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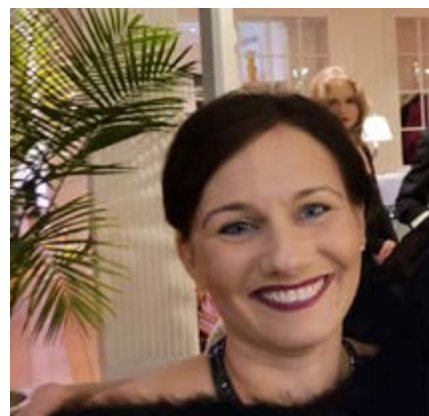
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from the executive director



Help us celebrate and support Westerly Library & Wilcox Park and all libraries across the country!

In just a few short weeks we will be celebrating National Library Week. This year National Library Week runs from April 6 to 12. During this week we observe the Right to Read Day on April 7, National Library Workers Day on April 8, National Library Outreach Day on April 9, and Take Action for Libraries Day on April 10. April is also School Library Month, a time to celebrate the essential role that strong school libraries play in transforming learning.

The right or freedom to read is essential in a democratic society. And this freedom has been under attack for years but the censorship isn't just on books. Library workers, educators, and community members are being targeted and made fearful to buy books, to check out books, to teach a diversity of viewpoints, and to even report censorship.

This is why there is a Bill in both the RI House and Senate to protect library workers and educators and your right to read whatever you choose. The Rhode Island Freedom to Read Act (S0238, H5726) protects Rhode Islanders' fundamental American rights to free speech, free inquiry and the right to form and express our own opinions, as laid out by the First Amendment and the Rhode Island Constitution.

Libraries are also facing attacks at the national level. Recently, there was an Executive Order issued in March intended to defund seven agencies to the greatest extent of the law including Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). State officials, librarians, and library supporters are already working to fight this. Cuts to funding could impact:

- Summer reading programs for children, teens and adults
- Statewide reading programs such as Kids Reading Across Rhode Island and RI Children's Book Award
- Subgrants to libraries to develop programs and services, including grants for digitization (including the majority of digitization of *The Westerly Sun*), services for veterans and differently abled individuals, social services, and learning programs
- Resource sharing including AskRI and interlibrary loan

The loss of federal support for library services could devastate libraries. Please show your support of libraries. The biggest thing you could do to show your support is to use your library. Using the library shows that people want and need their libraries. You can also let your elected officials know about your support of libraries and all they do for you and your community.

And don't forget to join us during National Library Week! We have great things planned that you won't want to miss!

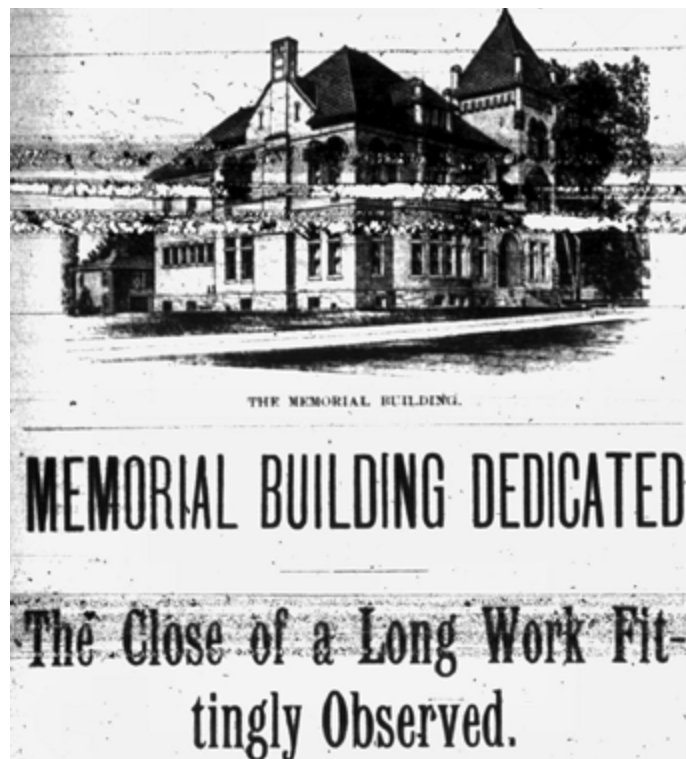
Warmly,

Brigitte S. Hopkins
Executive Director



adult

The Westerly Sun: Historical Access



If you happen upon the August 15, 1894 edition of The Westerly Sun, you can read all about the opening of the “Memorial building”, also known as Westerly Library! Built as a Civil War memorial, the paper states the building will “stand as a constant reminder of the sacrifice made by Westerly men for their country.” You can see the original floor plan, read about the borrowing rules, learn about Stephen Wilcox, and much more. In fact, there was a gymnasium and bowling alley that was open every day except Sundays!

Guess what? You can do all this from the comfort of your home! We are working toward digitizing old issues of The Westerly Sun. Currently; you can access the 1893-1950 issues of the Westerly Sun through our website. You can navigate to it via the Local History page or by clicking [here](#). When you have a chance, browse around because you may discover some really fascinating articles!

