FEATURED PROGRAM

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Daniel Harrington is a Director of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame and a popular monthly columnist for the Providence Journal. A former East Providence City Councilman and founder of Chartwell Wealth Management in Rumford, he now works as a Securities Principal for MassMutual.



Did you know...?

Many thanks to the **Champlin**Foundation for our updated circulation desk, new carpet in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 and new chairs for staff. And thank you to Senator Ryan Pearson for a grant to install sound masking in our study rooms on the second floor.

THANK YOU!

Hayden art Gallery

LOCAL QUILTER JOHN CHAMBERLIN

John Chamberlin is a retired faculty member from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and the former President of the RI Art Education Association. For decades, Chamberlin was a ceramic tile maker and installer for kitchens, bathrooms, and fireplaces for clients around Rhode Island. These skills translated well to his newer passion, quilt making. Since learning how to quilt, Chamberlin has completed more than 100 pieces that have been donated to Child Family Services (CFS) of RI – who then distribute the quilts to foster children and youth across the state. Chamberlin is also the director of the Quilting Ministry at Grace Episcopal Church, Providence.

Chamberlin's quilts will be on display in the Hayden Art Gallery on the second floor of the Library for the entire month of May.

For more information or to arrange an art display, contact Jacob Lotter at ilotter@cumberlandlibrary.org

TECH TIPS

Have you ever heard of a Password Manager? According to TechTarget.com, "A password manager is a technology tool that helps internet users create, save, manage and use passwords across different online services." Once you download a password manager it should put the days of remembering multiple passwords behind you! The system will store all of your passwords and you'll only need to remember 1 password in order to log into the manager itself. Easy as that! Some examples of password managers are 1Password, NordPass, and Dashlane.

ADULT PROGRAMS Featured Events

How to Plan an Event Everyone Will Remember!

Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30 pm
Planning a party or other event does not need to be stressful! In fact, Melissa will teach us how to plan fun and memorable events that will bring you as much joy in the planning as they do in the celebrating! Whether you want to plan something as small as a dinner party or as large as a wedding, Melissa can help you to brainstorm themes, locations, menus, activities, and favors. No event is too big or too small to kick off your new love of entertaining!

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URI Admissions Q&A

Tuesday, May 21st ,5-7:45 pm
Are you thinking about going back to school and don't know where to begin?
Have a student at home looking to make the leap to a 4-year college? Is the financial aid process making you cry and you need help finding who to speak to?
John LaRose from the URI Admissions office will join us this evening to answer your questions one-on-one and get you on the path of your dreams.

Crafts, Hobbies, and Food Programs

Cooking with Lynne

Wednesday, May 15th

This month, Lynne will show us how to make shakshuka!
The video will be released on the library's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/CumberLib

The Northern Rhode Island Art Group:

Wednesday, May 15th, 10:00 am

Artists of any medium are welcome to join this group.

Members discuss their current artworks and a different theme each month. This month's theme is **INSECTS.**

Crafternoon: Washi Tape and Watercolor Art

Saturday May 18th, 1:30 pm

For Crafternoon this month, we will be making abstract canvas wall art using washi tape and watercolors!

Space is limited. Ages 18+. Registration is required.

Grab and Go Kits: Lemon Scented Hand Soap

Kits released on Tuesday, May 28th

This month we are making homemade hand soap! Ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration opens on May 1st.

Book Discussion Groups

Copies of these titles will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 13th, 6:30 pm The Obituary Writer, by Ann Hood

Morning Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 8th, 10:00 am Flight of Dreams, by Ariel Lawhon

Stephen King Book and Movie Club

Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 pm Bag of Bones

Other Worlds Book Club

<u>Tuesday, May 28th, 6:30 pm</u> *Gideon the Ninth*, by Tamsyn Muir



TEEN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES MAY

Teen activities at the library are for youth in grades 6-12 or ages 12-18.

Some events may require registration.

To register please visit our website.



Movie Night: The Marvels 5/2 5:30pm

Every month we try to put on a movie in the Teen Center for your enjoyment. In this month's movie the extremely powerful Carol Danvers finds her fate inexplicably intertwined with two younger women, Kamala Khan and Monica Rambeau. The three headstrong and independent women must then learn to work together and overcome their personal shortcomings to protect the universe from harm. Please note this movie is held in the Teen Center and is rated PG-13 so attendees must be teens in the 13-18 range.

Mario Kart Tournament 5/7 6pm

Join us to compete against other teens to show off that you are the greatest racer of them all. A prize will be given for the top two attendees and pizza will be served! Wahoo!

