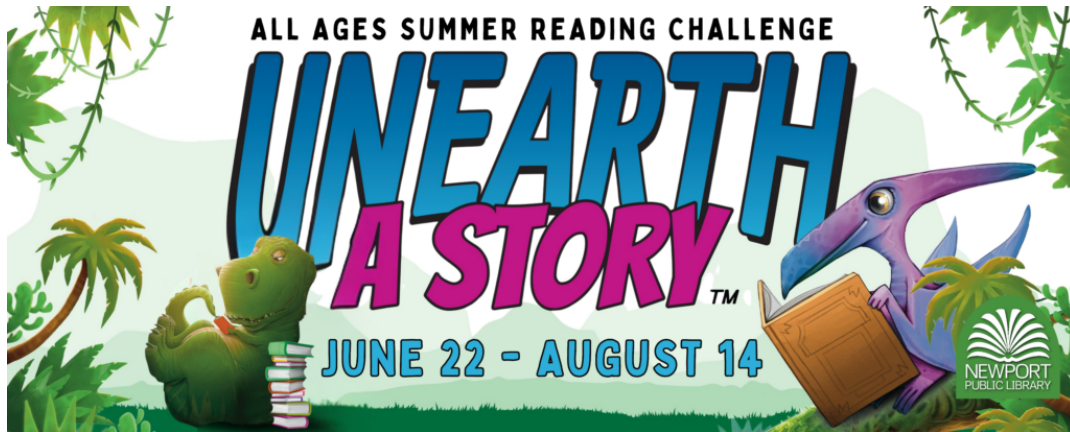




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Library Newsletter

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Join us for our annual Summer Reading Challenge! You can read your favorite books and join us for programs, activities and more.

Challenges run from **June 22 – August 14, 2026.**

Click on a program below to learn more!

Children's

Up through entering Grade 6

Teens

Entering Grades 7-12

Adults

Ages 18+

2026
SUMMER
HOURS
JUN 22 - SEP 5



Mon	12:00-7:00p
Tue	9:00a-7:00p
Wed	9:00a-7:00p
Thu	9:00a-7:00p
Fri	9:00a-5:30p
Sat	9:00a-5:30p
Sun	CLOSED



Visit our [Opening Hours](#) page for more information.

Director's Desk

Dear Library Friends,

I'm delighted to invite you to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! This year's theme, *Unearth a Story*, explores everything from archaeology to dinosaurs and the fascinating stories waiting to be discovered. As in previous years, we have an exciting lineup of events and activities for all ages, along with opportunities to win some fabulous prizes.

Whether or not you choose to register for the Summer Reading Challenge, we hope you'll join us for these and other [special programs for adults](#):

Digging Up Stories: Researching Family History

In this hands-on workshop, Heather will introduce the essential tools for beginning your family history journey, helping you avoid common pitfalls and frustrations.

Hidden Stories Underground and Underwater: The Best of RI Archeology

Join Charlotte Taylor, State Archaeologist, on a deep dive into the archaeological sites beneath our feet and under our waters (including many here in Newport), exploring what they tell us about our past and why they are worth protecting.

Teens participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will have exciting opportunities to win prizes, including Beats Solo4 Headphones, a Nintendo Switch Lite, and a Kindle! Visit the [Teen page on our website for complete details](#).

There are far too many events and fun activities for children to list here, so please visit the kid's page on our website for all our [summer offerings](#).

Please note that the Library is now on [Summer Hours](#) and will be closed on the following holidays:

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, August 10 - Victory Day

We hope you'll join us this summer as we read, learn, explore, and discover new stories together.

Warmly,



Ann Amaral
Library Director



Children's Summer Reading



Children from birth through Grade 5 are invited to join the Children's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Unearth a Story™! Registration begins June 22nd and the program will take place from June 22nd – August 14th.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, please call 401-847-8720 x204 or visit our [Summer Reading page](#).



Activity Tracker

Children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will be asked to complete activities to earn points. For every 5 points earned, children will receive a prize. Complete all 25 points for a final prize. Children who complete all 25 points will also be entered into a raffle for one of six grand prizes. Children may participate with a paper activity tracker or online through the [Library's website](#). Prizes will be available for pickup as soon as each 5-point prize level is reached.



Performers

Join us for a variety of summer performers including Bubbles with Circus Dynamics, The Toe Jam Puppet Band, Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure, Dinoman Dinosaurs, Science Heroes, and more!

