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**JUNE 2026**  
 Newsletter

# End of School Year Bash!

**2026**  
 For elementary school students & their families

**on the Riverwalk**

Complimentary  
 Italian Ice Frozen Treats  
 for Kids



**Thank you to the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library and Dino's Park-N-Shop.**

**Drop-In Style**

**Thursday, June 18**  
**12:00 - 1:30 pm**

12:00 - 1:00 pm  
 Kids get a complimentary bag of kettle corn from Not Your Average Popcorn



**Thank you Not Your Average Popcorn & the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.**

**With appearances from library friends:**  
 Jess E. Saurus  
 Summer Shark  
 Bee Happy

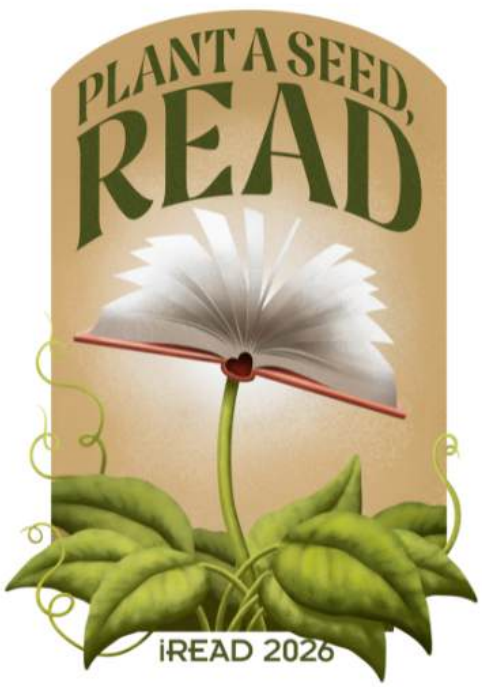


**Outdoor Games:**

- Connect 4
- Tetris Tumble XL
- Jenga



Weather permitting.  
 Please call the library at 401-710-7800 or check our Facebook page for updates.



# 2026 Summer Library Program

Programs for children, teens, and adults.

June 18 - Aug. 4, 2026

**Sign-ups begin Thursday, June 18**  
 (and are ongoing throughout the summer)

**All registration is done in person at the library.**

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# 2026 Concert Series

**SATURDAYS at 6:00 pm at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library**  
**Bring blankets and chairs and come on down to enjoy free music!**  
**Concerts are held outside in front of the library at the Pavilion.**

**7/11 All About Amy**  
**7/18 The Aviators**  
**7/25 Don't Think Twice**  
**8/1 Brass Attack**  
**8/8 Live Music Band**  
**8/15 Jesse Liam**



## **FOOD TRUCKS!**

**Dinolicious: 7/11, 7/18, 8/1 and 8/15**  
**Not Your Average Popcorn: 7/25, 8/8**

**Sponsored by THE FRIENDS OF THE JESSE SMITH LIBRARY along with:**

### **GOLD SPONSORS**

**Cabinet Gallery, Greystone Power Services, NRI Tax Pro,**  
**In loving memory of Shelly Pickles by Rick,**  
**Lynn and Gary Rousseau, and the Woonsocket Rotary Club**

### **SILVER SPONSORS**

**Crystal Lake Golf Club, Crystal Lake Tavern, Josiah Cushing Family Fund,**  
**In Memory of Ellen Houle, and the Rhode Island Credit Union**

### **BRONZE SPONSORS**

**Addieville East Farm, Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC, Chum's Spirits,**  
**Jill D'Errico, Dino's Park N Shop, Hawkes Plumbing and Heating Company**  
**Li'L General, Charlie and Chloe Masse, Ron and Fay Parenteau, R.I. Door Guy,**  
**Waterfall Kitchen & Bar, and WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care**

**Special thanks to the Clear River Electric & Water District for hanging the**  
**Riverwalk banner over East Ave. every year for us.**



June 2026

# Children's Department

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

## TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH TINKY

### COLONIAL FAMILY FUN DAY

at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

10:00 - 11:30 AM



with the Daughters of the American Revolution  
Captain Job Knapp Chapter (Douglas, MA)

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday  
with colonial games on the Riverwalk  
and crafts in the Community Room.

Period costumes encouraged!

Drop-in style

Best for kids in elementary &  
middle school and their families.



# Children's Summer Library Program

Sign ups begin Thurs. June 18.  
Children's Department (2nd Floor)

Goal: 12 hours of reading.  
For kids going into grade 5 and younger. For younger  
kids, listening to someone read aloud to them counts  
as reading time.



Pick up your  
paper reading  
log & stamp.  
(available  
June 18)

Earn a  
book cover  
brag tag  
at each weekly  
check-in.  
6/22 - 8/3



Option for kids under 3 years old:  
**Early Literacy Activity Log**



Kids who reach the  
goal will earn up to 3 free  
books & be entered to win  
one of 5 themed gift baskets.



