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**APRIL**  
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Newsletter

# Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

**April 8**  
**3:00pm**

- **Solar Eclipse Glasses**  
(for all ages, while supplies last)
- **Galaxy Stress Balls**  
(For kids, while supplies last)
- **Dinolicious Food Truck**  
(food will be available for purchase)
- **Live Stream from NASA**
- **Learn about eclipses**  
with educational posters  
in the concourse.
- **Scavenger Hunt for Kids**  
upstairs April 1 - 13

**Note: Eclipse Glasses will NOT be available before the Solar Eclipse Party.**  
**One pair of glasses per person present.**



**April School Vacation Week**

## DAVE MARCHETTI'S ANIMAL EXPERIENCES

For kids ages  
10 and under  
with their  
families.

**Thurs, Apr. 18 (2 programs)**

- **2:30 pm** Community Room (1st floor)
- **4:00 pm**

**Registration required.**

Registration opens Mon, Apr. 1.

To register for one of the two programs offered,  
visit the Children's Department or call 401-710-7800.

As a hands-on program,  
everyone present will  
have the opportunity to  
hold and touch the  
animals that Dave  
presents.

Made possible with funds from  
an Ocean State Power Grant.



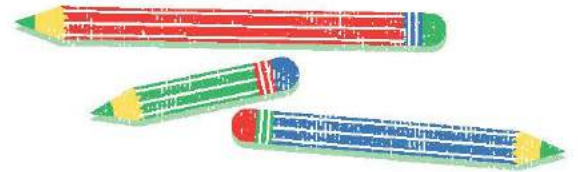


# 2025 EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST FOR KIDS



Help teach our community about  
energy conservation  
and/or recycling.

Entrants must be:  
Residents of Burrillville,  
in grades K-5  
(public, private,  
homeschool included)



## Step 1

Pick a category for  
your poster:

- saving energy
- recycling

## Step 2

Think about an idea,  
tip, or action people  
can do to help our  
earth in terms of  
saving energy or  
recycling.

## Step 3

Using your own  
artwork, create a  
poster to show and  
teach the idea, tip,  
or action to your  
community.

Posters must be  
on 8 1/2" x 11"  
paper.  
**LANDSCAPE**  
format.

On back of the poster,  
include:

- student's full name
- phone number
- grade
- name of school



12 posters will be chosen to create a  
2025 environmental education calendar!



Deadline for Submissions:  
Saturday, April 27, 2024

Please submit posters to:  
Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library  
100 Tinkham Lane  
Harrisville, RI 02830  
Attn: Children's Librarian

Kids may use crayons,  
markers, colored  
pencils or paint.  
No 3D effects, please.



Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 posters in each category.

1st Prize - \$50    2nd Prize - \$30    3rd Prize - \$20

Winners will be notified on Tuesday, April 30 and invited to attend the award  
ceremony at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Questions? Contact:

Children's Librarian at Jesse Smith Library (710-7800),  
Andrea at Burrillville Parks & Recreation Dept (568-9470)  
or Desarae at Pascoag Utility District (567-1262)

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# Children's Department

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



## SPRING STORYTIMES



**Registration is required. Space is limited.**

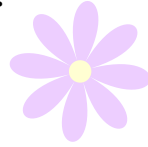
Sign-ups for Burrillville residents begins **Mon. April 8.**

Sign-ups for all patrons begins **Mon. April 15.**

To sign-up for a 5 week session,  
visit the Children's Dept. or call 401-710-7800.

For more information, e-mail  
JMSchildrenslibrary@burrillville.org.

### BABY STORYTIME (BIRTH – 24 MTHS)



**5 week session: Thursdays**

**Apr. 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23**

**9:30– 9:50 am followed by play time**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**

Siblings are welcome **Registration required.**

### TODDLER STORYTIME (AGES 2–3)



**5 week session: Mondays**

**Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20**

**10:00 – 10:30 am**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**

Siblings are welcome. **Registration required.**

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3–5)



**5 week session: Thursdays**

**Apr. 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23**

**10:30 – 11:10 am**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**

Siblings are welcome.

**Registration required.**



### LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS

**Apr. 9 (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.**



#### 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.

### DROP-IN STYLE PAJAMA STORYTIME (AGES 10 & UNDER)

**5 week session: Wednesdays**

**Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22**

**6:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**



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

No registration is needed.

Siblings are always welcome.

**Drop-in.**



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## APRIL SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS



### DROP-IN CRAFT FOR KIDS & TWEENS: SPRING CHICK PERLER BEADS

**Apr. 13 (Sat.)**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**

Best for ages 6-12 with an adult caregiver. Kids will arrange Perler beads on a pegboard using the pattern provided to make a baby chick. After using an iron and wax paper to melt the beads together, kids will have a Peep chick to take home. (while supplies last.)