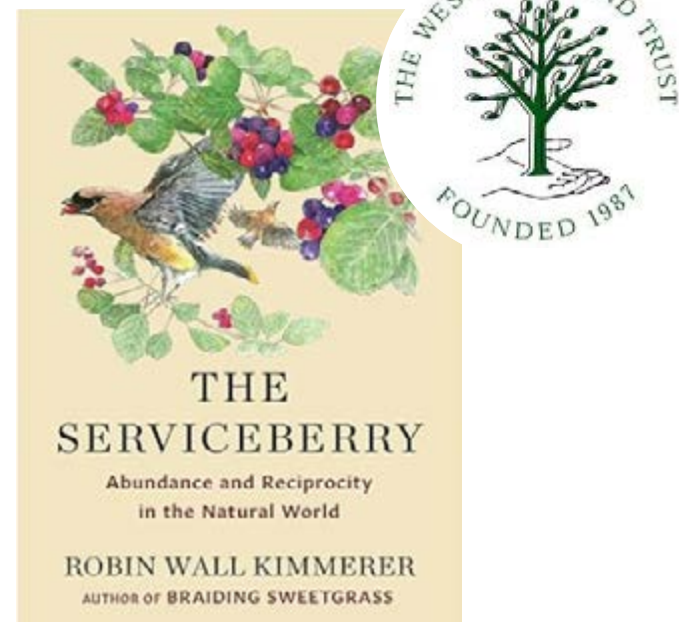


Mr. Stephen Wilcox. Mr. Stephen Wilcox, to whose generosity and public spirit Westerly is chiefly indebted for the beautiful Memorial building which has been dedicated today, was a native of this town, having been born Feb. 12, 1830, a son of Stephen Wilcox, Jr., and Sophia Yow. His early life, until 1864, was passed in this town. Then he removed to Provi-

[The Serviceberry Book Club with the Westerly Land Trust](#) • Wednesday, April 23rd • 10 am-1 pm • Wahaneeta Preserve

We are delighted to once again be teaming with the Westerly Land Trust for a book discussion as part of Earth Day celebrations. On Wednesday, April 23rd at 10am we will meet at the Wahaneeta Preserve cabin followed by a hike through the woods of Wahaneeta Preserve. We will be discussing *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

This book examines the connections between indigenous knowledge, ecology, and the natural world. The author explores lessons we can learn from plants and ecosystems, focusing on themes of reciprocity, healing, and the relationship between humans and nature. There is a focus on the idea of a gift economy, using the serviceberry as an example for how nature thrives through sharing. She invites readers to reimagine our relationship with the earth, embracing a worldview rooted in gratitude, abundance, and the principles of a ‘gift economy’. Please note that registration is required, and spots are limited. You can register by clicking on the Serviceberry Book Club. If you do not have a copy of “The Serviceberry,” limited copies are available in the Reference Department on the second floor of the library.

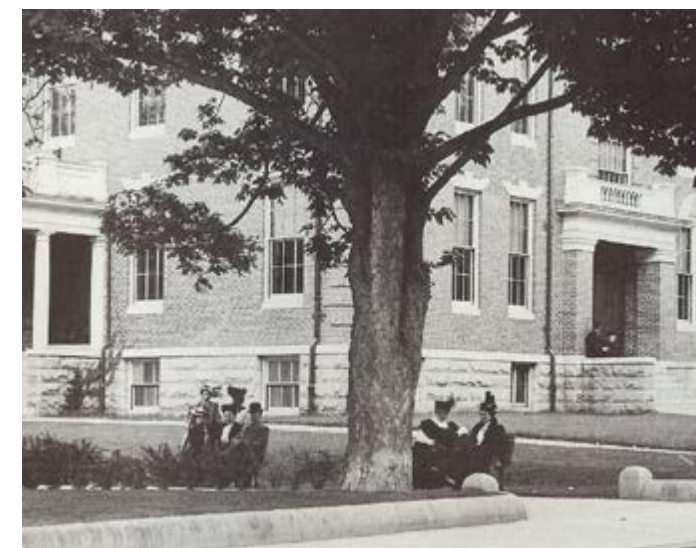


in the vault



This postcard image, taken between 1894 and 1913, shows the older post office that was next to the library before the current one was built. You can see the library building on the right, and on the left, what became the public parking lot downtown.

This month we have been busy in Local History & Special Collections! We have in our vault many of the papers of Margaret Wise Brown, well-known author of children’s books such as *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*. We have been digitizing portions of her collection for a Parisian student writing a dissertation on Margaret and her work. Additionally, we have a request this month for information on the early schools and school houses of Westerly, for a grad student working on a thesis at the Boston Architectural School.



program highlights



Couch to 5k Run Club • Mondays, April-May • 4:00-4:45 pm • Wilcox Park

If you've ever envied runners, or wanted to run a 5k, this group is for you!

Our running group is designed to help almost anyone go from a "non-runner" to a "5k distance runner" in 8 weeks, following the C25k® program. Each run, we'll alternate between running and walking for short periods of time, slowly increasing the running time over the weeks until you're able to run 3.1 miles straight! To get the most out of this program, participants should plan on completing 2 additional run/walks on their own during the week, each of which will take 30 minutes.

Runs take place on Mondays in April and May, from 4-4:45pm in Wilcox Park. Registration is not required. Please come dressed in comfortable clothing and sneakers, and bring water. Contact Cassie at cskobrak@westerlylibrary.org or (401) 596-2877 x306 with questions.

