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Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
WEEK**

April 19–25, 2026

from the executive director



Celebrating National Library Week

April has a way of waking everything up. The park greens up, the days stretch a little longer, and the library, always buzzing with quiet energy, comes alive with a special sense of purpose. April also brings National Library Week (Sunday, April 19 - Saturday, April 25), a nationwide celebration of libraries, library workers, and the communities that make them thrive. This year's theme, "Find Your Joy" fits so well as we have been a place that has long been a hub for curiosity, creativity, and connection.

Libraries, including Westerly Library, are more than shelves of books and study tables. We're makerspaces, meeting places, digital gateways, and cultural anchors. We are open to everyone, regardless of age, background, or circumstance offering access to information, technology, and lifelong learning. And we provide refuge, inspiration, and opportunity all with a spirit of generosity and public service.

Westerly Library & Wilcox Park embodies all of this, blending a historic building with a vibrant calendar of programs and the natural beauty of Wilcox Park, every day. National Library Week simply gives us a moment to pause and appreciate it. So, whether you're attending an event, checking out a new book, exploring Wilcox Park, or simply stopping in to say hello, your presence is part of what makes this place special. This April, let's celebrate the library - not just as a building, but as a living, breathing part of our community.

We have a full slate of events to honor National Library Week and invite everyone, whether lifelong patrons or first time visitors. Rediscover what makes this place extraordinary.

Highlights of National Library Week Events

Below is a curated look at the special happenings planned throughout the week. Be sure to check out our calendar at the end of this publication or on our website for the full program and events schedule for this week as well as all the other days of the month.

- All of National Library Week
 - Participate in the all-ages Scavenger Hunt. Stop by any of our service desks to pick up the clues to the scavenger hunt.
- Monday
 - In celebration of ALA National Library Week's Right to Read Day, we will be screening the film "The Librarians". The documentary will be followed by a Q&A and panel discussion.
- Tuesday
 - Tuesday is National Library Workers Day. I ask that you take a moment to thank our fabulous staff who work tirelessly to bring you all the wonderful programs, services, resources, and spaces that bring you joy.
 - Join us for Joyful Movement on April 7th and 21st. This program will be centered around music, movement, and active joy at the library! For Kids ages 4+ and their caregivers.
- Wednesday
 - National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day) celebrates library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. Did you know that we provide a Homebound Delivery service for anyone permanently or temporarily homebound? Visit westerlylibrary.org/homebound-delivery for more information.
- Thursday
 - Take Action for Libraries Day is a day to rally advocates to support libraries. A specific action will be announced by ALA's Public Policy & Advocacy Office during National Library Week. Contact your member of Congress and ask them to support libraries: ala.org/takeaction
- Friday
 - For the Love (and Joy) of Trees: An Arbor Day Celebration. Entertainment in the auditorium from 10 am - noon followed by a ceremonial tree planting in the park. Take a tree home and do your part to increase our tree canopy! Free tree saplings will be given away in the park.
- Saturday
 - The week wraps up with a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who help keep the library and park thriving. Their dedication is the quiet force behind so much of what the community enjoys.

Warmly,

Brigitte Hopkins
Executive Director

find your joy



Art ©2026 by Lorraine Nam from *I'm So Happy You're Here*

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19–25, 2026

ALA American
Library
Association

Library
Champions
Investing in America's Libraries

Find **YOUR** joy in our themed programs, activities and displays for all ages, all month long:

KIDS

Monday, 04/06, 9 am-8 pm: [Kids Take & Make: Active Joy Fortune Teller](#)

Tuesdays, 04/07 & 04/21, 10:30-11:00 am: [Joyful Movement](#)

Wednesday, 04/22, 10:00-10:30 am: [Storytime "Library Joy"](#)

TWEENS

Thursdays, 4-5 pm: [Tween Craft Times](#) | 04/02 Bookmarks, 04/09 Library Card Holders, 04/16 Reading Trackers, 04/23 Recycled Book Journals/Purses, 04/30 Recycled Book Page Art

Stop by our "Joy Board" to draw or write what brings you joy!

