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**SEPTEMBER
2026**
Newsletter

Local Candidates Forums

Tuesday, September 15: 6:30–8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 29: 6:30–8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7: 6:30–8:00 pm

Monday, October 26: 6:30–8:00 pm

**Stop by for friendly question and answer sessions with
your local candidates for town council and the school committee.**

Hosted by the Jesse Smith Library and Don Fox. Moderated by Jesse Smith Library staff.



HAUNTED LIBRARY: DEPOT OF DEATH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM. LAST TOUR BEGINS AT 8:30 PM

WARNING: Not suitable for young children. Haunt includes walking in darkness, possible flashing lights and sudden scares.

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The end of the Jesse Smith Library Riverwalk 2026 Concert Series marks the end of summer for us. Many thanks to the Friends and our sponsors for making these free concerts happen!

GOLD SPONSORS

***Cabinet Gallery,
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In loving memory of Shelly
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***Crystal Lake Golf Club,
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Special thanks to the Clear River Electric and Water District for hanging our East Ave. banner.

September
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Children's Department

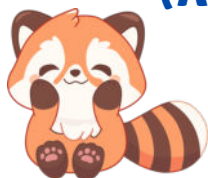
For youth programs that require registration, please visit the Children's Department or call 401-710-7800 to reserve your spot.

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER STORYTIMES

All storytimes are held in the Children's Program Room on the 2nd floor in the Children's Department.

Children and adult caregivers attend storytimes together. Siblings are always welcome.

DROP-IN TODDLER STORYTIME (AGES 2–3)



Mondays

Sept. 14, 21, 28 & Oct. 5
(closed Oct. 12)

10:00 – 10:30 AM

DROP-IN BABY STORYTIME (BIRTH – 24 MTHS)



Wednesdays

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 14

9:30 – 9:50 AM

followed by Drop-in Baby & Toddler Playtime
from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

SATURDAY STORYTIME FOR LITTLES



Sept. 5 (Sat.)

10:00 – 10:30 AM

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.

DROP-IN STYLE BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME

Saturday Edition



Sept. 5 (Sat.)

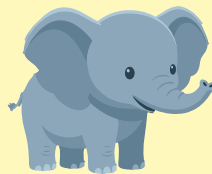
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

For ages 3 years and under with a caregiver.
Siblings welcome!

Drop-in.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(AGES 3–5)



6 week session: Thursdays
Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1, 8, 15
10:30 – 11:10 AM

FULL

Registration required.

Sign-ups for Burrillville residents began on Aug. 24.

Sign-ups for all patrons begins Aug. 31.

To be added to the wait list for the 6 week session, visit the Children's Dept. or call 401-710-7800.

DROP-IN STYLE PAJAMA STORYTIME



Wednesdays

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 14

6:00 – 6:30 PM

Designed for young children through early elementary school with their adult caregiver. Families are invited to share 30 minutes of stories and movement songs for kids. Pajamas, blankets, and/or stuffed animals are encouraged. No registration is needed. All kids in grade 5 and under are 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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DROP-IN STYLE

BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME



Wednesdays

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 14

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

FINE MOTOR FRIDAY



Sept. 25 (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, & 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.

TWEEN TUESDAY (ages 9-12)



Sept. 29 (Tues.)

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Open to tweens ages 9-12. Sorry, no younger 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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LEGO® CLUB FOR KIDS



Sept. 12 (Sat.)

1:15 – 3:15 PM

Children's Program Room

Kids ages 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.

BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS :



**I Survived the
Battle of D-Day, 1944**

Sept. 15 (Tues.)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Best for kids in grades 3-5. *I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944* by Lauren Tarshis. 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.

PIRATE STORYTIME



Sept. 19 (Sat.)

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Children's Program Room

Best for kids age 4 - 10 with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. Registration required & opens Sept. 1.

PIRATE DAY FOR KIDS



Sept. 19 (Sat.)

10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Children's Department (2nd floor)

Activities for the whole family: treasure sensory table, pirate hat craft, indoor scavenger hunt, and more.

Drop-in.

**COSTUMES
WELCOME!**

Teen Programs

September 2026



Teen programs are for those in grades 6–12

The Library will be closed September 7th for Labor Day. There will be no 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

9/7 - Closed for holiday

9/14 - Monopoly

9/21 - Don't Touch the Color

9/28 - What Am I?