Download the free "Just Run" app to guide you through your timed runs!



Master Gardener's Presentation: Flower Pressing

Monday, April 14th • 11 am-12 pm Auditorium

We are partnering with URI's Master Gardener program to offer a beginner course on flower pressing. This course will prepare you for the summer and growing season and will give beginners an idea of what to plant in their gardens this season. Our guest speaker, Cheryl Chipman will cover the origin of flower pressing, things to consider when choosing plant materials to press, and demonstrate examples of how to press flowers, as well as ideas for how you can use your pressed materials once you create them. Preregistration is requested, but not required. Please contact Reference at reference@westerlylibrary.org, or (401) 596-2877 x306 for details.

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Hosted by Kathryn Aaron,
Chorus Artistic Associate

Chorus of Westerly: Ethel Smyth Mass in D: A Pre-concert Lecture • Wednesday, April 23rd • 5:30-7:00 pm • Auditorium



Please join the Chorus of Westerly and presenter Kathryn Aaron, for a pre-concert lecture featuring a discussion of the life and work of Ethel Smyth and her Mass in D.

About the presenter:

Kathryn Aaron, soprano, is an established interpreter of early vocal repertory. Her unique blend of musicality and scholarship encompasses a repertoire that spans from the liturgical drama of Hildegard von Bingen to the operatic fire of Handel and beyond. In regular demand as an oratorio singer, she has shared the stage as a soloist with Masaki Suzuki, Nic McGegan, Paul Hillier, and Simon Carrington. In 2020, she was appointed assistant conductor at the Chorus of Westerly where she leads the Foundations Chorus and is the song leader for the Westerly Threshold Singers. She holds degrees in vocal performance from Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, the Jacob School of Music at Indiana University, and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University.

America & the Holocaust: Jim Crow Laws, Eugenics, and the March Toward Genocide in Nazi-Occupied Europe • Wednesday, April 30th • 6:00-7:30 pm • Auditorium

Join Barbara Wahlberg for this 75 minute presentation provides a case study examining Nazi Germany and the United States during the 1930s, at a time when racism and eugenics were enshrined in law and practice. We will examine the national and historical contexts in which racism manifested in the two countries, and explore how the pseudoscience of eugenics as well as concerns about "racial purity" found its way into the laws of the United States and Nazi Germany. Barbara Wahlberg has been a Holocaust and Genocide educator for over 30 years, a retired ELA teacher in Cranston Public Schools, a long-time board member of the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center, a 2002 USHMM Teaching Fellow and received the 2018 Genocide Educator of the Year Award for Rhode Island. She has served on the Rhode Island Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education since its inception in 2021.



hanging in the hoxie • Olean Center Exhibit

presenting: [The Artists of the Olean Center: See ME](#)

This month's exhibition will feature pieces from artists of the Olean Center! Head to the Hoxie Gallery from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, April 2nd for an opportunity to meet the artists. Their pieces can be viewed in the Hoxie Gallery through the month of April during library hours. "See ME" will showcase artwork about the unique interests of the artists of the Olean Center.

Opening Reception
April 2nd
5-7 pm

Drop-in Art Class with Olean Center: Create with the Artists •

Tuesday, April 1st & Thursday, April 3rd • 10-11 am & 2-3 pm • Hoxie Gallery

Our featured exhibit in the Hoxie Gallery this month is with artists of the Olean Center! Celebrate the work of the artists with a chance to create with them during 1 hour classes in the Hoxie Gallery on Tuesday, April 1st & Thursday, April 3rd at 10 am & 2 pm.



About the Olean Center:

The Olean Center inspires individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their potential through our nurturing environment that promotes independence and inclusion. For more information on the Olean Center please [click here](#).

AiR
artist-in-residence



Christine Koubek Flynn • Author/Journalist
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May/June 2025



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Terrace



The Terrace Room, located on the third floor of the library, offers multi-use functionality from public meetings and educational programs to workshops and private events, and can accommodate a maximum capacity of 75 people (subject to layout and chair availability). This 43' x 43' space includes restrooms, kitchen facilities, and access to a terrace overlooking Wilcox Park, weather permitting.

Hoxie



The Hoxie Gallery is a public art gallery that generally displays the work of local artists. Each exhibit is booked for the period of approximately one month. The Hoxie Gallery is available for limited private use subject to the approval of the Executive Director and the current artist(s) displays. Due to the nature of the space, and the range of art exhibits that are displayed, reservation policies and procedures differ for use of the Hoxie Gallery. A baby grand piano is in the Gallery.

[Click here for private event space rental information](#)

Auditorium



The Auditorium is available for programs, meetings and special events. This 41' x 34' space can accommodate a maximum capacity of 85 people, and contains a baby grand Steinway piano.

Roberts



The Roberts Room, located on the second floor of the library, is a small, semi-formal conference room space that can accommodate up to 12 people for seated round table discussions or gatherings.

private event spaces



If you are interested in reserving space for a temporary storefront, informational & resource hub, student project or more, please contact awagner@westerlylibrary.org. For more information about The Pop-Up at Coy, please visit the link above.



