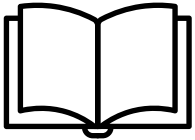


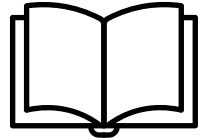


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For more information: Leslie Page~ Director



<https://woonsocketlibrary.org/>



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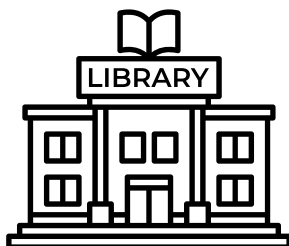
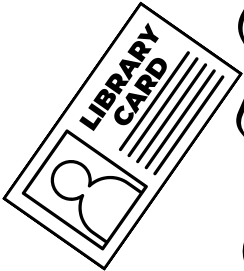
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There is no trustee  
meeting in August.



**OPEN**

### LIBRARY Library Hours

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 9 AM to 8 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM to 5 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM to 8 PM

Thursday: 9 AM to 8 PM

Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday: Closed

The summer hours run from  
Monday, June 8, 2026, until  
Saturday, September 5,  
2026.

### Notary Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and

Thursday:

9:30-11:30 AM; 2-4 PM; 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Tuesday and Friday:

9:30-11:30 AM; 2-4 PM

Please note: Notary availability is subject to  
change based on library staffing and scheduling.

Thank you.

These are the summer Notary hours that  
run from June 8, 2026 until September 5,  
2026.

# TEEN HANGOUT

MONDAY  
TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY

2:30-3:30

BRING YOUR OWN  
SNACKS AND DRINKS

## Providence Journal Historical and Current Content Online

On behalf of The Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, we are pleased to provide the Providence Journal Historical and Current Collection. Research Providence history through the Providence Journal Collection with coverage from 1829 through today. Study trends, issues, events, advertisements, companies and more through historical full newspaper pages and current full-text articles. Available remotely 24/7 on any device with your valid library card.

Scan the QR below for access.



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Middle School and High school  
Students join us to create a story in  
"Storytellers"

Every Thursday  
3:00-4:30pm

Presented by Kathleen Lester from Community Care Alliance, this program focuses on skill-building through learning storytelling techniques. Young actors will create their own characters through playwriting and performance games in order to build a story together. Snacks provided.

Got questions? Call 401-744-7620

## TEEN TIME

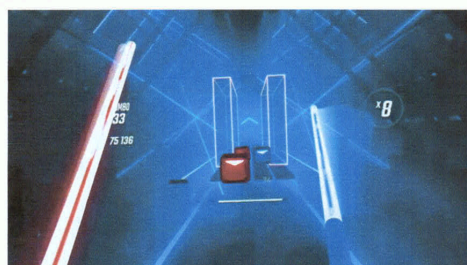
**Every Friday from 3:00 to 4:30 the Program**

**Room turns into the ultimate teen hangout!**

**GAMES! SNACKS!**

**AND A CHANCE TO USE OUR**

**VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET!**





**Healthy Habits, Healthy Kids**  
at Woonsocket Harris Public Library

Let's join

**Wed, 1-2:30pm, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5**

**Come Learn With Us!**

- Day 1- Digestion & Macronutrients
- Day 2- Micronutrients
- Day 3- Natural & Added Sugars
- Day 4- Fueling Movement
- Day 5- Gut-Brain Connection
- Day 6- Global Food Cultures

**Registration Required**  
401-769-9044 x2  
or  
[childrens@woonsocketlibrary.org](mailto:childrens@woonsocketlibrary.org)

**Ages 8-12**

contact

**healthy habits**  
EATING WELL ON A BUDGET

RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**healthy habits**  
EATING WELL ON A BUDGET

**Healthy Habits, Healthy Teens**  
at Woonsocket Harris Public Library

**Wed, 3-4:30pm, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5**

**Come cook with us!**

- Learn, cook, & eat with the Food Bank's nutrition education team, Healthy Habits!
- You decide what we make!  
◦ Vote on each week's recipe

**Registration Required**  
401-769-9044 x3  
or  
[teens@woonsocketlibrary.org](mailto:teens@woonsocketlibrary.org)

contact

RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**CollegeBound Saver**

James A. Diosa  
Rhode Island General Treasurer

**PLANT A SEED, READ**

**NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A \$529 CONTRIBUTION**

- 1 Participate in your RI public library's summer reading program.
- 2 Visit [collegeboundsaver.com/read](http://collegeboundsaver.com/read) or scan the QR code.
- 3 Enter for a chance to win a \$529 contribution to a new or existing CollegeBound Saver account (and \$500 for your library too).

