

Message from the Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!

As librarians, we love nothing more than connecting books with readers. If one of your goals for the new year is to read more, we are happy to help. The North Kingstown Free Library offers many ways to take your reading experience to the next level.

Truth Be Told: Non-Fiction Book Club - This non-fiction book club is led by Reference Coordinator Tom Frawley, and meets once a month on Tuesday evenings. January's pick is *The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free* by Paulina Bren.

Virtual Live Author Events - Enjoy a range of talks with bestselling authors and thought leaders from the comfort of your home. This popular virtual program, a partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is offered a few times each month. If you can't catch it live, you can watch the recording.

Writers Live at the Library: 14 Gold Street Visiting Writers Series - This visiting writers series, developed by Fr. Spencer Reese from St. Paul's Wickford, brings award-winning writers to the library for literary events. Join us on Jan. 8 for a reading and conversation with Kelan Nee, a poet and carpenter, and Nick Flynn, an American writer, playwright, and poet.

Murder by the Book Club - Murder mystery aficionados might enjoy discussing whodunnit with this book club, led by Fiction Coordinator Nancy Nadeau. This group meets once a month on Tuesday evenings. January's pick is *Faceless Killers* by Henning Mankill.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club - Looking to immerse yourself in a different world? The Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club meets on Tuesday evenings, led by Fiction Coordinator Nancy Nadeau. January's pick is *A House with Good Bones* by T. Kingfisher.

Morning Book Clubs - Monday and Thursday morning book discussions are led by Fiction Coordinator Nancy Nadeau. Featured books can be from any genre. January's pick is *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.

Book Club in a Bag - Already part of a private book club? We also offer Book-Club-in-a-Bag. These curated titles include 10 copies of the same book and a binder with author information and discussion questions to help get the conversation started – all neatly packed in a canvas bag available to check out for 6 weeks.

For more information and other programs, visit www.nklibrary.org. We look forward to helping you reach your 2025 Reading Goals!

-Megan Weeden

Author Talks - Coming Soon!

Live Author Event — *Plantation Goods: A Material History of American Slavery* with Seth Rockman

Saturday, February 1st @ 2:00 p.m.



Seth Rockman will discuss his new book, *Plantation Goods: A Material History of American Slavery*, which explores the interconnectedness of Northern industry with the use of slave labor in the South. Rockman's book discusses how Northern made "plantation goods," including textiles produced in North Kingstown, were essential in sustaining the slavery system. Copies of Rockman's book will be available for sale and signing following the event. ***Registration required.**

Live Author Event — Tom Brillat Presents: *The Story Behind Ekaterina*

Saturday, February 8th @ 3:00 p.m.



Join local author and storyteller Tom Brillat as he discusses the fascinating story behind *Ekaterina* that inspired his book. *Ekaterina* is a historical fiction tale based on the true story of Brillat's Russian grandmother as she confronts war, hunger, failure, death, and lost love. ***Registration required.** For more information visit, www.nklibrary.org

Around the Library...



The Plant Exchange

Take a plant, leave a plant!
All indoor plants welcome (cuttings & full-size houseplants)
Donations welcome to help our NEW endeavor grow!

Drop-in Technology Help with Shannon

Do you have question about: the Libby app? the Hoopla app? the library catalog?
Stop by the Reference Desk & ask for Shannon!

January Technology Drop-in Dates:

Thursdays 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, & 1/30
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays 1/10 & 1/24
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays 1/4 & 1/18
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***No registration required. **Have passwords & devices ready.**

Climate Conversations

Talks from our recent Climate Conversations series are now available to view on YouTube. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/NKFLCCYT> or scan the QR code here.



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JANUARY 2025



News & Notes from the North Kingstown Free Library

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This month's featured news & programs:

The Rhode Island Older & Wiser Driver

Saturday, January 4th @ 2:00 p.m.