[Student Project: Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Wildlife Clinic of RI](#) • Saturday, April 5th • 10 am-3 pm • The Pop-Up at Coy

A variety of delicious homemade baked goods will be available for sale, with all proceeds going directly to the Wildlife Clinic of RI, an organization dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife in Rhode Island. Cash payment accepted and QR code to Clinic's donation page will be provided for online payment. Organized by Freya Olson, a sophomore at South Kingstown High School, as a "leadership project" to include in her portfolio for (hopeful) induction into the National Honor Society.



[Girl Scouts Cookie Booth](#) • Saturday, April 26th, 10 am- 3 pm • The Pop-Up at Coy

Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England is thrilled to be hosting a special post-season Girl Scout Cookie Booth at Westerly Library on April 26th. Come get your favorite cookies before they're gone until the winter! We'll be located in The Pop-Up at Coy.



public services

If you're planning a day trip around New England, why not check out a Museum Pass while you're at it? We offer a variety of free or discounted passes that you can find in our [Library of Things](#)

Among available passes is The Audrain Automobile Museum, a part of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM), which gets you free admission for 2 guests. In addition to The Audrain, the pass allows access to other member museums across North America, including the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, MA or the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, CT. We suggest calling member museums before visiting to make sure they still accept NARM passes.



Visit our website for the borrowing guidelines and full list of [Museum Passes](#), or visit our Circulation Desk.

atta•dude

At WLWP we celebrate our dedicated staff members monthly. Colleagues are nominated for going above and beyond by their peers. Atta•dudes, as we call them, are awarded to the staff member who receives the most nominations in a month. Brianna was our winner of February's atta•dude!

Brianna was recognized for taking time to familiarize a new staff member within the department and patiently answering all related questions. She was also recognized for doing a wonderful job of organizing "hold" items and creating an outstanding Valentine's Day display.



service highlight

community spotlight

Libraries across the country will celebrate National Library Week from April 6th to 12th to reflect upon the essential services public libraries offer and the reasons people are "Drawn to the Library". While there are many reasons to be initially drawn to Westerly Library & Wilcox Park, many in the community are drawn to stay and become an active community member. Throughout each month, neighbors meet at the library to work on craft projects, discuss their favorite books, share a meal made from new recipes, play chess, and celebrate their shared interests. Clubs and meet-ups allow for those who walk into the library to be more than just library card holders, but community members and friends.

There is a club for everyone at Westerly Library & Wilcox Park. Please join us on April 12th from 10am-12pm for the Library Club Meet & Greet to say hello to active community members and learn about our many regular clubs and meet ups!

This April, Westerly Library & Wilcox Park will also celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week from the 20th through the 26th. In the last year, 180 individuals have volunteered their time and skills throughout the library and across the park to help with our day-to-day operations. Our volunteers' contributions are substantial and help us to fulfill our mission as an organization. On behalf of the staff at Westerly Library & Wilcox Park, thank you to our volunteers!



