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from a staff member



June marks the start of LGBTQ+ Pride Month! Celebrated each year in June, Pride Month honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ liberation movement in the United States.

Libraries have had a complex relationship with the LGBTQ+ community. Historically, collection practices and storage methods often resulted in censorship, with LGBTQ+ materials left uncatalogued or difficult for the public to access. Following the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 we saw a change from out of the closet onto the shelves!

In 1970, librarians Janet Cooper and Israel Fishman met at the annual American Library Association conference to establish the organization's first official gay and lesbian caucus. This soon evolved into the Gay Liberation Task Force, the first group of its kind within any national professional organization!



Photograph by Kay Tobin Lahusen and copyright managed by the New York Public Library. Photo provided courtesy of the American Library Association Archives.

Pictured above, members of the Task Force on Gay Liberation at the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas 1971. Left to Right: Steve Wolf, Israel Fishman, Michael McConnell, Jack Baker, unidentified, Barbara Gittings, Mary McKenny, unidentified (half face in rear).

Today, libraries around the world celebrate Pride Month to recognize the lasting contributions and impact of LGBTQ+ individuals throughout local, national, and international history.

Westerly Library and Wilcox Park believes that libraries are for everyone and that everyone deserves safe, confidential, free access to library resources and services. As such, we are committed to providing a diverse and inclusive environment in which all community members are considered, welcomed, and represented.

Please save the date for our 5th Annual Pride in the Park! The event will feature a variety of local organizations sharing information about their services, free gelato, and a special performance by the Rhode Island Gay Men's Chorus under the direction of Kim Kuda.

Melanie Fricchione
Head of Youth Services

celebrating pride



Celebrate Pride Month with us! Colorful activities for all ages await you all month long:

KIDS

Monday, 06/08, 9 am-8 pm: [Kids Take & Make: Hanging Cardboard Rainbow](#)

Tuesday, 06/09, 2-3 pm: [Family Park Walk "Color Walk"](#)

Thursday, 06/11, 4-5 pm: [Kids Craft Time: Rainbow Dot Painting](#)

TWEENS

Display: Read with Pride. Books by and about LGBTQIA+ people.

Bulletin Board: Pride in the Park! We will have rainbows, unicorns, dinosaurs and flowers to add to bulletin board.

Take & Make: Design and paint your own wind chime to enjoy the start of summer.