**Drop-in.**



### STEM TUESDAY: CREATE A CHAIN REACTION

**Apr. 16 (Tues.)**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Children's Program Room (2nd floor)**



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Best for ages 6-12 with an adult caregiver. Given activity cards, create different chain reactions with ramps, pendulums, hammers, and more! Participants will explore STEM concepts such as gravity, motion, momentum, speed, force and problem solving.

**Drop-in.**



### GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

**Apr. 17 (Wed.)**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Riverwalk**

Best for ages 2 - 10 with an adult caregiver. In guided groups led by the Children's Librarian, kids will travel through different sensory areas as the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* is being read aloud. The Community Room will have bear activities to try out before or after the bear hunt. Kids are invited to bring their stuffed animal to read to in a "bear cave." (weather dependent) **Funded by an Ocean State Power Grant.**

**Drop-in.**



### ANIMAL EXPERIENCES WITH DAVE MARCHETTI

**Apr. 18 (Thurs.)**

**2 show: 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm**

**Community Room (1st floor)**

Best for kids ages 10 and under with an adult caregiver. As a hands-on program, everyone present will have the opportunity to hold and touch the animals that Dave presents - snakes, turtles, lizards, a chinchilla, a hedgehog, and a bunny. **Funded by an Ocean State Power grant.**

**Registration required and opens Mon. Apr. 1.**



### BUBBLE BULOOZA

**Apr. 19 (Fri.)**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**

**Riverwalk**

Best for kids ages 10 and under with their families. The Riverwalk will be set up with bins of bubble solution, small and large bubble wands, and a bubble machine available for kids and families to create, explore and play. (weather dependent)

**Drop-in.**



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# Teen Programs

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**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!

**There will be no Teen Hangout during School Vacation week.**



**Monday Mixups**  
**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

- April 1st - Brownies
- April 22nd - Perler Bead Art
- April 29th - Smash Brothers Tournament



**WEDNESDAY FOOD FUN**  
**3:00 PM**

- April 3rd - Cookie Decorating Redux
- April 10th - Marshmallow Structures
- April 24th - Jelly Bean Bracelets



**SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY**

**April 8 (Mon.) at 3:00pm**

There will be no Teen Hangout Monday April 8th as the library will be having a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party. Join us at 3 PM to see this astronomical occurrence.



**VOLUNTEERS**

**Apr 3 (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!



**Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons**

**Apr 22 (Mon.)**

**6 PM**

**Community Room**

Learn to play Dungeons and Dragons using the newly made story "The Lost Universe" developed by NASA. Come learn the basics or just have fun playing with others! **Registration is required for this event.**

**Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12**





# Adults

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\*To sign up for programs requiring registration, please visit or call the Reference Department 710-7800. \*



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 101

**Apr 9th (Tues.)**

**6pm-8pm  
Community Room**

The RI Department of Health presents an interactive emergency preparedness workshop at the Jesse Smith Library. Learn the simple things that you and your loved ones can do to better prepare for and respond to any public health emergency.

**Sign ups are required. Please call or visit the reference Desk to sign up.**

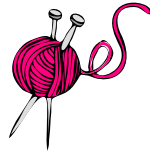


## BINGO

**Apr 11 (Thurs.)**

**6pm-7pm  
Community Room**

Sign up now for 1 hour of classic bingo with novelty prizes for winners! **Sign up at the reference desk.**



## KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

**Apr 4, 11, 18, & 25 (Thurs.)**

**6:30pm-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.**



## ADULT CRAFT

**Apr 27 (Sat.)**

**1pm-2pm  
Community Room**

Step into Spring with our adult craft. Paint your own ceramic birdhouse - perfect for your home or a gift for a loved one. **Spaces are limited, please call or visit the reference desk to sign up.**

## SHIPWRECK! THE LARCHMONT



**Apr 30th (Tues.) | 6pm-7pm**

**Community Room**

All aboard! Come relive the most terrifying shipwreck in Rhode Island history. Experience the unspeakable horror and unrivaled heroism with Providence Journal Columnist Daniel Harrington as he brings you eyewitness accounts, never-before-seen photographs, and an unbelievable story. **Register now!**

## DATABASE SPOTLIGHT



Do you remember Chilton's repair manuals? Use Auto Repair Source to identify all the specs and details needed to repair your vehicle. Access through [AskRI.org](http://AskRI.org)



## NEXT MONTH: WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS

**Weds May 8  
6pm-7pm  
Community Room**

Why is there a fawn on my lawn? What should I do if I find a baby bird? Find the answer to these questions and more with the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife Outreach Team! **Registration required.**



THE FRIENDS OF THE JESSE SMITH  
LIBRARY PRESENT

# Spring Silent Auction



Saturday, April 27  
to  
Saturday, May 11  
at noon.

COME IN AND PLACE  
BIDS ON SOME  
WONDERFUL BASKETS.



 Find us on  
**Facebook**

 **Instagram**



## **Normal Library Hours**

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

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

Closed Sunday

Visit our website @ [jmslibrary.org](http://jmslibrary.org)