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# Among Friends

## North Kingstown Free Library News and Notes

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March 2023



IT IS ALMOST SPRING!!!

Get Your Gardens Ready with Help from the  
URI Master Gardeners

FREE GARDEN SEEDS  
AVAILABLE BEGINNING  
THE 2ND WEEK OF MARCH



### Message from the Director—Libraries Change Lives

Years ago, *The American Scholar* published a cartoon of tombstones showing trends, tools, and institutions that would die off in the first half of the twenty-first century. It was based on Richard Watson's "extinction timeline" from his 2007 book: *Future Files: A History of the Next 50 Years*. The tombstone for 2019 was engraved with the word **Libraries**.

Fortunately for all of us—librarians and the beloved communities we serve—Watson was wrong! Here we are in 2023 and libraries are not extinct. Far from it. In fact, libraries are more important than ever.

The mission of the public library has always been to be "all things to all people." Having been in existence in North America since the early 1700's, well before the American Revolution, the public library has had to be ever-changing in order to fulfill that mission. The mission of the NKFL is to meet "the changing and enduring cultural, educational, informational, recreational, and research needs of its users." The operative words in our mission are: **changing and enduring**. Because we pivot when we have to; and we play the long game, the NKFL will always be a vital resource in our community.

If you have any doubt about the endurance and vitality of this library or the public library in general, I encourage you to read an article that appeared in *The New York Times* February 14, 2023 issue: "A Love Letter to Libraries, Long Overdue" by Elizabeth Egan and Erica Ackerbert. The *Times* sent photographers to seven states to document the public library in today's historical moment in the life of our nation. The pictures of children reading, writing, playing the guitar, listening to an outdoor storytime session, of homebound book deliveries, of a Senior Social Club, of a bookmobile, of a tool-lending library, of a bike repair clinic, of Braille books, of a volunteer audiobook narrator, of children chasing bubbles—all vibrant activities happening in public libraries across the country—give me hope that public libraries will still be here for the next generation. Egan and Ackerbert end their lovely paean to the public library with these words: "We all know that books connect us, that language has quiet power. To see the concentration, curiosity and peace on faces lit by words is to know—beyond a shadow of a doubt, in a time rife with shadows—that libraries are the beating hearts of our communities. What we borrow from them pales in comparison to what we keep. How often we pause to appreciate their bounty is up to us".

Happy Spring, Susan Aylward



Back by popular demand!! Once again, the library will be distributing free garden seeds to the community. Garden seed "grab bags" will be available beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. Each bag contains 3 seed packets of one type of seed: vegetable, flower or herb. Please limit to one bag per person. The bags will be available on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay! Many thanks to the URI Master Gardeners and Ocean State Job Lot for providing seeds to public libraries.

HERALD THE COMING OF SPRING!  
MAKE A DECOUPAGE FLOWER POT



Craftastic Evening for Adults  
Thursday, March 30th  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Get ready for spring! We will be making a decoupage flower pot with Georgia.

Advance Registration Required



In addition to the seed distribution, the URI Master Gardeners will be coming to the library to offer educational programs this Spring.

Soil Health and Amendments  
Saturday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn about the different components of soil and how to keep your soil healthy. Participants will have the opportunity to bring their own soil samples to the library to be tested.

Advance Registration Required



CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irish in America with Mary King, Cathy Clasper-Torch and Dan Lanier  
Wednesday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

An all-Irish program, which embraces Irish history and culture in story and song.

## Story Times

### Registration is required

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

WINTER II Sessions have begun and will run through April 6th



### Mother Goose Time

Please register to attend only ONE series either Monday OR Thursday. Thank you!

**Monday series @ 10:00 a.m.**

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3

**Thursday series @ 9:30 a.m.**

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

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

### Toddler Time for Twos

Please register to attend only ONE series Either Wednesday OR Thursday. Thank you!

**Wednesday series @ 9:30 a.m.**

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

**Thursday series @ 10:30 a.m.**

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

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**

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

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

### LEGO DROP-IN

**Monday, March 13th  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We have the legos, bring your imagination!!



## TWO EVENTS FOR PARENTS

### Introduction to Homeschooling Information Session with Enrich RI



A RHODE ISLAND HOME EDUCATION COMMUNITY

**Registration is required.**

**Thursday, March 9th  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

For RI and MA parents considering homeschooling their child, this event will provide the information needed to get started.

**Registration is required.**

### R.I. Prevention Coalition Talks about the Incredible Years Program

**Tuesday, March 21st  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

The **Incredible Years Program** is a series of programs for parents, teachers, and caregivers to learn how to promote academic, social, and emotional competence in children as well as how to reduce, prevent, and treat behavioral and emotional problems in young children. Parents and children are welcome to attend. A guided STEAM activity will be provided for children while their parents/caregivers attend the info session.

**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.

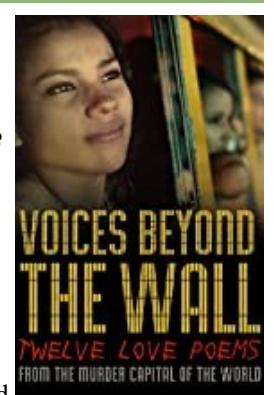
## Movie Night

### Movie Night\* Registration required

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Voices Beyond the Wall: Twelve Love Poems from the Murder Capital of the World*

A documentary chronicling the experiences of twelve young girls who grew up in Our Little Roses orphanage in Honduras and who learned to write profound and enduring poetry about their experience. The film's director, Brad Coley, and Fr. Spencer Reece, who developed the poetry program at the orphanage, will be on hand for Q&A after the film.



## Programs on the Calendar March 2023

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### Lectures, Events, & Activities

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### CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY

#### IRISH IN AMERICA\*

**Wednesday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m.**  
See newsletter front page for details

### VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

#### David Epstein

Monday, March 13th @ 1:00-2:00 p.m.

#### Chef Jernard Wells

Tuesday, March 21st @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### Pam Jenoff

Tuesday, March 28th @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### WORKSHOPS

#### Craftastic Evenings for Adults\*

Thursday, March 30th @ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Try your hand at making a decoupage flower pot with Georgia.

### YOGA CLASSES

#### Gentle Yoga with Pam Harrington\*

Friday, March 3rd @ 9:30 a.m.

#### Evening Yoga with Pam Sammartino\*

Wednesday, March 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.

### MAHJONG GROUP

#### Mahjong Night at the Library\*

Thursday, March 16th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Drop-in Programs-No registration required

#### Drop-In Genealogy Help

Monday, March 20th @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

#### A Good Yarn: A group for knitters, crocheters and other fiber arts crafters

Thursday, March 16th @ 2:00-4:00 p.m.

A monthly social group for knitters, crocheters and other fiber arts crafters. Meet other crafters and bring your own project to work on. No registration required.

#### Technology Help-Get Answers to Your Questions

Wednesday, March 8th @ 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21st @ 1:30-4:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY HOURS in MARCH & APRIL

The library will be open Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm on  
March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th  
April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th