TEENS

DIY Table Craft: Wooden rainbows, paint pens

Book Display: However You Pride is Perfect

Take & Makes: Zines, fidgets, clay, pastels coloring kits

Mini Coloring Sets: Pride & summer themes

Lego Table: Colorful Retro Wheels sets-roller skate, boombox, skateboard

ADULTS

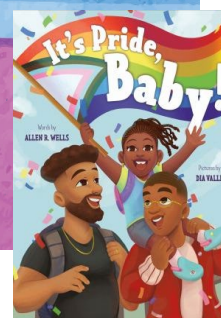
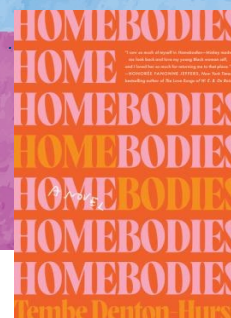
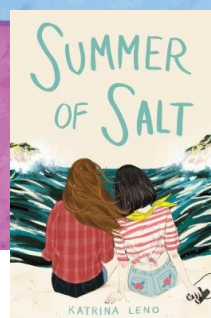
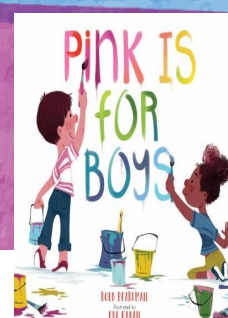
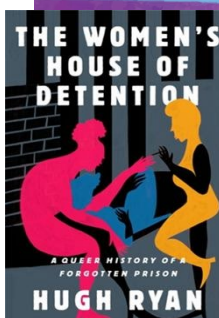
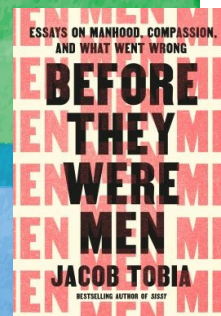
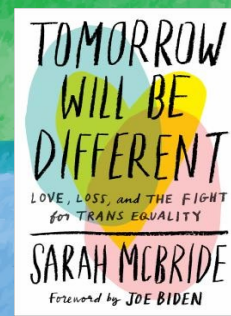
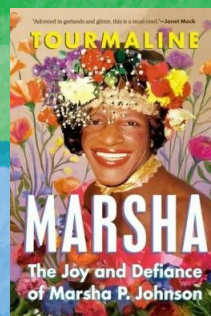
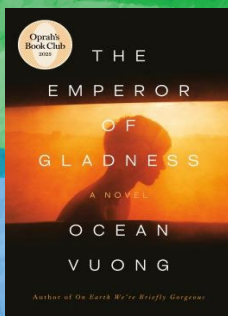
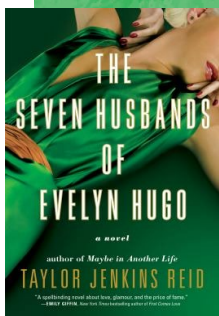
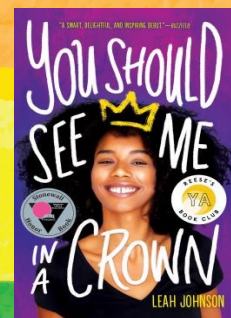
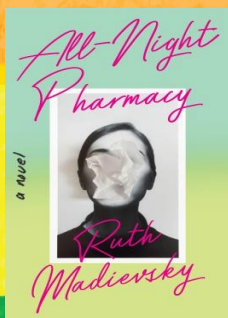
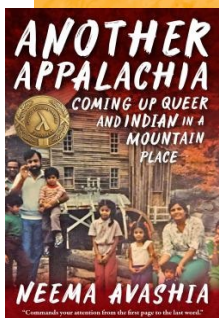
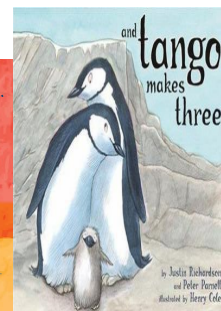
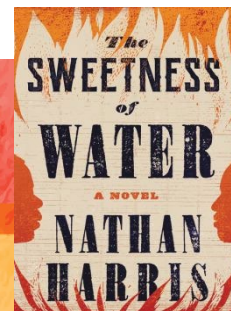
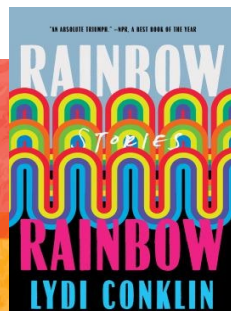
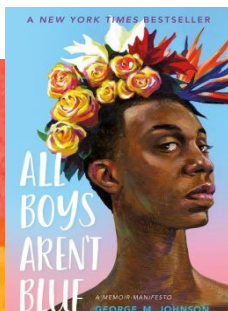
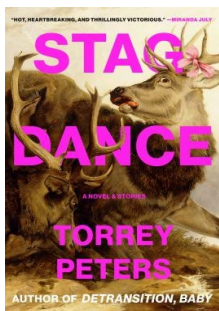
Monday, 06/08, 9 am-8pm: [Crafternoon To-Go | Rainbow Ribbon Bracelets](#)

ALL AGES

Saturday, 06/06, 12-2 pm: [Pride in the Park](#)

national pride month

Pride Month is an annual celebration of the many contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to history, society and cultures worldwide. In most places, Pride is celebrated throughout the month of June each year in commemoration of its roots in the Stonewall Riots of June 1969. To celebrate we have compiled a list of LGBTQIA+ book recommendations to read this month (and every month after)!





The Town of Westerly's Time Capsule will be on display on our main floor from Friday, June 5th-Tuesday, June 9th.

Letter templates will be available for the public to fill out and submit to be placed in the time capsule. Please feel free to leave your submissions in a sealed envelope with our Circulation desk (adjacent to the time capsule) OR they can be mailed or delivered to Westerly Town Hall. You can also submit digitally, and find more information on the time capsule project, here:

westerlyri.gov/864/United-States-Semiquincentennial

A ceremonial burial is scheduled at the Town Hall on Saturday, July 4th at 9 am.



Join Us

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

WESTERLY LIBRARY & WILCOX PARK AUDITORIUM

DAVID CULTON

INNOVATION CONSULTANT AND AI FACILITATOR
INVISIBLE CONSULTING LLC

WILL SPEAK ON

**MAKING SENSE OF AI: A PRACTICAL EXPLORATION FOR
WORK AND EVERYDAY LIFE**

THIS TALK IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INVITATION.

