



Summer Programs

June-August 2025

Adults, Teens, Children & Families



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Welcome



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

Summer Library closures

- Monday, June 2 closed 9AM -1PM
- Thursday, June 19
- Friday, July 4
- Monday, September 1

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Dear Seekonk Library Patrons,

What are your plans for the summer? No matter what they are, the library is here to help you make the most of them. Hosting a party? Borrow some lawn games and the karaoke machine from our Library of Things. Looking for some family fun? We have discounted museum passes available for museums, aquariums, zoos, and parks throughout the area. Taking a road trip? Borrow a WiFi hotspot to stay connected or an audio book to help pass the time. As always, our Summer Reading Programs are a means for all ages to enhance their reading skills, challenge themselves, and maintain a lifelong love of learning and reading.

I hope to see you in the library this summer!

Kate Hibbert
Director, Seekonk Public Library

About Seekonk Meadows

Seekonk Meadows, a tranquil haven nestled behind the Library in the heart of Seekonk, offers a serene retreat for the community.

This scenic outdoor space invites visitors to stroll along winding paths, picnic in the fresh air, view a sunset, or even enjoy a summer concert with nature as the backdrop. No matter the season, Seekonk Meadows is an opportunity for all who visit to experience the simple joys of nature.

Open daily, dawn to dusk.



On the cover: a child enjoying Pokemon Community Day 2024. Are you a Pokemon fan? Be sure to mark your calendar for August 6th, the date for this year's Pokemon Community Day.

All Ages

Summer Reading Kickoff Wednesday, June 18, 1–3 PM

Celebrate Summer with an event for all ages!



Summer Reading Program June 18 – August 8

Register for Summer Reading at seekonkpl.beanstack.org

Adults (Age 17+)

You choose: track the number of titles read for your personal goals or track minutes read to help the library's community reading goal. Level up this summer with related programs and activities for adults.

Teens (Grades 6 – 12)

Collect Beanstack badges for logging your reading and for attending library programs, and earn raffle tickets for weekly and grand prize drawings. Be sure to visit the library throughout the summer to participate in more in-person activities, including the Teen Library Scavenger Hunt!

Children (Birth – Grade 5)

Join us as we 'Level up at your Library' this summer! Register for the Summer Reading Challenge, read, log time spent reading and earn virtual raffle tickets towards prizes. After every 5 hours of time logged, come into the library to pick something from the treasure chest.

1 PM Don't miss **Flying High Dogs*** in Seekonk Meadows! It's a thrilling show featuring amazing Border Collies and their trainer, Mike Piazza. Watch them perform high-flying frisbee tricks & crowd-pleasing stunts seen on Animal Planet, ESPN, and at NFL and NBA events. *Registration required. Indoors if inclement weather.

1 PM–3 PM register for summer reading, pick up a swag bag and enjoy a free Kiddie Kona cup from Kona Ice while supplies last!



Summer Concert Series



The Highwaymen Songs & Stories with Matt York

Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 PM

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. Sponsored by Sturdy Health.



Gained in Translation

Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 PM

Multilingual world music, including classic and familiar songs in English, Portuguese, Italian, and more. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.



Bill Harley

Monday, August 11, 6:00 PM

Vibrant, outrageous, and genuine songs and stories about growing up and what it is to be human. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.

Museum Passes and Library of Things reservations are back !

Plan now and save money on indoor and outdoor activities

Just in time for the warm weather, once again you can reserve Museum Passes and Library of Things items from the library's website, **seekonkpl.org**. We are happy to be working with a new service provider so you can reserve ahead as you make plans and get cost saving discounts for you, your family or summer guests. Click the links on our homepage or go directly to the sites below to start your savings:

Museum Passes

seekonkpl.libcal.com/passes

Library of Things

seekonkpl.libcal.com/equipment

Thank you for your patience as we transition to the new provider. Please contact the library staff with any questions about these services.



Museum Passes



Library of Things

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show in Seekonk Meadows. All performances to be moved indoors in case of rain. Full details at seekonkpl.org

Dress Up: All About Kimono Thursday, June 5, 6 PM

Come and experience the beauty of traditional Japanese attire. Presenter Eri Pace will introduce the history and different types of kimono, followed by a live dressing demonstration.

Historical Fiction & Romance Book Club: *Violeta*

Friday, June 13, 2 PM

Join the conversation on the book *Violeta* by Isabel Allende. Read this sweeping, century-long story of a woman born during the Spanish flu pandemic recounting her extraordinary life in a letter to her grandson as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds.