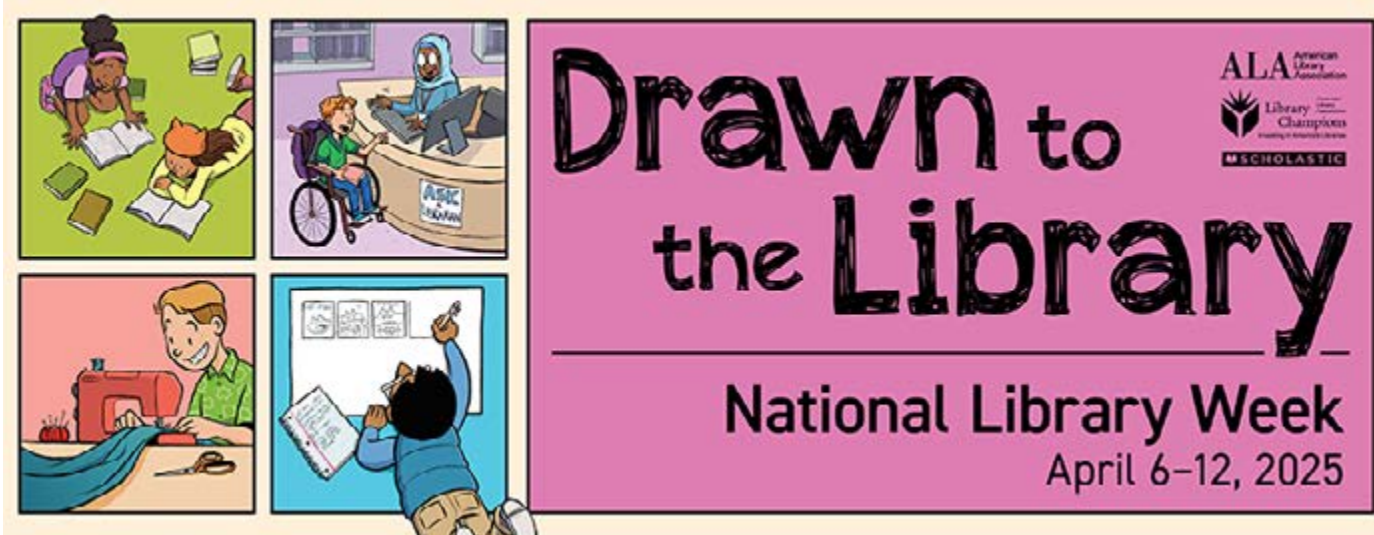
Clubs & Meetups

- Sewers in Stitches: Mondays • 2:00-4:00 PM • Terrace Room
- Monday Night Book Discussion: 3rd Monday of the month • 5:30-6:45 PM • Roberts Room
- Knit & Crochet Group: Tuesdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Makerspace
- Mostly Fiction Book Club: 2nd Tuesday of the month • 6:00-7:30 PM • Terrace Room
- Irish Coastal Club Irish Language Classes: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 PM • Terrace Room
- Cookbook Club: 2nd Wednesday of the month • 6:00-7:30 PM • Terrace Room
- Film Club: 3rd Wednesday of the month • 2:00-3:00 PM • Terrace Room
- Tech Social: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 1-2 PM • Makerspace and via Zoom
- Silent Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month • 5:30-7:00 PM • Old Main Reading Room
- Chess Club (All ages): Thursdays • 5:30-7:30 PM • Old Main Reading Room
- Westerly Cross Stitchers Group: 1st & 3rd Saturdays • 9-11 AM • Roberts Room
- Westerly Writers Group: 1st & 3rd Saturdays • 10:00 AM-12:30 PM • Makerspace

Participate in one of our clubs or meetups. Join other community members while doing something you love, or learning something new!

Please visit our [website events calendar](#) for details on any of the above groups and to register, if needed.

Help Us Celebrate National Library Week 2025!



The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Drawn to the Library." What draws you to the library? Is it a book, a program, or a meeting? Whatever draws you here, let it serve as an opportunity to participate in our National Library Week Drawing, open to all library (and park) patrons and visitors. Earn entries by completing one or more of the activities listed below. Multiple entries allowed. One prize per winner. Drawing open Monday April 7, 9 am through Saturday, April 12, 4 pm.

- Check out a library material(s) (each checkout session earns 1 ticket)
- Use a library resource such as a public computer, database, reading the newspaper
- Attend a program
- Participate in the Library Week library scavenger hunt
- Send a postcard (available in the library) to your elected State Official in support of the Freedom to Read Bill
- [Send a message to your Senators and Representatives](#) urging them to protect museum and library funding.
- Participate in the Dine to Donate at Mario's Pizzeria
- Sponsor a duck from us for the annual Pawcatuck Duck Race
- Participate in a free library tour (April 8 or 10 at noon)
- Bring in an item for out food drive for the Jonnycake Center
- Donate to our Annual Fund
- Take a [Self-Guided Tour of Wilcox Park](#)

The prize drawing will take place on Monday, April 14. You do not need to be present to win. 10 winners will be chosen at random. Prizes include Westerly Library & Wilcox Park swag and literature inspired items.

National Library Week • April 6-12th

Join our Spirit Days during Library Week

Monday, April 7th:

Character Day/Book Swag Day
Dress as a book character or wear your book gear

Tuesday, April 8th:

Sports Day/Team Tuesday
Represent your favorite sports team

Wednesday, April 9th:

Wild Wednesday
Wear animal print or animal themed clothing

Thursday, April 10th:

Throwback Thursday
Wear clothing from another era

Friday, April 11th:

Vacation Mode
Dress in your best tropical attire



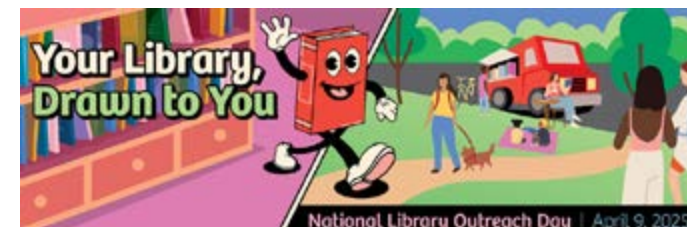
Monday, April 7th: Right to Read Day

A day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its State of America's Libraries Report, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2025.



Tuesday, April 8th: National Library Workers Day

A day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.



Wednesday, April 9th: National Library Outreach Day

A day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.



Thursday, April 10th: Take Action for Libraries Day

A day to rally advocates to support libraries.



41st Annual Garden Market Fair

Please join Westerly Library and Wilcox Park for our 41st Annual Garden Market Fair!

Wander through Wilcox Park to find everything from annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, organic vegetables, herbs, and accessories for purchase as well as tables with community nonprofit organizations, food trucks and music with The Westerly Band. Don't forget to visit with the alpacas!

Please check back [here](#) for an up-to-date list of participating vendors and community organizations!



park announcement



join the activities and entertainment

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Alpacas from Lazy K Ranch

9:00 am Sound Bath with Monika (Zen Zone)

10:00 am Essentrics Stretching with Heather Van Dam (True Self Health)

10:00 -10:45 am Native Plant Tour with URI Master Gardeners

10:30 am Qigong with Nancy (Zen Zone)

11:00 -11:45 am Specimen Tree Tour with URI Master Gardeners

11:45 am - 12:45 pm Neighbor Day Celebration at Town Hall Steps

1:00 pm Westerly Band full concert

2:00 pm Zumba workout session

[click here for vendor opportunities](#)

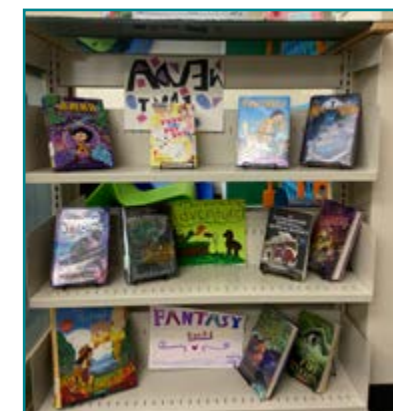
youth

We're excited to announce that we have new Storytime Backpacks themes available for checkout! These backpacks are a fun way to bring storytime home! Each bag contains three books centered on a theme, along with an activity. New themes include Bees, Birthdays, Gardening, and Oceans. We've also updated some of our existing favorites, like Dinosaurs, with fresh new items!