HOSTED BY THE

Ocean Community Collaborative

2026 summer reading program

PLANT A SEED, READ

This year's theme is "Plant a Seed, Read", which is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

Our program begins Saturday, June 27th with our [Summer Reading Kickoff 2026!](#) Join us in Wilcox Park from 12-2 pm to celebrate the start of summer with activities, treats, and more! This is an all-ages event, and anyone who signs up for our summer reading program will receive a free age-appropriate book.

During this event, we'll have a [Plant Swap](#) as well!

Pass along a plant that you no longer need, and bring home a new indoor or outdoor addition to your home.



PLANT SWAP

DROP OFF DAYS:

Wednesday, June 24th through Friday, June 26th

Drop off indoor or outdoor plants, cuttings, or seedings to the library's 2nd floor Reference Desk. All donations should be healthy, easily transportable, and in a pot or other container.

Participants will be asked to fill out a card with the name of the plant and care instructions (if known) upon dropoff.



Donated plants will be available without charge from 12-2 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Plant donations are not required to participate in the swap.

Find out how you can sign-up and participate in our

2026 Summer Reading Program here:

westerlylibrary.org/news/2026-summer-reading

Beginning June 26th, stop by Wilcox Park anytime to enjoy a Storywalk® featuring [Over in the Garden](#) by Janna Matthies. A Storywalk® is a fun way to get outdoors and enjoy a book by walking from page to page. This Storywalk® is in celebration of the 2026 "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program. The Storywalk® will be posted until July 6th.



The statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



program spotlights

adult services

[Fraud Basics, Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 pm, Auditorium](#)



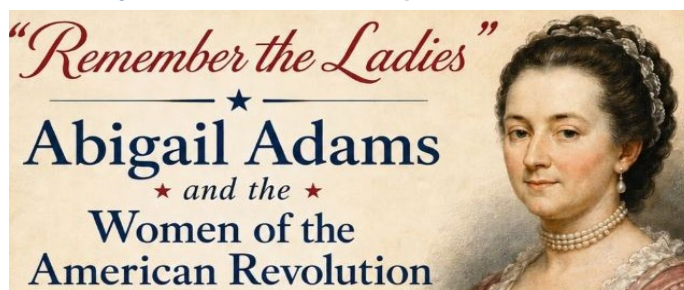
Join us for a free presentation hosted by AARP Rhode Island, as part of their Fraud Watch Network Series. This session will arm you with the latest data on fraud trends and provide tips and resources to protect yourself and your family. Preregistration is requested at the link above or by contacting us at reference@westerlylibrary.org or (401) 596-2877 x306

[The Web They Wove: Women & Their Wardrobes During New England's Revolution, Wednesday, June 10, 6:00-7:30 pm, Auditorium](#)



From the mythology of homespun to legends of midnight rides in red cloaks & calashes, the [Dirty Blue Shirts](#) share stories of women who waged war on multiple fronts as well as a look at what they wore as their worlds turn'd upside down. Presented by costumed historians, they'll have reproduction clothing pieces & fabric samples as well as a presentation with images of extant originals.

[League of Women Voters of South County Presents: "Remember the Ladies: Abigail Adams and the Women of the American Revolution", Saturday, June 13, 1:30-3:30 pm, Auditorium](#)



Presented by Dr. Suzanne McCormack, the program will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by exploring the often-overlooked contributions of women during the American Revolution. Through the story of Abigail Adams and other influential women of the era, attendees will gain insight into the political, social, and civic roles women played in shaping the nation's founding.

[Adult Craft & Movie Night Monday, June 29, 5:30-7:45 pm, Auditorium](#)



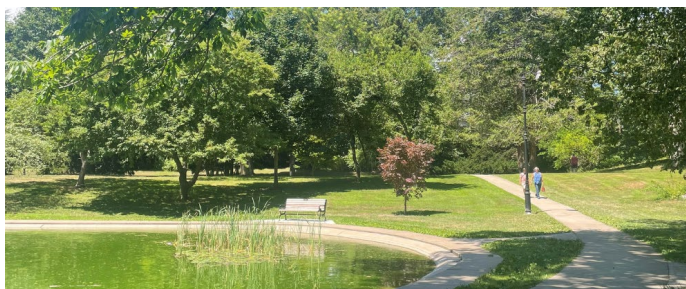
If you're a fan of crafts and comfort films, you won't want to miss our new Craft & Movie Night! Each month, we'll watch a film while working on a simple arts & crafts project. This month, we're making **Yarn Wall Hangings** while watching *Pretty in Pink* starring Molly Ringwald. film is rated PG-13. This program is free and open to the public, but preregistration is requested. Register at the link above, or by calling Reference at (401) 596-2877 x306.

