

ASHAWAY FREE LIBRARY
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Library Hours: Mondays and Fridays 10-5, Tuesdays and
Thursdays 4-8, Wednesdays 10-8, Saturday 9-1



Saturday April 8, 9 AM-1PM



**RI Library Day, Amnesty Day
& "Spring into Gardening"**

Tired of feeling kind of guilty? Bring those overdue books and media to the Library on April 8 fine-free! Amnesty Day kicks off National Library Week designed to raise awareness about how Rhode Islanders benefit from their libraries. The AFL will celebrate on April 8 with **Spring into Gardening** activities. Gardening books will be on sale and every Library visitor will receive a free packet of seeds. Consider this a warm up to our annual May 20 Book and Plant Sale. Each visitor who purchases from this book sale or checks out items with a library card on April 8 will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the day, a lucky visitor will win a lovely green item donated by Amy Forbes of Forbes' Flowers, 866 Main St, Hope Valley.

Dr. Seuss Day, Thursday April 15, 11AM-12:30 PM

The Girl Scouts of Troop 498 proudly present a Dr. Seuss story time and themed crafts and activities for kids ages 4-6. Call the Library to register your Dr. Seuss fan!



The AFL is a Special Place for Children

"I have three small humans. They use the Ashaway branch at least once a week. Sometimes it is to refresh our supply of books and the occasional DVD, but sometimes we head over just to spend an hour out of the house coloring, reading and playing quietly. They get to meet other kids and they often chat with the staff, learning important social skills. Visiting our local library establishes a strong foundation

of literacy and a love of reading that I hope they will carry with them throughout their lives." -AFL Patron Tara Roesberg

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Nancy Martell, AFL staff member who died on February 3. She was a beloved wife, mother, daughter and the Library's good friend. Nancy was herself a great reader and very knowledgeable and helpful to Library patrons. She was a valued asset to the Ashaway Free Library and made many friends here over the past years. We miss her upbeat attitude and cheerfulness. We especially miss " Miss Nancy" and the children's story hour on Wednesday mornings. Her family graciously asked that donations in her memory be made to the Ashaway Free Library.

Card-Making Program

This very popular monthly craft program continues in April, May and June. Notification is made by email, so if you are interested, be sure the Library has your email address.



Tina Lessing and Mary Pandera enjoy March card-making project

Mark your Calendar:



Annual AFL Book and Plant Sale May 20, 9 AM-1 PM

Thanks to the fabulous books sorting team of Betsy Mercer and Beth Wagner and some help from Rose Ouellette, boxes and boxes of fabulous book finds will be available for your perusal on Saturday May 20. You'll find loads of cookbooks, beautiful coffee table books, plenty of true crime, mysteries and romance plus some good literary fiction.

And there are tons of children's and young adult books. You will also find a great selection of plants for sale, mostly perennials but also some annuals.

Books, plants and baked goods will be available for a donation. If you are a shopper who isn't sure how much to donate for books and baked goods, think about what the items would cost in the store, what the items are worth to you and how much you can afford, and how much your donation helps the library. A suggested price list for plants will be available.



This event has long been an Ashaway tradition and will be held rain or shine. It's a nice time to get out, visit with the neighbors, and find some treasures. Your participation can help make this a successful fundraiser for the Library. Book donations are still welcome, anytime. Think about donating baked goods or potted plants. These can be dropped off at the Library before 5 on Friday May 19 or by 8 AM on Saturday May 20. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer the day of the sale, please sign up at the Library. But most of all, plan on being there and bring your

Special Bid Opportunity for Antique Local History Books

May 15-20

Beginning Monday, May 15, you will have an opportunity to browse and bid on some interesting books on local history during regular Library hours and at the May 20 Book and Plant Sale. Bids start at \$5 each (a bargain according to some antique booksellers) and the winning bidder will be notified after May 20. Here's what's available.



Recollections of Old Stonington by Anne Atwood Dodge, Drawings by Richard D Batchelder, 1966, Pequot Press, Inc. Stonington CT. 45 pages

Grace Wheeler's Memories by Grace Denison Wheeler, signed copy, First Edition, #68 of 500, memories of Mystic, Stonington, Pawcatuck, Westerly. 1948 Pequot Press, Stonington CT. 148 pages, indexed

Reminiscing by Gloria Russell, signed copy, 2013. Collection of newspaper columns on Westerly neighborhoods through the years. 204 pages

New England Doorways by Samuel Chamberlain, 1939, Chanticleer Press, New York.
200 captioned photographs, 101 pages

Maritime Mystic by Virginia B. Anderson, 1962, No. 39, January 1962 The Marine Historical Association, Mystic CT. 88 pages, indexed



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River Cruise to Normandy Still Available

Benefit the AFL by booking this October cruise through the Library. Enjoy five star luxury while visiting Giverny, Vernon, Les Andelys, D-Day Landing Beaches and Rouen. If this is something you have been considering, now is the time to make your reservation. For more information, call the Library or Judie Freeman at 401-322-9067.



Special Book Display

You probably know that the newest Library acquisitions are easy to find on the end shelves near the center of the Library, but did you know that there is also a special book display hidden in plain sight? Check out the curved corner of the circulation desk for some good browsing. From time to time, Library staff set up a special display, highlighting something about the season about or a particular aspect of the Library's collection. Right now, three shelves of mysteries are collected there for your perusal.



Spring Annual Fund Appeal

Many of you know that as a non-municipal Library, the AFL receives only partial support from the State and Town. We work with RI library organizations to lobby the State to increase library support at least to the percentage required by law. The Town of Hopkinton generally gives its libraries a small increase every three years or so. As of this newsletter date, however, the Town's small increase has been reduced to way less than 1% of our budget. Meanwhile, the cost of utilities, building maintenance and supplies is ever increasing. Your annual spring request for support will soon arrive in your mailbox. Please consider increasing your contribution this year to help us bridge the 20% gap in our operating budget. If you're not on our mailing list, envelopes for support will be available at the circulation desk.

Magazines at the Ashaway Free Library

Pinterest.com is a great online resource, but for browsing and getting ideas, there's nothing like a glossy magazine. But buying magazines can be an expensive habit. Did you know that the AFL subscribes to 32 magazines? These magazines can be borrowed just like other library materials. Back issues are kept for a year and are also available. 10 of these Subscriptions are donated by Library Patrons. If you have a favorite periodical that's not on this list, consider donating a subscription.



Better Homes and Gardens
Birds and Blooms
Bon Appetit
Consumer Reports
Country Living
Economist
Elle Decor

HGTV Magazine
Hobby Farms
Martha Stewart Living
Maryjane's Farm
Money
National Geographic
National Geographic History

Ranger Rick
Readers Digest
Real Simple
Rhode Island Monthly
Smithsonian
Taste of Home
Time

Entertainment Weekly
Everyday with Rachel Ray
Family Circle
Family Fun

O (Oprah)
Organic Life
People
Prevention

Vanity Fair
Victoria
Yankee

And as you leave the Library don't forget to check the basket on the floor to the right of the door for free magazines shared by patrons.

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"I have always imagined
that paradise will be a kind
of a library."

- Jorge Luis Borges