



Winter Programs



December January February
2024/2025

Welcome to Winter at the Library

Welcome to our Winter Brochure! We know this season can get busy, so we're here to make sure you know about all the library has to offer during these colder months. As the year winds down and the holiday season picks up, remember to take a moment for yourself to relax and recharge. Whether you're looking to cozy up with one of our bestsellers, find the perfect gift suggestion for the book lovers in your life, or join us for a library program, we're here for you.

Wishing you all a warm and peaceful winter!

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 8
Friday - Saturday 9 - 5
Closed Sunday

Winter Closures

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Hours 9 - 12
Wed, Dec 25 Christmas Day
Wed, Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon, Jan 6 Staff Training
Mon, Jan 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Mon, Feb 17 Presidents' Day

On the cover: Friends snow shoeing in Seekonk Meadows, winter 2024

Did you know you can borrow snowshoes through the *Library of Things* collection? Call or reserve online at seekonkpl.org for a two-week rental.

Let's Learn Together

Library staff hosts Q&A sessions about smartphones, tablets and laptops

Library Tech Class at Seekonk Library

Tues, Dec 17, 2 PM Phone & Tablet Help Hour

Tues, Jan 21, 2 PM Password Management

Tues, Feb 11, 2 PM Topic TBA

Meets year round

Tech Help Hour at the Seekonk Senior Center

Tues, Jan 28, 2:30 PM

Tues, Feb 25, 2:30 PM

Q&A of smartphone, tablet & laptop questions. Hosted by library staff.

Meets year round.

Highlighted Series: Spice Club



Weeks of January 13, 27 & Feb 10, 24
Participants will register to pick up a kit containing a spice sample, background information on the spice, and suggested recipes. On Tuesday, March 4 there will be a potluck with discussion of the spices and recipes made. The spices will be Coriander, Curry Powder, Turmeric and Cacao Powder. Register at seekonkpl.org

Winter Movies

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On

Wed, Jan 8, 6 PM

A heartwarming tale of resilience, belonging, and the joy of connection as a tiny shell embarks on a big journey to find his family. Academy Award Nominated as well as a "staff favorite" film! Event includes a take-home kit to make a Marcel keepsake

Get Reel! Providence Children's Film Festival

Sat, Jan 25, 10 AM

View creative short films selected for the February film festival. For adults and children of all ages.

Oscar Buzz Movies

Best of 2024

Thurs, February 27

It's Oscar season! Watch a movie considered among the best of the year including anticipated Academy Award nominees.

Visit seekonkpl.org or call 508-336-8230 for title and start time.

March & April dates TBA

Healthy New Year

Mushrooms Are the Meat

Wed, Jan 22, 6 PM

Mushroom Hunting Foundation shares tips and recipes

Intro to Bollywood Dance

Thurs, Feb 6 & 20, 6 PM

Instructor Sakina Sojar teaches this expressive dance form found in Indian cinema

Sound Healing Session*

Wed, Feb 12, 6 PM

Practitioner Claudia D'Emilia lafrate leads a sound session for well-being



Sashiko Workshop

Decorative Patchwork Mittens

Sashiko Workshop: Decorative Patchwork Mittens

Tues, Dec 3, 6 PM

Hands-on workshop led by library staff

Klezmer Celebration Concert*

Wed, Dec 4, 6 PM

Multi-instrumentalists Cathy Clasper-Torch and Shelley Katsh play joyous, traditional Jewish folk music for the holidays

Creativebug Craft Night: DIY Lotion Bars

Thurs, Dec 19, 6 PM

Hands-on workshop led by library staff featuring a Creativebug tutorial

Recognizing and Treating Stress & Anxiety in Your Dog

Tues, Jan 7, 6 PM

James LaMonte of the Seekonk K9 PTSD Center with a presentation on anxiety in dogs

Celebrating the Winter Garden

Mon, Jan 13, 6 PM

Presentation of winter gardening tips with local author Warren Leach

Winter Night Sky: Audubon Presentation

Wed, January 29, 6 PM

Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary shares information for the best seasonal sky-gazing

