Featured Program

Join us Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 PM

Cumberland residents are very familiar with the Nine Men's Misery monument which is a part of the King Philip's War story. It was the deadliest conflict per capita in American history. The war marks a pivotal turning point that shifted the balance of power in New England toward English colonists and away from Indigenous tribes.

Presenter Marilyn Harris has given over 40 classes at URI's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and contributes to historical research and adult education programs, including the book The Women of Cocumscussoc.

Lobby Display Case

For May, our main display case will feature a Girl Scouts display.

What we're reading..

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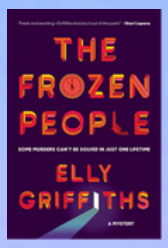
TEEN SERVICES

DORIS
CIRCULATION

MRS. HALEY
CHILDRENS



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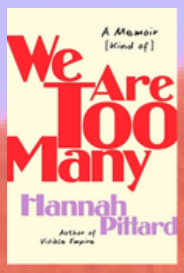

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MISS MICHELLE
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MISS LIZ
CHILDRENS

KELSEY
REFERENCE

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Featured Events

My Favorite Maritime Epic Fails
Wednesday, May 6th, 6:30 pm
Success has many parents; failure is an orphan. And so it has been with ships throughout history. Join us for eight tales from the orphanage featuring crazy ideas, lousy design, poor judgement and bad karma on and off the water.

Annual Spring Arts & Craft Fair and Bake Sale
Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 to 1:00
Join us for our 2nd annual Arts & Crafts Fair! The Community Room will be filled with more than 2 dozen artisans including the library's Northern Rhode Island Art Group selling their wares. The Friends of the Library Bookstore will be open and they are also hosting their annual bake sale. And finally, the Blackstone Valley Garden Club will be holding their annual plant sale between the library parking lot and the senior center.

Neurodiversity Collective
Monday, May 11th, 6:30 pm
This evening Melissa leads as we discuss the benefits of affirmations and how they can help focus us in moments of stress and guide us through daily routines.

Crafts, Hobbies, and Wellness

Crafternoon & Craftereveneing: Jar Crafts
Saturday, May 30th, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, May 12th 6:30 pm
Ages 18+. ***Registration is required. You may register for either program, but not both.***

Northern Rhode Island Art Group
Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 am
This month's theme: MERMAY/EMOTION

Community Craft Night
Wednesday, May 27th, 6:30 pm

Grab & Go Kits: Book Luminary Jar
Registration opens May 1st, kits released May 25th

Love, Laugh, and Hug with Lucy Lu!
Monday, May 4th and 18th, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Come visit our therapy dog Lucy Lu!

Fanfiction Writers Group
Monday, May 25th, 6:30 pm
A group for fan fiction writers 18+ who would like to have a place to share their passion and favorite characters.

Book Discussion Groups

Evening Book Discussion Group
Monday, May 11th 6:30 pm
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

Morning Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, May 13th, 10:00 am
This Is How It Always Is, by Laurie Frankel

Stephen King Book and Movie Club
Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 pm
Joyland

Other Worlds Book Club
Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 pm
The Fifth Season, by N.K. Jemison

TEEN SERVICES NEWSLETTER

MAY

Teen activities at the library are for youth in grades 6-12 or ages 12-18. Some events may require registration. To register please visit our website.

Paint With the Force 5/4 6pm
Come paint some Star Wars characters on rocks in celebration of Star Wars Day!
We'd love it if you would decorate a few for us to leave for our trail hikes too!

Game Club 5/11 6pm
Join us for our monthly Game Club -- Try out a new game with us every month. For May we are trying out Shifty Eyed Spies!

Movie Night: "Five Nights at Freddy's 2" 5/14 5pm
Every month we try to put on a movie in the Teen Center for your enjoyment. For this month's movie catch "Five Nights at Freddy's 2". When Abby sneaks out to reconnect with Freddy, Bonnie, Chica, and Foxy, it will set into motion a terrifying series of events, revealing dark secrets about the true origin of Freddy's, and unleashing a long-forgotten horror hidden away for decades.
Please note this movie is PG-13 and is held in the Teen Center so attendees must be teens in the 13-18 range.

Plant Night 5/19 6pm
Join us to paint little succulent pots - succulents will be provided!
Sign up is suggested as spots will be limited. Sign up opens on our website three weeks before the event!

