THE JESSE M. SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY The Cornerstone of the Community







MARCH 2024 Newsletter

Pete the Cat Party FOR KIDS

Sat. March 9
drop-in style
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Kids and their families are invited to stop by the Children's Dept. on the 2nd floor of the library for silly game stations, great photo opportunities and giveaways.



- Pete the Cat crown
- Pete the Cat bookmark
- Pete the Cat stickers
- 1 FREE raffle ticket for a chance to win 1 of multiple gift baskets

(winner does not need to be present at time of drawing - 12:30 pm)



A donation box will be available for patrons to donate new/unopened items for the Burrillville Animal Control and Animal Shelter.

- pet food
- paper towels



Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

April 8 3:00pm

Solar Eclipse Glasses | Galaxy Stress Balls for kids While supplies last



Children's Department



For youth programs that require registration, please visit the Children's Department or call 401-710-7800 to reserve your spot.



WINTER STORYTIME SESSIONS



TODDLER STORYTIME



Monday mornings 10:00 - 10:30 am Mar. 4 - Mar. 25

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and movement songs. Great for toddlers ages 2-3 but all kids are welcome with an adult caregiver.

Drop-in.

PAJAMA STORYTIME



Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 6:30 pm Mar. 6 - Mar. 27

Join us for 30 minutes of stories and movement songs for kids ages 10 and under with an adult caregiver. Pajamas, blankets, and stuffed animals are encouraged.

Drop-in.

All storytimes and playtimes are:

- Drop-in style
- Open to younger and older siblings
- Held in the Children's Program Room (2nd Floor)

Check our Facebook page or call 401-710-7800 for updates.

BABY STORYTIME



Thursday mornings 9:30 - 9:50 am followed by playtime until 10:25 am Mar. 7 - Mar. 28

Join us for 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, lap songs and a story best enjoyed as you are hugging and cuddling with your little one. Play and social time to follow. Great for babies and young toddlers with their caregiver.

Drop-in.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME



Thursday mornings 10:30 - 11:10 am Mar. 7 - Mar. 28

Join us for 40 minutes of stories, songs, and creative movement. Great for preschoolers ages 3-5 but all kids are welcome with an adult caregiver.

Drop-in.

Our Winter Storytime Sessions concludes at the end of March.



The Spring Storytime Sessions will begin Mon. April 22.





Note to parents & caregivers:

While in the library, kids under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible caregiver over the age of 13.



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PETE THE CAT PARTY FOR KIDS

Mar. 9 (Sat.) 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Children's Department (2nd Floor)

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LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS

Mar. 12 (Tues.) 3:00 - 6:30 pm Children's Program Room (2nd Floor)

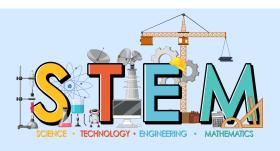
Kids ages 10 and under and their families are invited to build, create, and play with our collection of Legos®. Our Duplo® & Mega Bloks® will be available for our youngest master builders. Kids are welcome to display their creations in the Children's Dept. **Drop-in.**

RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD (RICBA) VOTING

Voting runs March - April. 2024.



Kids in grades 3-5 who have read or listened to at least 3 of the 2024 RICBA nominated books are eligible to vote in the Children's Library for their favorite title. Kids may only vote one time, so if kids are voting at school that will count as their official vote. Results from communities all over RI will be submitted to the state and the book with the most votes will be awarded a RICBA medal.



STEM SATURDAY: I Can Build It! Architecture Sets



Mar. 23 (Sat.) 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd Floor)

Best for kids ages 4 - 10 and their families. Given the prompts on the activity cards, create 10 different houses by slotting together plastic walls, floors and roofs. With every house the participants complete, kids will develop essential STEM skills and spatial awareness.

Supported by funds from the Learn365RI Grant.

Drop-in.



DROP-IN CRAFT: SPRING PAPER FLOWERS

Mar. 30 (Sat.) 1:00 - 2:30 pm Children's Program Room (2nd Floor)

Best for kids ages 4-10 with an adult caregiver. Using vibrant and colorful paper, straws, craft tape, and a cardboard tube, make a vase of spring flowers. All materials will be provided. Kids will also receive a flower seed pack to plant at home courtesy of the URI Free Seed Program & Ocean State Job Lot.

Drop-in.