If you're a fan of books, creativity, and you're a tween, don't miss out on joining the Tween Librarian Club! This is the perfect space to meet fellow library enthusiasts, collaborate on interactive displays, and create art for the Tween Space. Pictured below are some great displays made by our Tween Librarians in training. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 18th.

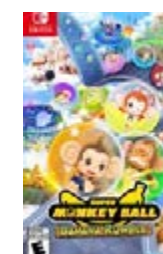
And be sure to check out our very own Ben, a YouTube superstar! He's sharing awesome video game walkthroughs on Westerly Library and Wilcox Park's YouTube channel (@westerlylibraryandwilcoxpa2737). Tune in to watch Ben take on Sonic X Shadow, Katamari Damacy Reroll, and Super Monkey Ball—you won't want to miss it!

Lastly, make sure to stop by and say hello to Lynn, our new Teen Librarian! Lynn is hard at work rearranging our Teen Space to create the perfect spot to hang out and get things done. The Teen Space is especially great if you're feeling creative. Don't miss Teen Crafternoon, our weekly craft time for teens. Last week, we celebrated one of our regular teen's birthdays at Crafternoon, with fun duck crafts and birthday stickers!



video game recs

Visit our YouTube channel where you'll find a new Library Let's Plays courtesy of our Tween Librarian, Ben, every Thursday!



[Super Monkey Ball Banana Rumble](#)

Recommended by Ben
You don't move your character, you move the stage in this charming physics puzzle game. The charming characters, creative levels, and simple story make it a good game to unwind with.



[Disney Classics Collection](#)

Recommended by Ben
If you think that games today are too easy this is the collection for you! This compilation of Jungle Book, Lion King, and Aladdin originally made for Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis is as brutally difficult as it is nostalgic.



Caddy Stacks Mini Golf

Thank you to all who attended our mini golf fundraiser! The event raised \$26,780 for the library and park. It was great to see families and friends of all ages having a blast on the course!

Special thank you to our Title Sponsor, The Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park.



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All of WLWP's offerings and programs are free and open to the public. As a private non-profit organization, this would not be possible without the generous support of our community. You can show your support by participating in the upcoming Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce Duck Race by purchasing a duck. Our organization benefits from a portion of the proceeds of each duck sold through Westerly Library & Wilcox Park. Or join us at the upcoming Dine To Donate event at Mario's Northend Pizzeria!

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Drop-in Art Class with Olean Center: Create with the Artists • Tuesday, 1st & Thursday, 3rd • 10-11 am & 2-3 pm

Tween Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 8-12) • Tuesdays or Wednesdays weekly

Homeschool Group: Tuesdays 1:30-3 pm

Group 1: Tuesdays 3:30-5pm

Group 2: Tuesdays 5-6:30 pm

Group 3: Wednesdays 4:30-6 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons • Tuesdays weekly • 4-5:30 pm

Knit & Crochet Group • Tuesdays weekly • 5:30-7:30 pm

Storytime • Wednesdays weekly • 10-10:30 am

Teen Pride Club: Games & Hang • Wednesday, 2nd • 4-5 pm

April Exhibition | Meet the Artists | The Artists of the Olean Center: See ME • Wednesday, 2nd • 5-7 pm

Going to Extremes: Adventure Travel Presentation • Wednesday, 2nd • 6-7:30 pm

Learn the Language of Ireland with Irish Coastal Club First & Third Wednesdays, 2nd & 16th • 6:30-7:30 pm • (hybrid)

Baby Playtime • Thursday, 3rd • 10-10:45 am

Kids Craft Time • Thursdays weekly, • **3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th** • 4-5 pm

Teen Crafternoon • Thursdays weekly • 4-5 pm

Chess Club • Thursdays weekly • 5:30-7:30 pm

Readers Welcome: Tween Book Club • Saturday, 4th • 4-5 pm

Westerly Cross Stitchers Group • First & Third Saturdays, 5th & 19th • 9-11 am

Westerly Writers Group • Saturdays, 5th & 19th • 10 am-12:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt in Wilcox Park • Saturday, 5th • 1 pm

Crafternoon To-Go • First Monday, 7th • 9 am-8 pm

Kids Take & Make: Peek-a-boo Baby Chick • First Monday, 7th • 9 am-8 pm

Sewers in Stitches • Mondays weekly • 2-4 pm

Couch to 5k Run Club • Mondays weekly through June 2nd, **Week 1, Week 2, Week 3, Week 4** • 4-4:45 pm