Get Crafty Tuesdays

2:30 – 4:30 PM

Community Room

9/1 - Create Your Own Bookmark

9/8 - Pick a Craft, Any Craft

9/15 - Perler Beads

9/22 - Rock Decorating

9/29 - Coloring

Log On Thursday

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Community Room

9/3 - Two Truths and AI

9/10 - Hunger Games Simulator

9/17 - Mario Kart

9/24 - No TAS

VIDEO GAME QUIZ



Scan the QR code to take a quiz about video games



TOOTSIE ROLLS



Come in to guess how many Tootsie Rolls are in the jar. Whoever guesses correctly gets a prize!

VOLUNTEERS

Sept 2 (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.

TEEN GAMING NIGHT

Sept 21 (Mon.)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Community Room



Drop-in for a gaming session at the library. We will have two of our video games set up as well as our laptops. We will also have tons of board games and card games. Teens can join us for a stress free night of gaming.

KARAOKE NIGHT

Sept 28 (Mon.)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Community Room



Drop-in for a night of music! We will be using the library's karaoke machine for the night. If you'd like to sing, join us and check out our playlist.



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@Jessesmithteens



Adults

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



WIRE WRAP JEWELRY

Sept. 10 (Thurs.)
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Community Room

Back by popular demand! Learn the art of wire-wrap jewelry in this hands-on workshop. Participants will explore basic wire-wrapping techniques to create their own unique pendants. No prior experience required. 18+ Registration opens for Burrillville residents on Tues. Sept. 1 and for all patrons on Mon., Sept. 7. 18+ **Registration required.**



TECH TUES. WITH TYLER

Sept. 8 (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.



UNITED WAY 211 VAN

Sept. 17 (Thurs.)
9:00 – 11:30 AM

A United Way 211 outreach representative will help you connect to SNAP/Food Assistance, Housing Assistance, Tax Assistance and more! ***Please call 710-7800 to confirm event is proceeding as planned.***



DROP IN SCRABBLE

Sept. 21 (Mon.)
6:00 – 7:30 PM
The Reading Lounge

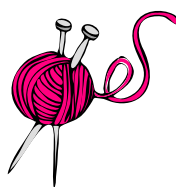
We have a special spot set aside for a friendly pickup game of Scrabble. Alone? Play with one of our librarians! No registration required.



BEYOND SOCIAL SECURITY

Sept. 17 (Thurs.)
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Community Room

This program is ideal for those approaching retirement or already retired who want to better understand how to manage income, risk, and long-term financial security. Robin Hofheinz of Association of Financial Educators. Register at 877-412-0884 Code 9299 or RSPND.NET/9299 Informational presentation only. 18+ **Registration required.**



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Thur.)
6:30 – 7:45 PM
The Reading Lounge

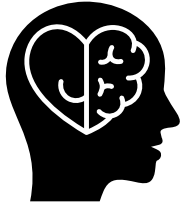
Join us for our free knit and crochet group that meets Thursdays in the library. Come knit and crochet with us! Drop in. No registration required.





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TALK SAVES LIVES **Sept. 23 (Tues.)** **6:00 – 7:00 PM** **Community Room**

This talk is an introduction to suicide prevention given by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It will address the scope of the problem, warning signs, risk factors and what you can do to help prevent. 18+ No registration required, but appreciated.



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS **Sept. 30 (Wed.)** **10:00 – 11:00 AM** **Conference Room**

This month's pick is *The Extraordinary Life of Samuel Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Pickup approximately last week of August. Cordial conversation and discussion. **Registration Required.**



THE BUTLER DID IT **Sept. 29 (Tues.)** **6:00 – 7:00 PM** **Conference Room**

Join our adult book group reading mysteries. We will be discussing *Murder Takes a Vacation* by Laura Lippman. Copies available at circulation. 18+ **Registration Required.**



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To ensure a smooth transition, the old app will remain active through October 31, 2026.



**SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED**

**Monday,
September 7, 2026
CLOSED for
Labor Day**

Saturday Hours:
Regular Saturday hours resume on
September 12
(9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

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Library Hours

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

**Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Saturday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Closed Sunday

