



Summer Programs

June-August 2026

Adults, Teens, Children & Families

*Summer Concerts • Book Clubs
Teen Programs • Storytimes*

Welcome

Welcome to Summer at Seekonk Library!

Summer is a great time to relax, explore new interests, and enjoy a good book. Whether you're at home, on the go, or somewhere in between, we're glad to be part of your summer.

Inside this brochure, you'll find programs for all ages, along with events and activities designed to encourage reading, learning, and discovery throughout the season.

We also offer resources to support your summer plans - from museum passes and Library of Things items to materials that help you stay connected while you travel (hot spot, anyone?).

We hope you'll join us for a season of reading, connection, and discovery.

Stay Connected!

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Seekonk, MA 02771

Library Hours:

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

Summer Closures

*Friday, June 19, Juneteenth
*Saturday, July 4

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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.



All Ages

Summer Reading Kickoff

Wednesday, June 24
Thursday, June 25



Summer events for adults, teens & children

Ready, Set, Magic!

Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 PM

Join us for hilarious comedy, amazing magic, and LOTS of fun audience involvement with Mike Bent's AbraKidabra! Ages 3+ Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library. Register.



Bill Harley in Concert

Thursday, June 25, 6:00 PM

Kickoff your summer with Grammy Winner and local favorite Bill Harley! All ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library. Register.

Summer Reading Challenge

June 24 – August 8

Register for Summer Reading starting June 1 with the **Beanstack app** or 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. Let's nourish our minds with related programs and activities for adults.

Teens (Grades 6 - 12)

Collect virtual badges for logging your reading and for attending library programs. Earn raffle tickets for online 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 "Plant a Seed, READ" this summer! Register for the Summer Reading Challenge, read, log time spent reading, and earn virtual raffle tickets towards prizes. Reading 20 minutes per day can help children retain reading skills during the summer! After 6 hours logged, come into the library to pick out a little reward.

Partial funding for Summer Reading programs provided through the generosity of the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library

Summer Concert Series

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



Bill Harley
Thursday, June 25, 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.

The Jesse Liam Band
Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 PM

A high energy concert featuring a mix of original material and a deep catalog of popular, upbeat, harmony-based selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.



Hungrytown
Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 PM

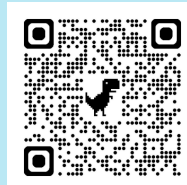


The artistic collaboration of songwriter Rebecca Hall and multi-instrumentalist Ken Anderson, whose music blends traditional folk roots with close harmonies and carefully crafted acoustic arrangements. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.

Summer Savings with Museum Passes and Library of Things



Museum Passes



Library of Things



Plan now and save money on indoor and outdoor activities

Whether entertaining your household or summer guests, remember you can reserve Museum Passes and Library of Things items from the library's website, seekonkpl.org. Save on purchases and entry fees by borrowing from the library. See the current list of titles on page 11 of this brochure.

Please contact the library staff with any questions about these services.

Seekonk Shred Day at Town Hall* **Saturday, June 6, 9 AM -12 noon**

At a new location this year! Seekonk residents and library cardholders can drop-in anytime to deposit items in the secure shredding truck in the Town Hall lot at 100 Peck Street. Bring up to 2 bags or boxes for this rain or shine event. Co-sponsored by the Seekonk Recycling Committee.

Queer Book Club: A Bookish Picnic* **Saturday, June 6, 2 PM**

Come to SPL's Queer Book Club kick-off event! We'll meet out in the Seekonk Meadows to get to know each other and talk about your favorite queer books and authors. We'll use these discussions to make selections for our future meetings. Feel free to bring a blanket (or chair) to be comfy! Light refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring snacks to share! Future meetings are Wednesday, July 8 and August 12 at 6 PM. Register

Elegant Draping: How to Wear a Saree* **Wednesday, June 10, 6 PM**

More than just a garment, the saree is a cultural symbol that is rich in history, identity, and artistry. In this program and demonstration, you will learn about saree-wearing traditions and the many draping styles highlighting the garment's elegance and versatility.

