructor Stacey Grant of Smithfield (PokeltFelting.com).

Summer Reading Book Bingo Challenge
Registration begins Monday, June 24

Challenge yourself this summer with our Read, Renew, Repeat Summer Book Bingo! Pick up your bingo card at the reference desk beginning Monday, June 24th to participate. Each bingo square will include a unique reading challenge you will mark as you complete. For each “bingo” you get, you will receive a raffle ticket for one of our summer reading raffle prizes! Prizes will be on display in the library. The last day to submit for your raffle tickets will be Saturday, August 10th.

The Library will close early on Saturdays in July & August at 1:00 pm.

Ask an Astronomer: Our Sun
Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm

Our Sun is the nearest star to us. The light it gives off is part of the reason life exists on Earth. Yet it is also unpredictable at times. Massive solar storms can impact infrastructure such as satellites in orbit and power grids on Earth, as well as cause the Northern Lights (auroras) to be seen at much lower latitudes than normal. Such was the case with the storm in mid-May.

Join Bryant University Astronomy Instructor Sandi Brenner for a Summer Solstice celebration of our Sun. We will explore how the Sun “works” and why these solar storms occur. We will also take a look back at the April solar eclipse and the effects from the May solar storm. This program will be interactive and attendees are welcome to send their eclipse and/or aurora photos to the library to be included in this presentation; attendees are also invited to share their personal stories about these events during the program. Please email your photos to Cassie at greenvilleastdirector@gmail.com. To register, visit the event calendar at greenvillelibraryri.org or call 401-949-3630.
**Monday Matinee**

**Monday, June 10 at 2:00 pm**

Join us for a film screening and snacks! This month, we will be showing *Arthur the King*, based on a true story. Adventure racer Michael Light, desperate to win one last race in the Dominican Republic, befriends a scrappy street dog as they try to defy all odds. Starring Mark Wahlberg. Running time: 1 hr and 47 min. Rated PG-13. Please register to attend.

**Coffee & Books**

**Wednesday, June 12**

10:30 am

Come and chat about what you are currently reading over coffee or tea at our informal book discussion. New members are always welcome. Please register.

**Virtual Book Chat**

**Thursday, June 6 & 20**

6:00 pm

Chat about what you are currently reading at our informal book chat! We meet via Zoom. New members are always welcome. Please register.

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**THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to our patron Sharon Thompson, owner of Val’s English Tea & Pie Shop for her generous donation to the children’s room. Mrs. Thompson raised over $2,300 to purchase new toys for the children’s room at a fundraiser at her shop in May. Visit soon to see the wonderful new additions we’ve added thanks to her generosity.

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**June Book Clubs**

**Mystery Book Club**

**Tuesday, June 4**

1:30 pm

The Mystery Book Club meets in the Recital Room on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. This month’s book is *The Couple at the Table* by Sophie Hannah. Copies of the book are available at the library front desk. Next month’s book is *Gray Ghost* by William Tapply.

**Picnic Table Reads Book Club**

**Thursday, June 20**

1:00 pm

The Picnic Table Reads Book Club meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. This month’s book is *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson. Copies of the book are available at the library.

**Home Sweet Home Book Club**

**Monday, June 24**

6:30 pm

Join us from home for our Zoom book club. Each month, a book will be selected that is also available as an ebook in Hoopla. Copies of the book, *The Radcliffe Ladies’ Reading Club* by Julia Bryan Thomas, will be available in the library. Please register online in our event calendar at greenvillelibraryri.org or by calling...
Please register for all of the following programs by calling 401-949-3630 or visit the children’s room.

**Summer Storytimes**

**Summer Fun for Young Ones**
Beginning Monday, June 24
10:30 am | Ages 1 - 3

**Budding Bookworms**
Beginning Wednesday, June 26
10:30 am | Ages 3 - 5

**Blooming Picture Frame Craft**
Thursday, June 6
4:15 pm
Grades K - 5. Children and their parent/caregiver are invited to create a wooden picture frame. The craft uses nails to complete the project, please bring a hammer.

**Free Play Fridays**
June 21 & 28
from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ages 2 - 5. Pretend play with a new theme every week! Drop-in program, no registration required.

**Flag Day Make It Take It Craft**
Thursday, June 13
Available at 2:00 pm
All of the materials you will need to create this patriotic craft will be available in the children’s room at 2:00 pm, while supplies last.

**American Girl Book Club**
Tuesday, June 11
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Children in grades 3 - 5 may join Miss Patty for the American Girl Book Club. A related craft and snack will also be included.

**Sensory Storytime**
Saturday, June 15
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ages 5-10. Stories, bubbles, and sensory play!

**PAWS to Read**
Monday, June 24
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages 5 & up. Read to a cuddly dog who loves to listen to stories!