Look Up: All About Hawks Friday, June 20, 10 AM

Hawks, our avian hunters, have unique physiology and skills to thrive in the various habitats of Massachusetts. We'll meet in Seekonk Meadows with a MA Audubon Educator to learn to identify and appreciate these fascinating birds and hopefully see one live! Funded by Friends of Seekonk Public Library.

Clean Up: Homemade Laundry Detergent Wednesday, July 9, 6 PM

How practical is it to replace laundry detergent and their large bottles that fill our recycle bin with a DIY recipe? We'll look at costs and different recipes for homemade detergent and make one together to test out at home. Bring your own container and other cleaning recipes to share.

Historical Fiction & Romance Book Club: *The Sisters of Sea View* Friday, July 11, 2 PM

Join the conversation on the book *The Sisters of Sea View* by Julie Klassen. Read about the impoverished and genteel Summers sisters who open their seaside home to guests as they navigate life's unexpected challenges.

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On the Road or Homebound

Traveling?

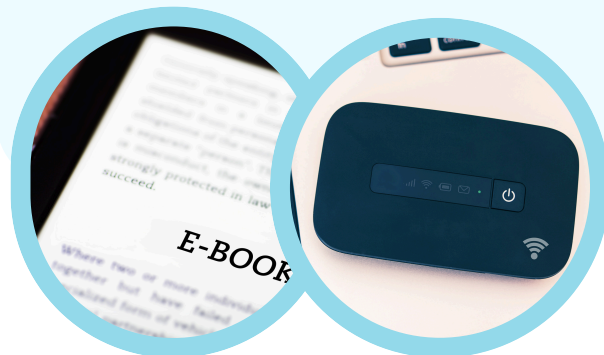
Ask us how to take advantage of...

Wifi Hotspots: Internet access for devices. Great when camping.

eBooks, magazines, and audio: Lighten your suitcases.

Suspended Holds: Keep your place in line if items requested are ready while you're away.

Museum Passes: Save \$ on local attractions.



Homebound Delivery

Do you know someone in Seekonk who has a disability that prevents them from visiting the library? Contact the library to learn about homebound delivery services, including volunteer-assisted delivery and return, available to eligible Seekonk residents.



Available All Year

Visit the library to learn more about what's available year round:



Services (*available at cost)

- Library Tech Classes
- Public wi-fi (network name: GUEST, no password)
- Curbside Pickup
- Notary services
- Ancestry.com Library Edition – access in the library ONLY
- Public computers
- Scan to email or file
- Copier (color and black & white)*
- Fax machine*
- Print from home*
- Public printer (color and black & white)*



Mark Up: Henna Body Art Workshop Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 PM

Local henna artist Rani MacNeal will share global traditions and celebrations involving henna art. You will learn how to use henna paste for basic designs and have the opportunity to receive a henna design.

Sync Up: Observatories and the Train Wreck That Changed Time Thursday, August 7, 6 PM

Observatories are more than places to look up into the stars; they play an integral role as time keeping centers. Francine Jackson, Staff Astronomer at Brown University's Ladd Observatory, will share the fascinating story of the Providence and Worcester Railroad train wreck that "changed time" as we know it and established a critical responsibility for observatory work.



Draw Up: Tessellation Art Workshop Wednesday, August 13, 6 PM

Unlock your inner artist this summer with a mesmerizing exploration of patterns! The Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art (RIMOSA) will lead this exploration of tessellations—repeating patterns without gaps or overlaps—which combine math and creativity to produce stunning designs as made famous by artists like M.C. Escher. In this hands-on workshop, you will learn the fundamentals of tessellations and create your own unique art pieces.

Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit* Thursday, June 26, 2 PM

Play the official *Trivial Pursuit: World of Harry Potter Ultimate Edition* & test your knowledge of all eight movies (sorry, it's NOT based on the books!). Answer clues to bring glory to your house and enter your name in the Goblet of Fire for a chance to win a prize!



Chromebook Breakerspace* Thursday, July 3, 2 PM

This may be your only chance to destroy a computer on purpose! Following step-by-step instructions, you'll disassemble an old Chromebook and learn what each of the parts do. You'll also get a chance to compare the Chromebook's "guts" to those of other devices like a PC laptop and a desktop computer. Extra points if you can figure out how to put it back together!

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot* Thursday, July 10 & 24, 2 PM

Join an experienced Dungeonmaster from OmniSource Games for two separate one-shot adventures. Each session will include time for character creation, a snack break, and a prize drawing. Space is limited and registration is required for each session. Each session will last for two-and-a-half hours and will finish up at 4:30 pm.

