



# Branching Out

The South Kingstown Public Library Newsletter [www.skpl.org](http://www.skpl.org) January 2024

## Peace Dale Library

1057 Kingstown Road  
Peace Dale, RI 02879

401-789-1555 ~ FAX 401-782-6370

## Kingston Free Library

2605 Kingstown Road  
Kingston, RI 02881

401-783-8254

## Robert Beverly Hale Library

2601 Commodore Perry Hwy  
Wakefield, RI 02879

401-783-5386

### REEL EXPLORERS FILM CLUB

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

#### **PEACE DALE LIBRARY**

Join us as we watch a movie & documentary on a theme each month and then discuss and re-

view. January's theme is *Sundance Doc & Drama*.

1/5-*God's Own Country* (movie, 2017, 104 minutes)

1/19-*The Cove* (documentary, 2009, 91 min)

Popcorn and water will be provided. No registration,

for more info or theme requests, contact Karyn

Leahy, 789-1555 ext. 4101.



### LETTERPRESS ART WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:00 PM**

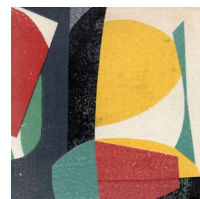
#### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

Using vintage and commercial papers, students will create collage papers using letterpress printing and gelli plate printing. These pa-

pers will then be used to create abstract collages. Sarah Short is a mixed-media collage artist with a love of books, inspired by book covers, foxing on pages, letterpress printing, and vintage ephemera.

No prior experience with collage or printmaking is necessary. Registration is required, contact 783-

8254 ext. 4303 or [bobertello@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:bobertello@southkingstownri.gov)



### FRENCH CONVERSATION HOUR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2:30-3:30 PM**

#### **PEACE DALE LIBRARY**

Looking to practice your

French? Join us at the Peace

Dale Library for an informal

monthly Conversation Hour. All ages and all levels

of proficiency are welcome! Register at 401-789-

1555 xt. 4110 or [jwilson@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:jwilson@southkingstownri.gov)



### PASSWORD MANAGEMENT FOR EVERYONE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2:00-3:30 PM**

#### **PEACE DALE LIBRARY**

Feel more confident online by joining our password management class. We'll break down why strong passwords matter,

point out common errors, and introduce you to simple

tools for keeping your accounts secure. Register

online at [www.skpl.org](http://www.skpl.org). For more info contact Karyn

Leahy, 789-1555 ext. 4101.



### NAVIGATING YOUR HEALTH ONLINE: A GUIDE TO PATIENT PORTALS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:00 PM**

#### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

Join us for an informative session that will provide you with the tools to take charge of your health online by using

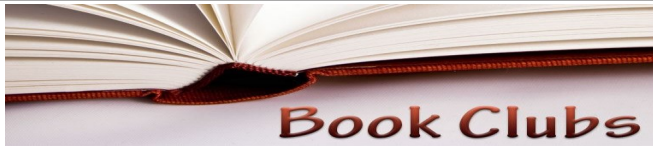
patient portals. This lecture is perfect for anyone that wants to become more engaged with their healthcare through technology. Learn how to understand patient portals, access your portal and explore its features, navigation and troubleshooting tips, and staying secure.

For more information or to register, contact 783-8254 ext. 4303 or [bobertello@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:bobertello@southkingstownri.gov)



### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

All branches will be closed Monday, January 1 and Monday, January 15.



### **PEACE DALE EVENING BOOK GROUP**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 6:30 PM**

*Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl

### **BROWN BAG DISCUSSION, KINGSTON FREE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 12:15 PM**

*The Half Moon* by Mary Beth Keane

### **BEYOND WORDS, KINGSTON FREE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 7:00 PM**

*True Biz* by Sara Novic

### **PEACE DALE AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2:00 PM**

*Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl

### **BOOKMARKS, ROBERT BEVERLY HALE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 7:00 PM**

*Finding Me* by Viola Davis

### **LIVE VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS**

The Library is pleased to present live virtual author talks for our patrons. Head to our speaker site at [libraryc.org/skpl](http://libraryc.org/skpl) for full information.



**Wednesday, January 10, 8:00 PM**

Rebecca Serle - NYT Bestselling author of *One Italian Summer*, *In Five Years*, and *The Dinner List*

**Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 PM**

Rajiv Nagaich - Author of *Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster* and expert in U.S. Elder Law

**Tuesday, January 30, 2:00 PM**

Robert Lustig - Physician and NYT Bestselling author of *Metabolical: The Lure and Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine*

### **COMING SOON--SEED LIBRARY**

Keep your eyes out for the return of the seed libraries at all three branches! Flower and vegetable garden seeds generously donated by the URI Master Gardeners Program will be available soon.

### **READABLE FEAST COOKBOOK GROUP**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 6:30-8:00 PM**

### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

Participants bring a dish to share prepared from that month's cookbook. There is a discussion about the book while we sample all the dishes. This month we will be reading and cooking the Portuguese cookbooks: *Portuguese Home Cooking* by Ana Patuleia Ortins, *Portugal: The Cookbook* by Leandro Carreira, and *My Lisbon* by Nuno Mendes. Registration is required, we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. Contact 783-8254 ext. 4303 or [bobertello@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:bobertello@southkingstownri.gov).