2024 Summer at the Library | Read, Renew, Repeat

**June 24 – August 2 | Ages 3-10**
Come to the library often and keep learning all summer long. Check out our displays for recommended summer reading for the Smithfield public schools. Register for exciting programs and performances!

**Summer Book Share**
Wednesday, June 26
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Kids and teens are invited to our Summer Book Share! Sign up for our summer at the library programs, enjoy a frozen treat and take home a free book! Drop in program, no registration is required.

**Explorations**
Beginning Tuesdays, June 25
10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Grades K - 3
There will be a new theme to explore each week in the summer. The stations include book corner, crafts, puzzle tables and a sensory table. Drop in program, no registration is required.
**YOUNG ADULT NEWS**

Grades 6 - 12. Please register for all programs, unless otherwise noted, by visiting greenvillelibraryri.org/teens.

**Drop-in Volunteering: Caring Cards**
**Thursday, June 6**
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Earn an hour of community service by creating uplifting cards for hospitalized kids. All materials will be provided. Open to anyone in grades 6-12. Drop-in program, no registration required.

**Magic: The Gathering**
**Monday, June 3**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Play the fantasy trading card game at the library. We’ll have decks of cards available, or you can bring your own. Beginners welcome!

**Teen Sensory Friendly Craft | Thursday, June 13**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Enjoy a mindful craft in a sensory-friendly setting, including dimmed lights, fidget toys, and a picture schedule. Ages 11-17. Registration recommended but not required.

**Virtual Community Service Hours**

Do you need to complete community service hours for school, scouts, or honor societies? The Greenville Library Young Adult department needs your help! Visit our website to fill out an online application: https://greenvillelibraryri.org/teens/volunteer. The young adult librarian will contact you with more information about current virtual volunteer projects you can complete from home. Grades 6-12.

**Young Adult Summer at the Library (Grades 6-12)**
**Monday, June 24-Friday, August 2**

Read, Renew, Repeat this summer at the library! Enter our weekly raffles by signing up, reading *anything*, and completing special challenges. Two raffle winners will be drawn each week. Sign up in the YA section starting on Monday, June 24.

**Summer Book Share**
**Wednesday, June 26**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Kids and teens are invited to our Summer Book Share! Sign up for our Summer at the Library programs, enjoy a delicious frozen treat, and take a home a free book. Drop-in program, open to ages 3-17.

**No-Sew T-Shirt Book Bags**
**Monday, June 24**
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Get ready to “Read, Renew, Repeat” this summer by upcycling an old t-shirt into a new book bag! Bring your own t-shirt and we’ll provide the rest. Open to anyone entering grades 6-12.
Exhibits

Elaine Gauthier | Main Gallery | June 2024

Mrs. Gauthier received a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education, with an Art History minor from the University of New Hampshire. She also received a Masters of Art in Teaching with a Watercolor Concentration from Rhode Island College. Mrs. Gauthier has retired from teaching art in the Smithfield School Department for many years at both the elementary and high school levels. For the past several years she has been teaching drawing and painting privately to adults. As her students complete paintings she offers matting and framing.

The theme in Mrs. Gauthier's art work is mainly artistic realism. She has recently produced abstract paintings. Although most of her work is in watercolor, she also explores acrylic painting, colored pencil, and collage. Her subject matter varies greatly, but she likes to concentrate on good composition, color, and dimension.

Mrs. Gauthier is a member of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society, having had many exhibits of her work there. One of her most recent art projects involved painting buoys for the 2022 and 2023 Lobster Trap Tree art installation. She just completed another buoy which will hang on the 2024 Lobster Trap Tree in Connecticut.

Mrs. Gauthier’s website is elainegauthierart.com

Students exhibiting:
Diane Lamontange | Mary Keams | Loreen Francazio | Ciana Tancrelle
Lori Tait

Santrupthy Das | Friends Wall | June 2024

Santrupthy Das is an architect, artist, designer, educator and researcher with her practice based on the ancient Japanese art of paper folding - origami. She holds a Bachelor’s in architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and a Master’s in Art Education with a Certificate in Collegiate Teaching from the Rhode Island School of Design, USA. She is currently based out of Providence and works as an independent practitioner.

Santrupthy’s work operates on the intersection of her various interests and involves paper installations, community engaged art practices and teaching art and design. Some of her recent work includes tessellating wall patterns with fractal modules, flat foldable corugations, folded forms designed with computational methods and a range of pedagogical interventions with folding. She has worked with and displayed her work in numerous exhibits in India and the United States. With 20 years of folding and 7 years of teaching experience, Santrupthy regards folding as a lifestyle and something that has never left her astray.

