



WINTER 2018

Friends of the  
BROWNELL  
LIBRARY



# Brownell Library News



Dear Friends,

“When was the last time you did something for the first time?” These are thought provoking lyrics from a Darius Rucker song that resonates, especially with the beginning of another year and new resolutions. It’s been said the older you get, the faster time goes. It’s never too late to try something new – to expand horizons, whether it’s with something you perceive as a silly or a serious endeavor. Both are good for the soul. The library is a great source for researching whatever you can imagine. Here’s to new experiences for the New Year! We look forward to seeing you at the library.

Dee Holliday & Roberta Shaw

*Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Brownell Library*

## A Fond Farewell



The Brownell Library is saddened by the recent loss of our friend, mentor, and tireless supporter Janet Goodman.

Janet devoted countless hours to the library and was our expert bookbinder. We were fortunate to have her talent keeping our books in good repair and teaching her knowledge of this art form.

We are thankful that she shared her many talents with us. She will be greatly missed.

## Little Compton Library Timeline

- 1811—Little Compton Social Library
- 1815—Little Compton Juvenile Library
- 1845—Manton Library
- 1879—Little Compton Free Library
- 1929—Brownell Library
- 1963—Brownell Library, Home of the Little Compton Public Library

## Amnesty Month

March is amnesty month at the library! Bring in any non-perishable food items or toiletries for donation to the Little Compton Community Food Bank and we will waive any outstanding overdue fines. Only non-expired items will be accepted.

## Adult Programs



## Monthly Programs

### Lamrim Meditation Series

**Tuesdays, Jan. 16th—Feb. 6th, 9am**

Join us for the next series of free meditation classes with local resident Katherine Brown, teacher at the Atisha Kadampa Buddhism Center in Providence. Classes held at the Little Compton Wellness Center.

### Ghosts of Belcourt Castle

**Saturday, January 27th, 2pm**

Harle Tinney shares tales of the glitterati, ghosts, and general life during her time living at Newport's Belcourt Castle.

### Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song

**Wednesday, April 18th, 6pm**

Musicians and storytellers Phil Edmonds, Kevin Fallon, and Mary King present an all-Irish program that embraces and celebrates Irish history and culture in story and song.

### *Have a skill or interest you'd like to share?*

Contact the library with program ideas! Volunteers are always welcome to inspire and aid in library programming.

### Wednesday Night Book Club

**2nd Wednesday of Each Month**

The Brownell Library Book Club meets each month to discuss the currently selected book and chat with friends. All are welcome.

### Cook Book Club

**1st Wednesday of Each Month**

Do you enjoy cooking and reading cookbooks? Looking to expand your culinary horizons? Join us for Cook Book Club each month as the group makes and shares dishes chosen from that month's selection.

### Knitting Group

**Mondays, 1—2:30pm**

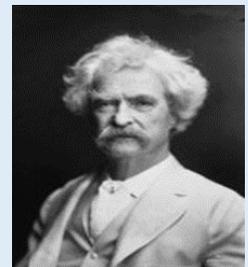
Beginners, experts, and everyone in-between are encouraged to join or stop in for some knitting help, support, and friendly conversation. Knit items from members of the knitting group are available for sale at the library. Proceeds benefit children and young adult programs at the library.

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to thank the families and friends of **Antoinette (Toni) Ham** and **John Fitzgerald** for their kindness in thinking of The Friends at a very difficult time. Libraries were an integral part of both of their lives, and we greatly appreciate honoring their memories with donations to our library.

"A public library is the most enduring of memorials, the trustiest monument for the preservation of an event or a name or an affection; for it, and it only, is respected by wars and revolutions, and survives them."

Mark Twain, *Letter to the Millicent (Rogers) Library*, February 22nd, 1894.



## Children's Programming



## Museum Passes

### Toddler Storytime

#### Mondays at 10:30am

Toddler storytime sessions will begin January 29th. Drop in, no registration required.

### Preschool Storytime

#### Thursdays at 10:30am

Preschool storytime sessions will begin February 1st. Drop in, no registration required.

### Drop-in Toddler Play

#### Fridays at 10:30am

Begins January 26th. Open to all children under the age of five. Bring the kids by for open play and a chance for parents and caregivers to chat!

### LEGO Club

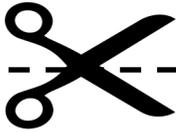
#### Saturdays, 2—3pm

Stop by the library Saturday afternoons for our weekly LEGO club! Tap into your creativity and build to your heart's delight. LEGOs provided.

The library has passes to many popular local museums at free or discounted rates, including:



- \*Audubon Society
- \*Battleship Cove
- \*Biomes Marine Biology Center
- \*Blithewold Mansion
- \*Coggeshall Farm Museum
- \*Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology
- \*Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- \*Mystic Aquarium
- \*Mystic Seaport
- \*New Bedford Whaling Museum
- \*Newport Art Museum
- \*Providence Children's Museum
- \*RI Historical Society
- \*RI School of Design
- \*Roger Williams Park Zoo
- \*Save the Bay Exploration Center



### 2018 Membership Application

- Page Turner \$15       Short Story \$25       Novel \$50  
 Best Seller \$100       Classic \$250       Epic \$500       Other \_\_\_\_\_

My Company will match my membership or gift. **Please enclose matching form.**

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*The Friends depend on volunteers. May we call on you when help is needed?*  Yes

Your tax deductible memberships and donations help support special programs for the Brownell Library.

**Did you know?** You can also renew / apply for membership and make donations online

at [www.brownell-libraryri.org/membership](http://www.brownell-libraryri.org/membership)

## Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 10—5  
Wednesday: 12—7 November through April  
1—8 May through October  
Saturday: 10—4 September through June  
9—2 July and August

**P.O. Box 146, Little Compton, RI 02837**  
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## Brownell Library Staff

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## Book Donations

Donations of books in good condition are gratefully accepted year-round at the Brownell Library for the Friends Annual Book Sale. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or VHS. For more information call 401-635-8562

## Did you Know?

The Brownell Library is Little Compton's Warming Center during operating hours.



## Then & Now: James Hayes Recreational Field



*Peckham House, c.1840, Demolished 1960*



It's been a long journey for Little Compton's "Peckham Lot," which recently became home to a new recreation field, walking paths, and an improved tennis court. Once home to the Peckham House, the land now serves as the James Hayes Recreational Field.

During the field's dedication ceremony last summer, resident Virginia Peckham recounted memories of her former home and expressed the joy she felt seeing its new incarnation:

"Once again, we have here a majestic, life-giving land where the sky is the limit! If you question that, we have the 'grounds to prove it.'"