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

program spotlights

youth services

[Family Park Walk, Tuesdays, 2-3 pm, Wilcox Park](#)



Families with kids ages 0-8 are welcome to join us for a weekly walk in Wilcox Park! Guided by our Kids Librarian, kids will be encouraged to keep an eye out for new plant growth, turtles, and more with a unique theme each week! We will meet at the Runaway Bunny statue at 2 pm and begin walking at 2:10 pm. Register at the link above to be notified of weather cancellations.

[Seaside Storytime, Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am, Westerly Town Beach](#)



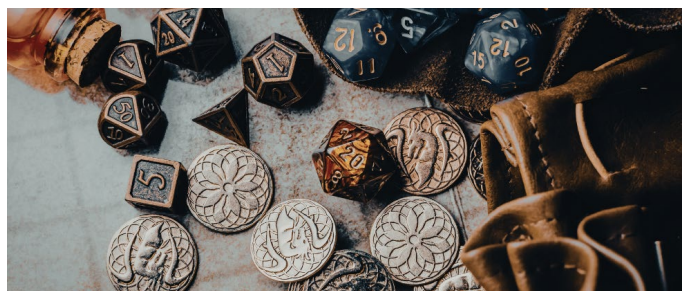
Join us at Westerly Town Beach Pavilion for a Seaside Storytime! Kids 0-8 and their caregivers are welcome to join for stories about the ocean, beach, and summer fun. Coloring pages and activity sheets will be provided before Storytime begins at 10 am. Seaside Storytime is free and open to all, however, parking directly at the Westerly Town Beach requires a parking pass.

[Seeds of Interest: Visible Mending, Monday, June 29, 4-5 pm, Teen Space](#)



Summer is the perfect time to cultivate a new hobby. Bring your interest in learning something new and Teen Space will provide the rest. Visible Mending is a fun and unique way to repair or customize clothing, bags, and so much more! We'll have: two 14-hook mini looms, a 16-hook mini loom, the rainbow's offering of embroidery floss, embroidery hoops, tapestry needles, a variety of fabric to customize, The Mending Dictionary and other helpful print resources

[Adventurers Guild: Tween and Teen Board Games, Tuesday, June 30, 3-5 pm, Terrace Room](#)



Adventurers guild is opening up for the summer! Our regular D&D groups are taking a pause so Tweens and Teens of all sorts can explore new frontiers! We have all sorts of board games and card games. For those hoping for more D&D, we have enough books and know-how to help you start a campaign of your own! No registration needed. Our Regular Dungeons and Dragons groups will resume in the fall.

program spotlights

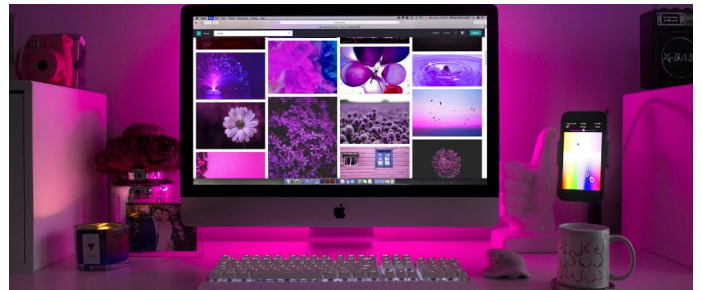
public services

[Sewing Basics, June 10 & 24, 6:00-6:30 pm, Makerspace](#)



Stop by the Makerspace to learn how to sew and more! From learning your stitches to winding bobbins, develop your sewing skills using our sewing machine along with other materials. Ages 16 and up, or with parental guidance for younger ages.

[Digital Learning Hub: File Management Basics, Wednesday, June 17, 6-7 pm, Makerspace](#)



Join us to learn how to find electronic files quickly and easily by creating folders, organizing files into folders, and managing content in this class. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own materials. The Digital Learning Hub program will be held every third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Makerspace, located on the first floor. Register at the link above.