TEENS

All month long:
DIY Craft Table: Rubber Duck decorating, while supplies last; Mini Coloring Sets with inspirational quotes; Take & Makes: Joyful Zines

ADULTS

Monday, 04/06, 9 am-8 pm: [Crafternoon To-Go: Acrylic Bookmarks](#)

Monday, 04/20, 5:00-7:15 pm: ["The Librarians" Film Screening + Discussion](#)

Wednesday, 04/29, 6-7 pm: [Chocolate & Coffee: A Perky Pairing](#)

ALL AGES

04/20-04/25, during library hours: [Find Your Joy | National Library Week Scavenger Hunt](#)

Saturday, 04/25, 1-3 pm: [Family Movie Matinee: "Matilda"](#)

national library week

[National Library Week](#) is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

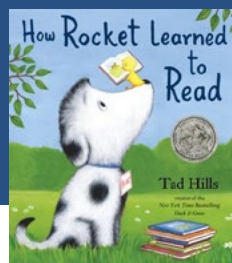
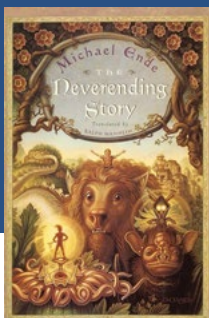
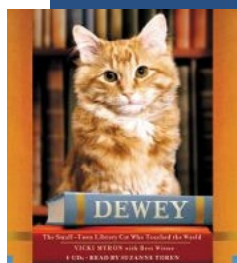
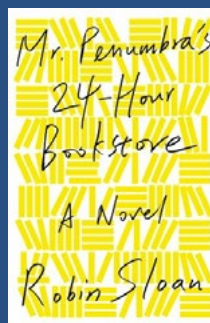
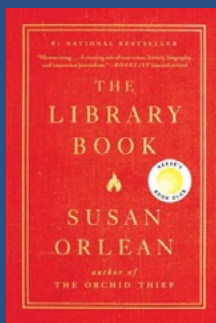
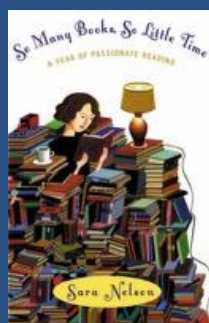
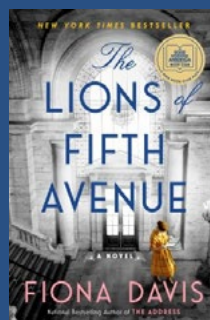
Where do you find joy at the library? “Find Your Joy,” is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library. The theme amplifies a message that is ever-present in Mychal Threets’ recurring viral videos about the innumerable ways people can find joy in the library, and in his debut picture book, [I’m So Happy You’re Here: A Celebration of Library Joy](#), published on February 3, 2026. Threets is an award-winning librarian, author, new host of the children’s program “Reading Rainbow”, and will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week.

At Westerly Library and Wilcox Park, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides more than just books with programs for all ages, a makerspace to create, free Wi-Fi, digital collections, a Library of Things, and more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

However you find joy, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, Westerly Library & Wilcox Park is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

Click the book covers to explore some of our picks on libraries, reading, books, and writing!



42nd Annual Garden Market Fair

Sunday, May 17th
9 am-2 pm

Please join Westerly Library and Wilcox Park for our **42nd Annual Garden Market Fair, Sunday, May 17th from 9 am-2 pm!**

Wander through Wilcox Park to find everything from annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, organic vegetables, herbs, and accessories for purchase as well as tables with community nonprofit organizations, food, and music with The Westerly Band. Don't forget to visit with the alpacas!