All performer programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Newport Public Library.

[Visit our website](#) for a full list of performer events.

Take and Make Crafts

Each week of summer reading we invite kids ages 0 through 12 to drop by the Library for a craft project that can be taken home and made. We'll provide a bag filled with all the necessary supplies, instructions for how to make the craft and/or a picture of the final product. One bag per child while supplies last. [Take and Make crafts](#) will be available for pickup at the Children's Desk during regular Library hours.



Design-A-Bookmark Contest

Children who are local to Newport County and are signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge are invited to design a bookmark to celebrate books and reading. Four winners will be chosen in the following categories: PreK, K-1, 2-3, 4-5. Enter anytime between June 22nd and August 14th. One entry per child.

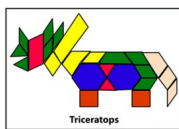
[Read more on our website.](#)

Programs for Kids

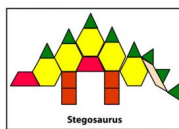
Children are invited to join us for a variety of programs all summer long including Preschool Storytime, A is for Art, a T-Rex Tea Party, STEAM Club, Family Fun, 3D Printing, K-POP Karaoke, ceramic dinosaur painting, prehistoric trivia, Perler Beads, sand art, family movies and much more!



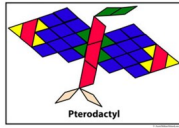
[Read more on our Events Calendar.](#)



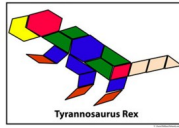
Triceratops



Stegosaurus



Pterodactyl



Tyrannosaurus Rex

Passive Programs All Summer Long

Visit the Library anytime to enjoy a variety of passive activities for kids. Vote in our “Munch Madness” Tournament, complete the I Spy Scavenger Hunt, and check out an Escape Room Kit. There are two new Escape Room Kits to enjoy this year: “Danger at the Dig” and “Escape Loch Ness.”

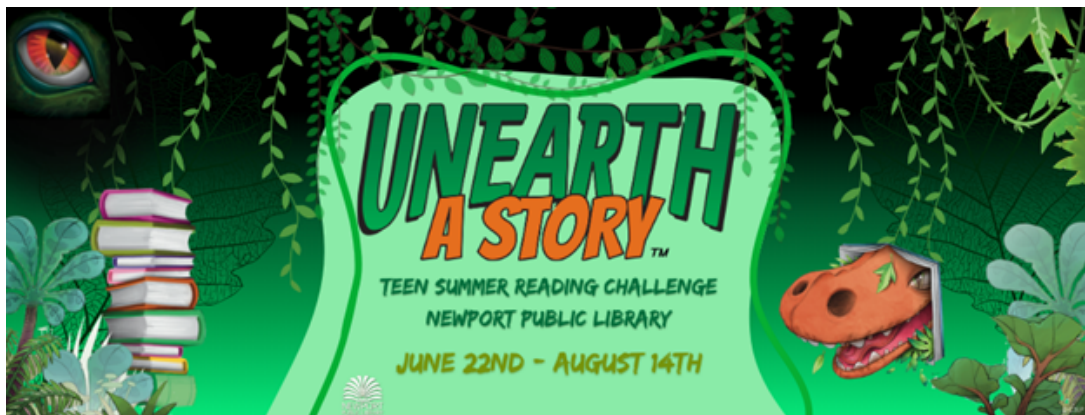
In addition, each week of summer reading will feature a different activity that may be enjoyed anytime the Library is open including movement dice, magnet sorting, dino egg matching, tic-tac-toe, pattern blocks, fossil color matching and more.

[Read more on our website.](#)

[Click here for all Children's and Family Programs](#)

teen

Teen Summer Reading



The **Teen Summer Reading Program** is for teens entering Grades 6-12 or recent graduates. Join us for fun activities, a chance to win amazing prizes, and more! Here's a sneak-peek of what is to come!

Prizes



Nintendo Switch Lite



Kindle



**Beats Solo 4
Headphones**

Teen Summer Reading Programs

Tuesday Teen Programs

Tuesdays, Jun 30 - Aug 11

4:00 PM

A variety of Teen programs await! Click on a session below for more information and to register.



Jun 30: Diamond Art

Jul 7: Crystal Cookies

Jul 14: Geocache

Jul 21: Treasure Hunt

Jul 28: Cyanotype Sun Printing

Aug 4: Jeopardy

Aug 11: Dino D&D One-Shot



Thursday Teen Programs

Thursdays, Jul 2 - Aug 13

4:00 PM

A variety of Teen programs await! Click on a session below for more information and to register.