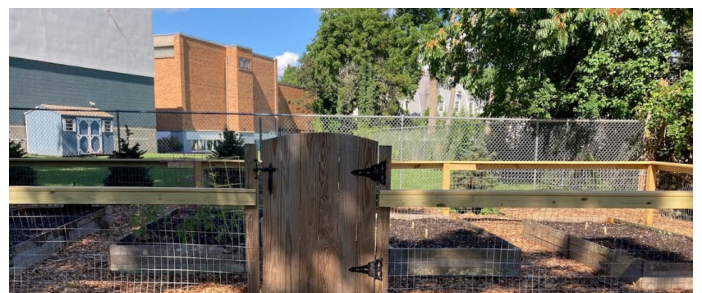
all ages

[Pride in the Park, Saturday, June 6, 12-2 pm, Wilcox Park](#)



Pride is coming to Wilcox Park! Join us as we celebrate Pride Month with activities, gelato, and music by DJ Gadget! Don't miss our opening ceremony at 12:00 featuring a performance by the Rhode Island Gay Men's Chorus under the direction of Kim Kuda. For our full list of participants, visit: westerlylibrary.org/event/pride-park-2

[Garden Club, Mondays, 10-11 am, Wilcox Park](#)



Join us in the Education Garden in Wilcox Park to learn more about what's growing! We'll track the progress of our plants through measuring and observations. Learn more about the plants that are growing and how to make scientific observations!

This program is open to all ages and anyone interested in learning more about gardening is welcome to join.

program spotlights

park

[Summer Strings | A Student Violin Concert, Sunday, June 7, 1-2 pm, Wilcox Park](#)



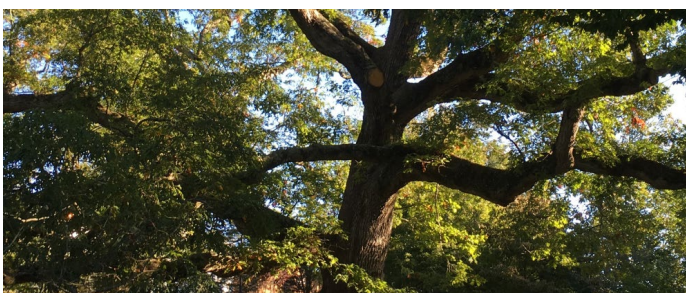
Join us for a violin orchestra performance presented by the Violin School under the direction of Ashley Jones, with selections from renowned composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Antonio Vivaldi, alongside modern pieces, folk tunes, lively jigs, and a traditional Celtic air. You're encouraged to bring blankets or chairs for this family-friendly event.

[URI Master Gardener Kiosk, Saturday, June 13 & 27, 9 am-12 pm, Wilcox Park](#)



Ask a Master Gardener and get a free soil test! Bring your garden questions, insects, damaged leaves, etc.! Get research-based answers to all your gardening questions. Have your soil tested and get advice on how to improve it! URI Master Gardeners will be on the Esplanade outside the library (inside if it rains), every 2nd & 4th Saturday from June-October.

[Walking Tour of Wilcox Park | Specimen Trees, Saturday, June 13, 10:00-11:30 am, Wilcox Park](#)



Wilcox Park is home to many native trees, shrubs, and has several gardens planted mainly with native species. During this tour you will learn about the value of natives, and see the native perennials and trees in the park. URI Master Gardeners will lead you around one loop of the Park and it begins and ends on the park Esplanade. Tours are held the 2nd Saturday of the month, May-October, except June.

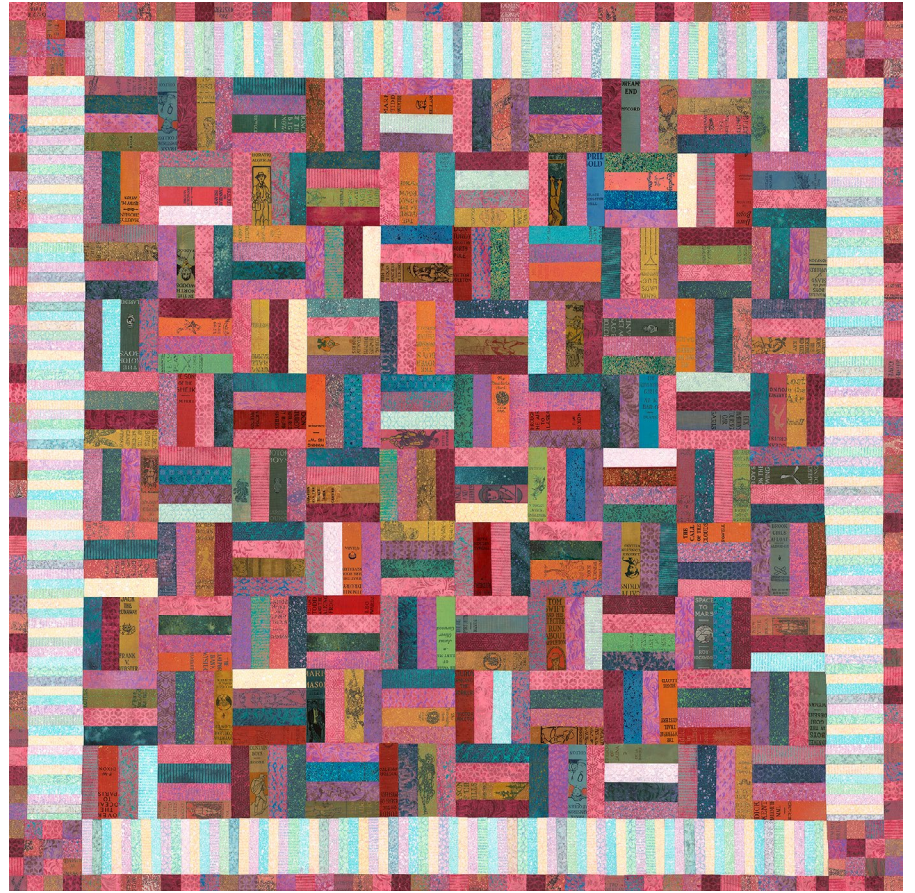
[Walking Tour of Wilcox Park | Native Flowers and Trees, Saturday, June 27, 10:00-11:30 am, Wilcox Park](#)