Microbit Coding* Thursday, July 17, 2 PM

Learn to code a MicroBit microcontroller using both online and mobile platforms. You'll find out all of the fun and useful applications of these little gadgets and then you'll have the chance to code a Microbit yourself!



A Magic: The Gathering...Gathering* Thursday, July 31, 2 PM

Join us between 2 pm and 4 pm to hang out with other *Magic* lovers and play a few friendly rounds of this popular trading card game. Bring your own cards or play with one of the library's decks and challenge your friends to a battle. This is a free play event with no formal game instruction. Experience playing MTG is recommended, but new players are welcome to join us and see what they can pick up.



Crafternoon* Thursday, August 7, 2 PM

Get it? It's a craft...in the afternoon... Join us for a relaxed session of creativity and exploration! Choose from a variety of craft supplies and see what inspiration comes to you!

Level Up: End of Summer Party* Thursday, August 14, 2 PM

In case you haven't heard, the summer reading theme this year is "Level Up," so our end-of-summer party HAS to be all about games! There will be games galore to choose from (including the popular--and perfectly safe--axe throwing station). There will of course be snacks and prizes, but most importantly, this is our chance to hang out and enjoy the last Teen get-together of the summer.



Getting Started Homeschooling*

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 PM

This workshop will cover homeschool guidelines, writing an education plan and home education policies. Includes a quick-start guide to picking a curriculum. Presented by Advocates for Home Education in MA.

Flying High Dogs at Summer Reading Kickoff

Wednesday, June 18, 1 PM

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Adventures of the Missing Color*

Saturday, June 21, 10 AM (Ages 5-11)

Join Science Heroes on their mission to turn science into an adventure and celebrate the scientists who color our world with art!

Backyard Band Jams in the Meadows*

Tuesday, June 24, 1:30 PM (Ages 0-6)

Join us in the Meadows for singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, and more! To be held inside in the case of inclement weather. Funded by a C.F.C.E. Coordinated Family & Community Engagement grant.

Baby Storytime

Tuesday, July 1 & 22, 2 PM (Ages 0-18 months)

Bring a small baby blanket for the floor and enjoy a book followed by music, fingerplays & movement. Afterward, enjoy free time for belly time.

Intro to Ballet for Littles*

Monday, July 7, 10 AM (Ages 3-5)

Learn Ballet basics with dancers Ms Alison and Ms Amelia. There will be a simple warm up, then introductory Ballet dance moves will be taught.

Little Explorers Sensory Playgroup

Saturday, July 12, August 9, 10 AM (Ages 2-5)

Drop in to play with a variety of unique materials to engage the senses in a fun and welcoming environment. This program is for children of all abilities.

Chain Reactions & Creative Contraptions*

Saturday, July 19, 10 AM (Ages 7-11)

Kids will be introduced to Rube Goldberg Machines, paper constructions, domino towers, exploding popsicle-stick snakes, and other engineering explorations. Presented by Playful Engineers.

Summer Series for Families

MA Audubon Society

Oak Knoll in Seekonk Meadows**

Backyard Birds*

Wednesday, June 25, 10 AM

Practice identifying commonly found birds and learn more about their local habitats.

Mindfulness Hike*

Wednesday July 16, 10AM

Take a calming journey through natural spaces with stops to relax.

Turtles*

Wednesday, August 6, 10AM

Look at the differences between turtles, terrapins, and tortoises.



Family Game Nights

~~BINGO Night!*~~

~~Tuesday, July 1, 6 PM All ages~~

~~Rock Paper Scissors Tournament*~~

~~Thursday, July 10, 6 PM Ages 6 and up~~

~~Puzzle Night~~

~~Monday, July 14, 6 PM All ages~~

~~Boysblades and More!~~

~~Monday, July 21, 6 PM Ages 6 and up~~

~~Board Games*~~

~~Thursday, July 31, 6 PM All Ages~~

~~Pokemon Community Day*~~

~~Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 PM All ages~~

Children



Calling all Kids!

If you're registered for the **Summer Reading Challenge** and haven't received a coupon for a **free ice cream cone** at Sundae's, stop by the children's room and get yours!



Mobile Quest Adventure*

Wednesday, July 23, 10 AM Ages 6-11

Program and play with Dash Robots around obstacles and mazes.

Blueberry Storytime at Osamequin Farm*

Thursday, July 31, 10 AM

Blueberry stories and berry picking! All ages.