Creative Workshop: Pop-Up Paper Spheres

Mon, Feb 24, 6 PM

Hands-on workshop led by library staff

*Funded by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library

Book Clubs and Reading Challenge

Historical Fiction/Romance

Timeless love stories in fascinating eras

Tues, Dec 3, 10 AM

The Frozen River

by Ariel Lawhon

Friday, Jan 10, 10 AM

Caleb's Crossing

by Geraldine Brooks

Friday, Feb 21, 10 AM

The Pull of the Stars

by Emma Donoghue

Nonfiction Book Club

Real stories, fascinating facts & true events

Tues, January 28, 6 PM

1491: New Revelations of The Americas

Before Columbus by Charles C Mann

Tues, Feb 25, 6 PM

Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud & the

Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep

Winter Reading Challenge

The Mass Center for the Book Reading Challenge is a chance for you to meet the goal of reading a book each month in a specific category and share your experience within a reading community. See QR Code for details

December: A well reviewed book in your least favorite genre

January: A book published or about the year you were born

February: A book with the name of a city in the title.



MA Reading
Challenge.org

December

Tue	Dec 3	10 AM	Historical Fiction Book Club <i>The Frozen River</i> by Ariel Lawhon
Tue	Dec 3	6 PM	Sashiko: Decorative Patchwork Mittens
Wed	Dec 4	6 PM	Klezmer Celebration Concert*
Tue	Dec 17	2 PM	Library Tech Class: Phone & Tablet
Thu	Dec 19	6 PM	DIY Lotion Bars

January

Tue	Jan 7	6 PM	Recognizing & Treating Stress & Anxiety in Your Dog
Wed	Jan 8	6 PM	Movie: <i>Marcel the Shell With Shoes On</i>
Fri	Jan 10	10 AM	Historical Fiction Book Club <i>Caleb's Crossing</i> by Geraldine Brooks
Mon	Jan 13	6 PM	Celebrating the Winter Garden
Mon	Jan 13		Spice Club pick-up starts
Tue	Jan 21	2 PM	Library Tech Class: Password Management
Wed	Jan 22	6 PM	Mushrooms Are the Meat
Sat	Jan 25	10 AM	Prov Children's Film Festival Sneak Peek
Tue	Jan 28	2:30 PM	Tech Help Hour at Senior Center
Tue	Jan 28	6 PM	Nonfiction Book Club <i>1491</i> by Charles C. Mann
Wed	Jan 29	6 PM	Winter Night Sky

February

Thu	Feb 6	6 PM	Intro to Bollywood Dance (part 1)
Tue	Feb 11	2 PM	Library Tech Class Topic TBA
Wed	Feb 12	6 PM	Sound Healing Session*
Thu	Feb 20	6 PM	Intro to Bollywood Dance (part 2)
Fri	Feb 21	10 AM	Historical Fiction/Romance Book Club <i>The Pull of the Stars</i> by Emma Donoghue
Mon	Feb 24	6 PM	Creative Workshop: Pop-up Paper Spheres
Tue	Feb 25	2:30 PM	Tech Help Hour at Senior Center
Tue	Feb 25	6 PM	Nonfiction Book Club <i>Furious Hours</i> by Casey Cep
Thu	Feb 27	TBA	Oscar Buzz: Best of 2024 Title TBA



Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays
Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Meet monthly to share ideas about upcoming programs and discuss how we can make the most out of the library's services for tweens and teens. **Apply at seekonkpl.org/teens.

Mitten Balloon Rockets

Thursday
December 12
3 PM - 4 PM

Learn to create a two-stage balloon rocket (inspired by actual NASA launching techniques) to see how far into space (or across the meeting room) we can send our mitten!

AI Teacher

Thursday
January 16
3 PM - 4 PM

Show AI who's boss! A fun, easy introduction to the concept of machine learning models and an exploration of how we can make AI work for us.

Teen Book Discussion: *All You Have To Do*

Monday
January 27
6 PM - 7 PM

Get ready for Autumn Allen's visit next month with a book discussion for teens!

**Autumn Allen Author Visit**

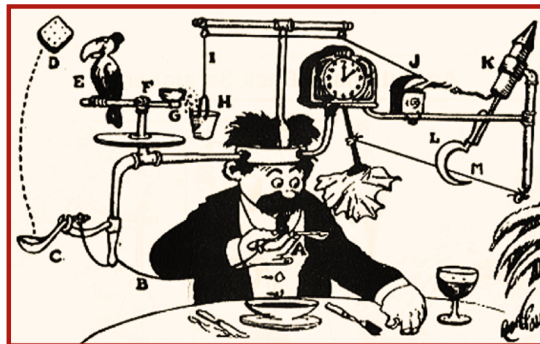
Tuesday
February 11
6 PM - 7:30 PM

Interview and book signing with the author of *All You Have To Do*.