For vendor opportunities, and the most up-to-date list of participants and activities, visit:

westerlylibrary.org/event/42nd-annual-garden-market-fair

Activities:

- Sound Bath with Zen Zone at 9 am
- Soil testing with URI Master Gardeners
- Kids Korner with Natural Arts painting and making your own Dish Gardens
- Live animals with Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
- Visit with the Alpacas
- Food truck with Westerly High School's "Highland Grille"
- Live music with The Westerly Band

Plant and Nature:

- Berry Island Dahlias
- Berry Island Soap Company
- Blue Moon Farm Perennials
- Colbey Sales and Service Co.
- Delightfully Evil Designs
- Earth Essence Herbals
- Frontier Farm
- Green Infrastructure Center, Inc.
- Growing Hope Farm
- Hallene Farm
- Lazy K Ranch
- Lovewell Farms
- Paul-N-Dina Gardens
- Westerly Library & Wilcox Park
- Wood and Ink
- Zen Zone

Nonprofits:

- Dante Society of Westerly
- Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
- Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- League of Women Voters of South County RI
- Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
- RI Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC)
- URI Master Gardeners
- Watch Hill Conservancy
- The Westerly Band
- Westerly Land Trust
- Westerly Village-The Village Common RI
- WildRoots Play

park news



development news



DUCK CERTIFICATES

— On Sale Now! —

See Circulation Desk staff in the library to sponsor a duck. Duck Race certificates will be available until April 16th or until we sell out.

only \$5



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

Downtown Westerly-Pawcatuck

Feeling Lucky | Sponsor a Ducky



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J. McLaughlin Sip & Shop

**Saturday, April 25
11 AM-4 PM**

J. McLaughlin in Watch Hill will donate a portion of sales to Westerly Library & Wilcox Park in celebration of National Library Week.

**J. McLaughlin
124 Bay Street
Watch Hill, RI**




WESTERLY LIBRARY & WILCOX PARK

Find Your Joy



Help us ensure that all of our programs, materials, and resources that bring so much joy remain free to all! Donations received between April 19-25 will count towards our National Library Week Challenge. Our Board of Trustees will chip in \$10 for every donation secured during library week with a maximum match of \$2,200.



GOAL: \$245,000 BY JUNE 30, 2026

[Click to Give Online](#)

program spotlights

adult services

[“The Librarians” Film Screening + Discussion, Monday, April 20, 5:00-7:15 pm, Auditorium](#)



In celebration of ALA National Library Week’s Right to Read Day, we will be screening the indie lens’ “The Librarians”. The documentary will be followed by a short discussion about censorship efforts in Westerly with Bill Lancellotta, Assistant Director at Westerly Library, and Marianne Mirando, retired Westerly High School Librarian.

[Earth Day Book Club, Wednesday, April 22, 2-4 pm, Champlin Farm Preserve](#)



Join us and The Westerly Land Trust once again for a free Earth Day-inspired event, at the Champlin Farm Preserve! We’ll be discussing “Is the River Alive” by Robert Macfarlane, and we will be giving out free copies to the first 10 participants, or check out a copy with your library card. Click the link above to register or visit: westerlylandtrust.org/event/is-a-river-alive-book-club/

[Adult Craft & Movie Night Monday, April 27, 5:30-7:30 pm, Auditorium](#)



If you’re a fan of crafts and comfort films, you won’t want to miss our new Craft & Movie Night! Each month, we’ll watch a film while working on a simple arts & crafts project. This month, we’re working on Color by Number art while watching *Secondhand Lions* starring Haley Joey Osment, Robert Duvall, and Michael Caine. This program is free and open to the public, but preregistration is requested. Register above, or by calling Reference at (401) 596-2877 x306.

[Chocolate & Coffee: A Perky Pairing, Wednesday, April 29, 6-7 pm, Auditorium](#)



Is there a better pairing than coffee and chocolate? We think not! In this fun and delicious program, Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreations will discuss the history and health benefits of coffee and chocolate, and participants will taste-test different pairings throughout the presentation. The coffee served will be decaf! Registration is required at the link above or by contacting Reference at (401) 596-2877 x306 or reference@westerlylibrary.org.