A safe driving presentation for mature drivers, delivered by AAA Northeast with support from the RI Department of Transportation Office on Highway Safety. This presentation will cover: the major causes of crashes for older drivers, advice for extending safe driving years, how to plan driving cessation, resources for staying mobile, and more. ***Registration required.**

Calm Kids, Confident Parents: Navigating Childhood Anxiety Together

Thursday, January 16th @ 6:00 p.m.



Join us for the first session in a 5-part Parent/Caregiver Coaching series with Dr. Marcy Atkins, PsyD. This session will address **ANXIETY** and is perfect for parents, grandparents, nannies, aunts/uncles, etc. who are interested in learning how to recognize signs of anxiety in children ages 0 - 12. You will learn how to develop effective coping strategies and how to create a supportive environment to help reduce your child's anxiety. ***Registration required.**

For more information and to register for the above programs, please visit www.nklibrary.org

What's the Story Behind the Cranstons?

Presented by Brian Cranston

Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.



The third largest city in Rhode Island is named Cranston. There are streets named Cranston in Cranston, Providence, Newport, and North Kingstown. There's a playground in North Kingstown named after a Cranston.

So, what's so special about the name Cranston?

Join Tim Cranston as he explores the story of his ancestors. Learn about the critical contributions of two early colonial governors named Cranston to the history of Rhode Island, and on a more local note, the stories behind some North Kingstown Cranstons who loomed large in our town history. ***Registration required.** For more information and to register, please visit www.nklibrary.org

*There will be a display of Cranston ephemera and memorabilia in the library's display cases throughout the month of January.

NOW OPEN
ON
SUNDAYS

Sunday Hours!

We will be **open from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** on the following Sundays:

January 5th, 12th, & 26th

February 2nd, 9th, & 23rd

Library hours!

M, Tu, W, Th: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (seasonal)



The library will be closed:

Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's Day
Sunday, January 19th
Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Youth Services

STORY TIME

The Winter Session begins January 13th

Please call 401-294-3306 x5 with any questions and to register for the 5-week session of Mother Goose, Toddler Time, and Preschool storytimes.

Registration begins January 6th!

Mother Goose: Ages 12 - 24 months

Please register for only one series (Mon. or Thurs.)

Mondays @ 10:00 a.m.

1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10 (*No class 1/20, MLK Jr. Day)

-or-

Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.

1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13

Toddler Time: 2 - 3.5 years old

Please register for only one series (Wed. or Thurs.)

Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.

1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

-or-

Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.

1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13

Preschool: 3 - 5 years old

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

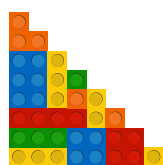
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12



Lego Drop-in Corner!

Saturday, January 18th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We have duplo & regular legos!
Bring your imagination!
All ages welcome.
No registration required.



Programs!



After School Movie: Happy Feet

Thursday, January 23rd @ 3:00 - 4:50 p.m.

This is the story of a little penguin named Mumble who has a terrible singing voice and discovers he has no Heartsong. However, Mumble has a talent for something that none of the penguins had ever seen before: tap dancing. PG. 1 hour 48 min.

Grades 6+. *No registration required.



KIDS Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, January 25th @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come to the library to play a game of Dungeons & Dragons. Dungeon Master Esme will lead the campaign. All levels welcome.

Ages 7-12. *Registration required.



Parent/Caregiver Coaching Series
with Dr. Marcy Atkins, PsyD.

There will be 5 monthly sessions (January, February, March, April, & May), each focusing on a different parenting topic.

The first session will be January 16th @ 6:00 p.m. on Anxiety.

See the front page of the newsletter or visit
www.nklibrary.org for more information

For Teens!

Follow us on social media to see what is going on for YOU at YOUR library!!



TikTok @nklibraryteens
Instagram @nklibrary
Facebook North Kingstown Library

Earn volunteer hours by reading a book and writing a review



Teen Surprise Bags!

