

ASHAWAY FREE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 2016

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Could you use a little help navigating the Internet? Would you like to know how to access the Internet, set up an e-mail account, use Facebook but don't know where to begin? Jim Engel has volunteered to help you get started! He will be available for 30 minute help sessions by appointment on the following dates and times: Monday, July 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, August 2, 4 to 6 p.m., and Monday, August 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Call the Library at 377 2770 for an appointment.

Popular Trivia Night Returns Wed. August 10th at 6:30

The AFL summer fundraiser is back by popular demand at the Twisted Vine restaurant, 3 Canal St, Westerly. Jay from Trivia Time USA will lead us in 3 or 4 half-hour rounds. You can bring your own team of 4 individuals or come on your own and connect with a group at the restaurant. Join us for a fun-filled evening with food, laughs, and enlightenment. The night will include a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$25 and will include food choices, trivia, and prizes. Cash bar. Seating is limited so please purchase tickets in advance (available after July 11) at the Library or at the Twisted Vine. Call the Library for more information.

Summer Reading Program "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read"

Children from preschool to middle school can read up to 8 books and get prizes and coupons for each book. Check with your Librarian to sign up and get the details. The last day to submit book reports will be Friday, August 12, so stop by soon to register and get started earning prizes! The library will also have these fun, fantastic performers (all free and open to the public; you don't need to sign up for Summer Reading to come!):

Friday, July 8, 2pm: Big Ryan's Tall Tales Big Ryan's Tall Tales combines original stories, a bit of puppet play, and some music and movement to provide an unforgettable performance that keeps kids laughing all the way through!

Friday, July 22, 2pm: Joe Theroux's Summer Reading Animal Olympics Welcome to the 2016 Summer Reading Animal Olympics, where eight of the strongest, fastest, and smartest creatures in the world will be competing to win the gold! Storyteller Joe Theroux brings you a collection of funny and action-packed tales inspired by folklore from across the globe. The odds-on favorite to win is the mighty World Heavyweight Champ, King Lion, but don't count out the cunning Croc, the tricky Spider, or the brave and foolish Monkey just yet! Stop by the library and root for your favorite!

Friday, August 5, 2pm: Leonardo da Vinci Catapults with RIMOSA (ages 8 and up) Darts is a good game and is played throughout the world. What if you not only

had to hit the bullseye, but also had to build your own dart-launching machine or even the dart itself? Now that's a game that involves both brains and muscle! Join the Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art to build your own mini-catapult and see if you can use it to hit the bullseye. Take your creation home for further experiments. Registration is required for this program as space is limited; please call the library after June 20 at 401-377-2770 to sign up.

October 6, 2017 River Cruise in France

The Library is sponsoring a Vantage Travel river cruise along the Seine River from Paris to Normandy in October, 2017. This five star, nine day trip, hosted by Library Trustee Judie Freeman, will visit Vernon (visit to Monet's garden at Giverny), Les Andelys, Honfleur (D-Day Landing Beaches), Rouen, and Paris. The cost ranges from \$3428 to \$5128 per person, and includes: round trip air from Boston/Paris including government taxes and fees, fuel surcharges, destination airport transfers, deluxe outside stateroom accommodations, all meals (20), beer, wine and soft drinks at dinner, 6 sightseeing tours, and port charges. Insurance is additional. If a sufficient number of people sign up for this trip, a generous donation will be earned for the Library. The link below will bring you to the Vantage Travel web site for the Paris and Normandy journey where you can view videos, day by day itinerary, information about the ship, river cruising in general, reviews by previous travelers and so much more. Flyers for this trip are available at the Library. If you have questions about the trip, call Judie at 401-322-9067.

<http://www.vantagetravel.com/ourjourneys/deluxe-river-journeys/paris-highlights-of-normandy/2017/itinerary#top>

Need a Beach Read?

Stop by the AFL, pause in the entryway and find an interesting collection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books. Prices can't be beat: \$2 for hard covers, \$1 for paperbacks, and children's books are 3/\$1. Don't forget to look every time you visit as the books available will change on a regular basis.

The Adult Rubber-Stamping Craft Program will resume in September. Watch for e-mail notification of the September date.

Save the Date:

AFL Volunteer Dinner September 14, 6 pm

Report on May Plant and Book Sale

The sun shone brightly on all the happy shoppers who took home loads of books and plants at our annual May Sale. This successful fundraising event would not have been possible without the many volunteers. Thank you to Gary Williams, Bret Meisenheimer, Paul Edgerley, Cyndi Fackler, Kat Felkner, Donna Linskey, Charlotte Korean, and Boy Scout Troop 21, Ashaway (Gordon Holmquist, Scoutmaster; Nathaniel Mitkowski, Assistant Scoutmaster).

Legislative Grant Received

Thank you to the RI General Assembly for a \$1,000 grant will enable the AFL to update its adult non-fiction collection.

Thank You 2015-2016 AFL Donors!!

The AFL is only partially funded by the Town and State. To keep the lights on and the

staff working, we depend on the generosity of folks like you. The following list gratefully acknowledges donations received between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. If your name is missing or listed incorrectly, please contact us at 377-2770. If you've forgotten to respond to a recent appeal, it's not too late! Every donation makes a difference!

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And Thanks for Renovation Help

The Library recently completed a significant interior renovation that was made possible by grants from the Champlin Foundations and the Kimball Foundation.

We are grateful to these foundations and to these workers who were generous and accommodating in their service:

Sherwin Williams Paint

Daniel Crossen, Carpentry

National Library Relocations

Brookside Electric

Exeter Scrap Metal

Paul Bond Painting

Lassell's Carpeting

E-Z Waste

DiRoma Roofing

Cantamessa Family, PSI-NESP, Library shelving

Pen Martin and Mae Felkner, restoration of the Library sign

State Funding For Libraries

Recently, the AFL signed on to a letter sent by the RI Library Association to the General Assembly urging the restoration of library funding that for the last nine years has been below the level required by RI law. The vote did not restore full funding but was marginally increased. This excerpt of the RILA letter highlights the value of RI Libraries.

"People need libraries....Last year, public libraries in every city and town in the state were visited more than 6 million times by Rhode Islanders who borrowed books, music and films, who wanted a quiet, restful spot to read newspapers and magazines, or who wanted to be involved in their communities. Some needed help with their homework or to learn new job skills. Hundreds of thousands took advantage of the countless cultural and educational programs presented by these essential community centers. Others needed to use computers with free access to high-speed internet. Many simply needed a safe place to be. Libraries cannot continue to provide Rhode Islanders with these crucial services without adequate state aid....Very few investments of public resources reap a greater return in human capital than public libraries.... When Rhode Island invests in its libraries, it invests in its people."

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