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News & Notes from the North Kingstown Free Library

100 Boone Street, North Kingstown, R.I. (401) 294-3306 www.nklibrary.org September 2022

New Technology at the Library: Introducing Our Self-Check Machine



No time to wait in line...?

Walk past the Friends’ Book Nook toward Youth Services and you’ll see this friendly computer to help you check out your books ALL BY YOURSELF!!

Just scan your library card and then scan the barcodes on the books (inside the front cover). It even prints a receipt for you.

But, remember...**it is for books only**. You still need to visit the friendly staff at the circulation desk if you want to check out DVDs or pick up an item that is being held for you.

With many thanks to the State Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) for funding the purchase of this equipment.

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2022
FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th at 9am.

Save the Date! Come One! Come All! Saturday, September 17, 2022



Free Community Shredding Event To Celebrate the Kickoff of the Friends of the Library Membership Campaign

From 10am to 1pm

- Maximum of 3 boxes of flat paper per car
- PLEASE—No binders, staples, or books

Paid for by the
Friends of the North Kingstown Free Library
Shredding services provided by Shred ‘n’ Go

Friends Membership Drive Begins

Watch your mailbox in early October for your membership renewal mailing.

Friends of the Library Executive Board Members will be here during the shredding event to hand out membership envelopes and info about the organization.

Your membership helps the Friends provide funding for programs, events, and many other projects.



Message from Susan Aylward (Interim Director)

The Library Staff—Patience and Fortitude

I have recently (and only briefly) come up for air from all of the pending projects that are on the run-way waiting for take-off here at the library. Don’t ever let anyone tell you that librarians get to sit around and read the day away. In this little open window as one fiscal year ends and the next begins, I have had time to talk in a meaningful way with some of the members of our staff team to learn about their jobs and to learn about them. It has been one of my greatest joys in the past week or so to see a genuine enthusiasm and dedication to this library from everyone who has talked with me. I am very proud of them. And I am privileged to serve alongside them.

All of the staff members here have risen to meet tremendous challenges in the past couple of years. Throughout the pandemic, staff retirements, administrative upheaval, and the massive re-decoration project just completed, our folks have consistently done what was asked of them, handling almost unmanageable situations with grace and aplomb.

Do you know the story of the marble lions that have stood at the entrance to the New York Public Library’s Beaux Arts building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street since 1911? During the Great Depression, Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia re-named the Lions, Patience and Fortitude, after the qualities he felt New Yorkers needed to get through the Depression. I have begun to feel that the NKFL staff guards our own North Kingstown Free Library as doggedly as Patience and Fortitude guard the NYPL.

I am confident that as we move into the fall in our newly re-decorated building and we begin to think about how we might expand and enhance our services, you will be excited about all that the library offers to you on a daily basis. Remember—it is the staff who makes it all happen. They care about serving all of you. They care about this library. And they care about public libraries in general. The NYPL website reminds us that their lions have been a witness to history “all while remaining a steadfast symbol for what the library represents: a source of strength and inspiration for all.” Indeed...ditto for our staff being a symbol of what the NKFL represents—a source of strength and our inspiration for all of you. Thank you to each and every one of them.



Susie

Story Times Begin

For more information or to register please call the Library at 294-3306, X7 for the Youth Services Desk.

Registration begins the week of September 12th.



Mother Goose Time Mondays @ 10:00 A.M.

9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24

For young children 12 to 24 months and a caregiver. This program features fingerplays and music followed by Toy Time.

Toddler Time for Twos Wednesdays @ 9:30 A.M.

9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

This is a fun-filled half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and music for children ages 2 - 3 1/2 years and a caregiver.

Preschool Story Time Wednesdays @ 10:30 A.M. 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

For children ages 3-5, without their caregivers. The program features stories, fingerplays and music.

September Programs Info Coming Soon

Check the library webpage, our Facebook page, or stop at the Youth Services Desk to find out about other programs we are putting together for September.

Stop in weekly for Take & Make Crafts and ongoing Scavenger Hunts.

Teens who need community service hours can write book reviews to share with other teens! See Miss Lee-Ann for more information.

Congratulations, Mrs. B.