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



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## SENSORY PLAYTIME

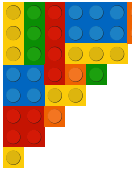
June 10 (Wed.)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Community Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

This inclusive program can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. Open to kids in grade 5 and younger with an adult caregiver. Visit the library in a low stimulation environment.

Drop-in.



## LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS

June 16 (Tues.)

5:00 – 7:00 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.

## WATER PARK WEDNESDAY

### ON THE RIVERWALK

June 24 (Wed.)

10:00 – 11:30 AM



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 such as water park sprinkler, water tables with toys, squirt toys and more.

Drop-in.

## TWEEN TUESDAY

June 30 (Tues.)

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.

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## DROP-IN STYLE

### BABY STORYTIME

June 25 – July 23 (Thurs.)

9:30 AM

Children's Program Room

For ages 24 months and under with a caregiver. Join us for 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, lap songs, and a story best enjoyed with your little one cuddling in your lap. Play and social time to follow. Siblings are always welcome.

Drop-in.



## BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME

June 25 – July 23 (Thurs.)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children's Program Room

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

This is open creative building best for kids entering grades 1-5. Kids will explore different ways to build using our fort building set as well as our Rig-ama-Jig collection.

Drop-in.



## CAR WASH

### ON THE RIVERWALK

June 26 (Fri.)

10:00 – 11:30 AM

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.

Drop-in.

# Teen Programs

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Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12

## 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

6/1 - UNO: No Mercy

6/8 - Bop-It

6/15 - Lego Time

### Get Crafty Tuesdays

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

6/2 - Painting Rocks

6/9 - Puzzles

6/16 - Diamond Coasters

### Log On Thursday

3:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

6/4 - Mario Party Jamboree

6/11 - Untitled Goose Game

6/18 - Need for Speed: Unbound

6/25 - Log On Cancelled



Teens After School will be dropping down to Thursdays only after 6/18 for the summer.



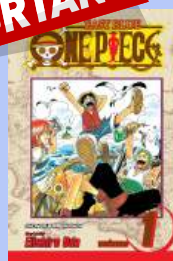
## TEEN BOOK CLUB

June 15 (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 22 (Mon.)

3:00–4:00 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.

## VOLUNTEENS

June 3 (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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@Jessesmithteens



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# TEEN SUMMER READING 2026

## PLANT A SEED, READ

This year's summer reading program will take place from **6/18 to 8/4**. Any teen going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade all the way up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade can sign up at the library. We will have fun programs and great prizes for those who participate, so ask about signing up!

**6/18 - Thursday, All Day**  
**Registration Opens**

You can **drop in** to the library and sign up for summer reading at the reference desk.

**6/22 - Monday, 4-6PM**  
**Open Gaming Night**

**Drop in** to play some games and discuss Summer Reading.

**6/23 - Tuesday, 1-3PM**  
**Poke-it Felting**

**Register** to do wool felting at the library. **Registration opens 6/1**. Please register online, in-person, or over the phone. (Limited seating)

**7/2 - Thursday, 1:30-2:30**  
**Popcorn Party**

**Drop in** to try different seasonings on popcorn while looking at this year's RIMSBA and RITBA nominees

**7/7 - Wednesday, 3-5PM**  
**Summer Reading Trivia**

**Drop in** for trivia about the theme of this year's summer reading. Come prepared for a few rounds of trivia that will stump you!

**7/14 - Tuesday, 1-2:30PM**  
**Nature Drawing**

**Drop in** to the library to take a break and draw some nature. We will be outside drawing different plants around the library

**7/20 - Monday, 3-4:30PM**  
**Revolution Tea Party**

**Register** to join us for a historical tea party. **Registration opens 7/1**. Please register online, in-person, or over the phone.

**7/22 - Wednesday, 3-5PM**  
**Water Wars: Revolution**

**Drop in** to play against each other in a water war! Bring a spare set of clothes and a towel.

**7/23 - Thursday, 2-3PM**  
**Revchoices**

**Drop in** to try out a revolutionary game. This is a strategy game set during the Revolutionary War. Can you win?





# Adults

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



## FELTING CRAFT

June 11 (Thurs.)

6:00– 7:30 PM

Community Room

Felting is done by using a barbed needle to transform wool into 3D creations. An oddly relaxing craft! Beginners welcome.

18+ Registration required.



## CHICKEN BINGO

June 18 (Thurs.)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Community Room

Play BINGO for a chance to win a frozen chicken from Wright's Farm.

18+ Registration required.



## ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Begins June 18 (Thurs.)

Let the reading begin!