Questions? Contact Jennifer McElroy  
401-632-8953 @jennifer.mcelroy@ascensus.com

**IREAD**

The statewide Rhode Island summer reading program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, and funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**June Monday Sensory Preschool Programs**  
Arrive and leave anytime between 10am-12pm  
Children must be with an adult caregiver at all times.

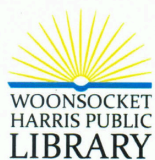
June 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 17, 24, 31

**Closed August 10<sup>th</sup> for Victory Day**

Enjoyable for preschoolers of all abilities and sensibilities. We put out puzzles and toys for developing fine motor skills and creativity. During this program Linda Brunetti from the Autism Project will be available in the children's room at a table if you have any questions about the services Autism Project and other great agency and library resources and programs throughout Rhode Island.

**THE AUTISM PROJECT**





# Summer Reading Game

To play the game and "Level Up At Your Library," all you have to do is be entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Read 6 books from the time school ends to the week before school starts. For EVERY book you read you will get a prize. Teens and adults have a program too.

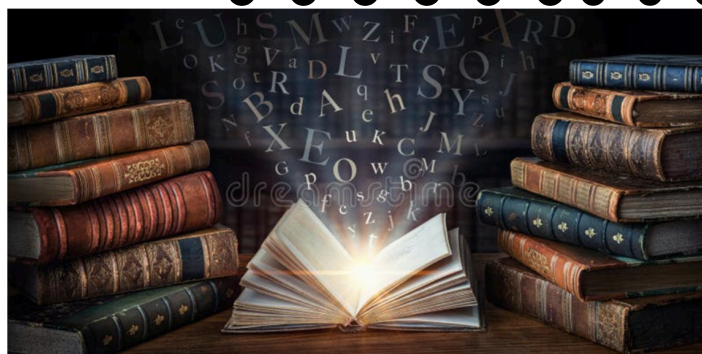
The game begins the week of July 6th. All you need to do is come to the children's room of the Woonsocket Harris Public Library and tell us at the desk what book you read. We will write it on a special reading record and you will put a sticker next to your name on our star reader chart.

What's going on at the library for programs?

Find out at [www.woonsocketlibrary.org](http://www.woonsocketlibrary.org)

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for programming news.

To register call the Woonsocket Harris Library 401-769-9044 x2



## TEEN SUMMER READING GAME!

Everyone in Middle School or High School is welcome to sign up for the Summer Reading Game. Starting July 6th, all you have to do is report on the books you have read that are at your reading level. For every book you read you get a free prize and qualify for a weekly prize. If you read six books by the end of Summer you qualify for the grand prize drawing.

Check out the programs at the library!

Find out at [www.Woonsocketlibrary.org](http://www.Woonsocketlibrary.org)

Follow us on Facebook, X and Instagram

To register, stop by the Teen desk or call 401-767-4132, or email [edwardfa@gmail.com](mailto:edwardfa@gmail.com)

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## Mango Smoothies August 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00-4:45 PM

Middle School and High School students join us in the Adult Program Room for a tasty treat. Sign up at the teen desk or drop in.

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## Foodie Fun:

## Let's Make Corn & Zucchini Salsa!



Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> 4-4:45pm

Join Maggie Armatys from the Lazy Girl's Kitchen YouTube channel. She will be here at the library to show you how to make a fresh salsa with healthy vegetables you will love to scoop up with tortilla chips. Space is limited. Let us know you are coming so we have enough materials for all participants.

**Great for ages 8 & up with their adult and teens!**

**Registration is required call 401-769-9044 x2.**

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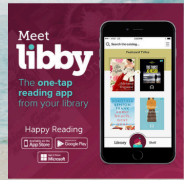


# Tech Tuesdays



Summer is finally here and our Reference Librarian is eager to share his tech knowledge to enhance your recreational and educational needs.

Come to the Woonsocket Harris Public Library, where we can show you how to get the most out of your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Our 1 on 1 sessions will show you how to take advantage of the library's free apps to borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the comfort of your home.



Our Summer Tech Tuesday sessions will be offered biweekly on the following dates from 2pm-4pm: July 7th, July 21st, August 4th, August 18th, September 1st, and September 15th.

