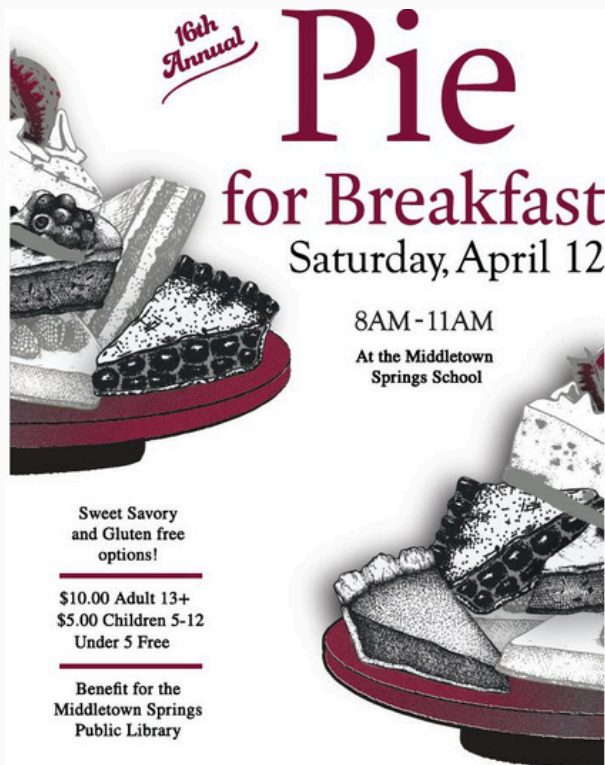


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Got News?

Please send all town events, milestones, photos, and happenings to:
05757news@gmail.com

Pie for Breakfast

The Middletown Springs Public Library is hosting our 16th annual Pie for Breakfast. **On Saturday, April 12, 2024, from 8am-11am**, library volunteers and trustees will be serving up **all-you-can-eat pie for breakfast** with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many different varieties. There will be both sweet (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate) and savory (such as quiche, pot pies, pizza) pies to choose from, as well as gluten free options.

This delicious annual event is held at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Come enjoy scrumptious pies, hot coffee, and good cheer, **\$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-12; under 5 are FREE**. All proceeds benefit the Middletown Springs Public Library.

For more information contact the library at 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Old Cemetery Clean Up Day

Saturday April 19, 2025 from 10am to 1pm – weather permitting.

If you are interested in helping to do general cemetery clean up or to help with cleaning gravestones, we are organizing a few days this spring & summer to do just that. The first of those days will be **Saturday, April 19 starting at 10am.**

The town will provide buckets, soft bristle brushes and the cleaning solution. If you'd like to help with the groundskeeping work, you should bring your own gloves, rakes, clippers, wheelbarrows or other brush clearing equipment.

In addition to cleaning and clearing, we will also be identifying stones that need repair and crosschecking names and stones with the 1974 inventory.

If you'd like to help, show up at the town office just before 10am on Saturday. If you have questions, contact the town clerk during open office hours.

Hope to see you on Saturday, April 19.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

Terry Redfield
Selectboard

Green Up Day

Come out and help keep our town clean and green! The Conservation Commission will, once again, head up Green Up Day efforts on **Saturday, May 3 from 8am-12pm.**

Come to the town office lawn to get green up bags, instructions, free snacks and join in on an ecological craft lead by the parents of Girl Scout Troop 63133.

Thank you for helping to keep Middletown green!

Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month! Every year, tens of millions of readers, students, teachers, librarians, booksellers, publishers, bloggers, and poets mark poetry's important place in our culture and our lives throughout the month of April.

Here in Middletown Springs, we have set up two magnetic poetry boards. Stop in to read the poems people have crafted or make one of your own from the word magnets. And, while you're here, check out our great collection of poetry books!

Save These Dates!

Pie for Breakfast

April 12

Craft Night

April 14

Cemetery Clean Up

April 19

VT Reads

April 24

Green Up Day

May 3

Large Dumpster Day

May 10

FOL Plant Sale

May 16 & 17

SWAC Spring Newsletter

Read the SWAC (Solid Waste Alliance Communities) Spring Newsletter by [clicking here.](#)

Craft Night

Come to Library Craft Night!

Bring whatever you are working on, (knitting, crochet, needlework, rug hooking... anything that fits in your lap) and spend a couple creative hours with friends and neighbors.

Come for tea, conversation, and inspiration. The next craft night is **Monday, April 14, 6:30pm-8pm.**

Library Hours

Reminder: The library has extended hours every Tuesday and Saturday.