Music at the Blissful with Evan*

Tuesday, August 5, 10 AM (Ages 0-5)

Interactive music concert designed to entertain young minds! Evan from Music at the Blissful will lead the session with lively songs and fun activities for children.

Breaker Space*

Tuesday, August 12, 10 AM (Ages 7-11 with Adult)

Breaker Space offers both kids and adults the opportunity to explore the inner workings of electronics in a fun, safe, and supervised environment.

Will Ladybug Hug? Special Storytime*

Monday, August 18, 2 PM (Ages 2-6)

Join us for an interactive storytime and ladybug craft presented by Emma Konn from the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County.

Kindergarten Here I Come*

Thursday, August 21, 10 AM

A special Kindergarten themed storytime and ride on a school bus! Limited to children entering kindergarten in 2025 and their parent/caregiver.

Storytimes in Seekonk Meadows

Fridays, July 18 - August 15, 10 AM

Join us in the Meadows for a weekly storytime for all ages! Books, songs, movement, even BUBBLES! Storytime will be moved inside in the case of inclement weather. Drop in.



Summer Reading Challenge

June 18 - August 8

Ages 0 - entering grade 5

Register for the Summer Reading Challenge to help your child retain reading skills throughout the summer.

Participating is easy!

- Register at seekonkpl.beanstack.org
- Log minutes spent reading.
- Set a reading goal. **The challenge is to read at least 20 minutes per day.**
- Earn virtual raffle tickets for every hour logged.
- Complete activities and write reviews to earn more raffle tickets.
- For every 5 hours of reading logged, kids may pick out a reading incentive from our treasure chest.

After registering, keep reading and visit the library weekly to participate in our guessing jar and weekly LEGO challenge in the Children's Room.

If you've used the Beanstack platform before, there's no need to create a new account. If you need help resetting your password, contact childrens@seekonkpl.org

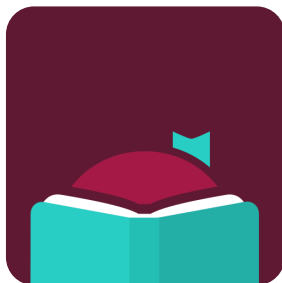
Remember, registering for the Summer Reading Challenge and reading 20 minutes per day can help children retain reading skills during the summer!

**Register Online*

Find Your Story

Download & Stream for free

“From thrill-seekers to beach loungers, there is something for everyone!”



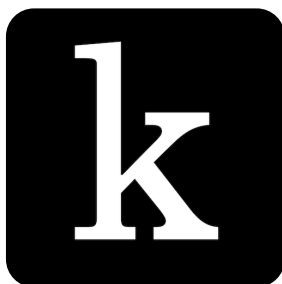
Travel light with digital titles!

Overdrive's Libby App lets you borrow e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines anytime, anywhere with your Library card. Download the app or visit seekonkpl.org and look for the Libby icon.



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Join a Community of Readers at Historical Romance Book Club

Read a historical fiction title and journey to a time and place in the past. Meets in person.

Friday, June 13, 2 PM

Violeta by Isabel Allende

Friday, July 11, 2 PM

The Sisters of Sea View by Julie Klassen
See page 5 for descriptions

New members always welcome!

Wondering what to read next?

Try BookPage!



Enjoy author interviews, get reading suggestions, book club recommendations and more. Stop by for your free copy. Published monthly and generously funded by Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.

Find Your Adventure

Save the Bay's
Hamilton Aquarium



RISD Museum

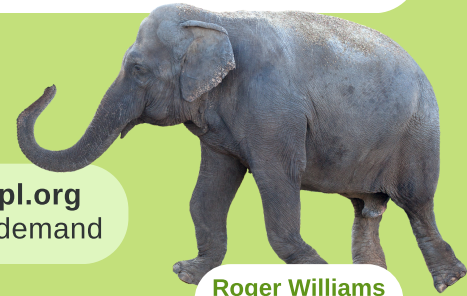
Places to go, things to do

Reserve a Museum Pass and receive free or reduced admission to more than 18 museums and local destinations including:

- Providence Children's Museum
- Boston Children's Museum
- Capron Park Zoo
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Patuxet
- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- The Hall at Patriot Place
- USS Constitution

- Blithewold Mansion & Gardens
- Institute of Contemporary Art
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- MA State Parks/Beaches
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Mystic Seaport
- Newport Art Museum

For details or to reserve a pass, visit seekonkpl.org
Formats: coupons, borrowed passes & print on demand



Roger Williams
Park Zoo

Parties & Fun

This summer try your hand at pickleball, cornhole or discover any of the other 33 items available to borrow through the **Library of Things**. The collection includes non-traditional, interesting items to borrow, free with your SAILS Library card. Browse the full collection and reserve an item at seekonkpl.org or use the QR code below.

