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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, FALL 2018

### Library Hours:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FOR ADULTS

#### LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: *"I Love You Dearly: The Kenyon Family Murders"*



#### **Saturday, October 6, 2:00 PM**

Join us for a visit with author and historian Kelly Sullivan Pezza for a discussion of her new book, *I Love You Dearly: The Kenyon Family Murders*.

Amazon describes the book: "In June of 1920, in the quiet village of Pawcatuck, Connecticut, Mrs. Mabel Kenyon shot and killed her lover, Dr. Herbert Tetlow. Almost exactly twenty years later, the offspring allegedly produced by that affair bludgeoned and strangled his girlfriend

Rita Wheaton of Westerly, Rhode Island. The killings within the family would finally come to end in 1966 with two more murders."

Ms. Pezza will give a brief talk on her book, which will be followed by questions and answers. Kelly Sullivan Pezza is a native of Hope Valley, Rhode Island and has worked as a journalist for Southern Rhode Island Newspapers for over twenty years. With an education in law enforcement and many years of experience as a Rhode Island historian and

genealogist, she has written hundreds of articles concerning historic true crime and unsolved mysteries in Rhode Island as well as six non-fiction books and three novels. This program is free and open to the public. Signed books will be available for purchase.

## FOR CHILDREN

### A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

**Saturday, October 13, 1 PM**



Snakes, bats, spiders, and skunks are some of the many animals that get an undeserved reputation for being scary. Meet some of these creatures and learn why they are actually really awesome. Kids will even have a chance to touch some of the animals!

This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required as space is limited. Please call the library at 401-377-2770 to register your child for this program.

## FOR EVERYONE

### FALL FESTIVAL AT THE CARRIAGE BARN

**Saturday, October 20, 1-4 PM**

Enjoy a fall festival atmosphere, view dozens of antique carriages and sleighs, and admire the massive Shire horses at the Field of Dreams Farm, 79 Pine Woods Rd., North Stonington, Connecticut. Light refreshments and fun surprises. Stop by or spend the afternoon. Rain or Shine! Tickets purchased at the library before Friday October 19 are \$20/individual, \$35/family. Tickets can be purchased at the event for



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### SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLIDAY STROLL

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the annual Ashaway Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 8. Stay tuned for more information!

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The addition of a new community room is moving along. Sometimes we have to hurry up and wait for the next stage of construction but progress is being made. The new septic system is installed, the old concrete ramp demolished, the foundation excavated and poured, and a floor built. Framing has begun and the roof trusses will arrive shortly. It's exciting to be able to see where the windows and doors will be.

As construction began, we realized we needed to replace the ancient fuel oil tank in the basement before the new foundation was



closed in. We want to give a special shout out to Tom Rekowski of Valley Heating and Cooling, Inc. in Richmond for helping with this unexpected expense. His generous and

speedy response allowed us to get this job done without delay. Thank you!

**During construction, a new green book drop is available at the end of the driveway and the High Street entrance will be in use. Please be extra careful in the early fall darkness as you enter and exit the building.**



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



We are so grateful for every donation, big and small from the individuals, families, businesses and foundations that are funding the community room addition. All construction brings surprises, some good, some bad, but most often the surprises come with a price tag. As we neared the initial fundraising goal of \$250,000 construction costs began to stretch towards \$305,000. In short, the Capital Campaign is not over! We welcome your contributions and any ideas you may have for raising funds.

## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

"It's worth noting that "liber," the Latin root of the word "library" means both "book" and "free." Libraries stand for and exemplify something that needs defending: the public

institutions that --even in an age of atomization, polarization and inequality--serve as the bedrock of civil society." -Eric Klineberg, author of *Palaces for the People*



## REMEMBER THE RIVER CRUISE INFORMATION?

You may remember newsletter articles and brochures about the AFL's "sponsorship" of two river cruises in Europe. Some of us may have been surprised or confused about why the Library was involved with river cruises. Here's how it works. Judie Freeman, Library Trustee and travel lover, worked to find people interested in the trips and earned credit for the library when people signed up with her for the travel. Over the last couple years, Judie has earned about \$6,000 from the Vantage travel for her work which she put towards the Library's Capital Campaign. Thanks for your good work Judie! This is a great example of how one library lover used her personal interests to benefit the AFL.

## REMINDERS

### Handmade Greeting Cards Available

Check out the revolving rack of beautiful cards located at the back of the children's section of the library. The artful cards were made by an AFL craft group led by Judie Freeman and Peggy Roeber and are available for \$2 each, proceeds to the Library.

### 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.

### 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.



### Library Team

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