Murder Mystery Afternoon 5/11 1pm

We need your help to solve a murder! A girl's body has been discovered inside the house of mirrors at a mob-owned amusement park. Was it her boyfriend? Her boyfriends jealous ex-girlfriend? The mob?

Use cyphers, hacked emails, interviews from the amusement park workers, and many more pieces of evidence to bring justice!

For teens ages 12-18.

Creative Writing Club 5/14 6pm

Come join us monthly for writing exercises and making silly stories in a group.

We start off with writing prompts then a few writing exercises before moving on to our dice utilizing storytelling game.

Teen Volunteers Club 5/15 5pm

Current volunteers and those interested in joining our volunteer program, join us for our Library Volunteer Club. We meet monthly to reset the Teen Center, prep programs, and use the dreaded button maker.

Game Club 5/20 6pm

Join us for our monthly Game Club -- Try out a new game with us every month. For May we are trying out "Giant UNO!"

Dungeons & Dragons 5/22 5pm

Come join us for a one-shot 2 hour Dungeons and Dragons game, brought to us by Midsummer Games. No experience necessary! Dice and Pre-Generated Characters provided! The spring thaw is well underway and Jake the skeleton is recruiting heroes to help clear out the mountain pass that links Pariah and the Goliath's home on Minas Pedis. But something has awoken from a long hibernation and is about to make the job all the more dangerous...

Percy Jackson Bookclub 5/23 6pm

Join us for this three part Percy Jackson book club series! We will be reading the original trio of books and talking about one each month!

For May we are reading The Sea of Monsters!

Crafty Teens Social Club 5/28 6pm

Join us for our Crafty Teens Social Club! Come do some crafts with us, socialize with your friends and other teens!

For May we are painting dinosaur cars!







Cumberland Public Library Children's Room News May 2024



Spring Storytimes run until May 11!

Babies & Books

Ages birth – 23 months Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. (Drop-in)

Family Storytime

All ages. Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Room. (Drop-in)

Saturday Storytime

All Ages. 10 AM in the Children's Room. (Drop in)

SAVE THE DATE:

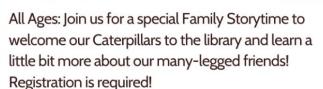
Pride Storytime on June 7th Celebrate our LGBTQ+ families with stories, songs, and special guests! Registration opens 5/1.



Butterfly Babies at the Library!

The Children's Room is hatching butterflies in May and June. Join us for some special events to welcome our new blooming buddies! Caterpillars arrive at the end of May.

Caterpillar Storytime on Friday, May 24 at 18 AM



Life Cycle of a Butterfly on Saturday, June 1st at 10 AM

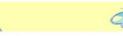
Learn about the amazing changes butterflies go through by creating an edible life cycle. We'll also make time for a story and some "Butterfly I Spy" outside. Registration opens May 1!

Butterfly Release Party on Saturday, June 15 at 10 AM

All Ages: Join us for some butterfly stories and to say goodbye to our butterflies as we let them free to fly! Registration opens May 15!







Mother-May-1 Visit the Library?



May is AAPINH Month!



Read a book featuring Asian, Pacific
Islander, and Native Hawaiian families!

Try out toys and games before you buy with our library of Things!



The Library of Things, as well as our STEM kits and puzzles, are affordable ways to open up your toy and games collection to your children without breaking the bank. Check out the kits section of the library the next time you visit!



Junior Pokemon Club: Full



Registration is required and fills up fast. We will open sign-ups for Jr. Pokemon Clubs at 9 AM on the morning following our April meetup.

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Rhodey Readers Book Club

WED. May 15 from 6:30-7:30 PM For 3rd - 5th graders

We read the selected book ahead of the meeting, then get together to discuss the story and do a fun activity! Pick up your copy at the Children's Desk. For May we are reading the graphic novel *Swim Team*. Registration is required. **PLEASE NOTE THE WEDNESDAY DATE!**



Paws to Read

Saturday, \$/18 11AM - 12 PM or 2 PM - 3 PM For independent readers up to age 12.



Practice reading to a gentle dog from Windwalker Pet Therapy! Please keep an eye out on these dates, as volunteers have had some spring conflicts. Register ahead for your 15 minute slot!

Audiobooks to read along to: VOX Books and Wonderbooks

VOX Books and Wonderbooks are print books with built-in audio players. These books allow you to read along with the text. They are great for multimodal learning for all ages and reading levels. Try one next time you visit!









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Lobby Display Case

For May, our main display case will continue to feature our display of MyLittleTown figurines.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thur. 9:00-8:00 Friday & Sat.

9:00-5:00

Closed Sundays after May 5 Closed Mon., May 27th