Bokashi Composting 101: **Less Space, Less Waste*** **Thursday, June 11, 6 PM**

If traditional composting hasn't worked for you or never seemed practical, this may be the green solution! Learn about this alternative composting option that fits on a countertop and doesn't require sorting out meat and dairy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.

I Declare! Creative Writing **& Lettering Workshop*** **Thursday, June 18, 6 PM**

Are you inspired by the nation's Declaration of Independence? Join us as staff librarian Michelle Gario facilitates this workshop to help you draft a personal declaration using guided journaling prompts. You'll also practice creating a stylized signature to accompany your declaration.

At Your Service On the Road & At Home!

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.



One of our volunteers, Joyce!



Available All Year

Visit the library to learn more about services available year round:

- Public Wi-fi
 - GUEST Network (no password)
- Notary Services
- Ancestry.com (Library Edition)
 - In-library access only
- Public Computers
- Scanning
 - Email/File
- Copier*
 - Color and Black & White
- Fax Machine*
- Print from Home*
- Public Printer*
 - Color and Black & White

*available at cost



Summer Readers Meet Up* Wednesday, June 24, 6 PM

Let's get together, readers! Whether you are participating in the year-long Massachusetts Center for the Book Challenge, Adults Summer Reading Challenge or reading on your own, come to this casual event to meet in person. We'll chat about our favorite themes, titles we plan to read this season.

Adults Summer Challenge: Books & Movies Chat* Thursdays, July 9 & 23, 6 PM

Kick back and enjoy the best of both worlds—movies and books! We'll start by watching and chatting about a short clip from a film connected to this year's Summer Challenge theme. Then we'll wrap up by sharing your favorite summer reads and swapping recommendations. Come swap reading suggestions with other readers!

Nature Walks* Fridays, July 17 & 31, 10 AM

Enjoy and learn in guided walks in two different natural spaces in Seekonk. On July 17 at Caratunk you'll experience trails along forest and pond areas. On July 31, sponsored by the Seekonk Land Trust, you'll discover the town's newest trail system in Peck-Chaffee Memorial area and learn about iNaturalist to ID finds and support conservation.

Seaconke Wampanoag: Pre-Revolution to Present* Wednesday, August 26, 6 PM

Learn the rich history and enduring presence of the Seaconke Wampanoag people, tracing their experiences from the time before the American Revolution through to the present day. Michael Markley, Tribe Historian, will share this introduction including traditional, cultural practices, contributions and continued cultural vitality of the Wampanoag community today.

PLANT A SEED, READ

Improv Workshop* Thursday, July 2, 2 PM

Back by popular demand: Experience the fun of improvisational acting in this two-hour workshop. Deej Shafer of Kismet Improv will go over the basics of improv, then he'll lead the group in some games and short scenes. No acting experience needed!

Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit* Thursday, July 9, 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!

Crafts for a Cause* Thursday, July 16, 2 PM

Spread joy to kids in need by joining us for this special afternoon of crafting for a cause. Yiling and Angelina, two local eleventh graders, will provide paper, markers, paint, and a variety of other craft supplies for making homemade birthday cards. Then they'll collect the completed cards and bring them to the Confetti Foundation to be distributed to kids all around the country.

The mission of the Confetti Foundation is to supply birthday parties to children who have to spend their birthday in a hospital, pediatric oncology clinic, or hospice facility.

Teen Reading Cafe* Thursday, July 23, 2 PM

Come to the library for an afternoon of reading, writing, chatting, and snacking! We'll have a variety of treats and beverages available, some soft background music, and a relaxing atmosphere for you to unwind. Feel free to bring a book, journal, laptop, etc. and hang out with other bookish types like yourself.

