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MAY
2026
Newsletter

**LIBRARY
SUMMER
HOURS START
MAY 23, 2026!**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Closed Sunday



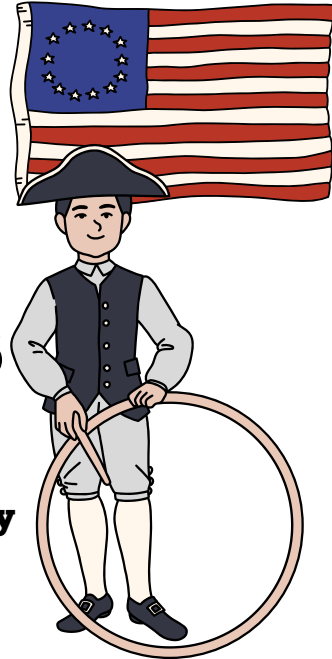
TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH TINKY

COLONIAL FAMILY FUN DAY

SAT. JUNE 6, 2026
10:00 - 11:30 AM

**Best for kids in elementary
school and their families**





TEEN CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!



Mon, 5/4, 5-6PM
Gr. 6-12

Community Room

Registration Required
Online, in-person, or call
(401) 710-7800



Bear Necessities



May 14 (Thurs.)
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
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18+ Registration required.



Children's Department

May 2026

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



DOG MAN © and TM® Dav Pilkey

Sat. May 16, 2026

1:30 - 3:00 PM

For kids in grade 5 and under
with an adult caregiver

Drop-in
style
event



activity
stations

photo
opportunities

*no live characters
will be present

games

Each child will receive:

- Dog Man bookmark
- Dog Man "color your own puzzle"
- a Dog Man sticker prize after completing the Indoor Scavenger Hunt
- 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 - 3:00 PM)

Children's Dept.
(2nd floor)



Generously sponsored
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of the Jesse Smith Library

SENSORY PLAYTIME FOR KIDS

May 27 (Wed.)
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Community Room (1st floor)

Open to kids in grade 5 and younger with an adult caregiver. Families are invited to visit the library in a low stimulation environment. Children can engage in free play and sensory stations designed for their enjoyment. A calm atmosphere will be created for your child to feel at ease while experiencing the library.

Drop-in.

This inclusive program can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges.



safety
first

Some activities may include small objects that can be choking hazards for kids under 3 years old.

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

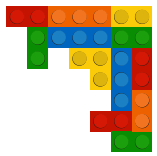
Note to parents & caregivers: While in the library, kids under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible caregiver age 13 or older.



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LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS

May 9 (Sat.)

1:15 – 3:15 PM

Children's Program Room

Kids age 3 - grade 5 and their families are invited to build, create, and play with our collection of Legos®. Kids are welcome to display their creations in the Children's Dept.

Drop-in.



TWEEN TUESDAY

May 26 (Tues.) (ages 9–12)

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Open to tweens ages 9-12. Sorry, no siblings. The Children's Program Room will be transformed into the **Tween Hangout** with activities designed just for them. Snacks will be provided. **Drop-in.**



INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNTS FOR KIDS

Shapes with letters on them are hidden throughout the Children's Dept. on the 2nd floor of the library. Earn a small prize after finding all the letters to spell out the special word(s).

- **gummy bear** - Available Apr. 27 - May 9
- **spaghetti** - Available May 11 - May 23
(with the exception of Dog Man Party - 5/16 in the afternoon)
- **barbecue** - Available May 26 - Jun. 6

during regular Children's Dept. hours.



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BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS

May 19 (Tues.)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Community Room (1st floor)

Best for kids in grades 3-5. *I Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964* by Lauren Tarshis. Read the book and then join us for a discussion and activities related to the book. One activity includes exploring the Survive the Quake Engineering Kits that were provided through the Burrillville Learn365 RI grant. Copies of the book are available for check out at the circulation desk.

Registration required.

Coming Soon!

2026 SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR KIDS

The 2026 statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The local Summer Library program is made possible through funding from the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library and the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.

Teen Programs

HELLO
SPRING
May 2026

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

5/4 - The Game of Life
5/11 - Cornhole
5/18 - Scrabble
5/25 - Library Closed

Get Crafty Tuesdays

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

5/5 - Pipe Cleaner Flowers
5/12 - Button Maker
5/19 - Perler Beads
5/26 - Origami

Log On Thursday

3:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

5/7 - Freeplay
5/14 - Roblox
5/21 - Two Truths and AI
5/28 - Codey Rocky

BRING
YOUR
OWN
BOOK

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.

VOLUNTEERS

May 6th (Wed.)