[For our full calendar of events, click here or visit: westerlylibrary.org/calendar-of-events](#)

program spotlights

youth services

[Joyful Movement, Tuesdays, April 7 & 21, 10:30-11:00 am, Terrace Room](#)



In celebration of National Library Week and “Find Your Joy!”, kids ages 4+ and their caregivers are welcome to join us for Joyful Movement on April 7th and 21st. This program will be centered around music, movement, and active joy at the library!

[Pokémon Club, Fridays, April 3 & 17, 4-5 pm, Tween Space](#)



Kids and Tweens ages 7-12 are welcome to join us in the Castle in the Kids room to enjoy everything Pokémon! We have cards, crafts and more so come check it out!

[Teen Book Club, Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, Teen Space](#)



Drop in to join our Teen Book Club to chat about what you are currently reading! Be prepared to swap book titles, eat snacks and meet other teens who love to read. While you are here, check out the Teen Space’s “BookTok” shelf to find the newest additions to our collection. At this time there are no assigned books to read for this club. This program is for teens in grades 7-12. Registration is not required.

[Family Movie Matinee: *Matilda*, Saturday, April 25, 1-3 pm, Auditorium](#)



Join us for Family Movie Matinee! This month, we will be celebrating Library Week with one of our favorite library users, Matilda! This film is rated PG.

program spotlights

public services

[Makerspace Open House, April 20, 22 & 25, Makerspace](#)



Stop by to see what we have to offer in our Makerspace!

Monday, 04/20, 11 am-3 pm - Makerspace and Assistive Tech
 Wednesday, 04/22, 12-4 pm - Craft Day
 Saturday, 04/25, 10 am-2 pm - Staff Tech Demo

[Digital Learning Hub: Computer Basics, Wednesday, April 22, 6-7 pm, Auditorium](#)



New to computers or need a refresh? Join our tech staff for this beginner-friendly class where you'll learn essential skills like starting your computer, saving and reopening files, and creating folders to stay organized. Register at the link above or visit: westerlylibrary.org/event/digital-learning-hub-computer-basics

all ages

[Find Your Joy | National Library Week Scavenger Hunt, April 20-25, during regular library hours, Westerly Library](#)

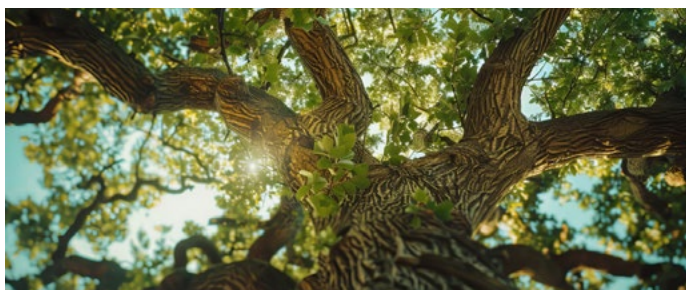


We're celebrating National Library Week with a week-long, all-ages Scavenger Hunt in the library! From April 20th to April 25th, stop by any of our service desks to pick up the clues to the scavenger hunt, which will bring you all around the library (and perhaps even into the park). The hunt is appropriate for all ages, though our smallest library visitors may need some adult assistance. Drop off your completed form to the desk, and earn a small prize.x306, or email reference@westerlylibrary.org

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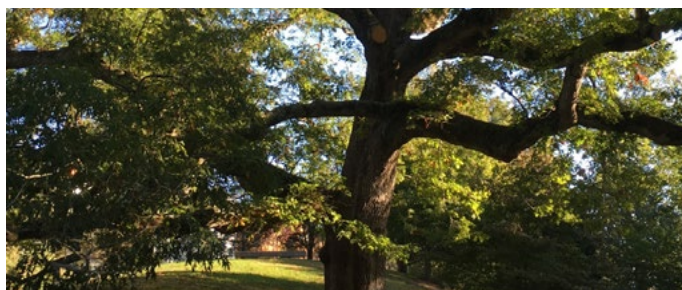
park