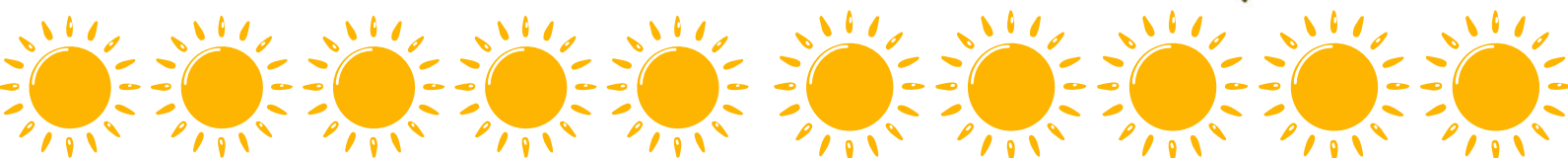
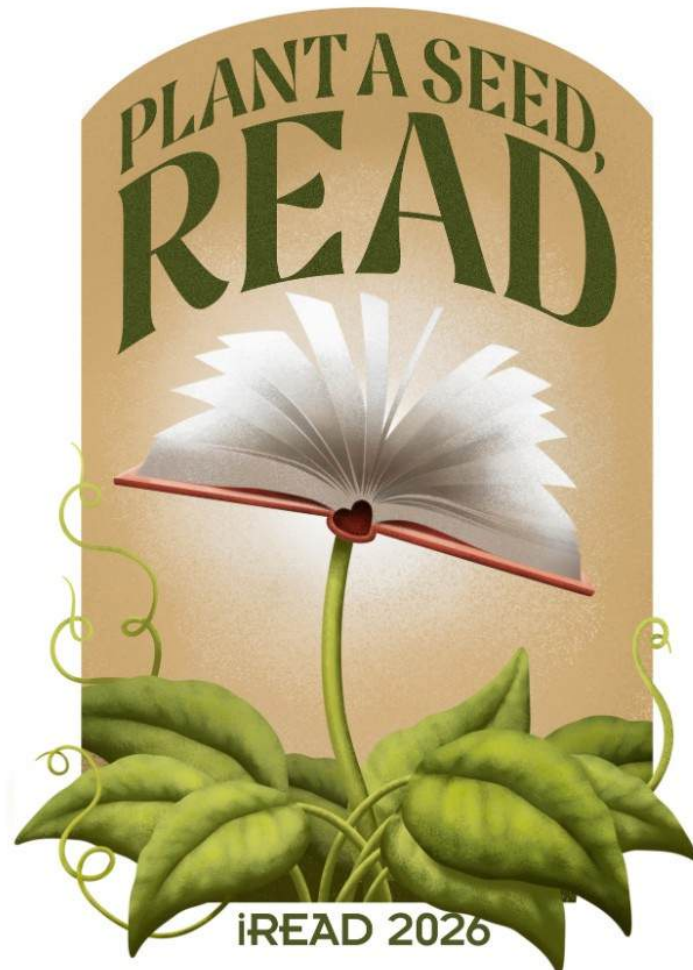
For each activity you complete, earn an entry to win a gift card from a local business. Limit 5 entries total. Please turn sheet in by Monday, August 3rd.

Drawing Tuesday, August 4th

18+ Sign up at Reference Desk.



**Closed for Juneteenth  
Friday June 19th**





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## TECH TUES. WITH TYLER

**June 9 (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

**June 4, 11, 18 and 25 (Thurs.)  
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

**June 23 (Tues.)  
6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Conference Room**

Join our adult book group reading mysteries. We will be discussing *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin. Copies available at circulation. 18+ Registration required.



## UNITED WAY 211 REPRESENTATIVE

**June 18 (Thurs.)  
9:00 – 11:30 AM  
Concourse**

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

**June 24 (Wed.)  
6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Conference Room**

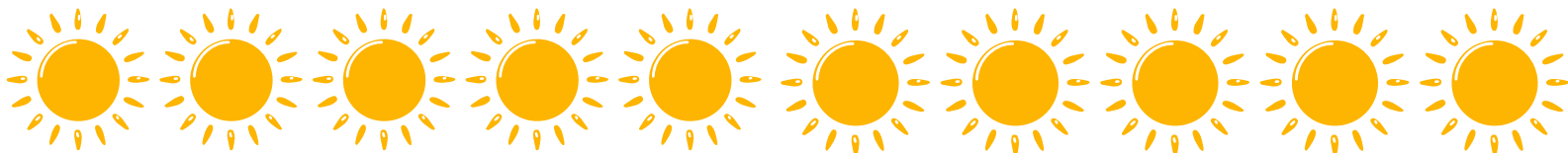
This month's pick is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Book pickup at the front desk approx. last week of May. Cordial conversation and discussion. 18+ Registration required.



## DROP IN SCRABBLE

**June 15 (Mon.)  
6:00 – 7:30 PM  
The Reading Lounge**

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



# Announcements:



**Friday, June 19**  
for Juneteenth

# Summer Saturdays:

Saturday hours are 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

## Library Hours

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

Friday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed Sunday