Jennifer Boettger is the Library's New Assistant Director

Jenn Boettger, affectionately known as Mrs. B. to two generations of Story Time children and their families, has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant Director here at the NKFL.

Jenn began her career at the library in 1986 as a high school student page, continuing as a part-time assistant at the circulation desk while she earned her undergraduate degree from URI in Elementary Education. Her library experience made her see how very rewarding it was to be an educator of children in a different way. And that is why she has dedicated her entire adult life to being a children's librarian at the NKFL.

In 2013, she returned to URI to begin work on her Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies and was soon named Coordinator of Youth Services, a senior leadership position at the library. At 36 years of service (so far) to this vital town institution, Jenn has embraced her new role with her typical good nature, kindness and generosity.

Much respected by the library staff, a good manager, a quintessential librarian, and the last of a line of staff with a significant institutional memory, Jenn is going to be invaluable in the administration of this library now and into the future. Congratulations and Thank You, Mrs. B!

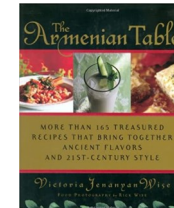
Farm Visit this Summer



Programs on the Calendar September 2022 Registration Required for Most Library Programs

Please visit our web page www.nklibrary.org for more information and to register

Book Groups



Truth be Told: Non-Fiction Group *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren

Hope takes us back to her Minnesota childhood, where she spent hours in unfettered play in her father's college laboratory.

Monday Morning Group *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy

A woman who has dedicated her life to protecting the environment convinces a fishing captain and his salty crew to follow the world's last flock of Arctic terns on a migration of dark revelations.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Group *The Kaiju Preservation Society* by John Scalzi

A food delivery driver is recruited by an animal rights organization to take on a field visit to an alternate Earth.

Book Bites Cookbook Group Cookbooks featuring recipes from ARMENIA

This month we will be cooking from cookbooks that feature recipes from Armenia.

Murder by the Book Group *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke

A powerful thriller about the explosive intersection of love, race, and justice on the dusty back roads of East Texas in the midst of a double homicide.

Tue Sep 6 @ 6:30pm

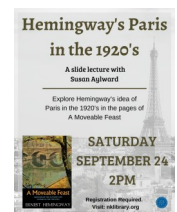
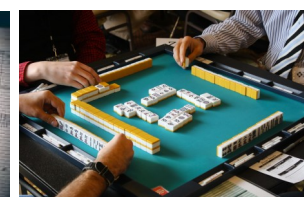
Mon Sep 12 @ 11:00am

Tue Sep 13 @ 6:30pm

Mon Sep 19 @ 6:30pm

Tue Sep 27 @ 6:30pm

Lectures, Classes, Activities, Events



North Kingstown's 20 Oldest Buildings A Lecture with Tim Cranston

Join Tim Cranston while he examines the story behind North Kingstown's 20 oldest structures.

Gentle Yoga Exercise Class with Pam Harrington

A well-rounded gentle practice of seated, standing, and supine poses as well as twists and backbends that work the whole body.

Drop-In Genealogy Help With Helen Smith (R.I. Genealogical Soc)

Helen Smith will be on hand to help you with your family research.

Fiber Arts Group—Drop In Social group for fiber arts crafters

Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. can get together with others to work on their projects and talk with others about their crafts.

History Walk—What's So Special About Wickford Led by Tim Cranston

This walk touches upon the history of Wickford and the very specific aspects and historic events that make the village special.

Mahjong Nite at the Library A new group starting up

Join other players or learn how to play this fun and fascinating game.

Hemingway's Paris in the 1920's A Slide Lecture with Susan Aylward

Explore Hemingway's idea of Paris in the 1920's in the pages of *A Moveable Feast*.

Craftastic Evenings—Adult Craft Night Yarn Painting

You'll be surprised what some yarn, glue, and other bits from the craft closet will make!

Thu Sep 1 @ 6:30pm

Fri Sep 2 @ 9:30 am

Mon Sep 12 @ 6:30pm

Thu Sep 15 @ 2:00pm

Sat Sep 17 @ 10:00am

Thu Sep 22 @ 6:30pm

Sat Sep 24 @ 2:00pm

Mon Sep 26 @ 6:30pm