

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library



2026 Children's Summer Library Program

open to kids age 3 through
entering grade 5

Sign-ups begin Thurs. June 18.

**The program runs from
Thurs. June 18 - Tues. Aug. 4, 2026**

**Goal:
Read or be read to for 12 hours**

YOU get to choose what to read. Picture books, non-fiction books, chapter books, graphic novels, e-books, being read to, and listening to audiobooks all count as reading.

Your reading log is the sheet containing 12 circles. Each circle represents 1 hour of reading time divided into 3 parts - 20 minutes each. Every time you read or are read to for 20 minutes, use your stamp to mark it on your reading log.

Starting on Thurs. June 18, kids are invited to sign up for the Summer Library Program. After signing up, they can "check-in" to the Children's Dept. each week with the reading log. Show us how much of your reading log you have filled in so far and earn a book cover brag tag. Limit - 1 brag tag per week

**To complete 12 hours of reading,
fill in 12 circles on your reading log.**

Finish and check-in at the
Children's Dept.

**by Mon. Aug. 3, 2026
at the end of the day.**

- raffle ticket for 1 of multiple gift baskets
 1. Unicorn gift basket
 2. Scooby Doo gift basket
 3. Let's Pretend gift basket
 4. Summer Fun gift basket
 5. Superhero gift basket
- certificate
- 1 turn at our Disc Drop prize game to win 1-3 FREE books

* Readers are welcome to log more reading time on an extra reading log sheet (available in the Children's Dept.) and earn an additional turn at our Disc Drop prize game to win 1-3 more FREE books.



100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, Rhode Island 02830 401-710-7800

Check us out! @ www.jmslibrary.org





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For kids age 3 - entering grade 5

BEGINS THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

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IMPORTANT

**BRING IN YOUR COMPLETED
READING LOG BY**

MONDAY, AUG. 3, 2026

TO BE AWARDED YOUR PRIZES.

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401-710-7800 www.jmslibrary.org

- Each circle represents 1 hour of reading.
- Use your stamp to mark each 20 minutes of reading.
- (optional) Visit the Children's Dept. once a week with this reading log. Check-in to show us how much you have read so far and earn a book cover brag tag (limit 1 per week)

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.



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BABY STORYTIME



June 25 – July 23 (Thurs.)

9:30 – 9:50 AM

For ages birth – 24 months

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Babies and their adult caregiver are invited to share 20 minutes of songs, puppets, and a story with the Children's Librarian. This program is open to siblings. **Drop-in.**

BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME



June 25 – July 23 (Thurs.)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For ages 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.**

STEM ENGINEERS



June 25 – July 23 (Thurs.)

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For kids entering grade 1 - 5 with a caregiver. Design, build, and create with open-ended materials: Rigamajig Junior Builder Kit, Rigamajig Jr. Spinning Tops Kits, and Fortstix Kids Fort Building Kits. The kits are designed to spark imagination and foster creative problem-solving through trial and error. Siblings welcome! **Drop-in.**

WATER PARK WEDNESDAYS ON THE RIVERWALK



June 24, July 8 & 22 (Wed.)

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Riverwalk



Best for kids in grade 5 and under with their families. Cool off and have fun with a variety of water play stations set up on the Riverwalk. Stations will include a splash pad, water park sprinkler, water tables with toys, squirt toys and more. **Drop-in.**

Water Park Wednesday is weather dependent and may be canceled if a full water ban is in effect. Call the library or check our Facebook page for updates.



Note to parents & caregivers:

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



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"AT THE CAR WASH"

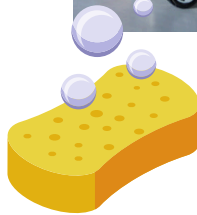


June 26 (Fri.)
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Riverwalk

"At the Car Wash" is weather dependent and may be canceled if a full water ban is in effect. Call the library or check our Facebook page for updates.

Best for kids age 3 - entering grade 5 with their families. Come play with our collection of toy matchbox cars and trucks in the sand and mud. Then walk the vehicles through the "car wash" sprinkler tunnel to clean them off. You'll get wet too! Each child will get to take home a toy vehicle to keep.

Drop-in.



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

TWEEN TUESDAY for ages 9–12



June 30 (Tues.)
5:30–7:00 PM
Children's Program Room
(2nd floor)

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!



July 1 (Wed.)
2:30–4:00 PM
Children's Department
(2nd floor)

Best for kids entering grade 5 and under with their families. Celebrate the country's 250th birthday with a party at the library. Put on your red, white and blue and stop by to enjoy cake, play games, make crafts and join in on some collaborative art.

Drop-in.

STORYWALK® ON THE RIVERWALK

Families are invited to take a stroll along the Riverwalk behind the library to enjoy a children's book on display in the 18 StoryWalk® frames. A different children's book is on display each month. This activity is still accessible when the library is closed.



