

## ABOUT SUMMER READING 2026

As America celebrates her 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, join us for a program that will take you on literary and historic adventures. Perhaps you'd like to learn more about this history of Ringwood via our Escape Room. Or maybe you'd enjoy reading classic or contemporary American fiction. Maybe you want to beat the heat with a movie matinee, craft, or trivia contest. Or, maybe you want to learn about your own roots, how to preserve your family treasures, or even what life was like during the revolutionary period. This year's summer reading program offers something for everyone!

Please join us!!

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge... is the only guardian of true liberty."

-James Madison

*Letter to George Thomson*

*June 30, 1825*



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## RINGWOOD READS: UNEARTH A STORY

2026 Adult Summer Reading Program



Great American Stories  
Local History  
America's 250th

Where will your summer  
take you?

## Featured events

### Unearth Ringwood's Story

A collection of photos and maps of the reservoir through time;  
on display all summer

### Escaping the History of Ringwood

Registration opens June 27, timeslots available all summer  
**Craft Programs**

Floral Bookmarks, June 30; American Flag Pillow, July 23

### Movie Matinees and Film Friday: American Film Adaptations

July 2 @ Noon, July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4 @ 2:00 PM

Film Friday, on July 31 at 1:30, [no August Film Friday](#)

Foreign Film, August 25

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### Researching Your Revolutionary Roots

How do you research your family history for patriots or loyalists?  
Find out how and then use Family Search to dig into your family  
tree. July 7, 6:00 PM

### A reading and signing of the Declaration of Independence

On July 8, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was read, for the first  
time in NJ. We will re-enact that reading at noon on July 8.  
Sign your name to the Declaration hanging in the library all summer long.

### Kahoot: Guess the State

How well do you know your state trivia? Find out July 17 @ noon

### The Environmental Legacy of Iron Mining In NJ

July 18, 11:00 AM

### Preserving your family treasures

Learn how to ensure that your family treasures are preserved for  
future generations, July 23 6:00 PM

### Children in Revolutionary America

The Everyday Americans series turns it's eye toward the lives of  
children and their heroism in the face of war and upheaval.

July 28, 6:30 PM

### Community read & book discussion

Read: July 9-23 "I see you've called in dead" on Libby.

Discuss: July 30 @ 6:30 PM

## Book Reviews and Prizes!

Have you loved a book you've read recently? Or hated it?

This summer give us a 2 sentence or less, review with a 0-  
100 rating. Each review gets an entry into our \$50 gift card  
raffle drawing on August 8. In the fall you'll see the reviews  
used around the library, anonymously, of course!



## WHAT IS AN ESCAPE ROOM?

An escape room is a group puzzle game where  
players are tasked to solve puzzle or riddles, follow  
clues, and work collaboratively to beat the clock  
and "escape" from the game.

In our escape room, you'll be transported to the  
year 1615. You'll move through various time  
periods of Ringwood History, solving puzzles, and  
learning about these time periods along the way.  
You'll have an hour to make your way back to 2026.  
A game master will be able to give you hints and  
clues if you get stuck or sidetracked.

Groups of up to 8 people will be able to register  
starting June 27 for various time slots all summer  
long. The escape room is available for all ages. Kids  
under 10, with the help of an adult; kids over 10  
who can be trusted to behave responsibly and  
appropriately can participate without adults  
present in their group.

To register, please see our events calendar. The  
escape room will run from June 29-August 31.

**"There is nothing which can better  
deserve our patronage than the  
promotion of science and literature.  
Knowledge is in every country the  
surest basis of public happiness."**

**— George Washington**

**First Annual Message to Congress  
January 8, 1790**

## FREE COMMUNITY E-READ & BOOK DISCUSSION

From **July 9-23**, Libby will make the John Kenney  
book, "**I See You've Called in Dead**" available for all  
readers on their digital platform with no holds or  
wait times.. Check out and read the book during  
that time and we'll hold a community book  
discussion on **July 30 at 6:30 PM.**

We ask that you register for the book discussion so  
that we can forward you the questions ahead of  
time and also ensure we have enough space set  
aside for all who want to participate.

