



# GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

 **May 2026**

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**The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day**



**9th Annual Poetry Contest Reading and Reception**

**Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am**

Join us for a poetry reading celebrating the poets who entered this year's poetry contest, along with special guests: Rhode Island Poet Laureate Colin Channer, Smithfield Town Poet Larry J. Sasso Jr., and 2026 Youth Poetry Ambassador Josselyn Wolf. Light refreshments will be served. Please register.



**Aware on the Internet: An AI Safety Awareness Presentation**



**Wednesday, May 6  
3:00 pm**



Join us for a presentation on artificial intelligence and online safety. We will go over strategies to identify AI-generated content, examples of the safety concerns AI can present, and online scams that utilize AI.



**To the Moon & Back:  
The Artemis II Mission**

**Thursday, May 7  
6:00 pm**



The Artemis II mission is over and the crew is safely back on Earth! Between NASA's 24/7 coverage, special programming of the lunar flyby, and spectacular imaging, the Artemis II crew and mission captured the world's attention! Join Bryant University Astronomy Instructor Sandi Brenner for a closer look at the Artemis II Mission. We will talk about all aspects of the mission: the selected orbit, lunar geology, the solar eclipse visible only to the crew, and the challenges of living in space. We will also look at what's next in the Artemis mission.



**From Foot Beats to Cruisers:  
Early Law Enforcement in RI**



**Wednesday, May 20  
6:30 pm**

*Photo: Historical Society of  
Smithfield  
smithapplebyhouse.org*

Author and historian Jim Ignasher will discuss the origins of modern policing in Rhode Island. Rhode Island's earliest lawmen were town sergeants, sheriffs, and constables who were generally elected to one-year terms. They were untrained, didn't wear uniforms, and didn't do patrol duties. The system was haphazard at best, yet it was utilized in some jurisdictions into the early 1900s. Foot beats, call boxes, long hours, low pay, and political interference were all part of an early police officer's job. Yet there were those willing to do it. Please register to attend.



**DLT Multi-Employer Job Fair**

**JOB**



**Wednesday, May 27  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



The Dept. of Labor and Training will hold a multi-employer job fair in the Recital Room. All are welcome to attend.



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# GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS & CRAFTS

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## Adult Craft: Alcohol Ink Flower Pot



**Tuesday, May 5  
2:00 pm**

Design a unique flower pot using alcohol inks. The technique is easy, and makes beautiful, one-of-a-kind marbled color designs. Please register.



## Monday Matinee



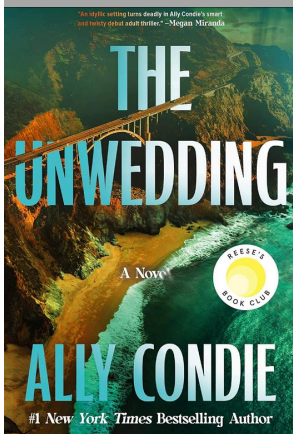
**Monday, May 11  
2:00 pm**

Join us for a film screening and snacks! This month, we will be showing Hamnet. "In 16th-century rural England, William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes are confronted with the death of their only son." Rated PG-13. Running time: 125 minutes.



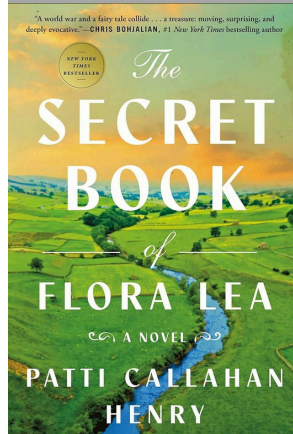
## Mystery Book Club

**Tuesday, May 5  
1:30 pm**



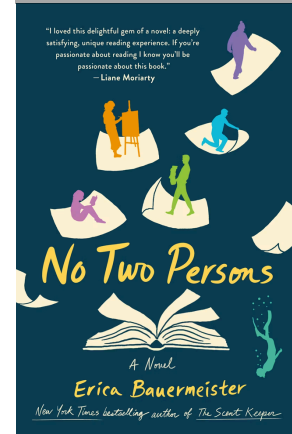
## Picnic Table Reads Book Club

**Thursday, May 21  
1:00 pm**



## Home Sweet Home Book Club

**Monday, June 1  
6:30 pm**



**Coffee & Books  
Wednesday, May 13  
10:30 am**



Chat about what you are currently reading over coffee or tea at our informal book discussion.



**Virtual Book Chat  
Thursday, May 14  
6:00 pm**



Join us to discuss what you are currently reading via Zoom. New members always welcome.



# GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S NEWS

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Please visit the Children's Room or call 401-949-3630 for more information about these programs.



## Storytimes

**Week of May 4-18**

**Turtle Time** | 1-3 years

Mondays at 10:00 or 11:00

**Preschool** | 3-5 years of age

Thursdays 10:30

**Space is limited. Please call or visit the Children's Room to register.**

## American Girl Book Club

★ **Monday, May 4** ★  
**6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

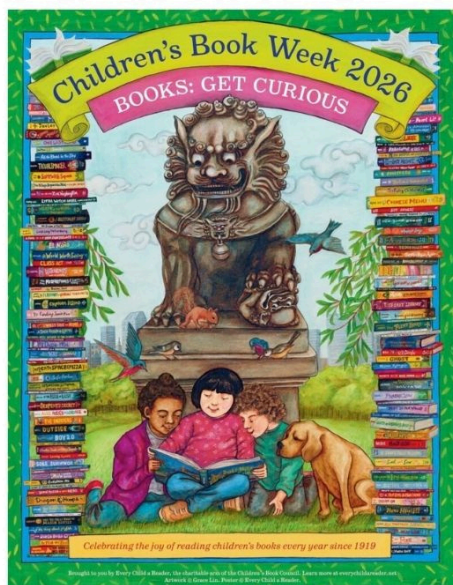
Grades 3 - 5. Discuss a different American Girl book each month. Enjoy a snack & related craft. Please call to register.

## Children's Book Week 2026

**May 4-10**

**Books Get Curious  
Scavenger Hunt**

Find cute critters reading books in the Children's Room



## Make It Take It

**Wednesday, May 13**

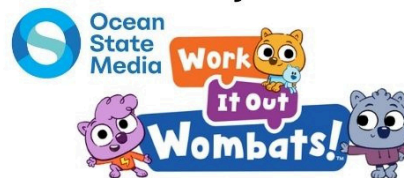
Stop by to make a fun craft!  
While supplies last.

## Free Play Fridays

**May 1 & 22**

**10:00 am- 12:00 pm**

Ages 2-7. Drop-in for pretend play with a new theme each week, with sensory activities. Ocean State Media will present Work It Out Wombats activities on **May 1**.



## PAWS to Read

**Monday, May 11**

**6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, May 12**

**4:00-5:00 pm**

Ages 5 and up may sign up to read with a cuddly dog! Please call to register.



Visit the Children's Room to see all of the colorful decorations made by students at Greenville Nursery School!



# GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY YOUNG ADULT NEWS

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## **Volunteering: Caring Cards**

**Tuesdays, May 12 & 26**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm**



Earn community service by creating uplifting cards for hospitalized kids. Open to grades 6-12. Signing up is not required for this drop-in program.

## **Volunteering: Teen Advisory Board**

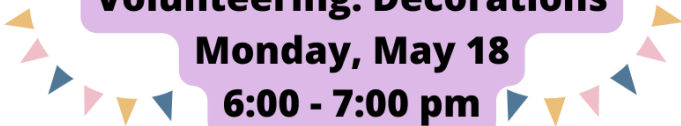
**Thursday, May 14**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm**



Earn community service by working on special projects for the library. Open to grades 6-12. Please sign up on our website.

## **Volunteering: Decorations**

**Monday, May 18**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm**



Earn community service by making decorations for the library. Open to grades 6-12. Please sign up.

## **Virtual Volunteer Program for Teens in Grades 6-12**



Earn community service hours by completing volunteer projects from home! Visit our website for more information. Open to anyone in grades 6-12.

**Scan this QR code  
to visit our website &  
sign up for programs**



## **Teen Take & Make:**

**Stress Less Kit**  
**Available Friday, May 1**



Kits will be available on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

## **Magic: The Gathering**

**Monday, May 11**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



Use our decks or bring your own. Beginners welcome! Open to grades 6-12. Please sign up on our website.

## **Super Smash Bros.**

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**



Play with the library's Nintendo Switch. Use our controllers or you can bring your own. Open to grades 6-12. Please sign up.

## **Afternoon Sensory Friendly**

### **Teen Craft: Dot Painting**

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**3:00 - 4:00 pm**



Enjoy a mindful craft in a sensory friendly space. Signing up is recommended but not required. Open to anyone ages 11-17.