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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FARM FRIDAYS



July 10– July 31 (Fri.)

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, this program is open to kids entering grade 5 and under with an adult caregiver. There will be themed activities based on the week's animal as well as stations about farm to table aspects of plants and animals that can be found on a farm.

Drop-in.

- Fri. July 10 - Chicken
- Fri. July 17 - Cows
- Fri. July 24 - Sheep
- Fri. July 24 - Pigs

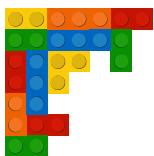


Some weeks will include a craft with paint.
Please dress accordingly.



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

LEGO CLUB FOR KIDS



July 17 (Fri.)

1:15 – 3:15 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Kids age 3 - grade 5 with an adult caregiver are invited to participate in our drop-in style program. Bins of Lego bricks will be set up at tables for kids to build. We will provide the Legos, you provide the imagination! Kids may display their creations in the Children's Dept. for 1 month for all to admire. **Drop-in.**

MESSY MONDAYS: PROCESS ART FOR TODDLERS



July 13, 20, 27 (Mon.)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

*Things WILL
get messy!*

For ages 3 years and under with a caregiver. Process art emphasizes creating the art rather than the finished product. Toddlers will explore and experiment with different media in a way that develops fine motor skills and imagination. These activities will include stations like finger painting and messy sensory bins. Please dress appropriately.

(It wouldn't hurt to bring an extra change of clothes for your child... just in case.) **Drop-in.**

PAINT A PET ROCK CACTUS



July 18 (Sat.)

11:00 AM– 12:00 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For kids age 4 - entering grade 5 with an adult caregiver. Each child will get a clay pot and a rock to paint. Transform the plain rock into a pet cactus to keep. While supplies last. Please dress for a mess. **Drop-in**



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THE BOOKS THAT GREW US: A COMMUNITY MEDIA PROJECT

presented by **Ocean State Media**

This project is supported by the RI Office of Library & Information Services using funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



July 14 & 21 (Thurs.)

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Community Room (1st floor)

Open to adults, teens, and families with kids ages 10+.

What book planted a seed in your life? Whether it's a childhood classic or a recent discovery, we invite you to share a book you love and transform that inspiration into art. In this collaborative two-part workshop, you'll dive into a multimedia project, moving from personal storytelling to hands-on creation. By the end of the series, you'll have the tools and the tech to bring your favorite literary moments to life.



Registration required.
Use the QR Code to sign up for this two-part workshop.

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SEEDS IN MOTION: GROW, GATHER, TELL!

presented by the **Providence Children's Museum**

This project is supported by the RI Office of Library & Information Services using funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



July 15 (Wed.)

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Community Room (1st floor)

Open to kids & families, teens, & adults. Join us for a hands-on, drop-in adventure all about seeds! Explore how plants grow, discover the animals that help them thrive, and uncover the stories seeds carry across cultures and communities. Build, play, investigate, and create something to take home.

- Plant and investigate how seeds grow
 - Play games that show how pollinators help plants thrive
 - Discover foods and stories from around the world
 - Create seed balls to help grow your own garden
- Drop-in.**

DROP-IN CRAFT: MAKE SPOONY



July 25 (Sat.)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For kids age 3 - entering grade 5 with an adult caregiver. All materials provided. **Drop-in**



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POLLINATOR PARTY



Aug. 3 (Mon.)
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Riverwalk

For kids in grade 5 and under with an adult caregiver. Explore the world of bees and pollination with hands-on activities and games. Bee Happy, the library's summer mascot, will be attending the event. Kids will also get to plant a seed to take home.

Drop-in.

This project is supported by the RI Office of Library & Information Services using funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Many of the materials and activities used at this event have been provided by the Providence Children's Museum.



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.

- sandwich - Mon. June 8 - Sat. June 20
- America - Mon. June 22 - Fri. July 3
- firework - **Wed. July 1 only**
for Happy Birthday USA event
- chicken - Mon. July 6 - Sat. July 18
- watermelon - Mon. July 20 - Sat. Aug. 1

during regular Children's Dept. hours.

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SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM FINALE EVENT



for kids, teens, & families

Aug. 4 (Tues.)
5:30 – 7:00 PM
on the Riverwalk

Kids and teens that complete the summer library program by Mon. Aug. 3 will earn the chance to Dunk a Librarian in a dunk tank at this event! Outdoor games and activities available on the Riverwalk will include large loose dino bones, Tetris Tumble XL, Giant Jenga, and super sized Connect 4. Freeze pops will be available for kids and teens.

Drop-in.



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CRAFT CORNER FOR KIDS

New crafts will be available every two weeks. Make the craft at our table or ask for a bag to take it to go.

- Mon. Jun. 29 - bumblebee
 - Mon. July 13 - peapod
 - Mon. July 27 - butterfly
- during regular Children's Dept. hours.