\*Appointments limited to 30 minutes, but may extend to an hour if the program is not fully booked. Please call the reference desk at (401) 767-4124 to sign up.

# History Book Club



Join us Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2PM for the Woonsocket Harris Public Library's inaugural History Book Club.



This Book Club will be led by our Reference Librarian who holds a BA and MA in History.

As our country celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, feel free to bring a U.S. History book that covers a time period and theme of your liking and we'll discuss the book and what parts were of great interest to you.



Meeting will be held in Woonsocket Room and space is limited to 5 participants. Sign up by calling (401) 767-4124 or emailing [reference@woonsocketlibrary.org](mailto:reference@woonsocketlibrary.org)



# No (set) book Book Club.



Join us at the Woonsocket Harris Public Library on August 20, 2026 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM for our pick your own book Book Club.

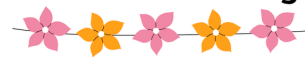
Bring along any book that you enjoyed and would recommend. It's a great way to find out about books that might be your next great read. No pressure book club fun way to get together with fellow readers. This is a program for people 18 +.

Feel free to bring along your own drink.

Space is limited. Call Reference at (401) 767-4124 to reserve your spot. We look forward to having you.



## Woonsocket Harris Public Library Adult Summer Reading 2026



\*The Adult Summer Reading program will last from June 15, 2026, until August 24, 2026.

\*The goal is to make a BINGO with the books you read.

\*With every book review you bring back to us, you are entered to win some prizes. One book is equivalent to one entry. Minimum of two book reviews per bingo card.

\*If you need extra review sheets, we will have extras for you.

\*Please return all game boards and book review sheets to the Reference Desk at the Woonsocket Harris Public Library.

\*There will be 3 winners, and they will be notified on August 31, 2026.



Have fun and happy reading!

The 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. Local sponsors in the Woonsocket and surrounding areas include Chevy's Ice Cream, Texas Road House, Vose Hardware, Nessa's Snack Truck, and the Friends of the Woonsocket Harris Public Library and The Rotary Club of Woonsocket.





# Kids Crafts with Lee



WOONSOCKET  
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Tuesdays in August 3-4pm  
for kids ages 6-11

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Bracelets

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Facepainting Workshop

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Tye Dye

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Mystery Craft

Sponsored by the statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program is brought to you by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in collaboration with the RI Center for the Book and iRead reading program.

Registration is required for this program visit the Children's desk or call us to register: 401-769-9044 x2

Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

## LEARN WITH ★ LAUGHTER

Great for ages 8 & up with adult, & great for teens



### LEARN CIRCUS LIKE TRICKS AT THE LIBRARY

- Features juggling
- Learn balance tricks
- See circus like tricks in a library
- You will laugh
- Try out some circus tricks

*A delightful mix of playful learning &  
laugh-out-loud ridiculousness.*

☀ 401-769-9044 x2

☀ Call to register now

☀ 303 Clinton Street, Woonsocket ☀ [www.woonsocketlibrary.org](http://www.woonsocketlibrary.org)

## Ancestry Information Session Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm-3:30pm



Have you ever wondered how deep your family roots are to North America?

Are you interested in discovering where in the Old World your family has ties to?

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, then come and take advantage of a free introductory information session from our Reference Librarian on how to navigate the enormous collection of data sets offered by Ancestry Library Edition.

Call (401) 767-4124 for more information.

## Club de Conversacion en Espanol Sobre Peliculas de Cine



Gente Adultos, Hispanos, vengan al Biblioteca de Woonsocket Harris para hablar sobre un gran pelicula de cine de que gano un premio como



un Oscar o Golden Globe. Sientese libre para hablar sobre una pelicula nuevo como Oppenheimer o una pelicula contemporanea como American Beauty o una pelicula classico como Lawrence of Arabia. El discusion va hacer facilito por el bibliotecario de Referencia que tiene herencia Latino y estudio Espanol en el famoso Universidad de Salamanca. El bibliotecario tambien tiene su BA y MA en la tema de Historia con un concentracion en los paises de los Estados Unidos y Latino America.

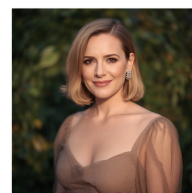
Espacio esta limitado para cinco personas. Vamos a juntarnos en el cuarto privado de la biblioteca que se llama "The Woonsocket Room" en la dos de la tarde de Viernes en el 21 de Agosto.