[For the Love of Trees | An Arbor Day Celebration, Friday, April 24, 10 am-12 pm, Auditorium & Park](#)



In partnership with The Westerly Friends Meeting and The Westerly Land Trust join us for an Arbor Day celebration featuring music and entertainment with Frank Pendola and John Roarke. Deirdre O'Connor of the Westerly Land Trust will talk programs and events families can participate and speak about how the Westerly Land Trust is helping the tree canopy of Westerly. Poetry reading by Mark Diekmann. Arborist, Ashley Ravo, will share how to care for our trees. Ceremonial tree planting in the park to follow from 12- 1 pm. Take a tree home and do your part to increase our tree canopy! Free tree saplings will be given away in the park.

[Walking Tour of Wilcox Park | Specimen Trees Saturday, April 25, 10:00-11:30 am, Wilcox Park](#)



Come join URI Master Gardeners for a walking tour of specimen trees at beautiful Wilcox Park. The tours are from 10:00-11:30 AM. URI Master Gardeners will lead you around one loop of the Park. The tour will begin and end on the park Esplanade at the side entrance of the library. Tour showcases some of the Master Gardeners' favorite trees in the Park, and will also tell you a bit about trees: how they grow and reproduce and, how to identify some trees.

Tours are held the 4th Saturdays of the month, except May & June.

Clubs & Meetups

Sewers in Stitches: Mondays • 2:00-4:00 PM • Terrace Room

Knit & Crochet Group: Tuesdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Makerspace

The Dramatic Book Club • 1st Monday of the month • 2-4 pm • Roberts Room

The Poetry Gathering: 2nd Monday of the month • 5:00-7:00 PM • Terrace Room

Monday Night Book Discussion: 3rd Monday of the month • 5:30-6:45 PM • Roberts Room

Mostly Fiction Book Club: 2nd Tuesday of the month • 6:00-7:30 pm • Terrace Room

Learn the Language of Ireland: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month • 6:15-7:30 pm • Terrace Room

Caregiver Support Group: 2nd Wednesday of the month • 5:30-6:30 PM • Roberts Room

Cookbook Club: 2nd Wednesday of the month • 6:00-7:30 PM • Terrace Room

Silent Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month • 5:30-7:00 PM • Old Main Reading Room

Chess Club (All ages): Thursdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Old Main Reading Room

Westerly Area Needleworkers: 1st & 3rd Saturdays • 9 AM-12 PM • Roberts Room

Westerly Writers Group: 1st & 3rd & 5th Saturdays • 10 AM-12 PM • Makerspace

[For our full calendar of events, click here or visit: westerlylibrary.org/calendar-of-events](http://westerlylibrary.org/calendar-of-events)

hanging in the hoxie



April Exhibition | The Artists of the Olean Center

This month's exhibition will feature pieces from artists of the Olean Center! Head to the Hoxie Gallery from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, April 1st for an opportunity to meet the artists. Their pieces can be viewed in the Hoxie Gallery through the month of April during library hours. "See ME" will showcase artwork about the unique interests of the artists of the Olean Center.

Celebrate the work of the artists with a chance to create with them! They will be creating art in the Hoxie Gallery during 1 hour classes in the Hoxie Gallery on Tuesday, March 31st and Thursday, April 2nd at 10 am & 2 pm.

About the Olean Center:

The Olean Center inspires individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their potential through our nurturing environment that promotes independence and inclusion. For more information on the Olean Center please visit:

oleancenter.org

For more information on the artists, upcoming exhibits, and the Hoxie Gallery please visit:

westerlylibrary.org/hoxie-gallery

**Opening
Reception**
Wednesday,
April 1st,
5-7 PM



air

artist-in-residence

April/May 2026
Visual Artist
John Haiduk

save the date:

Saturday, May 16th • 11 AM-2 PM • Wilcox Park
Community Canvas Session



John Haiduk, known as SKRIBBLES, is a multidisciplinary artist originally from New Jersey and currently based at Western Avenue Studios and Lofts in Lowell, Massachusetts. His practice spans drawing, writing, coding, painting, and fabrication. Today he spends most of his time designing digital and physical systems that support his creative process. Across all mediums, his philosophy centers on creating order out of chaos.