Crafty Teens 5/26 6pm
Join us for our Crafty Teens Social Club! Come do some crafts with us, socialize with your friends and other teens!
For May we are trying styrofoam block printing!

Magic the Gathering 5/27 4pm
The Original Trading Card Game; cast spells and summon monsters to best your opponents. Come join us for a few games with the teen department!
We have starter decks available to borrow or feel free to bring your own. Beginners welcome! Decks are limited so registration is encouraged!

Teen Volunteers Club 5/28 5pm
Current teen volunteers and those interested in joining our volunteer program, join us for Library Volunteer Club! We meet monthly to reset the Teen Center, prep any programs, and reset the genre buckets. We also hope this will give our volunteers a better space to share their voices and opinions on potential library programs and offerings!

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MAY in the Cumberland Public Library Children's Room

STORYTIMES

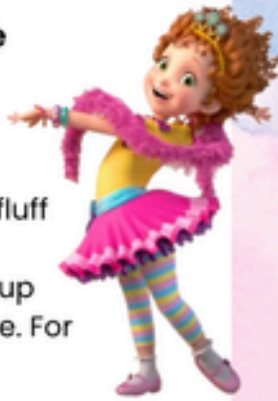
Our weekly storytimes run until 5/9. No registration required:

- **Babies & Books, Tuesdays at 10 AM thru 5/5.** For birth-23 months. Community Room (2nd floor).
- **Family Storytime, Thursdays at 10 AM thru 5/7.** For all ages. Children's Room (1st floor).
- **Saturday Storytime at 10 AM thru 5/9.** For all ages, in the Children's Room (1st floor).

Special Event Storytime!
Storytime at the Lodge
Monday, 5/11 at 10 AM

Meet Miss Liz at Diamond Hill Park for a sunlit storytime! All ages, no registration required.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Fancy Nancy Fashion Fete
Thursday, May 28 from 4:30-5:30 PM.
Children's Room.
Dust off your diamonds and fluff up your feather boas for THE fashion event of 2026! Dress up and come prepared to create. For ages 4-8 with a caregiver.
Registration required!

Caterpillars are coming!
They will arrive sometime after 5/22!

CLOSURES AND OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

SUNDAYS END FOR THE SEASON:
May 3rd will be the final Sunday we are open until October.

FRIDAY 5/15 - SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
The children's room has a 2nd grade class visit keeping them busy; maybe skip your library trip that morning! 🙂

CLOSED: *The library will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.*

POKEMON CLUBS

Pokemon JR (ages 5-7):
Mon. 5/11 at 6 PM

Pokemon Club (8-12):
Mon. 5/18 at 6 PM

Meet us in the Children's Room to play games, make crafts, and more! *Registration required.*

Play Pokemon Club
Saturday, 5/23 at 10 AM
Grades 2-5 with a caregiver

Play the Pokemon card game with other fans! Newbies and seasoned players welcome. *Registration required!*

COMIC BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 5/13 at 6:30 PM
Children's Program Room
Ages 8-12

Comic Book Club runs once a month. Participants read the selected graphic novel ahead of time. At the meeting, we'll have a discussion and activity (craft, game, etc).

To register, visit the children's desk at the library to pick up a book.

GO FISHING FOR A GOOD BOOK!

Throughout the month of May, stop by the Children's Room and GO FISHING FOR A GOOD BOOK. We'll supply the fishing rod and the fish, and you see what kind of book you can catch. Will it be a catch & keep or a catch & release?

DOGS AT THE LIBRARY!

Mondays with Molly:
5/11 and 5/18 from
10-10:30 AM. Children's Room.
Learn how to be a dog's best friend. Drop-In, for all ages.

Paws to Read:
Sat. 5/16. 11 AM and 3 PM sessions.
Practice reading aloud to a nice, fuzzy listener. *Independent readers must register for a 15-minute slot.*

Read for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
401-333-2552
CUMBERLANDLIBRARY.ORG

MAY This month @

Did you know...?

With the warmer weather it's time to check out the museum passes for outdoor venues. Battleship Cove is home to five National Historic Landmark ships, and other craft, including the USS Massachusetts, USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., USS Lionfish, Hiddensee, and two PT boats. Their collection of aircraft also includes two Bell helicopters. The pass admits two adults and three children at $3.00 each. Why not give it a try?

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thur.
9:00-8:00

Fri. & Sat.
9:00-5:00

Sundays:
11:00-2:00

Closed after 5/3

Holiday hours:
May 25th: Closed

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