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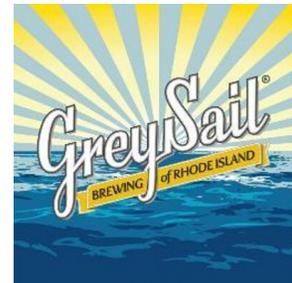
Mondays and Fridays 10-5
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-8
Wednesdays 10-8, Saturday 9-1

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR ADULTS

Grey Sail Cheers for Charity, Thursday, July 26, 6-8 PM

Meet with friends at the Grey Sail Tap Room for drinks, snacks and a fantastic silent auction. [Exciting auction items will include paddle surfing, a helicopter ride, a drinks/theater package and much more!](#) Purchase \$20 tickets at the event at 63 Canal Street, Westerly. Your ticket will include 4 drink tickets for tasting craft beers or non-alcoholic drinks.



FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), is a cooperative effort among libraries in Rhode Island to motivate children and teens to read for pleasure and to help them

maintain their reading skills during the summer months. Join us for all the fun! This year's summer reading program started in June but children can submit book reports until Friday, August 10. Children from preschool to middle school can read up to eight books and receive prizes. This year's theme, "Libraries Rock!" combines the pleasures of reading with a bit of music and geology and will be complemented by a variety of programs throughout the summer. Stay tuned to the library's Facebook page for details. Just stop by the library and sign-up for the reading program and you're on your way to a great summer filled with great books. No sign-up is required for these two programs:



Rising Sun Jiu-Jitsu With Dean Watts, Friday, July 13, 2 PM

Fun, energetic intro to self-defense. 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. Ages 10 and up.

Polynesian Music And Dance, Friday, July 20, 2 PM

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!



FOR EVERYONE



Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 29, 6 PM

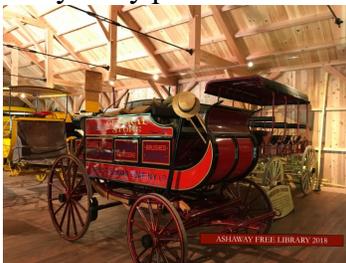
Mark your calendars now for the end of summer ice cream tradition. Join us at the Library for our traditional end-of-summer sweet celebration.

The Zoo, the Aquarium, the Nature Center

The AFL has the following discount passes available on a first-come, first-serve basis: Roger Williams Park Zoo - \$3 off per person for up to four people; Mystic Aquarium Institute for Exploration - \$5 off per person for up to four people; Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center - free admission for a family of up to five people.

Open House at the Carriage Barn, Saturday, October 20, 1-4 PM

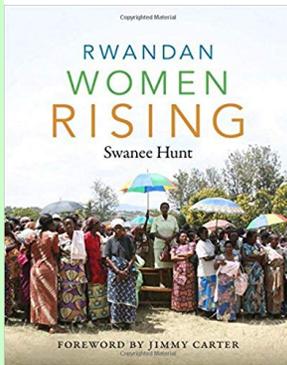
Enjoy a fall afternoon viewing 32 antique carriages and more sleighs. Admire the handsome Shire horses. Light refreshments. Stop by or spend the afternoon. Tickets/reservations \$20/person, \$40/family at the Library or by phone. Rain or Shine!



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

TWO INTERESTING NON-FICTION BOOKS

Recently I heard a refined and articulate woman on a television news program talking about the importance of including women in planning for peace. Swanee Hunt looked like a socialite but sounded like an activist and I was intrigued enough to turn to the Internet for more information. Happily, this led to many hours of interesting reading. Both of these books are available at the Ashaway Free Library.



Rwandan Women Rising by Swanee Hunt, 2017

This is heavily illustrated with dozens of color photographs and chronicles the involvement of women in building peace in their country after genocide killed almost a million people in 1994. How do you rebuild a country after neighbors have killed neighbors and no family is left unscathed? Hunt uses interviews and the words of the Rwandan women who did the work to explain how it happened.

Half-Life of a Zealot by Swanee Hunt, 2006

This is a very readable autobiography about the daughter of a conservative oil baron who becomes a progressive activist, a US ambassador, an internationally known author and columnist. She tells her story as if confiding to a friend about the evolution of her thinking, the issues in her marriages, the worry for her children, and the compulsion to work for positive change.



