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Newsletter



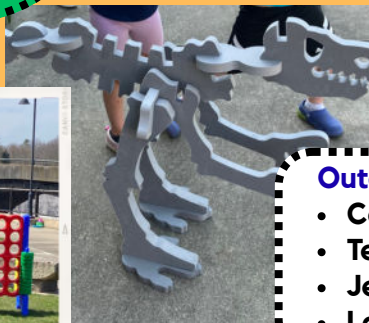
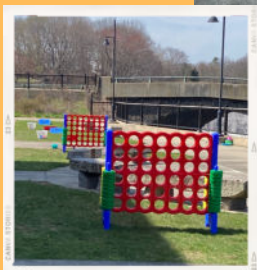
Summer Reading Finale Event

*** on the Riverwalk ***

For kids, teens
& families

Tues. Aug 4 * 5:30 – 7:00 PM

**Drop-In
Style**



Outdoor Activities:

- Connect 4
- Tetris Tumble XL
- Jenga
- Large Dino Bones



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

Dunk a Librarian

Kids and teens that complete
the Summer Reading Program
by **Mon. Aug. 3, 2026**
will earn the chance to
Dunk a Librarian in a
dunk tank at this event!

**Thank you to the
Friends of the Jesse
Smith Library.**



2026 Concert Series

SATURDAYS at 6:00 pm.

Concerts are held outside
in front of the library
at the Pavilion.

8/1 Brass Attack
8/8 Live Music Band
8/15 Jesse Liam

FOOD TRUCKS!

Dinolicious: 8/1 and 8/15
Not Your Average Popcorn:
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, Burrillville Lions Club, Chum's Spirits, Jill Derrico, Dino's Park N Shop, East Coast Artisans, Hawkes Plumbing and Heating Company, Roberta Lacey & Grandchildren, 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.

During inclement weather, concerts move inside the library.



Children's Department

August 2026

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



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.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Mon. Aug. 3, 2026

is the deadline to visit the Children's Dept. with a completed reading log (12 hours) OR Summer Activity Log to receive a certificate, earn a raffle ticket for the gift baskets, & play the disc drop game to win 1, 2, or 3 FREE books.



Kids that complete the Summer Library Program by Mon. Aug. 3, 2026 will have the chance to Dunk a Librarian in a dunk tank at the Tues. Aug. 4 Summer Reading Finale Event on the Riverwalk. Drop-in style 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

POLLINATOR PARTY FOR KIDS



**Aug. 3 (Mon.)
2:00-3:00 PM
Riverwalk***



For kids in grade 5 and under with an adult caregiver. Join us on the Riverwalk for a drop-in style event about bees. Learn about 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 keep and take home.

Drop-in.

If raining, the program will be moved inside.

LEGO CLUB FOR KIDS



**Aug. 14 (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 with. Kids are welcome to display their creations in the Children's Dept.

Drop-in.

BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS: DOG MAN FETCH-22



**Aug. 18 (Tues.)
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Earn a Dog Man brag tag for attending.



Best for kids in grades 2-5. *Dog Man Fetch-22* by Dav Pilkey. Read the book and then join us for a discussion and activities related to the book. Copies of the book are available for check out at the circulation desk.

Registration required.



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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SUMMER NIGHT

PAJAMA STORYTIME



Aug. 19 (Wed.)

6:00 – 6:30 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For kids in grade 5 and under with an 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.

FINE MOTOR FRIDAYS



Aug. 21 & 28 (Fri.)

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Best for ages 3 – 5 with an adult caregiver. Opportunities to use tongs, manipulate small objects, and sort materials will be included. Kids will strengthen fine motor skills while having fun.

Drop-in.



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

STEM SATURDAY FOR KIDS: NOODLE BUILDING CHALLENGE



Aug. 29 (Sat.)

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Riverwalk (weather permitting)

For kids in grade 5 and under with an adult caregiver. Using pool noodles and shaving cream, kids will design, build, and experiment to create structures. Explore concepts of balance, stability, teamwork, and problem-solving through open-ended play.

Drop-in.

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TWEEN TIME for ages 9–12



Aug. 20 (Thurs.)

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. Caregivers of kids age 9 are asked to remain on the 2nd floor during the program.

Drop-in.

SATURDAY STORYTIME FOR LITTLES



Aug. 22 (Sat.)

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Babies, toddlers and their adult caregiver are invited to share 30 minutes of songs, puppets, and a story or two with the Children's Librarian. No registration is needed. Siblings welcome!

Drop-in.

followed by

DROP-IN STYLE BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME

**Saturday
Edition**



Aug. 22 (Sat.)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

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.

Teen Programs August 2026



Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12

SUMMER TEENS

Drop-in on Thursdays for time to chill out and play games. We have tons of board games, card games, video games and more! Come see us if you need a break from the heat or want to play with one of the games we have available.

Summer Teens Thursdays

3:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

8/6 - No Summer Teens

8/13 - Roblox

8/20 - Theme Song Quiz

8/27 - Sand Art

VOLUNTEENS



Aug. 12th (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.