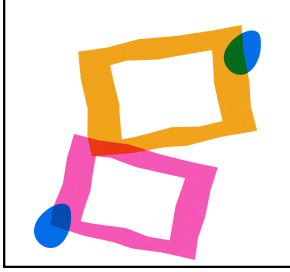
## **Evening Sensory Friendly**

### **Teen Craft: Dot Painting**

**Thursday, May 28**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm**



Enjoy a mindful craft in a sensory friendly space. Signing up is recommended but not required. Open to anyone ages 11-17.



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## ART EXHIBITS

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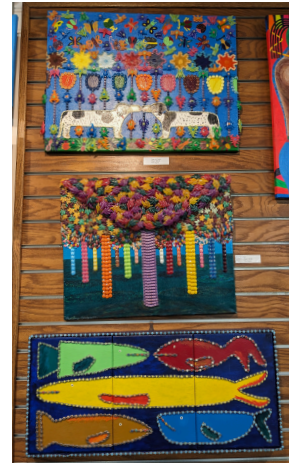
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### Ricky Gagnon | Main Gallery

Ricky Gagnon is a self-taught artist who has lived in Rhode Island his entire life. He has been creating art since childhood, working in every available craft. Gagnon studied mechanical drawing and architecture at Toll Gate High School and CCRI, as well as ceramic, weaving and painting classes. In 1998, Gagnon began focusing on painting while renovating a beach house in Riverside, RI, near the old Crescent Amusement Park, where he keeps his studio.

Gagnon uses personal influences and varied life experiences as inspiration, letting them run amok in his very active imagination, combined with a love of color and sense of humor to create his paintings.

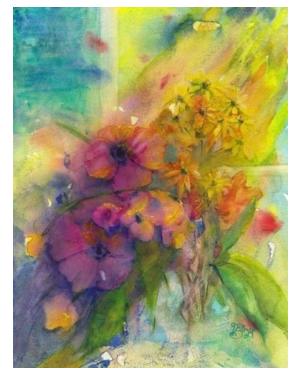


### Victoria Bishop | Friends Wall

Victoria Bishop will exhibit her watercolors on the Friends Wall for the month of May.

Bishop is a classically trained singer who spent years mastering the art of expression through her voice, interpreting lyric compositions, and evoking emotions. Her deep connection to music and its power to transcend words and language was at the core of her artistic journey. However, life took an unexpected turn, leaving her unable to sing. At the urging of her loving family, she began exploring new avenues for her artistic expression, quickly finding her expressive voice in watercolors. Through her artwork, she channels the same emotions and narratives that she once sang, allowing the colors to harmonize and resonate in place of her voice.

Victoria Bishop invites you to explore the emotions, stories, and melodies that are now painted in this extraordinary transition from singing to painting. Join her as she embarks on this new chapter in her artistic journey, which allows her paintings to sing with a voice that's uniquely her own.





# GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

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## Nonfiction

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How to be okay when nothing is okay  
Lawson, Jenny, 155.2 LAW

Why I am not an atheist / Beha, Christopher  
211.8 BEH

Braving the truth / Evans, Rachel Held, 234 EVA

The mixed marriage project / Roberts, Dorothy,  
305.805 ROB

Fear and fury / Thompson, Heather Ann,  
305.809 THO

Strangers / Burden, Belle, 306.81 BUR

Chain of ideas / Kendi, Ibram X., 325 KEN

Kennedy's coup / Cheevers, Jack  
327.73059709 CHE

Born equal / Amar, Akhil Reed 342.7302 AMA

The Mindful Caregiver / Kriseman, Nancy L  
362.6 KRI

Thirteen perfect fugitives / Kelly, Geoffrey.  
364.1628 KEL

Wildflowers / Thorogood, Chris, 582.13 THO

The invincible brain / Fotuhi, Majid 612.823 FOT

The complete folk herbal / Beyer, Rebecca  
615.321 BEY

The 36-hour day / 616.8 MAC

Mayo Clinic on Alzheimer's disease and other  
dementias / 616.8 MAY

Is it Alzheimer's? / Rabins, Peter V. 616.8 RAB

100 questions & answers about Alzheimer's &  
dementia / Poole, Simon, 616.831 POO

## Nonfiction

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The new perimenopause / Haver, Mary Claire  
618.1 HAV