Jul 2: Board Games & Brownies

Jul 9: Adopt A Dino

Jul 16: Resin Jewelry

Jul 23: Weighted Dino Nugget Pillow

July 30: Dino Clay Creations

Aug 6: Jewelry Making

Aug 13: Volcano Eruption

Teen & Tween Gaming Lounge

Fridays

3:00 PM

Grades 6 - 12

YA Area

Come hang and play on the Nintendo Switch. Grades 6-12.

No registration required.



Teen Sewing Workshop: Book Cover and Bookmark

Wednesday, Jul 15

4:00 PM

Grades 6 - 12

Maker Lab

Learn the basics of sewing and create your own tote bag under the instruction of Emily Bennison, community art educator and fashion designer! No sewing experience necessary. All materials provided.

Registration is required.

Henna by Mandy

Saturday, Aug 1

2:00 PM

Grades 6+

Friends Program Room

Henna artist Mandy Roberge will visit the Library to provide free henna hand designs for Teens and Adults.

Please note this event is for both teens and adults. Release forms required for minors.

No registration required. This event is first-come, first-served.



[Click here for all Teen Programs](#)

Adult Events

Adult Summer Reading



The 2026 Adult Summer Reading Challenge is best incentive you'll find for sitting down with a few great books this summer! Registration begins **June 22, 2026**.

Visit our [Adult Summer Reading Challenge page](#) for more information and to register.

Adult Summer Reading Programs

FILM SERIES

SUMMER ADVENTURES

Fridays at 2:00pm | Friends Program Room
Light Refreshments Provided!

JUL 10	JURASSIC PARK	PG-13
JUL 24	THE LOST CITY	PG-13
AUG 7	NATIONAL TREASURE	PG
AUG 21	RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK	PG

The Friday afternoon Film Series continues this season! Movies are held at 2:00 PM in the Friends Program Room. No registration required; just drop in!
 Light refreshments will be provided.



Researching Family History

Thursday, Jun 25 & Tuesday, Jul 7

5:00 PM

Maker Lab

Genealogist and Librarian Heather Kisilywicz will talk about how to get started with researching your family history.

Participants will have access to a laptop and go through the steps with Heather to learn how to search on Ancestry.com. This is part of a two series workshop. The second session is Tuesday July 7th at 5:00pm.

Registration is required.

Needle Felting Flowers and Dinosaurs with Jeanette Bradley

Saturday, Jul 18

2:00 PM

Friends Program Room

Join us to unearth a sunny flower or tiny dinosaur with needle felting as part of our summer reading programming! In this crafting workshop, we will use colorful wool roving, and special felting needles to create imaginative creatures and flowers. No experience necessary, all supplies will be provided.



Note: Flowers are beginner friendly and dinosaurs are best if you already have experience with needle felting.

Registration is required.



Recipe Roots: Food and Family History

Wednesday, Jul 29

4:00 PM

Friends Program Room

Celebrate our summer reading program, Unearth a Story, by sharing your family history and culture through food.

This is a library recipe and food swap. Come prepared with a favorite family recipe ready to share!

Bring your food and the recipe written or printed out.

Registration is required.

Plantersaurus

Monday, Aug 3

4:00 PM

Maker Lab

Choose your 3D printed dinosaur, fake succulent and moss filler!

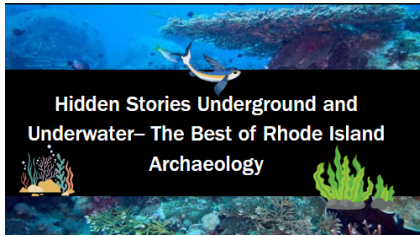
Take the time to assemble your dinosaur in the Library or take home.

Extra plantersaurus' will be available as a take and make after this event while supplies last.



Image source: Kayla Jellies of Paw Paw District Library in Paw Paw, MI

Registration is required.



Hidden Stories Underground and Underwater—The Best of Rhode Island Archaeology

Thursday, Aug 20

5:30 PM

Friends Program Room

Rhode Island is blessed with a wealth of historic buildings, but there are thousands of years of history below ground and underwater.

Join Charlotte Taylor, State Archaeologist, on a deep dive into the archaeological sites beneath our feet and under our water (including many here in Newport), exploring what they tell us about our past and why they are worth protecting.

