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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2018

### Library Hours:

Mondays and Fridays 10-5  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-8  
Wednesdays 10-8, Saturday 9-1

## ANNOUNCING: MAY 5 CARRIAGE BARN EVENT: BOOTS AND BOOKS

**REMEMBER THESE TEASERS?  
You Can Step Back in Time on May 5!  
What rare and beautiful historic  
treasures are hidden nearby?**



And the answer is: the Carriage Barn Event! This is a special opportunity to view 32 meticulously restored antique carriages and sleighs dating from 1750 to 1820. These carriages have been collected over the years by Bob and Mike Ward and are part of a private museum housed in a beautiful Amish-built barn just



over the Hopkinton border in North Stonington. Also included is a tour of the sleigh barn and the barn that houses 2 young foals among the magnificent Shire and Friesian horses.

Advertised as "Boots and Books" this is a western-themed, casual attire fundraiser with attendance limited to 100. The event includes food and drinks, live music, and an auction. It

will take place on May 5, 2018 from 4-8 PM and admission is \$100 a person, \$30 for children 12 and under. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made at the Library, or at [ashawaylibrary.org](http://ashawaylibrary.org).

This is a much more elaborate and unique event than the usual AFL fundraising activities and is a big leap for the planning committee. However, the opportunity was too good to pass up. It's a chance to have 100 people view these beautiful carriages, sleighs, and horses while supporting the Library in a major way.

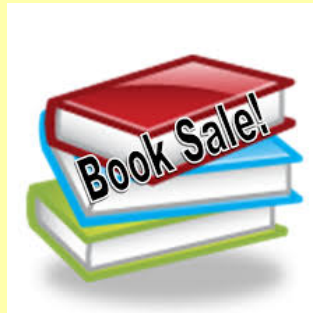
We recognize the price of admission may be steep for all who might want to attend so we're offering these opportunities:

- a) Participate in a Raffle. Each Friday on April 13, 20 and 27, one ticket will be raffled off for this event. You must fill out a slip in person at the Library any time during the week and only one entry per person per week is allowed.
- b) Social Media Support. If you (1) like and (2) share the original Facebook event posting and (3) tag the person you'd like to attend with you in the comments, your name will be entered once into the weekly drawing for a ticket.
- c) "The Older the Better" The following discounts are offered for special Grown-Ups: age 75+--10%, 80+--15%, 85+--20%, 90+--25%

Please help spread the word about this exciting program and rare opportunity!



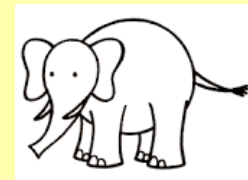
## ANNUAL BOOK & PLANT SALE, SATURDAY MAY 19



Yes, despite evidence to the contrary, there will be a spring this year. And as always, you will have an opportunity to browse among hundreds of interesting books available to you for a donation of your choosing. Featured this year is a special collection of western novels, inspiring cookbooks, lots of mysteries, true crimes, romance novels, and literary fiction. Bring the kids so they can pick out favorites from a large selection of children's and young adult books. If you're not sure what to donate for your selections, think about what the items would cost

in a store, what they are worth to you, how much you can afford, and how much your donation helps the library. A large selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, and seedlings will also be available with a suggested price list. And you can enjoy the baked goods offered for sale while you browse.

This year we will also offer you a chance to sell your treasures at a White Elephant Sale table. To reserve your space, sign up at the Library by Monday, May 14 with a \$25 fee. You must bring your own table (10' limit) and a chair if you like.



This is a rain or shine event so keep your fingers crossed for sunshine. We are still accepting donated books for the sale and welcome donations of baked goods or potted plants which can be dropped off at the Library before 5 on Friday May 18 or by 8 AM on Saturday May 19. Mark your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors!



## ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS: ADOPT A SITE!

You've seen the highway signs..... "Adopt-a-Highway Litter Control, Sponsor: The Acme Toothpick Company." Well, that's a highway, but what the grounds of the Ashaway Free Library needs is a postage stamp by comparison. Would you consider adopting a small (really small!) space on the property for one growing season? This year two sites are available: the planting area around the flagpole on Knight Street and the tiny area around the sign on High Street. You or you and a friend would provide weeding and watering to keep the area neat and attractive. There's a garden hose right near these areas. You might pull a weed, add an annual or a perennial if you have extras or maintain the mulch if necessary. Maybe you're a member of a local gardening club and would like your work recognized with a small sign naming the group. Please think about it and let us know (377 2770).

## The New AFL Community Room Update



Plans for the new community room are heating up (as is the weather, hopefully.) Experts are working on design plans for DEM approval and the building committee will be evaluating contractor bids in the very near future. The room will be a 25'x30' flexible space for individual and group work, meetings, and programming. A new accessible entrance is an important part of the project. The capital campaign committee is grateful for your support and donation envelopes are available at the circulation desk. Stay tuned for information about a

ground-breaking ceremony!