During this eight-week residency at Westerly Library and Wilcox Park, Haiduk will continue his painting series on upcycled door panels. Much of this project will be created outdoors in the park or during sessions at local venues. Live painting was once the primary way Haiduk shared his art with the public and he is excited to bring that energy to Westerly. He will also host community canvas sessions near The Cottage, inviting the public to paint alongside him. These pop-ups reflect his passion for collaboration by creating accessible entry points for anyone to engage with art.

To learn more about John, our AIR program, or to apply, please visit: westerlylibrary.org/artist-in-residence

drive up drop off book drive



Friends

of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park

[Book Drive with Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park • Saturday, April 18th, 9 am-1 pm](#)

Donate your gently-used books without leaving your car - It's as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

- Load up your car with book donations
- Drive to the Drop Off Area
- Friends' volunteers will take your books
- Drop Off area is in the parking lot on High Street, between Post Office and Miceli's Furniture, near entrance to Wilcox Park
- We accept donations of clean hardback and paperback books in good condition and from all genres

We don't take smelly or stained books, magazines, textbooks, or Reader's Digest books. Book donations will be sold at the Friends' annual book sale with proceeds benefiting Westerly Library & Wilcox Park.



Interested in reserving space in The Pop-Up at Coy?
Visit: westerlylibrary.org/thepopupatcoy



Homebound Delivery

A library service for homebound patrons, delivered to you by our volunteers! Service provides monthly delivery and pickup of materials provided to those unable to visit the library due to temporary or permanent illness, disability, immobility or otherwise, upon approval. Must be a Westerly or Town of Stonington resident.

For details and to apply, visit: westerlylibrary.org/homebound-delivery



**Susan Rosen, Volunteer
Community Resource Advocate**
Tuesdays/1-3 PM/Roberts Room

Susan is available weekly to offer guidance to connect your or loved ones with local resources available based on specific needs.

email: advocate@westerlylibrary.org

Visit our website events calendar for their most up-to-date schedules.

**Toby, Volunteer Mental Health
Advocate**
Thursdays/10 AM-12 PM/Roberts Room

If you have concerns about your wellbeing and want to talk to someone, feel free to stop in to see Toby, available weekly.

books, media & more

for customized
recommendations
click here



[*Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*](#) by Olga Tokarczuk
Recommended by Michaela

A deeply satisfying thriller cum fairy tale, *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* is a provocative exploration of the murky borderland between sanity and madness, justice and tradition, and autonomy and fate.



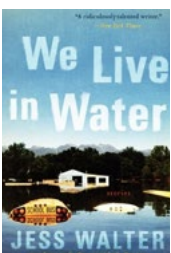
[*The Art Thief*](#) by Michael Finkel
Recommended by Colleen

For centuries, works of art have been stolen in countless ways from all over the world, but no one has been quite as successful at it as the master thief Stéphane Breitwieser.



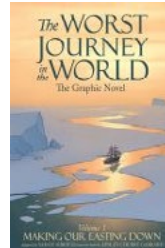
[*What Moves the Dead*](#) by T. Kingfisher
Recommended by Keara

From T. Kingfisher, the award-winning author of *The Twisted Ones*, comes *What Moves the Dead*, a gripping and atmospheric retelling of Edgar Allan Poe's classic "The Fall of the House of Usher."



[*We Live in Water*](#) by Jess Walter
Recommended by Sara

"*We Live in Water*, the first collection of short fiction from New York Times bestselling author Jess Walter, is a suite of diverse, often comic stories about personal struggle and diminished dreams.