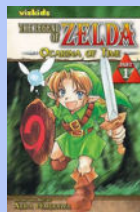
TEEN BOOK CLUB

Aug. 17th (Mon.)

4:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to discuss the first book in the Percy Jackson series, *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. This is the beginning of a multi-series world following Percy Jackson, a troubled kid who finds out his father is a God. Come in to discuss with us. If you need a copy, please see circulation. You CAN read the graphic novel if you would like.



TEEN MANGA CLUB

Aug. 31st (Mon.)

5:00–6:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in to discuss *The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time*. This is one of the biggest video game series in the world. Now you can read it in manga form. Join us to discuss the legacy this story continues to this day. If you need a copy, please see circulation.



SUMMER BINGO

Aug. 3rd (Mon)

4:00–5:00 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a few rounds of Summer BINGO and try to win some prizes.



MARIO KART: BIG TIME

Aug. 11th (Tues)

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for an exciting night of Mario Kart on the projector. The second Switch will be set up as well, so we can all play together!



Remember to hand in your brochures for summer reading at the reference desk by 8 PM on 8/3!



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Teen Programs August 2026



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In-Person



IMPROV SKIT NIGHT

Aug. 17th (Mon.)

3:00 – 4:00 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.



CANDY SUSHI

Aug. 18th (Tues.)

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

Register for a candy creation! We will be using different kinds of candy to make sushi masterpieces. You're in control! You can register online, in-person, or over the phone. Registration closes 8/14 at 4PM.



WATER WARS

Aug. 25th (Tues.)

2:30–4:30 PM

Community Room

Drop-in for a make up date for water wars! We have water guns, noodles and an abundance of water. Have stuff you'd like to bring? Please do! Weather permitting.

If you would like to do the BHS summer extra credit assignment, come ask for help at the reference desk!

Online



MYTHOLOGY MARVELS

ALL MONTH

Link below

Take this fun quiz about different stories and figures from mythologies around the world. See how much you know about the world of yesterday, today! You can do this when you're in the library, on your own time, or compete with your friends!

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/FDWbh6sGeh>



BOOK REVIEW

ALL MONTH

Link below

Did you read something amazing in June or July? Use this form to tell us about it. We want to hear from you about the books you like to read! You may even see your review posted up in the library!

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/1An30pFrXZ>



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Adults



August 2026

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



HOUSEPLANT GIVEAWAY

Aug. 1 (Sat.)
10:00 AM– Noon
Community Room

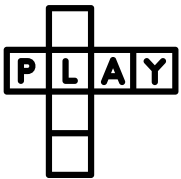
Swing by to get yourself (or your friend) a starter houseplant. We'll have a variety of houseplant cuttings growing roots in water. If you'd like to share your own, please do. First come, first served. Soil and pots not provided. **18+ No registration required.**



TECH TUES. WITH TYLER

Aug. 11 (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.



DROP IN SCRABBLE

Aug. 17 (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.



UNITED WAY 211 VAN

Aug. 20 (Thurs.)
9:00 – 11:45 AM

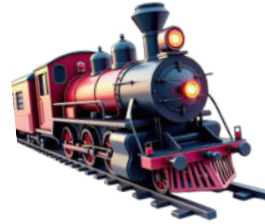
A United Way 211 outreach representative will help you connect to SNAP/Food Assistance, Housing Assistance, Tax Assistance and more!



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Aug. 26 (Wed.)
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Conference Room

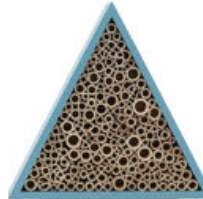
This month's pick is *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. Pickup approx. last week of July. Friendly discussion. **18+ Registration Required.**



MODEL TRAINS!

Aug. 15 (Sat.)
9:30 AM– Noon
Community Room

The Little Rhody Division of the NMRA will display a R.I. themed modular N-scale T-TRAK layout and a larger scale Harry Potter train set up. All are welcome. No registration required.



BEE NESTING HOUSE

Aug. 29 (Sat.)
10:30 AM– Noon
Community Room

Some bees build their nests in small hollow spaces. Build and decorate a bee nesting house to support pollinators, gardens and the ecosystem. Decorating options include paint, sea glass, stencils and seasonal flair. **18+ Registration required.** Registration opens for Burrillville residents on Sat. Aug. 1 and for all patrons on Sat. Aug. 15.



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27 (Thurs.)
6:30 – 7:45 PM
The Reading Lounge

Join us for our 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

Aug. 25 (Tues.)
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Conference Room

Join our newest adult book group reading mysteries. We will be discussing *The Murder at World's End* by Ross Montgomery. Copies available at circulation. **18+ Registration Required.**

Closed
Mon. August 10
for
Victory Day

Summer Saturdays:

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

Return to normal Saturday hours (9:00 AM - 4:00PM) on September 12, 2026



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Summer 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