Santrupthy will hold an opening reception on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 pm.
New Fiction

The rule book / ADAMS
Martyr! / AKBAR
Summers at the Saint / ANDREWS
Victim / BORYGA
People in glass houses / CASTLE
The museum of lost quilts / CHIAVERINI
Think Twice / COBEN
One of us knows / COLE
Behind you is the sea / DARRAJ
The marriage sabbatical / DOLAN
The heist / DUBRUL
The reformatory / DUE
Missing White Woman / GARRETT
Death Behind Every Door / GRAHAM
The husbands / GRAMAZIO
Funny story / HENRY
Darling girls / HEPWORTH
Old flames and new fortunes / HOGLE
The stolen child / HOOD
Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop / HWANG
Just for the summer / JIMENEZ
Real Americans / KHONG
While we were burning / KOFFI
She's not sorry / KUBICA
All we were promised / LATTIMORE
Indian burial ground / MEDINA
The Blythes are quoted / MONTGOMERY
You know what you did / NGUYEN
Tourist season / NOVAK
The 24th hour / PATTERSON
The Sicilian inheritance / PIAZZA
Matterhorn / REICH
The Paris novel / REICHL
Sweetness in the skin / ROBINSON
Only the brave / STEEL
Frostbitten / ZANETTI

New Mysteries

Next of kin / Mystery ALLEN
Death of a master chef / Mystery BANNALEC
Young rich widows / Mystery BELLE
A Murder Most French / Mystery CAMBRIDGE
An unfinished murder / Mystery DEVERAUX
Death by chocolate raspberry scone / Mystery GRAVES
Lost birds / Mystery HILLERMAN
Close to death / Mystery HOROWITZ
Patchwork quilt murder / Mystery MEIER
Circle in the water / Mystery MULLER
The Murder of Mr. Ma / Mystery NEE
The Sleepwalkers / Mystery THOMAS
Murder in Rose Hill / Mystery THOMPSON
The Innocents / Mystery WALSH
City in ruins / Mystery WINSLOW

New Large Print

Think Twice / LPed COBEN
Manner of death / LPed COOK
Blood lines / LPed DEMILLE
Dirty thirty / LPed EVANOVICH
The heiress / LPed HAWKINS
None of this is true / LPed JEWELL
Santa & Company / LPed MICHAELS
Daughter of mine / LPed MIRANDA
A Christmas vanishing / LPed PERRY
Expiration dates / LPed SERLE
Cloaked Deception / LPed ZAHN
New Nonfiction

Flawless consulting / 001 BLO
The anxious generation / 305.230973 HAI
Blood money / 305.5 SCH
How to save money / 332.024 RUS
How to invest / 332.6 STA
Cryptocurrency investing / 332.63 DAN
The year of living constitutionally / 342.73 JAC
Reading the Constitution / 342.7302 BRE
Nuclear war / 355.02 JAC
The dementia caregiver’s survival guide / 616.8 CRU
Carbivore / 641.512 LAP
Murals of McCoy / 796.357 TUE
The Six Pack / 796.812 BAL
American Mother / 92 FOLEY
Sociopath / 92 GAGNE
Charlie Hustle / 92 ROSE
Rebel rising / 92 WILSON
Profiles in mental health courage / 920 KEN
The jazzmen / 920 TYE
The swans of Harlem / 920 VAL
Collision with history / 940.54973 BAL
Guadalcanal diary / 940.548 TRE
The people’s princess / 941.085092 PEO
The history of Ireland / 941.6 HOL
King Arthur in legend and history/ 942.014 KIN

New Children’s Books

Rhode Island Children’s Book Award Nominees
Ellen takes flight / J 92 OCHOA RICBA 2025
Something like home / J ARANGO RICBA 2025
Finch house / J BURCH RICBA 2025
Art club / J Graphic DOUCET RICBA 2025
Mabuhay! / J Graphic STERLING RICBA 2025
Shermy & Shake, the not-so-nice neighbor / J LARSON RICBA 2025
Sejal Sinha battles superstorms / J PRASAD RICBA 2025
Grimwood / J SHIREEN RICBA 2025
The Guardian test / J SOONTORNVAT RICBA 2025

Did You Know?

June 1st: National Dinosaur Day
June 8th: World Oceans Day
June 14th: National Strawberry Shortcake Day
June 17th: National Root Beer Day

June is Pollinator Month.

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are used to purchase books for the Library with book plates affixed denoting the donor and honoree, or to fund programs. The donor tells us how to best use the gift. Donations are tax deductible. Following is a list of recent donations:

Elaine Farley IN MEMORY OF Robert J. Farley
Viola McKenna IN MEMORY OF Richard “Jerry” McKenna
Viola McKenna IN MEMORY OF Patricia Dillon
Linda Zannelli IN MEMORY OF Michael F. Zannelli
In case of inclement weather, please call the library or check with WPRI (Channel 12), WNAC (Fox 64), WHJJ-AM (Talk Radio 920), WWBB-FM (B101), WHJY-FM (94.1) and WSNE_FM (Coast 93.3) for closure announcements.