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News and Notes from the North Kingstown Free Library

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

Online author talks in partnership with the *Library Speakers Consortium* feature fiction and non fiction authors giving live, moderated book discussions that you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with internet access.

Events are free to attend and if you miss the livestream, past recordings are readily available.

The January Line-Up:

Saturday, January 7
@ 2:00 p.m.

Namina Forma, NYT bestselling author joins us in an action-packed online conversation to discuss *The Merciless Ones*, the second installment in her series, *The Gilded Ones*.



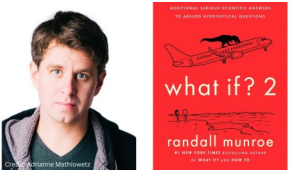
Tuesday, January 17
@ 2:00 p.m.

Dana K. White joins us with tips on how to start the new year calm and collected by learning to become better organized and clutter-free. White is the creator of a popular podcast and blog *A Slob Comes Clean*. She is also the author of *Organizing for the Rest of Us* and *Decluttering at the Speed of Life*.



Tuesday, January 31
@ 2:00 p.m.

Randall Munroe chats online about his new book *What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*. Filled with bonkers science, boundless curiosity, and Randall's signature stick-figure comics. *What If 2* provides his best answers yet to the weirdest questions you never thought to ask.



To register for any of these programs, go to
<https://libraryc.org/nklibrary>

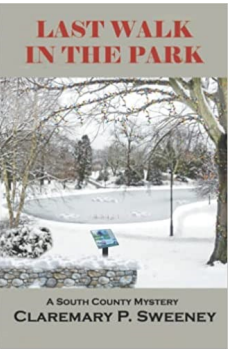
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OTHER FEATURED PROGRAMS

AUTHOR EVENTS: LIVE, IN-PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIRED

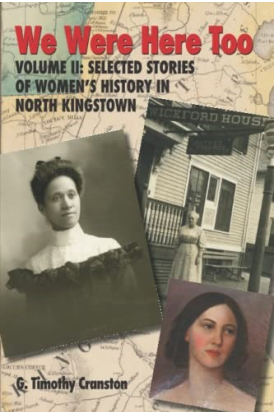
Tuesday, January 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Claremary Sweeney: Last Walk in the Park

Local author, **Claremary Sweeney**, will discuss her writing process and talk about her newest novel *Last Walk in the Park*, the sixth book in her South County Mystery series.



Saturday, January 21 @ 1:00 –3:00 p.m.
Tim Cranston: We Were Here Too

Town historian and local author, Tim Cranston will be on hand to describe the thought process that led him to write the two volume series *We Were Here Too*. The series details the contributions of women and people of color to the history of our community. Tim will also read selected passages from the new women's history volume and respond to audience questions. At the conclusion of the event, copies of *We Were Here Too : Volume 2: Selected Stories of Women's History in North Kingstown* will be available for sale and signature.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, January 16th to observe Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 20th to observe Presidents' Day



Message from the Director—Kindness

I was going to write this column about all of the projects we've undertaken since I stepped in for this brief stint as interim director. And then I began to think about all the kindness I've seen this past week, everywhere I've turned. And so this month's message is a simple one. Here at the end of one year and the beginning of a new year, let's all think about how much kindness we've shown others in 2022 and how we might do a better job of being kind in 2023.

During my first gig as Library Director, Elizabeth Donovan, one of the colleagues I respected and loved for her courage to always tell me the truth, presented me with two stones I could carry in my pocket. One was a beautifully polished rose quartz stone with gold letters emblazoned on it spelling out the word "**kindness.**" The other stone was a crystal, rough and scraggly on the outside, but beautiful and polished on the inside. She explained to me that everyone has smoothness and roughness and sometimes the roughness hides that pure and smooth heart. We have to be kind to recognize that.

I think about her words all the time and those two stones have a place of prominence in my house where I can see them and be reminded of their message every day. In 1902, Billy James, the young nephew of the great American writer Henry James, came to visit his uncle before he went off to school. Billy's vision, which he related to James's biographer, Leon Edel, many years later, was of a short, rotund man, with a quick sensibility and a boundless capacity for affection. What he carried away from his elderly uncle was the memory of hearing him say, "**Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.**" Kindness costs us nothing. And yet, the rewards we reap from practicing our kindness skills are life-affirming and so joyful.

Librarians have so much potential to be kind and so many people on whom we can practice our skills. Our friends in our community need us to be here for them for many reasons and without conditions. The North Kingstown Free Library exists to help each and every person who steps through our doors. The Board of Trustees, the library staff, and I mean to do exactly that. Now and always.

My very best wishes to all of you as the first of January 2023 approaches,

Susan Aylward (Interim Director)

Story Times

Registration is required

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

REGISTRATION FOR JANUARY SESSIONS OPENS ON JANUARY 3rd

January Sessions begin the Week of Jan 9th



Mother Goose Time

We've added another day

Please register to attend only ONE series

Either Monday OR Thursday.