BOOK SALES AND DONATIONS

The Ashaway Library team survived not one but two book sales this spring. First, the annual Book and Plant Sale was held on a cold rainy May 19. Folks believed the "rain or shine" part of our advertising and not only came into the Library to find their book treasures but also wandered among three tents to select from a vast collection of "pre-watered" plants. The rainy sale was supplemented by the "Second Chance Book Sale" on a sunny June 9. Special thanks to Betsy Mercer and Barbara Capalbo, *Book Sorters Extraordinaire*, and thank you to all who donated and purchased books, potted plants, and baked goods. For future reference, here is the AFL policy for donating books.....

- The library accepts donations of recent books, books recorded on CD's, music CD's and DVD's. These should be clean and in good condition.
- Some donations may be added to the library's collection but most will be sold for fundraising.
- We do not accept donations of cassettes, VHS tapes, magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias or other materials that are dated*. These can be recycled with paper at the local landfill.
- *Books that may be considered vintage, antique or are of historical value will be accepted if they are in reasonably good condition.
- If you need an acknowledgement for tax purposes, the library will be happy to provide one though we cannot give your donation a dollar value.

Thank you for thinking of the Ashaway Free Library. Your contributions are very important to us.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS OR "5 TRUCKS AND 2 CATS"

Early in the morning on the first day of summer, the first sign of construction for the new Community Room arrived with five trucks and two Cats. No, not the purring kind but the big yellow Caterpillars with shovel heads. In three days of intense work, a new septic system was installed and re-plumbed without any interruption in Library function.



It's good to see some work getting done as we wait for the final permits to come from the

State Department of Environmental Management. Check your email for regular construction updates about entrances, book drops, and (hopefully very few) service interruptions.

TERRARIUMS AT THE CLUBHOUSE



AFL fundraisers are fun! On June 12, about 20 people gathered to build their terrariums at the 11th Green Restaurant at Wood River Golf. Thanks to the expert guidance of Master Gardener and AFL Board Member Jackie McCarthy everyone loved the results!



The good news is that if you missed this event, you will have a chance to purchase a beautiful ready-made terrariums at the July 26 Grey Sail event (see above) or after that at the Library. They are very easy to care for and make lovely gifts.

SCHMITTY THE WEATHER DOG

Schmittty the Weather Dog, who has a nose for the weather, made an appearance in her shades and New Yorkie dress at the Ashaway Free Library, Friday afternoon, June 29, much to the delight of the children and adults, in attendance. Schmittty, a 4 pound Yorkshire Terrier, who along with Team Schmittty, author Elly McGuire and meteorologist Ron Trotta, is making a tour of Rhode Island libraries this summer to entertain and teach children about the weather using music and song. Author Elly read her book, Smitty, the Weather Dog: Daydream, with lots of enthusiasm followed by musical meteorologist Ron on keyboard. In addition to teaching some key weather terms, Team Schmittty taught the children to respect animals and to read this summer. All in all, a fun afternoon at the Ashaway Free Library. Thank you Elly, Ron, and of course Schmittty, for a fun time!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

More than a year ago, Community Room construction was estimated at \$250,000. The sum of what has been spent and committed already for permits, architects and contractors is up to \$291,400 and that doesn't include furnishings and the inevitable surprises. So we are not declaring the Capital Campaign over and are still hoping some additional contributions will arrive. We are grateful to the following foundations and individuals who have allowed us to launch this project.

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AFL board members break ground with contractor Jeff O'Donnell and architect Paul Azzinaro.

REMINDERS

Special Book Display

Check out the special display that library staff have prepared for you on the corner shelving of the circulation desk.

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers

Be sure your library card number begins in 25988 so that you are officially an Ashaway Free Library patron. A librarian will be happy to give you a new card if needed.

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Spring Appeal

You recent mail included an appeal for a contribution to help make up the difference between Town and State contributions and the AFL annual budget. Donation envelopes are also available at the circulation desk. The Library continues to thrive because of your valued support.

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