Monday Night Movie: A Complete Unknown • Monday, 7th • 5-7:30 pm

National Library Week: Library Tour • Tuesday, 8th & Thursday, 10th • 12 pm

After School Storytime: Diary of a Worm • Tuesday, 8th • 4-4:30 pm

Mostly Fiction Book Club: All the Colors of the Dark • 2nd Tuesday, 8th • 6-7:30 pm

Project Outreach Veteran's Assistance • Second Wednesday, 9th • 10-11 am

Tech Social • Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9th & 23rd • 1-2 pm • (hybrid)

Playdough Playtime • Wednesdays, 9th & 23rd • 4-5 pm

Caregiver Support Group • Second Wednesday, 9th • 5:30-6:30 pm

Cookbook Club: Tuesday Nights Mediterranean • Second Wednesday, 12th • 6-7:30 pm

Toddler Playtime • Second & Fourth Thursdays, 10th & 24th • 10-10:45 am

Tween Alliance for Acceptance • Thursday, 10th • 4-5 pm

National Library Week: Library Club Meet & Greet • Saturday, 12th • 10 am-12 pm

Natural Arts: Mud Painting • Monday, 14th • 10-11 am
Toddler Time & 4-5 pm **After School**

Master Gardener's Presentation: Flower Pressing • Monday, 14th • 11 am-12 pm

The Poetry Gathering • Second Monday, 14th • 5-7 pm

Tween Librarian Club • Friday, 18th • 4-5 pm

Dante Society Author Talk & Signing w/ Professor Joseph Luzzi • Saturday, 19th • 1-3 pm

Monday Night Book Discussion: Olive, Again • Third Monday, 21st • 5:30-6:30 pm

Earth Day Book Club w/ WLT: The Serviceberry • Wednesday, 23rd • 10 am • Wahaneeta Preserve Cabin

Ethel Smyth Mass in D: A Chorus of Westerly Pre-concert Lecture • Wednesday, 23rd • 5:30-7 pm

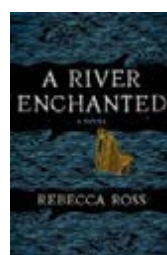
Homeschool Hangout • Monday, 28th • 2-3 pm

Silent Book Club • Last Wednesday, 30th • 5:30-7 pm

America & the Holocaust: Jim Crow Laws, Eugenics, and the March Toward Genocide in Nazi-Occupied Europe • Wednesday, 30th • 6-7:30 pm

books & movies

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[*A River Enchanted*](#) by Rebecca Ross
Recommended by Julianna

Jack Tamerlaine hasn't stepped foot on Cadence in ten long years...But when young girls start disappearing from the isle, Jack is summoned home to help find them.



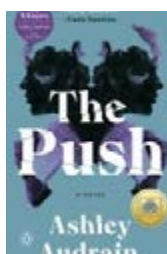
[*The Editor*](#) by Steven Rowley
Recommended by Sara

A funny, poignant, and highly original novel about an author whose relationship with his very famous book editor will change him forever--both as a writer and a son



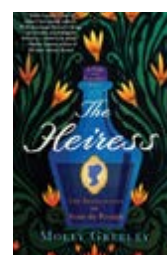
[*Follow Me To Ground*](#) by Sue Rainsford
Recommended by Keara

Ada and her father, touched by the power to heal illness, live on the edge of a village where they help sick locals--or "Cures"--by cracking open their damaged bodies or temporarily burying them in the reviving, dangerous Ground nearby.



[*The Push*](#) by Ashley Audrain
Recommended by Stacey

A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family--and a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for--and everything she feared.



[*The Heiress: The Revelations of Anne de Bourgh*](#) by Molly Greeley
Recommended by Amanda

As a fussy baby, Anne was prescribed laudanum to quiet her and has been given the opium-heavy syrup ever since, on account of her continuing ill health. While Lady Catherine is outraged when Darcy chooses not to marry her daughter, Anne barely even notices



[*Blob: a love story*](#) by Maggie Su
Recommended by Kim

After getting dumped, lonely college dropout Vi Liu discovers a strange blob in an ally outside a bar and takes it home where she works with the increasingly sentient creature and molds it into her ideal partner.



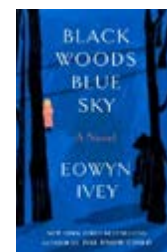
[*Book Lovers*](#) by Emily Henry
Recommended by Brigitte

A by-the-book literary agent must decide if happily ever after is worth changing her whole life for in this insightful, delightful new novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Beach Read and People We Meet on Vacation.



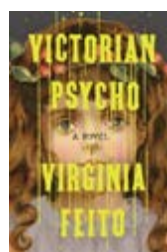
[*The Only Girl*](#) by Robin Green
Recommended by Penelope

A raucous and vividly dishy memoir by the only woman writer on the masthead of Rolling Stone Magazine in the early Seventies.



[*Black Woods, Blue Sky*](#) by Eowyn Ivey
Recommended by Cassie

Birdie splits her days between caring for her six-year-old daughter, Emaleen, and working as a waitress at a roadside lodge in Alaska. But this is not the life she'd dreamed of as a child.



[*Victorian Psycho*](#) by Virginia Feito
Recommended by Claire

In Grim Wolds, England, Winifred Notty takes on the role of governess at Ensor House, where she must navigate the twisted dynamics of the dysfunctional Pounds family while suppressing her own violent past...