### **CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00 PM**

### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

In an era where our lives are so intertwined with the digital realm, the need for cybersecurity awareness has never been more critical. Join us for an informational workshop, presented by security specialists from Washington Trust Bank and the South Kingstown Police Department. For more information or to register, contact 783-8254 ext. 4303 or [bobertello@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:bobertello@southkingstownri.gov)

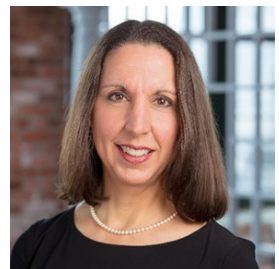


### **AUTHOR VISIT WITH LYNNE HEINZMANN**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:00 PM**

### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

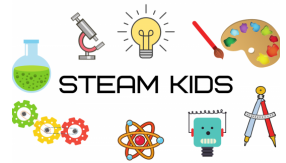
Join us as local author Lynne Heinzmann visits to discuss her book, *But Cats Don't Talk*, a heart-touching new novel about Becca O'Sullivan, a Rhode Island concert pianist with a cat named Beethoven the Cat, or BC for short. When Becca's world is turned upside down, she is determined to succeed no matter what, as she navigates an alcoholic aunt, a cute new boyfriend, and a cat, who suddenly has a lot to say. For more information or to register, contact 783-8254 ext. 4303 or [bobertello@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:bobertello@southkingstownri.gov)



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### **STEAM KIDS, ROBERT BEVERLY HALE LIBRARY, TUESDAYS, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Drop in between 4-6 PM for STEAM fun! Each week we will have different self-led projects to prompt exploration and creativity. Geared for grades K-5. 1/2-Open Play, 1/9-Open Art, 1/16-Secret Codes, 1/23-Building Challenge, 1/30-Paper Helicopters.



### **KIDS ART SPOT KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY, FRIDAYS, 10:30 AM**

Foster your child's creativity with a simple art activity followed by free-play fun! This is a process art program where we focus on the joy of creating, not the finished project. All projects from the KIDS ART SPOT Art Club by Activity Book LTD©. All ages.



### **DROP-IN DIY ACTIVITIES PEACE DALE LIBRARY, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**

Drop by the Children's Room every Friday and Saturday for a self-directed activity. From crafts or scavenger hunts, to building challenges, we'll have something different each week. Geared for ages 5 and up.



### **AFTERNOON ART, PEACE DALE LIBRARY, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 4:00 PM**

Each month try a different project or experiment with available materials to create a unique piece. This month: Northern Lights with chalk & paint. Geared for grades K-5.



### **BUILDER'S CLUB, PEACE DALE LIBRARY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 4:00 PM**

Join us for open building with Legos, Magnatiles and more. Geared for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome.



### **LEGO CLUB**

#### **KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 10:30-11:30 AM**

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come and build with the library's Lego collection. Drop in any time between 10:30-11:30 AM. What can you create?



### **WINTER STORY YOGA, KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1:00-1:30 PM**

Join certified "Childlight Yoga and Mindfulness for Children" instructor, Miss Sharon, for stories, poses, activities, and fun. Recommended for ages 3-8, but all are welcome! Mats are provided by the library.



### **HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT**

#### **PEACE DALE LIBRARY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2:00-2:45 PM**

Homeschool families can join us on the last Tuesday of every month for creative, hands-on learning activities. Each month we'll have a different theme. Geared for ages 6+ and their siblings, no registration needed.





## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### **SENSORY STORYTIME, ROBERT BEVERLY HALE**

**MONDAYS, JANUARY 8, 22, AND 29, 10:30 AM**

Geared for ages 18 months-4 years, but all are welcome. Crafts and play may be messy. If your child needs any accommodations to participate, email [ecunningham@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:ecunningham@southkingstownri.gov)



### **NURSERY RHYME TIME, KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY**

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 2, 9, 23, 30, 10:30 AM**

Join us for nursery rhymes, fingerplays, stories, songs, and movement activities. Geared for birth to 3, but all are welcome.

### **PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS**

**PEACE DALE LIBRARY, TUESDAYS STARTING JANUARY 9, 10:30 AM**

Get ready to explore! Join us for a different topic each week as we explore it through stories, STEAM activities, and more! Open to ages 3.5-6 years old.

**FAMILY STORYTIME, PEACE DALE LIBRARY, WEDNESDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 10, 10:30 AM**

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, free play, and art! Some activities maybe be messy. Geared for ages 2-4, but all are welcome. No registration required.

**LIBRARY PLAYDATE, PEACE DALE LIBRARY THURSDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 11, 10:30 AM**

Join us for a friendly open play program open to children ages birth-24 months and their siblings. Little ones can explore and discover with the library's toys and meet new friends. No registration needed.

**BILINGUAL STORYTIME KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 10:30 AM**

Join Senora Sole for a fun filled morning of Spanish rhymes, songs, and movement. Geared for birth-3, but all are welcome. No registration needed.

**PRESCHOOL BEACH PARTY! KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 10:30 AM**

Warm up and enjoy beach stories, tunes, and related activities! Geared for birth to 4 years, but all are welcome. No registration needed.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### **BAD ART**

**PEACE DALE LIBRARY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2:30-3:30 PM**

Join us for a fun afternoon of creativity without the pressure of having to flex any artistic skills! Paint, brushes, and supplies will be provided to create something imperfect. Grades 6-12, no registration.



### **TEEN EXPLOSION BOOKS**

**PEACE DALE LIBRARY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2:30-3:30 PM**

Create your own explosion book! Open to grades 6-12, no registration needed.



### **TEEN VOLUNTEERS**

**PEACE DALE LIBRARY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2:30-4:30 PM**

Stop by and earn some volunteer hours! Program is open to grades 6-12, and you will earn credit for the duration of time you are participating. No registration.