Registration is required.

More Events



Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each Month

2:30 PM

Maker Lab

Open call for all chess players. For those just starting or the more advanced chess players. Looking forward to seeing you! Open to Ages 18+.

No registration required.

Scrabble

2nd and 4th Tuesdays each Month

2:00 PM

Maker Lab

Come join us for a classic game of Scrabble! Ages 18 and up are welcome. Scrabble boards and other materials are provided.



Please note: The Aug 11 session will be held in the Rotary Room.

No registration required.



News Media in the Misinformation Age

Thursday, July 9

5:30 PM

Friends Program Room

Between the relentlessness of the twenty-four-hour news cycle, rampant misinformation, and the influence of social media algorithms, staying informed today can be overwhelming. Join us for a conversation with acclaimed journalist Philip Eil about the current state of news media, how we got to this complex and chaotic moment, and what media consumers can do to maintain a healthy information diet.

Phil encourages discussion and leaves ample time for Q&A. Please feel free to come with any questions, comments or discussion points to share during this event!

Registration is required.

Mystery Book Club

Saturday, Jul 11 & Aug 8

2:00 PM

Rotary Room

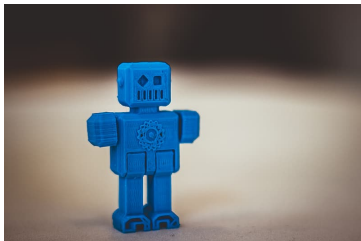
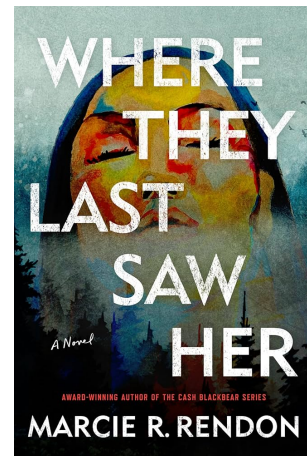
This group discusses mystery novels one Saturday per month at 2:00 PM.

Please contact Allyson at aneurohr@newportlibraryri.org with any questions.

Registration is required. Click a session below to register.

May 16: Where They Last Saw Her

Jun 13: Midnight in Soap Lake



Maker Lab Workshops

Thursday, Jul 16 & Aug 13

5:00 PM

Maker Lab

Join us each month for demonstrations and tutorials on how to utilize our Maker Lab equipment! Come design a project, which will be printed at a later date for pickup.

Some computer experience, including the ability to find and download files, is required. Open to Ages 18+.

Registration is required. Please select a session below to register.

Jul 16: Vinyl Stickers

Aug 13: 3D Printing

Newport Black History Walking Tour- Rhode Island Slave History Medallions Seminar

Thursday, Aug 27

5:30 PM

Friends Program Room



The Rhode Island Slave History Medallion's mission is to highlight the overlooked histories of Rhode Island's free and enslaved African American and Indigenous communities. They produce a very popular Black History Walking Tour from Memorial Day weekend until the last Sunday of October. Join the tour director in this engaging event which brings the walking tour to you!

Note: While this program is about the provided walking tour, no walking is happening at this event. This event is lecture style.

Registration is required.

[Click here for all Adult Programs](#)



Summer Time!



Beach Reads at \$2.00 each have returned to the Bookstore for the summer season! Be sure to stop in and while and browse for gifts for special persons or treat yourself to an interesting book.

Each child who signs up during the first two weeks of the Children's Summer Reading Challenge will receive a coupon. The coupon can be redeemed by the child in the bookstore for a free book.

As part of the weekly prize drawing for the six week Adult Summer Reading Challenge, we offer a gift certificate. This \$10.00 certificate may be redeemed at the Bookstore.

Our Summer \$1.00 Book Sale will be held August 3-8 so be sure to put the dates on your calendar!

Thank you to all our members and customers who support our efforts to raise money for the Newport Public Library. We also appreciate everyone who donates their treasured used books which are the foundation for our fundraising.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), check out our [eBay store](#), and remember you can always find a book to read in the lobby during Library hours! Payment can be made in the Honor Box for your convenience.



Summer Library Hours

Monday - 12:00PM - 7:00PM
Tuesday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Wednesday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Thursday - 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Friday - 9:00AM - 5:30PM
Saturday - 9:00AM - 5:30PM
Sunday - CLOSED

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