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Teen Programs

March 2024



Teen programs are for those in grades 6-12



TEEN HANGOUT

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Community Room

Drop in and game with friends or other teens. Play some Switch, PS5, or use a laptop. We also have tons of board games, card games, and party games! Game suggestions welcome. Some Teen Hangout Days have special themes and activities: Check them out below!

SPECIAL TEEN HANGOUT ACTIVITIES

Monday Madness! 2:30-4:00pm

- Mar 4th Uno Tournament
- Mar 11th Chess Tournament
- Mar 16th Scrabble Tournament
- Mar 25th Connect 4 Tournament

Wednesday Food Fun - 3:00pm

- Mar 6th Cookie Decorating
- Mar 13th Lucky Charms Bars
- Mar 20th Homemade Ice Cream
- Mar 27th Candy Trivia



LEARN TO CODE WITH OZOBOT

MAR 13 (WEDS.) 6:00pm

Community Room

Come learn how to do basic coding with OZOBOT. Open to all coding skill levels! Grades 6-12 Only.



VOLUNTEENS

Mar 6(Weds.) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Community Room

Come and join our VolunTEENS group on the first Wednesday of each month. Earn volunteer credit, meet other teens, and be a part of what happens in your library and community!



RHODE ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK AWARD (RIMSBA)

Voting ends March 29, 2024

Vote at the library for your favorite nominated book! To vote:

- You must be in grades 6-8
- Have read at least 3 books on the nominated list.

A ballot box will be located next to the Teen Books!



IXL SUPPORT

Tuesdays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Community Room

During the Teen Hangout, a representative from the Boys and Girls Club will be on hand to provide access to and assist students who want practice with the IXL software.

*IXL is personalized online learning with a comprehensive K-12 curriculum, individualized guidance and real-time analytics. IXL meets the needs of each learner.

**Supported by funds from the Learn365RI Grant

Important: If Burrillville Schools close or dismiss early due to inclement weather, Teen Programs will be cancelled.

Adults

March 2024



HARRY POTTER TRIVIA Mar 12 (Tues.) 6:00 pm Community Room

Adults Only: Join us for a magical night of trivia! Test your knowledge of Hogwarts and beyond, immerse yourself in the wizarding world and take home a prize. Registration required: Visit or call the Reference Desk (401-710-7800 Ext.3)



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28 (Thurs.) 6:30 - 7:45 pm The Lounge

Our knit and crochet group is a social group that meets Thursdays in the library. Come knit or crochet and make new friends! Drop in. No registration required.



HENNA Mar 27 (Wed.) 6:00 pm Community Room

Register now to come and get a free piece of Henna body art! Choose from a selection of designs and enjoy relaxing music and calming coloring. Registration required: Visit or call the Reference Desk (401-710-7800 Ext.3)



UNITED WAY 211 VAN

Mar 21 (Thurs.) 8:30 - 11:30 pm Library Parking Lot

The United Way 211 outreach van will be here to help connect you to:

- SNAP/Food Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Tax Assistance and much more!



BINGO NIGHT

Mar 19 (Tues.) 6:00 pm Community Room

Back by popular demand: Bingo! Missed last month's event? Sign up now for a spot. I hour of classic bingo with prizes for winners!



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March (month-long) Reference Desk

- Guess the quote: Visit the reference desk to enter our "Guess the Quote" competition - get it right and win a small edible prize. There will be a new quote each week of March!
- Reader's Advisory Bookmarks: Stop by the reference desk to fill out or take a reader's advisory bookmark in honor of Women's History Month!



COLOR BY NUMBERS & PUZZLES

Ongoing First Floor of Library

Coloring and puzzles are for adults too! Relax throughout the library by completing a color-by-numbers or one of our puzzles. Located in the first floor lounge and central tables.

Thank you to The Champlin Foundation for the generous grant which funded the new carpet in the Children's Department!







We are excited to announce the library recently received 2 grants in February.



We were awarded a \$11,690.50 LORI Project Grant to digitize our bound copies of the Pascoag Herald/Burrillville Gazette from the 1800 and 1900s. The digitized newspapers and searchable indexing will be available through our web site.

We also received a \$5,000 LORI Mini Grant to fund an Adult Literacy/Life Skills collection for our community.







Visit our website @ jmslibrary.org

Normal Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed Sunday