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April School Vacation Week

Tommy James Magic Show *for kids*



Wednesday,
April 22, 2026
6:00 PM

for kids
age 4 - grade 5
with an adult
caregiver

Sorry, no
younger siblings
for this event.



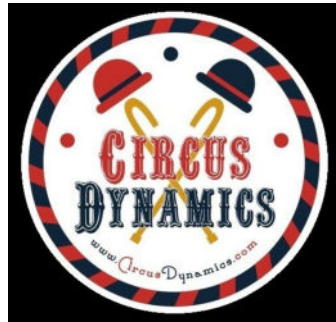
Community Room (1st floor)

Registration opens for Burrillville residents on Sat. April 11
and for all patrons on Sat. April 18.

Visit the Children's Dept. or call 401-710-7800.

*In order to allow more kids to attend the program, please
consider limiting to 1 parent/caregiver per family when registering.

Funded through a grant from Ocean State Power.

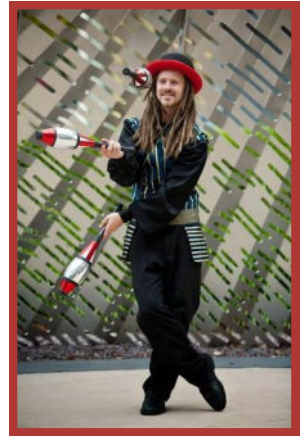


Friday,
April 24, 2026
1:00 PM



Held on the Pavilion lawn.
for kids & families
no sign-ups needed*

Maurice of Circus Dynamics will dazzle
the crowd with circus stunts, highly
skilled juggling and plenty of comedy.



*In the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside,
registration will be required and space will be limited to school age kids
with an adult caregiver.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.



A very special thank you to
The Champlin Foundation
for providing the grant
to fund the Jesse M. Smith
Memorial Library's 2nd floor
restroom renovation project.
The project was completed in late
March 2026.



FASHION IN FICTION
JANE AUSTEN
April 11 (Sat.)
10:30AM – Noon
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Children's Department

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



SPRING STORYTIME

Wed. April 1 – Thurs. April 30, 2026



Registration is required. Space is limited.

Sign-ups for Burrillville residents began Sat., Mar. 21

Sign-ups for all patrons began Sat., Mar. 28

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

Storytimes held in Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

TODDLER STORYTIME (AGES 2-3)



Mondays
April 6, 13, 20, & 27
10:00 – 10:30 AM

Siblings are welcome. Registration required.



BABY STORYTIME (BIRTH – 24 MTHS)

Wednesdays
April 1, 15, 29
9:30 – 9:50 AM

Siblings are welcome. Registration required.
Followed by Drop-in Baby & Toddler Playtime until 12:00 PM.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Thursdays
April 2, 16, & 30
10:30 – 11:10 AM

FULL

Siblings are welcome. Registration required.



DROP-IN STYLE BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME

Apr. 1, 15, & 29 (Wed.)
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Children's Program Room

For age 3 years and under with a caregiver. Stop in to meet other caregivers and make new friends. The room will be set up with age-appropriate toys and board books for little hands. Siblings welcome!

Drop-in.



DROP-IN STYLE PAJAMA STORYTIME

Apr. 1, 8, 15, & 29 (Wed.)
6:00 – 6:30 PM
Children's Program Room
(no storytime Apr. 22)

Designed for young children through early elementary school with their adult caregiver. Families are invited to share 30 minutes of stories and songs with the Children's Librarian. Pajamas, blankets, and/or stuffed animals are encouraged. Siblings are always welcome. **Drop-in.**



Note to parents & caregivers: While in the library, kids under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible caregiver age 13 or older.



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STEM SATURDAY: PARACHUTE JUMPER

Apr. 11 (Sat.)

2:00–3:15 PM

Children's Program Room

For kids age 4 to grade 5 with an adult caregiver. Make your own parachute jumper to take home. Can you land your jumper safely on a target? **Drop-in.**



FINE MOTOR FRIDAY

Apr. 17 (Fri.)