Come join URI Master Gardeners for a walking tour of specimen trees at beautiful Wilcox Park. They will lead you around one loop of the Park, beginning and ending on the park Esplanade. Wilcox Park is a world class arboretum and holds over 150 different tree species. Learn a bit about trees: how they grow and reproduce and, how to identify some trees. Tours are held the 4th Saturdays of the month, May-October, except May & June.

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hanging in the hoxie



Biblioquilts with Larry Clifford: “Off the Shelf”

This month’s exhibit will feature works by Maine artist, Larry Clifford! Head to the Hoxie Gallery from 1-3 pm Saturday, May 30th for a presentation and demo with the artist. Works can be viewed in the Hoxie Gallery from Saturday, May 30th-Thursday, June 25th during library hours.

“My BiblioQuilts and murals are created using distressed books that were salvaged from basements, attics, and public libraries throughout Maine. I repurpose every part of the books I find —the covers, the pages, the spines—breathing new life into my materials with the addition of dyes, inks, and acrylics. Postcards, maps, and other ephemera may be tempting, but I restrict my palette to neglected books. That’s what makes the work both challenging and unique.

Quilts made from recycled cloth are nothing new. But the combination of mixed media and repurposed books presents a whole new challenge. Each piece is comprised of thousands of “tiles” that were meticulously hand-cut from discarded or damaged hardcovers – books that no one has read or paid attention to in decades. Most were on their way to the landfill. I carry an inventory of pre-made BiblioQuilts, and I collaborate with families, libraries, and communities on commissioned pieces and murals. My goal is to create original works of art that evoke warm memories for everyone involved.”

For more information on the artist, upcoming exhibits, and the Hoxie Gallery please visit: westerlylibrary.org/hoxie-gallery

**Opening
Reception**
Wednesday,
May 30th,
1-3 PM



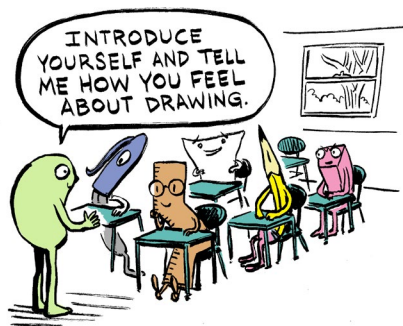
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artist-in-residence

July/August 2026
Cartoonist/Art Educator/Author
Cara Bean

save the dates:

Mindful Doodling for the Entire Community! |
Thursday, July 16th • 10:00-11:30 AM • The Cottage
Open Studio at The Cottage | Thursday, August
27th • 6-8 PM



Cara Bean is a cartoonist, art educator, and the author of [Here I Am, I Am Me: An Illustrated Guide to Mental Health](#). Her book was named to the Children's Book Council's 2025 Favorites lists for both Middle Grade and Teacher Favorites and was shortlisted for the Graphic Medicine International Comics Awards. Cara leads interactive workshops that spark creativity for people of all ages and backgrounds, with a special focus on how drawing can nurture mindfulness and imagination.

"In my upcoming work "Why Draw?", I explore the true heartbeat of a creative practice: the idea that drawing is not about a "good" picture, but about the curiosity and confidence gained through the process. As a cartoonist, I will communicate these ideas directly to the reader through panels, word balloons, and storytelling.