Kids' Favorites

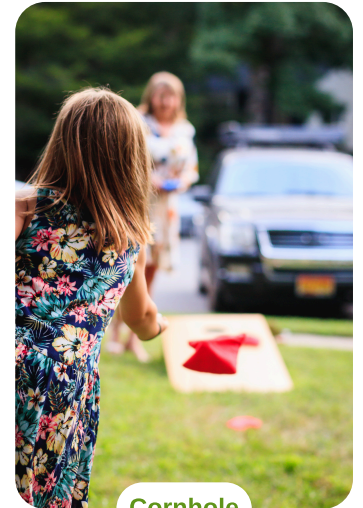
Dash Robot
Ukulele
Rocks & Minerals Game
Microscope
Human Anatomy
Ghost Meter

Fun & Games

Giant 4-In-a-Row
Giant Toppling Tower
Cornhole
Portable Pickleball
Karaoke Machine
Green Screen

The Great Outdoors

Golf Range Finder
Metal Detector
Binoculars
Velocity Speed Gun



Cornhole



Metal
Detector

Lawn games are very
popular in the summer
so reserve early!





connect • learn • grow

Community Connections

Seekonk library collaborates with Town Departments and organizations in so many ways throughout the year.

Conservation Commission

Nature hikes and special programs

Doorways Food Pantry

Library drop off location for donations, Food for Fines in April

Osamequin Farm

Blueberry Storytime

Police and Fire, Seekonk Fire Museum

Fire Safety Storytime, Visit to the Fire Museum, Boston Bruins Pajama Drive

P.A.C.E. Child Care Works

(People Acting in Community Endeavors)
Planting Seed Storytime, Backyard Band Jam, CFCE grant funded programs

Recycling Committee

Shred Day, special programs

Seekonk Cultural Council

Cultural Council funded programming

Seekonk Human Services

Monthly librarian visits to Senior Center

Seekonk Public Schools

Kindergarten Here I Come!

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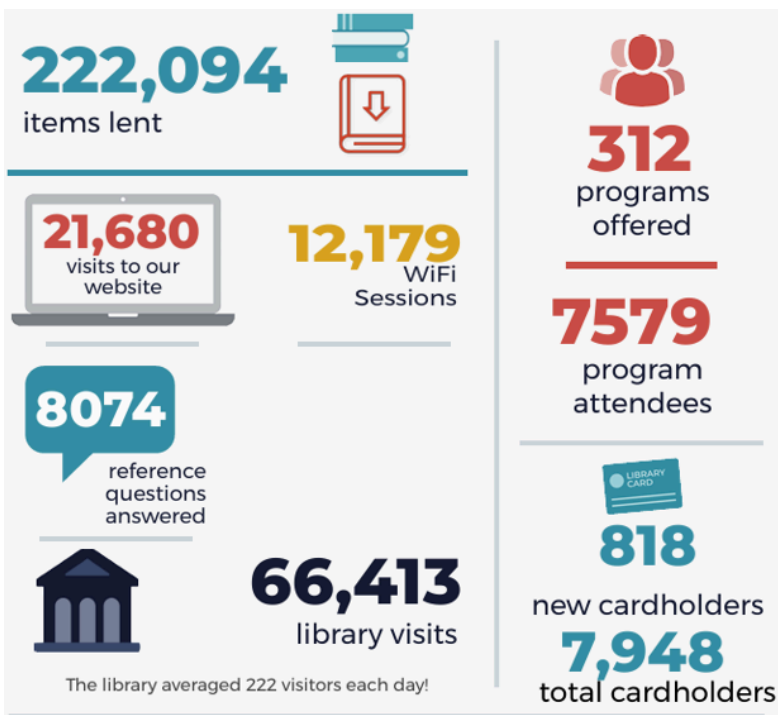
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Seekonk Library by the Numbers

*Fiscal Year 2024 recap

Last year, summer visits helped make for a very busy year* at the library.



We sincerely thank the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library and the Seekonk Library Trust for their generous and continued support.

The Friends provide financial assistance to fund educational programs and new initiatives.

The Seekonk Library Trust provides financial resources for the Library's long-term needs.

To volunteer, donate, or simply learn more about these organizations, contact Friends@seekonkpl.org or Trust@seekonkpl.org

We hope to see you this summer for a season filled with programs and services for everyone.