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Community Room



Be a part of your community with Volunteers! 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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Teen Programs

HELLO
May 2026 SPRING

Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12

Coming in June



Cinco De Mayo Party

May 4th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Register by noon on 5/4 to come in and enjoy nachos and quesadillas and other snacks and games. Please alert us to any allergies beforehand. Seats are limited.



PLAYING WITH AI

May 7th (Thur.)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

The Community Room

Drop-in to see what AI can do. We'll be going over the ins and outs of AI, and trying to play some games with it.



IMPROV SKIT NIGHT

May 14th (Thur.)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a night of improv. We will be making and performing skits. You have the power to create the scene and what happens in it.



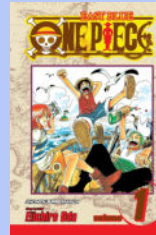
TEEN BOOK CLUB

June 15th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a summer edition of book club! We'll be doing books for your summer reading needs! This month we'll be discussing books on the reading lists, *How to Talk to Your Succulent* for middle schoolers and *Under the Same Stars* for high schoolers. Come in to discuss or get a start on your summer reading! Drop by circulation for a copy.



TEEN MANGA CLUB

June 29th (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a summer manga! We'll be reading *One Piece* Vol. 1. Follow Luffy as he begins his journey to become king of the pirates. By now you've at least heard of the popular anime and live action, now read the manga that started it all! Drop by circulation for a copy.



TEEN SUMMER READING

6/20–8/1

Sign up at Reference Desk

Get ready for this year's Summer Reading Program. You'll be given a series of tasks to complete before the beginning of August. This program is for those going into 6th–12th grade.

Sign up at the reference desk starting June 20th. Those who sign-up and participate can put tickets toward one of three raffle prizes!



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Adults

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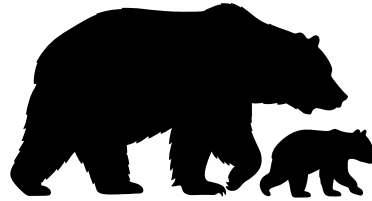
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SHE CAN DO IT! WOMEN IN MYSTERY

**May 9 (Sat.)
11:00AM – Noon
Community Room**

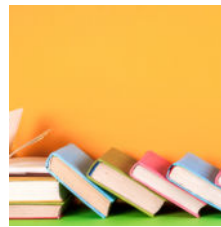
Join local mystery authors Janet Raye Stevens and Sharon Healy-Yang for "She Can Do It: Real/'Reel' Women and Midcentury Mysteries" a multimedia program focused on the intriguing aspects of creating a mystery set circa WWII. Focusing on how the smart, stylish, and wise-cracking gals of the '40's in books and film inspired their own mysteries. If you love mysteries, movies, and lots of banter, don't miss it! 18+ Registration required.



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BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

**May 27 (Wed.)
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Conference Room**

This month's pick is *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. Book pickup at the front desk approx. 1st week of April. Cordial conversation and discussion. 18+ Registration Required.



HENNA

**May 23 (Sat.)
10:30AM – Noon
Community Room**

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a temporary henna mehndi tattoo design. Christine Mulligan is our visiting artist. Sign up early for this popular program! 18+ Registration required.



THE BUTLER DID IT

**May 26 (Tues.)
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Conference Room**

Join our adult book group reading mysteries. We will be discussing *Too Old For This* by Samantha Downing. Copies available at circulation. 18+ Registration Required.

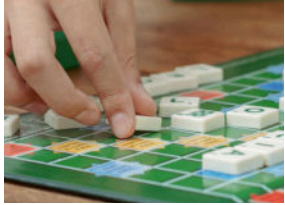




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DROP IN SCRABBLE

May 11 (Mon.)

6:00 – 7:30 PM

The Reading Lounge

This month's game is the 2nd week of May. We have a special spot set aside for a friendly pickup game of Scrabble. Alone? Play with Jen the Librarian! No registration required.



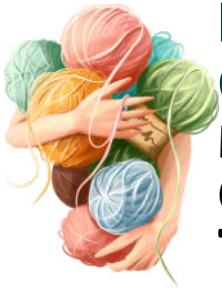
TECH TUES. WITH TYLER

May 12 (Tues.)

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Reference Desk

Have a new device? 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

May 7, 14, 21 and 28 (Thurs.)

6:30 – 7:45 PM

The Reading Lounge

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



UNITED WAY 211 REPRESENTATIVE

May 21 (Thurs.)

9:00 – 11:30 AM

A United Way 211 outreach representative will be here to help connect you to:

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





Closed

Mon. May 25
for Memorial Day



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