I view the sketchbook as a playground for the mind—a sanctuary where we can be messy, experimental, and entirely ourselves. For many of us, the inner critic and the pressure of perfectionism act as barriers to expression. My work focuses on dismantling those hurdles and championing the doodle as a vital tool for confidence and clarity.

Ultimately, this project is a celebration of the everyday practice. Whether you are a lifelong artist or haven't picked up a pencil in years, I want to show that the real magic isn't found in a finished masterpiece. It lives within the scribbles, mistakes, and the honest, unpolished moments that fill our sketchbooks."

LOUISE BOURGEOIS DREW FOR HER ENTIRE LIFE.



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

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



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.

**Toby, Volunteer Mental Health
Advocate**

Thursdays/10 AM-12 PM/Roberts Room

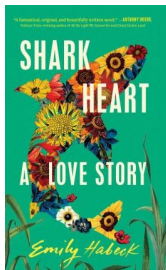
If you have concerns about your wellbeing and want to talk to someone, feel free to stop in to see Toby, available weekly.

email: advocate@westerlylibrary.org

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

books, media & more

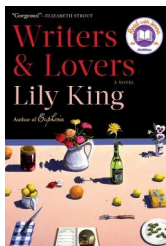
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[Shark Heart](#) by Emily Habeck

Recommended by Keara

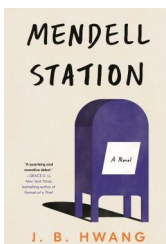
For Lewis and Wren, their first year of marriage is also their last. A few weeks after their wedding, Lewis receives a rare diagnosis. He will retain most of his consciousness, memories, and intellect, but his physical body will gradually turn into a great white shark



[Writers and Lovers](#) by Lily King

Recommended by Kim

Blindsided by her mother's sudden death, and wrecked by a recent love affair, Casey Peabody has arrived in Massachusetts in the summer of 1997 without a plan. Her mail consists of wedding invitations and final notices from debt collectors.



[Mendell Station](#) by J.B. Hwang

Recommended by Casey

It's January 2020, and Miriam is already getting a sense that the world might be ending. First, she learns that her best friend, Esther, has died. Then her faith in God—in everything, really—follows suit.



[First Lie Wins](#) by Ashley Elston

Recommended by Brigitte

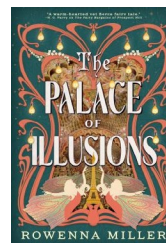
Evie Porter has everything a nice, Southern girl could want: a perfect, doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence and a garden, a fancy group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.



[Alchemised](#) by SenLinYu

Recommended by Julianna

Once a promising alchemist, Helena Marino is now a prisoner--of war and of her own mind. For her prison and captor have secrets of their own ... secrets Helena must unearth, whatever the cost.



[The Palace of Illusions](#) by Rowenna Miller

Recommended by Lynn

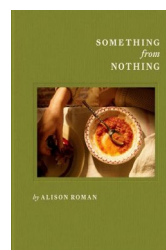
In the run up to the 1900s World's Fair Paris is abuzz with creative energy and innovation. Audiences are spellbound by the Lumiere brothers' moving pictures and Loie Fuller's serpentine dance fusing art and technology.



[The Silent Companions](#) by Laura Purcell

Recommended by Stacey

When newly widowed Elsie is sent to see out her pregnancy at her late husband's crumbling country estate, The Bridge, what greets her is far from the life of wealth and privilege she was expecting.



[Something From Nothing](#) by Alison Roman

Recommended by Amanda

Alison Roman gives you a collection of simple, smart, timeless recipes that rely on a home cook's best kept secret: a well-stocked pantry.

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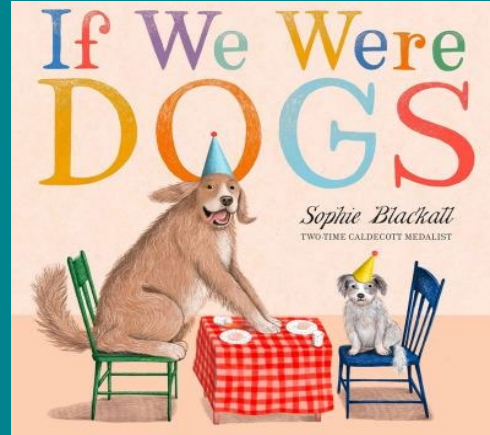
[The Selection](#) by Kiera Cass
Recommended by Hannah

For thirty-five girls, the Selection is the chance of a lifetime -- the opportunity to escape the life laid out for them since birth, to be swept up in a world of glittering gowns and priceless jewels, to live in a palace and compete for the heart of gorgeous Prince Maxon.