Rube Goldberg Challenge

Thursday
February 27
3 PM - 4 PM

Learn about chain reaction machines and create one as a group.





Highlighted Series:

All You Have to Do by Autumn Allen Book Discussion & Author Visit


January 27 & February 11 at 6 PM

Autumn Allen is an award-winning author, editor, educator, and children's literature specialist. Join us as she answers questions about writing professionally, being a senior editor at Barefoot Books, and her work as a writing instructor for kids, teens, and adults. The interview will be followed by an audience Q&A and book signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.

**AN
AUTHOR'S WORLD**
An interview with Autumn Allen

Tuesday, February 11
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Teen Services

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Things to Do

Online Illustration Challenge



for
Tweens & Teens

Submit your original
hand-drawn or digital
artwork for a chance
to be featured on the
Teen Page of the
Seekonk Library website!

Visit the Teen page of our website for information on events, reading challenges, volunteer opportunities, and to sign up for the Teen Newsletter.

Library Scavenger Hunt for Tweens & Teens

Solve the clues to find different locations in the Teen and Adult areas of the library. When you find the location, scan the QR code to fill out your raffle ticket. If you don't have a smartphone, you can enter the drawing by telling the 3-letter code to the Research Help Desk Librarian.



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Little Explorers Sensory Playgroup

Sat, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 8

Drop-in 10 AM - 12 PM

Play with a variety of toys and materials to engage the senses and support development. For children of all abilities

Paws To Read

Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, 22 & Feb 12, 26

3 PM - 4:30 PM

Read to Gizmo & Pepe, two adorable chihuahua/pomeranian mix therapy dogs. Register for a 15 minute time slot at seekonkpl.org. All ages

Kindness Club Activities

Sat, Dec 14, 10 AM Build and paint a birdhouse to give as a gift. Grades 2-5. Registration required

January 1-31 Pick up a Kindness sheet and challenge yourself all month long

Sat, Feb 1, 10 AM - 4 PM Create Valentines!

Beyblade Club

Wednesday, Dec 18, Jan 15, 4 PM

February 5 at 4:30 PM (note time change)

Features freeplay and battles. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Grades 1-5.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 1, 10 AM - 4 PM

Celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* at our open house event. Discover hands-on activities, engaging STEM kits, educational resources and talk to the children's librarians to learn about programs and services for the entire family. Details and full schedule at Seekonkpl.org

Kid Librarian

Monthly starting in January

Children ages 7-12 may apply to become a *Kid Librarian*. Create a special themed book display, help other readers discover great books and be an honorary librarian for the month! Applications available in the Children's Room

Minecraft Club

Tues, Jan 14, 21, 28, 6:30 PM

It's a 3 week Minecraft adventure, virtually via Zoom. Features Minecraft Education Edition. Visit seekonkpl.org for details including device requirements. Grades 3-5. Registration required

Arctic Animals

Mon, Jan 17, 3:30 PM

Learn about arctic animals, play a game, and do an arctic animal craft. Grades K-2

Kids Paint Night

Tues, Feb 4, 6:30 PM

Kids will create their own paintings on canvas with teacher Becky Violette's instruction. All supplies provided. Grades 1-5. Registration required

See page 9 for Storytimes



December 23 - January 2



Brick Builders

Mon, Dec 23, Drop-in 10 AM - 12 PM
Drop in anytime for a “free build”
Lego session using the library’s bricks

Family Movie Night: Smallfoot

Thursday, Dec 26, 6 - 7:30 PM
Sit back & enjoy the show. Bring a friend!

Take & Make New Year’s Craft

Thursday, Dec 26 Stop in for a
take-home kit to make 4 New Year’s
Eve poppers. While supplies last

Science Heroes: Adventures of the Lost Treasure!

