ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT
STARTING APRIL 1, KINGSTON FREE LIBRARY

In April, adults are welcome to come by the Kingston Free Library and pick up a take home craft. The craft will be a DIY dry erase board! You can use this DIY creation as a to-do list, grocery list, or message board—the possibilities are endless! The kits will include all the supplies you’ll need plus instructions and some photos for inspiration.

*To reserve a kit ahead of time, please contact 401-783-8254 and we will put one aside for you!* You can also come into the library to pick up a kit without calling ahead. Available while supplies last.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT VIRTUAL PROGRAM
MAY 5, 6:00 PM, VIA ZOOM

Curious about voting, civic engagement, and getting involved? Then join us with the League of Women Voters for an upcoming virtual discussion. Full topics to be covered and registration info will be forthcoming!

Be sure to save the date!

LIBRARY READS AND BOOKPAGE
Like reading about new books? Check out [LibraryReads.org](http://LibraryReads.org)! Each month they publish a Top 10 List of new books, curated from nominations from library staff across the country! The lists cover fiction and non-fiction across all genres, and includes archives of previous months and years, year end favorites, and a Hall of Fame author list. See what books you or your book club might have missed!

Do you love reading through the newest issue of BookPage? Did you know you can read it online? We know copies fly out the door at the library, but you don’t have to miss out! Visit them online at [BookPage.com](http://BookPage.com)!

See additional titles and booklists at: [www.skpl.org/1032/Adult-Book-Lists](http://www.skpl.org/1032/Adult-Book-Lists)

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!
Have you visited the Library’s YouTube channel yet? We share all kinds of video content, from local history talks and panels, our Library Trustees’ meetings, and crafts, stories, and book recommendations for all ages! Don’t forget to click the subscribe button to stay up to date on your favorite library’s content! [Check it out now!](http://Check it out now!)
TEEN ECO CRAFT KITS
PEACE DALE LIBRARY
In March, April, and May, students in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Peace Dale Library during public and curbside hours for an Eco Craft Kit. Each month has a different theme.
This month: Recycled Blackout Poetry. Kits are available beginning on the first Wednesday of each month, while supplies last.

THANK YOU TO
THE WOMEN’S CLUB OF SOUTH COUNTY!
The Women’s Club of South County is a local philanthropic non-profit. One of their main areas of interest is supporting libraries and reading for children and young adults. We want to thank them (along with Wakefield Books for helping to facilitate the initiative) for their book donation focusing on diverse women! Look for these and other titles in the teen section of the Peace Dale Library!

All book groups are currently being run via Zoom. Please email the librarians below for the program invitation links. Contact the library to request a copy of the book.

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 12 PM
Outline by Rachel Cusk
Email Britta at bobertello@skpl.org.

PEACE DALE EVENING BOOK GROUP
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 PM
Normal People by Sally Rooney
Email Jessica at jwilson@skpl.org.

PEACE DALE AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2 PM
Inheritance: A Memoir by Dani Shapiro
Email Jessica at jwilson@skpl.org.

BEYOND WORDS BOOK GROUP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 7 PM
Recursion by Blake Crouch
Email Mary Ann at macomstock@skpl.org

BOOKMARKS BOOK GROUP
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 7 PM
Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane
Email Mary Ann at macomstock@skpl.org
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND KITS

RECYCLED CD WEAVING KIT
APRIL 1 - APRIL 30, ROBERT BEVERLY HALE
Stop by the Library during our Monday browsing hours (10 am-5 pm) or
Tues-Wed curbside hours (1 pm-5 pm) to pick up a recycled CD and yarn weaving

RAINY DAY CRAFTS
APRIL 1 - APRIL 30, PEACE DALE
Rainy days are great for crafting! Each week in April, the library will offer a simple
take-home craft for kids of all ages to enjoy. Available through curbside or walk-in.

EARTH DAY TAKE & MAKE CRAFT
APRIL 1-APRIL 22, KINGSTON FREE
Celebrate Earth Day every day! Stop by during regular library hours to pick up a
take and make craft to complete at home.

SPRING STORYWALK®
FRIDAYS, 10:30 AM-4:00 PM, KINGSTON FREE
Spring is here! Every Friday in April we’ll host an outdoor StoryWalk® on the
Library grounds for families to enjoy on their own. Afterward, pick up a related
take and make craft to extend the fun and learning at home. April’s StoryWalk®
selection is Busy Builders, Busy Week by Jean Reidy.
Masks and social distancing required.

SPACE EXPLORATION KITS
APRIL 17 - APRIL 24, PEACE DALE
Stop by the library for a kit containing 3-D glasses and a craft to explore the Curiosity and Perseverance
robots on Mars! Recommended for ages 5+, no registration needed. Available with curbside and walk-ins.

POETRY MONTH BOOK BAGS
APRIL 19 - MAY 1, PEACE DALE
Check out a novel in verse in a bag filled with fun activities to help you celebrate National Poetry Month!
Geared for ages 8-12, available through curbside and walk-ins.

VIRTUAL STORYTIME
TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
Join Miss Sharon for 15 minutes of stories, songs, rhymes, and activities. All ages welcome.
Please register online or email sbabbitt@skpl.org to receive the Zoom link.

SPRING VIRTUAL FAMILY STORYTIME
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
Join Miss Tina for stories, songs, puppets and more from the comfort of your own home. All ages welcome.
Email Tina at tladika@skpl.org for the Zoom invitation link.

HOPPY PAJAMA STORYTIME
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 6:30 PM
Celebrate Spring with seasonal stories, songs, and activities! All ages welcome.
Email Tina at tladika@skpl.org for the Zoom link.
FROM THE LIBRARY REFERENCE DESK...LOCAL HISTORY

Recently, a research question focused on the history of the South Kingstown Town Seal.

You may have seen this round blue and white seal on the Town’s website or on official documents. The main design element is an arrowhead, surrounded by “Incorporated 1723”, and set into a circle reading “South Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island”.

Who designed this logo, and when? We were able to answer the second part of that question (1951), from a South Kingstown Police Department document on the Town’s website. To date, however, the name of the artist remains a mystery.


The earliest occurrence that we could find of the seal on any Town documents in the Library’s collection (which does not include every Town document ever produced) was on the cover of the South Kingstown Tax Book for 1951. We also found an item in the Narragansett Times of November 2, 1951, reporting that year’s Tax Book was being printed for the first time (by the Narragansett Times), using “offset” rather than “letterpress”, and in a new 8 ½ x 11 format, at a savings to the Town of 40% over the old method. These images of the 1950 and 1951 Tax Books show the contrast. But there was no mention of the new artwork on the cover.

Tax books provide a fascinating snapshot of life for the year they cover. These annual publications consisted of a roster of Town property owners, listing names, addresses, square footage of their homes, whether they owned a boat or an automobile, and the tax levied on each item. Voters’ names appeared under “Men’s Poll Tax” and “Women’s Poll Tax”. Also included were summaries of Town legislation from the past year, and Town expenditures. (We did not find an expenditure for the designing of the Town Seal.) A list of Town Officers in 1951 took up 3 pages, and included such positions as Sealer of Leather, Packers of Fish, Field Drivers, and Fence Viewers.

If you have any recollections or information about the design and institution of the South Kingstown Town Seal, we would love to hear about it. Contact Jessica Wilson at 789-1555 xt 4110 or jwilson@skpl.org.

Interested in local history? The South Kingstown Public Library has many online resources you can explore covering a variety of topics:

Local History Links:
http://www.skpl.org/751/Local-History

South Kingstown Public Library Digital Collections:
http://www.skpl.org/993/SKPL-Digital-Collections