**FINES FORGIVEN AND  
8X THE FUN AT THE AFL ON APRIL 14**

As in previous years, RI Library Day is FINES FORGIVENESS DAY; overdue materials can be returned between 9 AM and 1 PM that day, fine-free. (This does not apply to books that are lost or damaged.)

In addition, for preschool children to grade 3, there will be a reading of "Octopus Escapes Again!" at 10am with a drop-in craft activity from then until noon. All are welcome!



## Star Readers Winners

The Star Reader program is a 50-book reading challenge for kids ages 0-7. Congratulations to the five children who successfully completed the challenge:

Madelaine LaBounty, Hank Seeberg, Tyger Seeberg, Ula Seeberg, and Roper Uhlich.

Watch for information about the next Star Reader Program in the near future.

## IN MEMORIAM: PEGGY ROEVER

We all have so many fond memories of Peggy Roever. She was a major force behind the annual spring Plant and Book sale, a founding member of the Ashaway Book Discussion Group, a Master Gardener, a creative mentor for the monthly card-making group, a thoughtful and friendly librarian, and a community volunteer. Peggy died on March 1 after a long illness and will be missed by many. Her family has requested that donations in her honor be made to the Ashaway Free Library.



## THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM & EVENTS

Children can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the library beginning Monday, June 11 and the Program starts on Monday, June 18. Kids who participate are generally ages 4-10 but both younger and older children can read up to 8 books and earn prizes for each one! The last day to submit book reports for credit will be Friday, August 10.

You don't need to sign up for the Summer Reading Program to attend these fun, fantastic events. Suggested ages in parenthesis are only guidelines; children of all ages are welcome. All are free and open to the public.

### Friday, June 22, 2:00 PM: Warm and Fuzzy Animal Adventures

This is a show-and-tell program on a variety of animals, including different types of bunnies, guinea pigs, chinchillas, ferrets, a rooster, domestic dumbo rats, and Al Pacino the Red Footed Tortoise. Different animals are introduced followed by a bunch of fun facts. The

children are then able to pet and interact with every animal introduced. (ages 5+, registration required)

**Friday, June 29, 2:00 PM: Schmitty the Weather Dog**

Using literacy, music and a really cute dog, Team Schmitty the Weather Dog brings their STEAM show to schools and theatres across the country. Author Elly McGuire reads her children's book, *Schmitty the Weather Dog: Daydream*, to the kids, and then the real-live Schmitty the WeatherDog (a 4 lb Yorkie with a nose for the weather) makes an appearance with Musical Meteorologist Ron. The Team leads everyone in a fun weather sing-along interspersed with age-appropriate facts about the weather. Meteorologist Ron accompanies the sing-along on his small keyboard. At the end of the show, each child receives a Schmitty the Weather Dog weather facts card with the words to the Schmitty the Weather Dog theme song on the back. (ages pre-K to 9)

**Friday, July 13, 2:00 PM: Rising Sun Jiu-Jitsu with Dean Watts**

This is a hands-on, active showcase that will get kids off of their butts and learning skills that will boost their confidence and discipline. It's a fun, energetic intro to self-defense. (ages 8 and up)

**Friday, July 20, 2:00 PM: Polynesian Fusion Music and Dance with Laura Matta**

Learn to sing and dance like Moana! This program focuses on music and dance from the islands of Hawaii and Tahiti. Kids will learn various aspects of Polynesian culture and then have an opportunity to sign and dance as a group! (ages 5+)

Please call the Ashaway Free Library at 377-2770 or stop by at 15 Knight Street for more information! See you this summer!

## REMINDERS

### Special Book Display

Before you check out at the circulation desk, don't forget to check out the special display that library staff have prepared for you on the corner shelving of the circulation desk. A recent March collection featured all things Irish. Check it out each time you visit!



### Numbers, Numbers, Numbers

Are you part of the in-crowd? Does your library card number begin in 25988? If it does, you are officially an Ashaway Free Library patron. If not, a librarian will be happy to give you a new card. It's helpful to have AFL official patron numbers reflect our actual library users.

### Smile. Amazon.com

If you're an Amazon shopper, remember to log on at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0274531>

Selecting the Ashaway Free Library as your charitable choice generates a small contribution to the Library with every purchase you make. All products, prices, procedures and wish lists stay the same and you are effortlessly helping your village library.



### Spring Appeal

Every spring and fall, we solicit your support to make up the deficit between Town and State contributions and the AFL budget. We are so lucky to have a community that has supported the AFL for the last 147 years. Your request will be in the mail in June and donation envelopes are also available at the circulation desk. This year why not consider using your donation to celebrate a special friend or occasion. Just tell us who you would like to honor and we will send them a notice of your gift. Other possibilities: name the Ashaway Free Library in your United Way donation or ask your employer about matching donations.

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