Monday series @ 10:00 a.m.

1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13

Thursday series @ 9:30 a.m.

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

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

Toddler Time for Twos

We've added another day

Please register to attend only ONE series

Either Wednesday OR Thursday.

Wednesday series @ 9:30 a.m.

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

Thursday series @ 10:30 a.m.

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

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 @ 10:30am

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

For children ages 3-5, without their caregivers.

The program features stories, fingerplays and music.

FAMILY FUN

FESTIVE FIDDLE 'N FUN!

Wednesday, December 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Join Mr. Joel and Fiddle N' Fun for some fiddlestix and holiday cheer.

Registration is required.



MOBILEQUEST SUPERHEROES SCIENCE

Saturday, January 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

Use scientific skills to explore the powers of super-heros, like making a light-saber like Luke's or save Captain America from an icy freeze.

Registration is required.

Teen Corner

Follow us on social media to see what is going on for YOU at YOUR library!!

On TikTok	@nklibraryteens
On Instagram	@nklibrary
On Facebook	North Kingstown Library
On YouTube	search for North Kingstown Library

Earn volunteer hours by reading a book and writing a review.

Movie Night

Movie Night* Registration required

Wednesday, December 28 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

News of the World

Five years after the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd (Academy Award® winner Tom Hanks) moves from town to town as a non-fiction storyteller, sharing the news from the far reaches of the globe. (PG-13, 119 minutes)



Movie Night* Registration required

Wednesday, January 25 @ 5:30-8:00 p.m.

The Woman King

The Woman King is the remarkable story of the Agojie, the all-female unit of warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s. Starring Viola Davis. (PG-13, 135 minutes)



Programs on the Calendar December 2022

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Book Groups

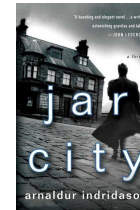
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Murder by the Book Group*

Tuesday, December 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jar City by Arnaldur Indridason

Inspector Erlendur Sveinsson investigates the killing of a solitary man, found murdered in his Reykjavík apartment.



Truth be Told: Non-Fiction Group*

Tuesday, January 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Alternate Location: Lower Level

Conference Room

Fly Girl: A Memoir by Ann Hood

An entertaining and fascinating memoir of novelist Ann Hood's adventurous years as a TWA flight attendant.



Monday Morning Group*

Monday, January 9 @ 11:00 a.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

A widow forms an unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium.



Sci-Fi/Fantasy Group*

Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Dead Silence by S.A. Barnes

A crew picks up a strange distress signal and they decide to investigate.



Book Bites Cookbook Book Group*

Monday, January 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

This month we will be cooking from

Modern Comfort Food by Ina Garten.

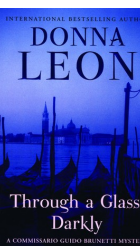


Murder by the Book Group*

Tuesday, January 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Through A Glass Darkly by Donna Leon

Commissario Brunetti becomes concerned about a nasty factory owner heard making threats against his son-in-law.



SUNDAY HOURS THIS WINTER

The library will be open Sunday afternoons

from 1pm to 4pm on

January 8th, 22nd, and 29th

February 5th, 12th, and 26th

Lectures, Events, & Activities

*Registration Required. Please visit our web page www.nklibrary.org to register

A Conversation with Mari Nardolillo Dias*

Thursday, January 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Professor and professional grief counselor Mari Nardolillo Dias will speak about her grief counseling work and her books Griepspeak Volumes 1 and 2. Copies of her books will be available for sale after the program.

Gentle Yoga with Pam Harrington*

Friday, January 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

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

Commonplace Books with Susan Aylward*

Saturday, January 14 @ 2:00 p.m.

Commonplace books have been kept by readers and writers and thinkers since antiquity. They are collections of notes, quotations, poems, prayers—all gleaned from reading. Join Susan Aylward in a presentation on these interesting works.

Evening Yoga with Pam Sammartino*

Wednesday, January 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join Pam (from Yoga at the Beach) in an invigorating Yoga practice.

Mahjong Night at the Library*

Thursday, January 19 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join other players, or learn how to play for the first time.

Craftastic Evenings for Adults*

Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Try your hand at making sock snowmen to get in the mood for a snowy January.

Drop-in Programs-No registration required

Drop-In Genealogy Help

Monday, January 23 @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Helen Smith will be on hand in the South County Room to help you with your family research.

Fiber Arts Group—A social group for knitters and other fiber arts crafters

Thursday, January 12 @ 2:00-4:00 p.m.

A good time to work on current projects and chat with friends. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Technology Help-Get Answers to Your Questions

Friday, January 13 @ 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 27 @ 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 4 @ 1:30-4:00 p.m.