Sat, Dec 28, 10:30 AM Grades K-5
Talewise presents a jungle adventure
to explore exciting science concepts.
Registration required

Introduction to Ballet

Monday, Dec 30, 10 AM Ages 3-5
Learn ballet basics with Ms Alison
& Ms Amelia. Registration required

February 17 - 22



Dragon Tales Storytime

Tuesday, Feb 18, 10 AM
Stories, singing, dancing and a craft.
Ages 3+. Registration required.

Poop Museum

Wednesday, Feb 19, 10 AM
Discover the serious science of poop,
delivered with silliness. Includes
fascinating facts and giggles.
Grades K-5. Registration required

Hibernation! with the Audubon Society

Thurs, Feb 20, 10 AM
Learn how animals survive in cold
months by hibernating. Explore how
amazing adaptations help animals
conserve energy and stay safe during
winter. Registration required

Fairy Tale Festival

Saturday, Feb 22, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Stations for crown and wand making,
photo booth, enchanted snacks and
more. Fairy tale book at 11 AM.
Costumes encouraged. Registration
required

Winter Reading Challenge for Students

Sign up, read a book each month in a specific category and share experiences within a reading community. Sponsored by The Mass Center for the Book.

December- A book of fantasy

January- A book about someone different than you

February- A book with an animal in the title For details or to register, see QR Code.



Highlighted Program: Storytime on the Go



Create a storytime experience at home with a *Storytime on the Go* packet. Includes a variety of books to check out and an early literacy activity. Available for toddlers and preschoolers. Kits change monthly. Drop in

Jingle Storytimes

Seasonal storytimes featuring stories, music and jingle bells
Drop in.

Jingle Toddlers

Mon, Dec 16, 10 AM 18-36 months

Jingle Babies

Tues, Dec 17, 10 AM 0-18 months

Jingle Kids

Thurs, Dec 19, 10 AM ages 3-5

Pro-Wrestling Storytime

Monday, Dec 2, 6 PM
Professional wrestlers Mighty Bosch and Syd Morrigan bring their favorite picture books and a craft for a pro-wrestling storytime.
All ages

Snowman Storytime

Tues, Dec 10, 10 AM
Snowman stories, songs and a simple craft. Drop in. All ages

Weekly Storytimes

0 - 18 months

Babies, Books, Belly Time

Tuesdays,

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 10 AM

Includes music, movement and fingerplays. Please bring a small blanket for the floor.

18 - 36 months

Toddler Storytime

Mondays,

Jan 13, 27

Feb 3, 10, 10 AM

Stories, music, fingerplays, movement and yes, even bubbles!

3 - 5 years

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays,

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 10 AM

Includes 2-3 stories and a related activity.



Staying in? Venturing out?

Whether you're staying inside or braving the cold, the library has something for everyone.

Library of Things

- *Outdoor activities - tabletop telescope, nature backpack and binoculars for winter birding
- *Musical experiences - ukuleles, karaoke machine, electric guitar
- *Indoor game night - cornhole, tumbling tower and Giant 4-in-a-Row

Museum Passes

Discounted admission to more than 18 museums and destinations

Curbside Pickup

Stay warm in your car and we'll bring your items to you!

Curl up with a good...

Discover free online resources and curl up with a good book, movie or audiobook.

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Did you know...



The Seekonk Library Trust (SLT) is a non-profit organization that welcomes gifts from individuals, families, businesses and other non-profit organizations to ensure that the Seekonk Public Library (SPL) is an enduring foundation of our community life.



Friends of the Seekonk Public Library are a nonprofit volunteer group devoted to enhancing the quality of Seekonk Library through fundraising efforts and support. To donate or volunteer, contact friends@seekonkpl.org

Friends' Book Sale

Sat, February 15

9 AM - 3 PM

Great selection.

Mark your calendar!



Community Connections

Seekonk Library collaborates with Town Departments and organizations in many ways throughout the year. Recent projects include:

Conservation Commission

Eyes on Owls program, Nov 2024

Doorways Food Pantry

Food For Fines, Dec 2024

Donation bin at the Library, ongoing

Seekonk Fire Department

Fire Safety Storytime, Oct 2024

Recycling Committee

America Recycles Day, Nov 2024

Seekonk Cultural Council

Host site for SCC sponsored programs

Seekonk Parks & Recreation

Scarecrow Fest, Oct 2024



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