[Wicked Lovely](#) by Melissa Marr
Recommended by Keara

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and the Winter Queen, and the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.



[If We Were Dogs](#) by Sophie Blackall
Recommended by Cassie

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

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!



[Kirby and the Forgotten Land](#)
Recommended by Ben

Join Kirby in an unforgettable journey on a delightful 3D platforming adventure.



[Kirby's Return to Dreamland Deluxe](#)
Recommended by Ben

Kirby is back in a beloved adventure gone deluxe!



Program Highlights

- Closed June 1st - 4th | Carpet Installation
- Pride in the Park, Saturday, June 6th, 12:00-2:00 pm
- Pilates in the Park, Saturday, June 6th, 2:00-3:00 pm
- Summer Strings | A Student Violin Concert, Sunday, June 7th, 1:00-2:00 pm
- Yale New Haven Health QPR Training with Dr. Harrison, Monday, June 8th, 10:00-11:30 am
- Fraud Basics: The Scam Landscape, Wednesday, June 10th, 1:00-3:00 pm
- The Web They Wove: Women & Their Wardrobes During New England's Revolution, Wednesday, June 10th, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Financial Literacy Class with Jonnycake Center of Westerly and WCCU, Thursday, June 11th, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Ocean Community Collaborative | Making Sense of AI: A Practical Exploration of Work and Everyday Life, Friday, June 12th, 9:30-10:30 am
- URI Master Gardener Kiosk, Saturdays, June 13th & 27th, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Community Yoga Class, Saturday, June 13th, 10:00-11:15 am
- Walking Tour of Wilcox Park | Specimen Trees, Saturday, June 13th, 10:00-11:30 pm
- LWV Presents: "Remember the Ladies": Abigail Adams and the Women of the American Revolution, Saturday, June 13th, 1:30-3:30 pm
- Juneteenth Celebration, Sunday, June 14th, 12:00-2:00 pm
- The Westerly Band Children's Concert | Teddy Bear Picnic, Sunday, June 14th, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Monday Matinee Movie | "Hamilton", Monday, June 15th, 1:00-3:45 pm

- Digital Learning Hub : File Management Basics, Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00-7:00 pm
- The Revolutionary Poems of Philip Freneau, Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Sound Bath in the Park, Thursday, June 18th, 5:00-6:00 pm
- Summer Pops, Saturday, June 20th, 6:00-10:00 pm
- Plant Swap | Drop-Off Begins!, Wednesday, June 24th, 9:00 am-8:00 pm
- Walking Tour of Wilcox Park | Native Flowers and Trees, June 27th, 10:00-11:30 am
- Plant Swap, Saturday, June 27th, 12:00-2:00 pm
- Summer Reading Kickoff 2026: Plant a Seed, Read, Saturday, June 27th, 12:00-2:00 pm
- Adult Craft & Movie Night, Monday, June 29th, 5:30-7:45 pm
- Seeds of Interest: Visible Mending, Monday, June 29th, 4:00-5:00 pm

Ongoing Programs & Events

MAKERSPACE

Sewing Basics, Wednesday, June 10th & 24th, 6:00-6:30 pm

Open Art Studio, Wednesday, June 10th & 24th, 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

Dying to Meet You, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

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

Essentrics Stretch in the Park, Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 am

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

Learn the Language of Ireland with Irish Coastal Club, 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6:15-7:30 pm

Monday Night Book Discussion, 3rd Monday of the Month, 5:30-6:45 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

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

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 Group 3 Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm

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

Pokémon Club, Mondays, 4-5 pm

Tween Craft Time, Thursdays, 4-5 pm

KIDS

Family Park Walk, Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

Garden Club, Mondays, 10:00-11:00 am

Kids Craft Time, Thursdays, 4-5 pm

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

Seaside Storytime, Fridays, 9:30 -10:30 am

Storytime in the Park, Wednesdays, 10:00 -10:30 am

Summer Reading Storywalk: "Over in the Garden" by Janna Matthies, June 26th-June27th

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

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

REMINDER:

The library will be closed June 1st-4th for carpet installation.

While we are closed, you can still request items through our [Online Catalog](#), or use any of our [Online Resources](#). Holds available can be picked up at The Pop-Up at Coy service window near the main entrance during this time.



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westerlylibrary.org

holidays • closings

Monday, June 1-Thursday, June 4 • Closed for Carpet Installation

Friday, June 19 • Closed for Juneteenth

Library Hours

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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