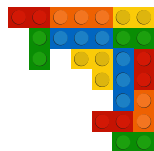
9:30 – 11:30 AM

Children's Program Room

Best for ages 3 - 5 with an adult caregiver. Opportunities to use tongs, manipulate small objects, and sort materials at various activity stations all with the goal of developing fine motor skills. **Drop-in.**



Activities include small objects that can be choking hazards for kids under 3 years old.



LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS

Apr. 18 (Sat.)

1:15 – 3:15 PM

Children's Program Room

Kids age 3 - grade 5 and their families. Build with our collection of Legos. Kids may put their creation on display in the Children's Dept.

Drop-in.



BUBBLE BULOOZA

Apr. 23 (Thurs.)

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Riverwalk

weather dependent

For kids and families. Play, create, and explore with bubble solution and bubble wands. **Drop-in.**



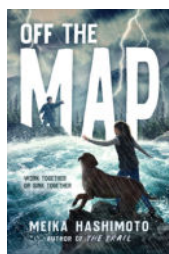
PLANTING SEEDS

Apr. 25 (Sat.)

2:00–3:00 PM

Outside on the Riverwalk

For kids in grades K-5. We will provide the supplies for you to start flower seeds to take home and watch grow! Will be working with dirt, please dress appropriately. **Drop-in.**



ROOSTER GAMES BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS

Apr. 14 (Tues.)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Children's Program Room



Best for kids in grades 3-5. We will discuss *Off the Map* by Meika Hashimoto. Copies of the book are available for check out at the circulation desk. **Registration required.**



TWEEN TUESDAY (ages 9–12)

Apr. 28 (Tues.)

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Open to tweens ages 9-12. Sorry, no younger siblings. Games, art, fun with friends and snacks.

Drop-in.

RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD (RICBA) VOTING

Voting runs April 1 – 29, 2026.

Kids in grades 3-5 who have read or listened to at least 3 of the 2026 RICBA nominated books are eligible to vote in the Children's Library for their favorite title.



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Teen Programs

April 2026

HELLO
SPRING

Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12

Re-occurring Programs

TEENS AFTER SCHOOL

Drop-in on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for games, activities, crafts, and snacks! Mondays we have a no-tech day, all board games and card games. Tuesday is all about the crafts and Thursday is video games galore. Come in to hang out, have fun, and eat snacks.

Unplugged Mondays

3:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

4/6 - Card Games

4/13 - Trouble

4/20 - Don't Touch the Color

4/27 - Giant Tic Tac Toe

Get Crafty Tuesdays

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

4/7 - Painting

4/14 - Crochet

4/21 - Pearler Beads

4/28 - Spring Flowers

Log On Thursday

3:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

4/2 - Smash Bros

4/9 - Virtual Tours: Your Choice

4/16 - Song Quiz

4/23 - No Teens After School

4/30 - Harmony Square

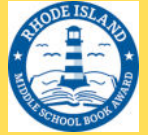


TEEN BOOK CLUB

April 13th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room



Drop-in to discuss *Noodle & Bao* by Shaina Lu. This is a warm-hearted story about a young girl trying to save her small town, starting with her best friend's family's Bao shop. When a fancy new cafe moves in, Momo realizes she'll need a lot more than good food to save the day. You can come to the library for a copy!



TEEN MANGA CLUB

April 27th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to discuss *Demon Slayer*. This will be a discussion about vol. 2 of the series. We will be discussing and doing a manga related activity.

VOLUNTEENS



April 1st (Wed.)

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Community Room

Be a part of your community with Volunteens! We will work on different projects that help out those who need it most. Collaborate, find your voice, let your creativity shine - all while gaining leadership skills as well as volunteer hours.



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KARAOKE NIGHT

April 9th (Thur.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to sing some of your favorite songs. We have a great list of all the hits. Sing solo or grab a buddy, and show off your vocal talent!