Monday 2pm-6pm

Tuesday 2pm-8pm

Wednesday 2pm-6pm

Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-12pm



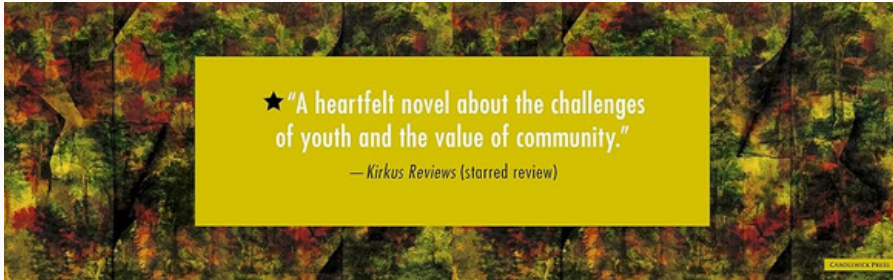
Vermont Reads: Gather by Kenneth Cadow

Join us this month as we read and discuss *Gather* by Kenneth M Cadow, the '24-'25 Vermont Read book. There are copies available in the library. The discussion is scheduled for **Thursday, April 24 at 7pm.**

From the publisher:

A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction in this striking debut novel.

Told in a wry, cautious first-person voice that meanders like a dog circling to be sure it's safe to lie down, Kenneth M. Cadow's resonant debut brings an emotional and ultimately hopeful story of one teen's resilience in the face of unthinkable hardships.



Strawberry Jam

Saturday June 14th. 9:30am

This year, instead of a kids "race" we will have a color run (everyone wins)! \$10 entry includes a t-shirt (in white!).

The 5k will be the same course as 2024. The 10k is a new course and will diverge from the 5k to cover the challenging Coy Hill Loop.

Register early for discounted entry fees and a free t-shirt!

5K, 10K, and Youth Color Run

Strawberry Jam
Middletown Springs, Vermont

MUSIC STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN!

WHEN: Saturday, June 14, 2025
START TIME: 9:30AM
Early bird pricing: \$20 (5k, 10K) \$10 color run

WHERE: Middletown Springs Elementary
15 School House Road | Middletown Springs, VT

REGISTER BY May 30th FOR FREE TECHNICAL RACE T-SHIRT

INTERESTED IN...
REGISTERING TO RUN/WALK
PLAYING MUSIC AT STRAWBERRY JAM
SPONSORING THE EVENT
DONATING TO FFE

Hosted by MSES Friends for Education | email: strawberryjamrun@gmail.com

Town Meeting 2025 Results

Town Meeting 2025 election results can be found on the town website, or by [clicking this link.](#)

Thank you all for coming out to vote and making your voices heard.

Free COVID Tests!

The Town Office and the Town Library have a full supply of **free COVID tests.** Please save yourself some money and pick up some tests to have on hand. You never know when you might need a test, and we have them here for the taking. Stop by soon to stock up.

Large Dumpster Day

Large Dumpster Day is **May 10 6am -12pm**

Keep an eye out for more information as May gets closer.



2025 Reading Goal Update

Kimberly
24/52 books
Favorite February Read:
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Haley
25/60 books
Favorite March Read:
Two Twisted Crowns by Rachel Gillig

Follow along on [Facebook](#) to see how the librarians do with their reading goals, and chime in about your own goals and favorite reads of the year!

Thank You to the Community

Maple Festival Day, March 16, was warm but too windy to have a fire beneath the kettle to boil sap like in the olden days.

Visitors came to enjoy lunch with soups, stew, chili, mac n' cheese and tasty maple desserts and treats while listening to music by Paul Morgan. Many interesting items offered in the Maple Raffle drew attention and raffle ticket bids. Eager children created bird nests with clay and nature items, led by Beth Carmody. And history buffs crowded the last weekend of the Dana Carpenter exhibit and the discussion of maple history and current sugaring techniques.



Clay bird's nests made at the Maple Festival photo provided

The Middletown Springs Historical Society would like to thank everyone who donated raffle or food items, who purchased lunch and raffle tickets, or helped in any way. You all contributed to making a successful town wide event which raises funds each year to care for the museum collection, maintain the Adams House and preserve the Mineral Springs Park.

We are deeply grateful for all that this community does for the Historical Society. Thank you, one and all!

Friends of the Library Annual Plant Sale

Save the date for the Friends of the Library's Annual Plant Sale to be held **Friday and Saturday May 16th & 17th**.