[*Onyx Storm*](#) by Rebecca Yarros
Recommended by Lynn

After nearly eighteen months at Basgiath War College, Violet Sorrengail knows there's no more time for lessons. No more time for uncertainty. Because the battle has truly begun, and with enemies closing in from outside their walls and within their ranks, it's impossible to know who to trust.



[*Woe: a housecat's story of despair*](#) by Lucy Knisley
Recommended by Colleen

This graphic novel is a collection of webcomics about a very dramatic cat, Linney. It's hilarious, heartbreaking, and very relatable to any guardian of a senior pet.



[*Heart of the Glen*](#) by Jennifer Deibel
Recommended by Kristen

This historical fiction novel is set in 1900s Ireland, and revolves around a woman who is keeping a secret about the horrible accident surrounding the death of her family.



[*Wallace & Gromit: The Complete Collection*](#)
Recommended by Sara

A Grand Day Out: The adventures of Wallace and Gromit, an inventor and his dog, as they build a spaceship and travel to the moon in search of cheese.



[*Horatio Hornblower: the new adventures*](#)
Recommended by Claire

The A&E miniseries based on Forester's novels of Horatio Hornblower, following his career from a reticent midshipman to a self-assured and courageous officer.



[*Finding Vivian Maier*](#)
Recommended by Kelli

Now considered one of the 20th century's greatest street photographers, Vivian Maier was a mysterious nanny who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that went unseen during her lifetime.



[*1923, a Yellowstone origin story: Season 1*](#)
Recommended by Kelli

The Duttons face a new set of challenges in the early 20th century, including the rise of Western expansion, Prohibition, and the Great Depression.



[*Big Little Lies: Season 1*](#)
Recommended by Anna

The apparently perfect lives of three mothers of first graders unravel to the point of murder.

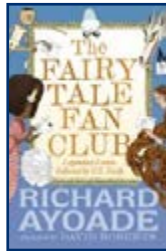


[*Big Little Lies: The complete second season*](#)
Recommended by Anna

On the surface, everything seems the same in the seaside town of Monterey, CA: mothers continue to dote, husbands support, children are adorable, houses are beautiful. But the night of the school fundraiser changed all that.

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The Fairy Tale Fan Club: Legendary Letters Collected by C.C. Cecily by Richard Ayoade

Recommended by Mel

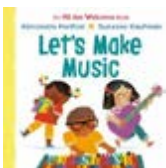
What are they doing now? Was it really Happily Ever After? Is the Big Bad Wolf actually that bad? When will Sleeping Beauty get out of bed? And what makes frogs so kissable? Discover the truth about your favorite fairy tale characters...



Let's Put that Away! My First Book of Organizing by Clea Shearer

Recommended by Mel

Playing with blocks and reading books are all great fun! Do you know where they go when you're done? On shelves or in baskets, in containers or drawers..



Let's Make Music by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman

Recommended by Daisy

A joyous exploration of musical instruments and sounds, perfect for toddlers.



Isn't for Fox: An Isn't Alphabet by Linda Ashman

Recommended by Orson

Using humor and the alphabet this book points out first what each letter of the alphabet is not for and then gives an example of a word that does begin with the letter.



How to be a Color Wizard: Forage and Experiment with Natural Art Making by Jason Logan

Recommended by Remy

A guide for children to making colorful dyes with natural materials which includes project ideas.

April is National Garden Month! Check out these great books...



Let's Get Gardening by Radhika Haswani

Recommended by Mel

Learn to grow your own vegetables and herbs, attract awesome wildlife such as butterflies and bees, and be a green gardener with lots of recycling tips.



My First Book of House Plants by Asa Gilland

Recommended by Mel

An innovative, fully recyclable board book for babies and toddlers that introduces the beautiful world of houseplants and helps children connect with the natural world.



Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth by Mary McKenna Siddals

Recommended by Mel

A rhyming recipe explains how to make the dark, crumbly, rich, earth-friendly food called compost.



The Junior Plant Lover's Handbook: A Green-Thumb Guide for Kids by Molly Williams

Recommended by Mel

The book is broken into four sections-the first offers a microhistory of gardening and explores our evolving relationship with plants.



A Teen Guide to Eco-Gardening, Food and Cooking by Jen Green

Recommended by Mel

Suggests different ways of being eco-conscious with food, including using gray water in the garden, knowing where a product comes from to find its environmental impact, and tips on saving energy in the kitchen.



HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

A library service for homebound patrons, delivered to you by our volunteers! Service provides monthly delivery and pickup of materials provided to those unable to visit the library, upon approval. Must be a Westerly or Town of Stonington resident.

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WHAT WE NEED:

FOR KIDS
BREAKFAST
LUNCH
SNACKS

FOR ADULTS
COFFEE/TEA
CONDIMENTS

DATE: Monday, 03/31 - Saturday, 05/03

LOCATION: Westerly Library - Circulation Desk

Don't forget! Westerly Library & Wilcox Park will be accepting non-perishable food donations on behalf of the Jonnycake Center of Westerly from March 31st until our annual resource fair, Community Connections: Every Neighbor Counts, on May 3rd.

for news, events, programs and happenings please always refer to
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westerlylibrary.org