BINGO

April 20th (Mon.)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

The Community Room

Drop-in to play some SPRING BINGO! We'll be doing multiple rounds and have little prizes for the winners!



MUSIC HOUR

April 21st (Tues.)

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a jam session with the instruments in our Library of Things. You can play with them and work on your skills or test your talent. We have keyboards, drums, bells, and more!



DESTROYING FRIENDSHIPS

April 22nd (Wed.)

1:00 – 2:00 PM

The Community Room

Drop-in to play all of the games that test friendships. Uno, Mario Kart, Sounds Fishy and more! Are you ready to put your friendships to the test?

Coming in May



TEEN BOOK CLUB

May 11th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to share about a book of your choice! Everyone picks a book then shares what they like or dislike about their title. Read an oldie or find something brand new! The choice is yours! Please visit the reference desk if you need help finding your next read.



TEEN MANGA CLUB

May 18th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to discuss My Hero Academia. This is a story about a world where anyone can be a super hero. Everyone has a quirk that gives them a special ability. Follow Midoriya as he chases his dream to become a hero. We will be discussing and doing a manga related activity.



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Adults

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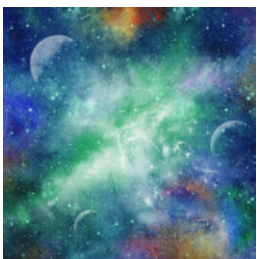
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18+ Registration Required.



**IS THERE
CONCIOUSNESS
AFTER DEATH?
April 16 (Thurs.)
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Community Room**

Join Gary Garcia to view and discuss "In The Realm of Death & Dreaming: Does Consciousness Continue After Death?". "The first film in the trilogy brings viewers on a journey to discover if consciousness continues after death by exploring personal stories of near-death experiences, deathbed visions, scientific insights, and more. Their stories are revealed with humor and compassion." 18+ Registration Required.



**TREE PLANTING TALK
April 17 (Fri.)
2:00PM – 3:00 PM
Community Room**

Jarod Shaw, R.I. licensed Arborist, will share his tree knowledge and planting expertise with us! What kinds of trees are best to plant at home? He will have saplings and potentially blueberry bushes as an Arbor Day giveaway. Sponsored by SavATree. 18+ Registration required.



**CANDLEMAKING
WORKSHOP
April 23 (Thurs.)
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Community Room**

Participants will learn the basics of candle making and create one custom 8oz soy candle to take home. Choose from 8 spring-inspired scents and over 40 different dried botanicals to decorate your own unique candle. 18+ Registration Required.



**CONTAINER
GARDENING
April 25 (Sat.)
10:30 – 11:30 AM
Community Room**

Come learn practical container gardening techniques for a multitude of small spaces. URI Master Gardener will share how containers affect plant health. Learn how to create the best soil, drainage, light and nutrients. Consider seasonal factors that affect container plants differently than in-ground gardens. Guidance on selecting vegetables, herbs, and ornamental plants for containers. 18+ Registration Required.



Adults



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*Register for programs online, visit or call the Reference Department 710-7800. *



TECH TUES. WITH TYLER

**April 14 (Tues.)
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Reference Desk**

Want to learn a little more about how to use your computer, phone, or tablet? Drop by and Tyler the Reference Assistant will help! No registration required.



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

**April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 (Thur.)
6:00 – 7:45 PM**

Join us for our free knit and crochet group that meets Thursdays in the library. Come knit and crochet with us! Drop in. No registration required.



THE BUTLER DID IT

**April 28 (Tues.)
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Conference Room**

Join our adult book group reading mysteries. We will be discussing Three Bags Full by Leonie Swann. Copies available at circulation. 18+ **Registration Required.**



UNITED WAY 211 REPRESENTATIVE

**April 16 (Thurs.)
9:00 – 11:30 AM
Van**

A United Way 211 outreach representative will be here to help connect you to SNAP/Food Assistance, Housing Assistance, Tax Assistance and more! Please call 710-7800 to confirm event. No registration required.