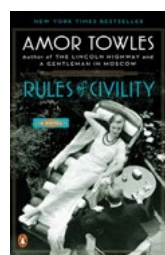
[*The Worst Journey in the World*](#) by Sarah Airriess
Recommended by Claire

It's June 1910, and Cherry, inexperienced and unqualified, has just joined Captain Scott's new expedition to the South Pole. Simply getting to Antarctica turns out to be an adventure.



[*Julie Chan is Dead*](#) by Liann Zhang
Recommended by Hannah

A young woman steps into her deceased twin's influencer life, only to discover dark secrets hidden behind her social media façade.



[*Rules of Civility*](#) by Emily Austin
Recommended by Brigitte

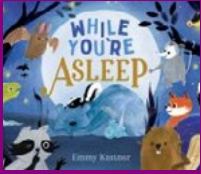
On the last night of 1937, twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent is in a second-rate Greenwich Village jazz bar when Tinker Grey, a handsome banker, happens to sit down at the neighboring table.



[*Interesting Facts About Space*](#) by Emily Austin
Recommended by Kim

"Meet Enid: a lesbian who's a serial dater and deaf in one ear. She works at The Space Agency as an information architect, and when she's not obsessing over true crime podcasts, she's managing her crippling phobia of bald people.

youth picks



While You're Asleep by Emmy Kastner

Recommended by Julianna

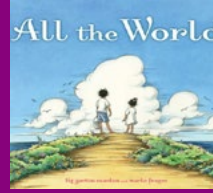
While reading a bedtime story starring sleepy animals dozing off, the unflappable narrator, distracted by nocturnal animals who have anything but sleep on their minds, improvises the nocturnal brood into the verse.



If We Were Dogs by Sophie Blackwell

Recommended by Casey

Two children navigate their friendship as they imagine what it would be like to be dogs.



All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon

Recommended by Amanda

Follow a circle of family and friends through the course of a day from morning till night as they discover the importance of all things great and small in our world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky.

video game recs

Visit our YouTube channel where you'll find a new Library Let's Plays courtesy of our Tween Librarian, Ben, every Thursday!



LEGO 2K Drive

Recommended by Ben

Welcome to Bricklandia, home of a massive open-world LEGO driving adventure. Race anywhere, play with anyone, build your dream rides, and defeat a cast of wild racing rivals for the coveted Sky Trophy! In LEGO 2K Drive, your awesome transforming vehicle gives you the freedom to speed seamlessly across riveting racetracks, off-road terrain, and open waters. Explore the vast world of Bricklandia, show off your driving skills, and build vehicles brick-by-brick!



Program Highlights

- [April Exhibition | The Artists of the Olean Center, April 1st, 5:00-7:00 pm](#)
- [Drop-in Art Class with Olean Center: Create with the Artists, Thursday, April 2nd, 10:00-11:00 am](#)
- [Drop-in Art Class with Olean Center: Create with the Artists, Thursday, April 2nd, 2:00-3:00 pm](#)
- [The Long History of Italian Pirates, Friday, April 4th, 1:00-2:30 pm](#)
- [Chorus of Westerly Pre-Concert Lecture | Edward Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius", Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00-7:00 pm](#)
- [The Role of Death Doulas with End-of-Life Rhode Island, Thursday, April 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm](#)
- [Dante Society Presents: The Innocents of Florence by Professor Joseph Luzzi, April 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm](#)
- [Nathanael Greene, Wednesday, April 15th, 6:00-7:00 pm](#)
- [Drive Up Drop Off Book Drive with Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park, Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm](#)
- [America 250 Westerly: Land, Sea & Liberty Adventure Day, Saturday, April 18th, 12:00-3:00 pm](#)
- [National Library Week | April 19-25: Find Your Joy!](#)
- [Find Your Joy | National Library Week Scavenger Hunt, April 20-25, Library Hours](#)
- [National Library Week: Right to Read Day, Monday, April 20th, 9:00 am-8:00 pm](#)
- [Makerspace Open House, Monday, April 20th, 11:00 am-3:00 pm](#)
- ["The Librarians" Film Screening & Discussion, Monday, April 20th, 5:00-7:15 pm](#)