Please consider dividing plants and saving some for the sale, or maybe grow a few more veggie and flower starts to donate to the sale, as well. Stay tuned for more information, and as always thank you for supporting the Friends and our mission to support the continued growth and sustainability of our lovely town library!



New at the Library

Children's Books

Buzzing - Samuel Sattin
Zoey & Sassafras: Gnomes and Sneezes
-Asia Citro
The Ghostkeeper - Johanna Taylor
Cheshire Crossing
-Andy Weir & Sarah Andersen
Out There - Seaerra Miller
Invisible - Christina Diaz Gonzalez
The Hotel Balzaar - Kate DiCamillo
Let's Go Coco - Coco Fox
Wildfire - Breena Bard
Weirdo - Tony Weaver Jr.
Misfit Mansion - Kay Davault
Sophie Mouse: The Mouse House
- Poppy Green
We are Definitely Human - X. Fang
The Last Stand - Antwan Eady
Monster Hands - Karen Kane
Millie Fleur's Poison Garden
- Christy Mandin
Built to Last - Kathleen Krull

Adult Fiction

Time of the Child - Niall Williams
We All Live Here - Jojo Moyes

Adult Non Fiction

Democracy in Retrograde - Sami Sage
On Tyranny - Timothy Snyder
Autocracy Inc. - Anne Applebaum
How Fascism Works - Jason Stanley

Young Adult Fiction

Crumbs - Danie Stirling

Library Book Group

The April book is *Gather* by Kenneth Cadow in conjunction with Vermont Reads.

The discussion will be held **April 24 at 7pm** at the library.

The book group is open and you are welcome to join us. Stop in the library to borrow a copy of the book.

If you are interested or have questions, call or email the library, 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Bears Are Awake!

The bears are waking up, and with that comes the opportunity to remind Vermonters to do all they can to prevent human-wildlife conflicts. To help spread this message, I have attached a general reminder for people that includes all of the other tips non-trash related to mitigate animal encounters.

Living in Bear Country? Manage Your Trash & Compost Wisely!

Bears have an incredible sense of smell, and improperly managed trash and compost can attract them to your home or neighborhood. Help keep bears wild and people safe by following these simple steps:

- Secure your trash – Store garbage in bear-proof containers or inside a secure garage or shed until pickup day. Electric fencing is also an option (bait the fence to give the bear a zap!)
- Compost smart – Avoid meat, bones, and dairy food scraps in outdoor compost bins. Follow the 3:1 Browns to Greens ratio.
- Take down bird feeders – Bears love birdseed! Remove feeders from April to November.
- Clean up grills – Grease and food scraps can lure bears in.
- Keep pet food indoors – Feeding pets outside can unintentionally attract wildlife.

To learn more about preventing wildlife conflicts, or to report bear encounters on the VT Fish & Wildlife Bear Reporting Tool, visit tinyurl.com/LivingWithBlackBearsVT

Being bear-aware helps protect Vermont's wildlife and our communities. Share this post to spread the word!

2024 Baby Books

The library has purchased the following books for babies born in Middletown Springs in 2024!

If You Run out of Words - Felicity Sala

Exactly as Planned - Tao Nyeu

The Boy and the Elephant - Freya Blackwood

Ahoy! - Sophie Blackall

Call For Photos

Do you have pictures of Middletown Springs that you want to share? The middleTOWN NEWSletter wants to see them!

Send us your photos of places and things (no people!) in Middletown and we may use them in a future issue of the newsletter (with credit).

Email all photos to:
05757news@gmail.com

Pun of the Month

I'm reading a book about
anti-gravity. It's impossible
to put down



Tech Tuesdays

Having trouble with your new phone?
Have a computer question?
Want to stream on your tablet,
but aren't sure how?

Stop by the library on any Tuesday during open hours and the librarians will be happy to help!

Tech Tuesday!
Every Tuesday at the library.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS*

Regular Meetings	Time	Location	Contact
Conservation Commission	3rd Mon/ 6pm	Library	
Fire Dept. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues / 6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends for Education	3rd Tues / 7pm	MSES	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Friends of the Library	3rd Thurs / 7pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7pm	MHSH	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 6:30pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon / 5:30pm	Via Zoom	Steve Harrington (235-1043)
Selectboard	2nd/4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Herb Childress (235-2093)
WellsSprings Community Engagement	2nd Mon / 6:30pm	MSES/WES	Eric.montbriand@grcsu.org
WellsSprings School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	Eric.montbriand@grcsu.org

*Dates and times subject to change. When in doubt reach out to the contact person for confirmation.

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
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 PO Box 1206
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Deadline: 25th of the month

Front Porch Forum

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