Teens (ages 12-18) are invited to fill out a short questionnaire in the Youth Services Department during the month of January to receive a small bag of goodies. Surprise Bags will be handed out at the end of the month.

Universal Yums

Be on the lookout for our next Universal Yums box!
Come and try treats from different countries. First come, first serve as supplies are limited. For teens (ages 12-18).



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Adult Services

Please visit the webpage www.nklibrary.org for more information & to register

14 Gold Street Series—

Writers Live at the Library

Reading from their Work

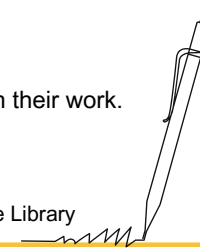
Winter 2025

Wednesday, January 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

Poets Nick Flynn and Kelan Nee will read from their work.

*Please note the new date & time

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Virtual Author Talks—Online only

Library Speakers
CONSORTIUM

To register for the programs or view past events, go to
<https://libraryc.org/nklibrary>

Wednesday, January 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

The Magic of Found Family: In Conversation with Author TJ Klune

Thursday, January 23rd @ 2:00 p.m.

Notes on Modern Irrationality with Author Amanda Montell

Tuesday, January 28th @ 1:00 p.m.

An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent: A Conversation with Seth Fisherman

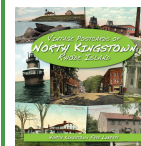
Tuesday, February 4th @ 2:00 p.m.

The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemic, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs with Sabrina Sholts

Postcards of North Kingstown

We are excited to announce the release of our new book, *Vintage Postcards of North Kingstown*. This book has been a collaborative effort of several local postcard collectors and historians.

The comprehensive, 500+ page volume showcases historic postcards and descriptions across the villages of North Kingstown. Copies are available for sale online at <https://tinyurl.com/NKPostcardBook> or by scanning the QR code. Proceeds to benefit the library.



Drop-In Programs

No Registration Required

Drop-In Genealogy Help

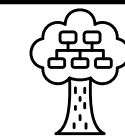
Monday, January 13th @ 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Helen Smith will be on hand in the South County Room to help you with your family research.

A Good Yarn: A group for knitters, crocheters and other fiber arts crafters

Thursday, January 16th @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet other crafters and bring your own project to work on.



Book Groups—

*Registration Required. Please visit our web page for information about the books to be discussed.

Monday Morning Book Group*

Monday, January 6th @ 11:00 a.m.

In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Truth be Told Nonfiction Book Club*

Tuesday, January 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free by Paulina Bren

Thursday Morning Book Group*

Thursday, January 9th @ 11:00 a.m.

In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Group*

Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

A House with Good Bones by T. Kingfisher

Book Bites Cookbook Book Group*

Monday, January 27th @ 6:15 p.m.

Greek Cookbooks

Murder by the Book Group*

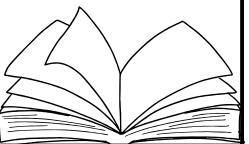
Tuesday, January 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Faceless Killers by Henning Mankell

Truth be Told Nonfiction Book Club*

Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

American Rambles by Neil King Jr.



Saturday Matinee: Conclave

January 18th @ 2:00 p.m.



Bring a snack, bring a drink, and join us for a movie. This 2024 film is nominated for 6 Golden Globes and stars Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. The movie is based on the 2016 novel *Conclave* by Richard Harris. Rated PG. 2 hours. *No registration required.

Arts & Crafts, Mahjong, and Yoga

*Registration Required. Please visit our web page
www.nklibrary.org to register

ARTS & CRAFTS

New Adult Craft Program with Sofia & Liz*

Wednesday, January 29th @ 6:00 p.m.

MAHJONG GROUP

Mahjong Night at the Library*

Thursday, January 30th @ 6:00 p.m.

YOGA CLASSES

Gentle Yoga with Pam Harrington*

Friday, January 3rd @ 9:30 a.m.

Evening Yoga with Pam Sammartino*

Wednesday, January 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