- [National Library Week: National Library Workers Day, April 21st, 9:00 am-8:00 pm](#)
- [National Library Week, National Library Outreach Day, Wednesday, April 22nd, 9:00 am-8:00 pm](#)
- [Makerspace Open House, Wednesday, April 22nd, 12:00-4:00 pm](#)
- [Earth Day Book Club, Wednesday, April 22nd, 2:00-4:00 pm](#)
- [Digital Learning Hub: Computer Basics, Wednesday, April 22nd, 6:00-7:00 pm](#)
- [National Library Week: Take Action for Libraries Day, Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 am-8:00 pm](#)
- [For the Love of Trees | An Arbor Day Celebration, Friday, April 24th, 10:00 am-12:30 pm](#)
- [American Liberty Tree Planting in the Park, Friday, April 24th, 12:00-1:00 pm](#)
- [Makerspace Open House, Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm](#)
- [Family Movie Matinee | Matilda, Saturday, April 25th, 1:00-3:00 pm](#)
- [Adult Craft & Movie Night, Monday, April 27th, 5:30-7:30 pm](#)
- [Chocolate & Coffee: A Perky Pairing, Wednesday, April 29th, 6:00-7:00 pm](#)

Ongoing Programs & Events

MAKERSPACE

[Sewing Basics, Wednesday, April 1st, 15th, 29th, 6:00-6:30 pm](#)

[Laser Basics, Wednesday, April 9th, 23rd, 6:00-6:30 pm](#)

[Open Art Studio, Wednesday, April 1st, 15th, 29th, 6:30-7:30 pm](#)

ADULTS

Chess Club, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm

Cookbook Club, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm

Crafternoon To-Go, 1st Monday of the month, 9 am-8 pm

The Dramatic Book Club, 1st Monday of the Month, 2-4 pm

Knit and Crochet, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

Learn the Language of Ireland with Irish Coastal Club, 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:15-7:30 pm

Monday Night Book Discussion, 3rd Monday of the Month, 5:30-7:00 pm

Mostly Fiction Book Club, 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Poetry Gathering, 2nd Monday of the Month, 5-7 pm

Sewers in Stitches, Mondays, 2-4 pm

Silent Book Club, Last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30-7:00 pm

Weekly Meditation, Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 pm

Westerly Area Needle Workers, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9 am - 12 pm

Westerly Writers Group, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

TEENS

Homeschool Hangout, Mondays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Teen Book Club, Wednesdays, 4-5 pm

Teen Cafe, Saturdays, 1-3 pm

Teen Craft Collective, Thursdays, 4-5 pm

Teen and Tween Young Adventurers Guild, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm

TWEENS**D&D**

Tween D&D- Homeschool Group, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm

Tween D&D Group 3 Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm

Teen and Tween Young Adventurers Guild, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm

Homeschool Hangout, Mondays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Pokémon Club, April 3rd & 17th, 4-5 pm

Tween Craft Time, Thursdays, 4-5 pm

KIDS

Chapters, Cookies, & Coloring Club, Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45 pm

Homeschool Hangout, Mondays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Joyful Movement, April 7th & 21st, 10:30-11:00 am

Kids Craft Time, Thursdays, 4-5 pm

Kids Take & Make, 1st Monday of the month, 9 am-8 pm

Storytime, Wednesdays, 10 -10:30 am

Three and Younger Playgroup, Thursdays, 10:00 -10:45 am

We are All Readers Storywalk: "Big Enough" by Regina Linke, March 11th-April 11th

RESOURCES/INFORMATIONAL TABLES

Caregiver Support Group, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30-6:30 pm

Community Resources Advocate, Tuesdays, 1-3 pm

Mental Health Advocate, Thursdays, 10 am-12 pm

Project Outreach Veterans Assistance, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10-11 am



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Monday-Thursday: 9 AM-8 PM

Friday: 9 AM-6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM-4 PM

Sunday: Closed

Park Hours

Monday-Sunday: Dawn-9 PM



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