Llama a (401) 767-4124 o manda un correo electronico a [Reference@woonsocketlibrary.org](mailto:Reference@woonsocketlibrary.org) para reservar tu silla.



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# MAIN STREET

## WALKING TOUR

WITH THE WOONSOCKET HARRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
& THE WOONSOCKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MEET AT:

THE MUSEUM OF WORK & CULTURE  
42 South Main Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

### PARK AT:

THE MAIN STREET MUNICIPAL LOT  
Free parking across the street  
from the Museum

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

**11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

RAINDATE SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 11 A.M.

Wear comfortable clothes.

Bring an umbrella for sun shade or light rain.

Canceled for inclement weather.

Call the Library at 401-769-9044 x7

or the WHS at 401-356-0067

for more information.

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## Herbs: What the Science Actually Says



**Monday, August 17, 2026**

**6 PM**

**Large Program Room**



**Presented by URI Master Gardener Richard Suls**

Basil, mint, garlic, chamomile. The plants growing in a Rhode Island garden have been used as medicine for thousands of years, and a good number of modern pharmaceuticals began as plant chemistry. But which herbal claims hold up when researchers actually put them to the test?

This 45-minute talk walks through what science has established about common medicinal herbs, and what it hasn't. We'll look at why plants make these compounds in the first place (mostly to defend themselves, not to help us), how growing conditions and preparation change what ends up in the cup, and how to tell a strong study from a weak one. Six familiar herbs get a closer look, including peppermint, ginger, garlic, and chamomile, with an accounting of where the evidence is good and where it runs thin. We'll also spend time on the part that gets less attention. Natural does not mean safe. Herb and drug interactions are real, supplement labels guarantee less than most people assume, and a few common garden plants are considerably more dangerous than their reputations suggest.

**Bring your questions. No background in botany or chemistry required.**

*This program is educational and does not provide medical advice. Please talk with your doctor or pharmacist before using any herb or supplement, particularly if you take prescription medication.*

This program is presented as part of our Adult Summer Reading series. The 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.



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# PRECIOUS BLOOD CEMETERY

## WALKING TOUR

WITH THE WOONSOCKET HARRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
& THE WOONSOCKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MEET AT THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CEMETERY FRONT GATE

Located on the corner of Diamond Hill Road & Rathbun St. Woonsocket, RI  
Parking is inside the cemetery or on the street

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 1 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

RAINDATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 AT 1 P.M.

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## DEPOT SQUARE

**AND THE WOONSOCKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PHOTO COLLECTION PRESENTATION**



Award-winning filmmaker and urban explorer David Lawlor is on a mission to document history before it's gone. His work captures the soul of forgotten places by blending deep research with community storytelling. Come view a special collection of historic photos and learn the secrets behind David's process for documenting the stories the world has left behind.

**AUGUST 26TH**  
**6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Free and Open to All

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WOONSOCKETLIBRARY.ORG  
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## Holidays for August 2026

\*August 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ice Cream Sundae Day

\*August 4<sup>th</sup>- Sister's Day

\*August 9<sup>th</sup> - Book Lover's Day

\*August 10<sup>th</sup> - Lazy Day

\*August 10<sup>th</sup>- S'mores Day

\*August 13<sup>th</sup>- Left Handers' Day

\*August 16<sup>th</sup>- National Tell a Joke Day

\*August 17<sup>th</sup>- National Thrift Shop Day

\*August 26<sup>th</sup>- Women's Equality Day



### LIBRARY PHONE NUMBERS

Library Director: 401- 767-4125

Assistant Director: 401-767-4126

Circulation Desk/Main: 401-769-9044

Reference Department: 401-767-4124

Children's Department: 401-767-4122

Young Adult/Teen Desk: 401-767-4132

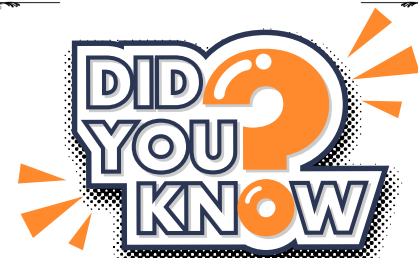
Library Fax: 401-767-4120

Item Renewal Hotline: 401-736-0965

### Calling all readers and book lovers!

Have you read a good book lately? What is a book that was so good that you can't stop thinking about? Or, what is your favorite book?

Come on by to the Reference Department to let us know! We have a quick book review sheet to fill out. Thank you.



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Michelle Ferreira-  
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