Fungi for gardeners / Drakulic, Jassy, 635.8 DRA

The beginner's cut flower garden /  
Brown, Elizabeth 635.9 BRO

The greenhouse book / Brown, Tom 635.9823 BRO

One plate at a time / Lovato, Demi, 641.5 LOV

Easy does it / Flynn, Christine, 641.555 FLY

The words and wisdom of Willie / York, Matt  
782.4216 YOR

World Cup fever / Kuper, Simon, 796.334 KUP

The bosses of the Bronx / Vaccaro, Mike, 796.357 VAC

Countdown to lockdown / Foley, Mick, 796.812 FOL

Productive tactics for shallow water bass  
Larsen, Larry 799.1758 LAR

Phases / Brandy, 92 BRANDY

I Choose Me / Garth, Jennie, 92 GARTH

Intimate Audrey / Ferrer, Sean Hepburn 92 HEPBURN

A hymn to life / Pelicot, Gisèle, 92 PELICOT

The ride / Kennedy, Kostya 92 REVERE

The Rolling Stones / Spitz, Bob 920 SPI

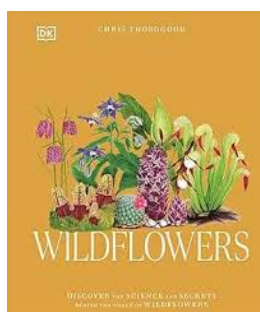
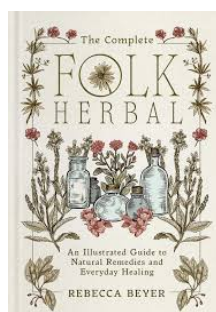
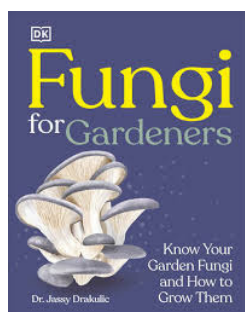
DOOM 34 / Morriss, Trey 956.7044 MOR

Stand / Booker, Cory, 973 BOO

The American Revolution / Ward, Geoffrey C.,  
973.3 WAR

The free and the dead / Holmes, Jamie,  
975.9004 HOL

Green stamps to hot pants / Kieley, Genny Zak.  
977.6579 KIE





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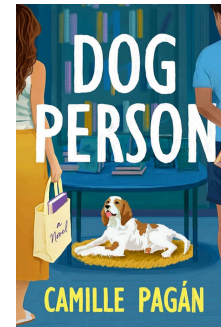
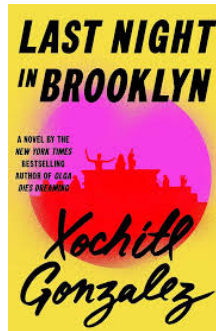
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This kingdom will not kill me / Andrews, Ilona  
 Japanese gothic / Baker, Kylie Lee,  
 Hope rises / Baldacci, David,  
 Life / Berg, Elizabeth,  
 Bloodlust / Brown, Sandra,  
 Yesteryear / Burke, Caro Claire,  
 Wait for me / Burns, Amy Jo,  
 Like this, but funnier / Cantor, Hallie  
 The Paris match / Clayborn, Kate.  
 The keeper / French, Tana,  
 Last night in Brooklyn / Gonzalez, Xochitl.  
 A cruise to die for / Graham, Heather  
 Last one out / Harper, Jane  
 What Happened Next / Hill, Edwin  
 Lady Tremaine / Hochhauser, Rachel,  
 Missing / Jackson, E A  
 The night we met / Jimenez, Abby,  
 My dear you / Khong, Rachel,  
 Dear Monica Lewinsky / Langbein, Julia  
 The complex / Mahajan, Karan,  
 Dog person / Pagán, Camille.  
 This book made me think of you / Page, Libby,  
 The tree of light and flowers / Perry, Thomas,  
 The optimists / Platzer, Brian,  
 Paradox / Preston, Douglas J.



## Did you know?

### Mark Your Calendar!

- May Flowers: Lily of the Valley
- May 1: Principal's Day
- May 4: Star Wars Day
- May 14: Dance Like a Chicken Day
- May 19: Plant a Vegetable Garden Day
- May 23: World Turtle Day
- May 29: Learn Composting Day



## Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are used to purchase books for the Library with book plates affixed denoting the donor and honoree, or to fund programs. The donor tells us how to best use the gift. Donations are tax deductible. We also accept donations in honor of people for their birthdays, anniversaries, or other celebrations. Following is a list of recent donations.



### *Recent Donations*

Elaine Farley IN MEMORY OF Robert J. Farley  
 Patty D'Ambra IN MEMORY OF Doris & Anthony D'Ambra  
 Jim & Laura Chaves IN MEMORY OF Elizabeth Drew Kirkell

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**9:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Friday & Saturday**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

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