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

**April 14 (Tues.)
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Conference Room**

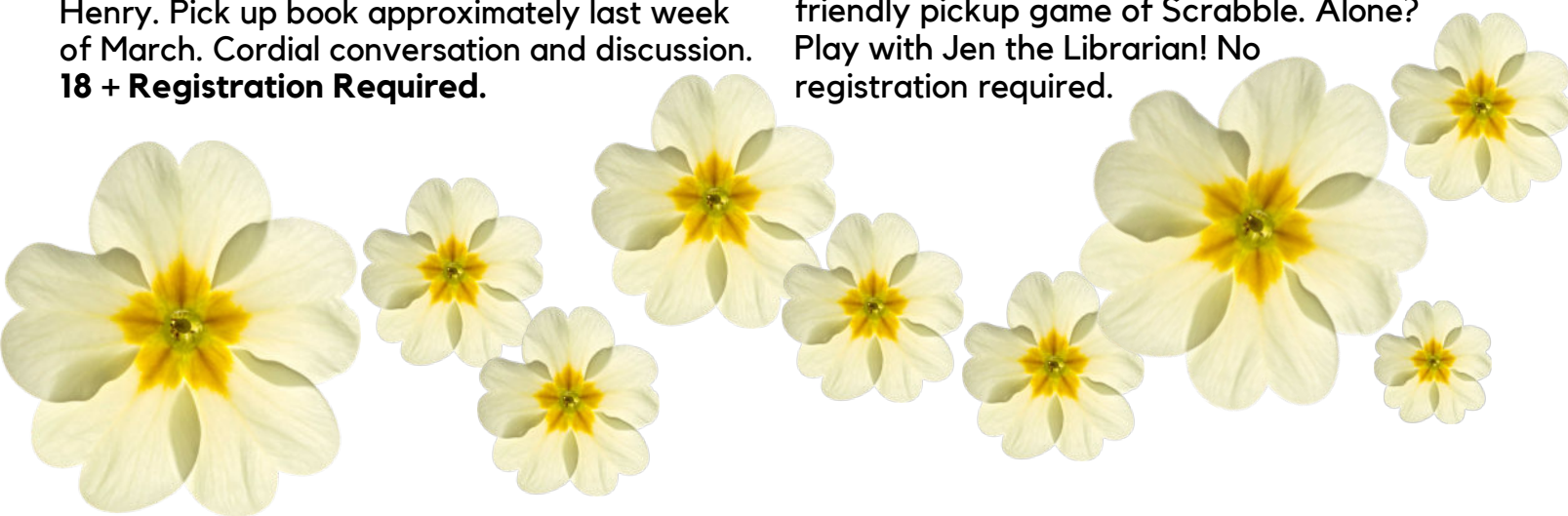
This month's pick is Book Lovers by Emily Henry. Pick up book approximately last week of March. Cordial conversation and discussion. **18 + Registration Required.**



DROP IN SCRABBLE

**April 20 (Mon.)
6:00 – 7:30 PM
The Lounge**

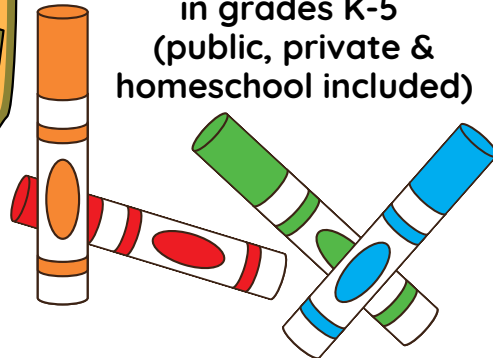
We have a special spot set aside for a friendly pickup game of Scrabble. Alone? Play with Jen the Librarian! No registration required.



The Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department
& Clear River Electric & Water District present

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
2027 environmental education calendar!



Deadline for Submissions:
Saturday, April 25, 2026

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

Questions? Contact:

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

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Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed Sunday