Mandala Dot Painting* Thursday, July 30, 2 PM

Experience the calming effects of creative expression at this fun and relaxing class taught by artist Beth Goulet. Starting with a blank square canvas, you'll pick your paint colors out of a large selection, and Beth will lead you step-by-step through the process of Mandala dotting while leaving time and space for you to make this a unique piece of art. This is a beginners' class—no experience necessary!

Escape Room Party* Thursday, August 6, 2 PM

Riddles, ciphers, brain teasers --test your wits at this end of summer party for tweens and teens. In pairs or small groups, you'll work together to solve your choice of mini-escape room puzzles from BreakoutEDU. Themes will range from the American Revolution, to Julius Caesar, botany and more. Wrap up your summer at the library with a little code cracking, puzzle solving, and--of course--snacks and prizes!

QUEST! TABLETOP RPG*

6 - SESSION ADVENTURE SERIES
WEDNESDAYS AT 2 PM
JULY 1, 8, 22, 29, AUGUST 5, 12

WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM, SOLVE MYSTERIES, OVERCOME OBSTACLES, NEGOTIATE WITH CHARACTERS, AND MAKE DECISIONS THAT SHAPE THE OUTCOME OF THE STORY. EVERY PARTICIPANT FINDS A ROLE TO PLAY, WHETHER THEY'RE NATURAL PERFORMERS, STRATEGIC THINKERS, CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVERS, OR SUPPORTIVE TEAM PLAYERS. SPONSORED BY THE SEEKONK CULTURAL COUNCIL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL.

REGISTRATION IS FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS



Summer Reading Challenge

June 24 – August 8
Ages 0 – entering grade 5

Participating is easy!

- Register at seekonkpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app
- Log minutes spent reading.
- Set a reading goal. **The challenge is to read for at least 20 minutes per day or create your own goal.**
- Earn virtual raffle tickets for logged minutes.
- Complete activities and write reviews to earn more raffle tickets.

After 6 hours of reading logged, kids may pick out a little reward at the children's desk.

After registering, keep reading and visit the library weekly to participate in our guessing jar.

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

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



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 Sundaes, stop by the children's room and get yours!

Also stop in to get free bubbles for your family – they're great in the Meadows!



Storytimes

Plant a Seed, Read!*
Thursday, June 11, 10 AM



Kick off Summer Reading with a special storytime celebrating this year's theme. Enjoy garden-themed stories, then decorate your own pot to take home. *In collaboration with the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant.* Ages 2 – 6.

Baby Storytime
Thursday, July 9, 10 AM

Babies, Books, and Belly Time. Bring a small blanket for your baby to sit on and enjoy a short story followed by music, fingerplays, and movement activities. Ages newborn–18 months.



Blueberry Storytime*
Thursday, July 16, 10 AM

Blueberry stories and berry picking at Osamequin Farm, Walnut St, Seekonk. All ages.

Saturday Storytimes in Seekonk Meadows

Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25 at 10 AM

Bring a blanket or beach chairs (and your sunscreen) and join us for storytime outdoors.

July 11, Camping

Join us for books and songs about camping. All ages.



July 18, Bees!

Meet Beekeepers Mr. & Mrs. Ricci at this Bee-inspired storytime. All ages.

July 25, Beach

Beach day storytime with books and songs. All ages.

*In extreme heat or rain, storytime to be held indoors

Summer Programs

Backyard Band Jams*

Monday, June 15, 10 AM

Join Miss Rhonda of Backyard Band Jams for singing, dancing, playing with musical instruments, and more! Ages 2 - 6. *This program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant.*

Ready, Set, Magic!*

Wednesday, June 24, 1 PM

Join us for hilarious comedy, amazing magic and LOTS of fun audience involvement with Mike Bent's AbraKidabra! Ages 3+. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.*

Bill Harley in Concert*

Thursday, June 25, 6 PM

See page 4 for details

Free Book Friday

Friday, June 26, 10 AM

Did you sign up for the Seekonk Public Library Summer Reading Program? If yes, drop in the children's room for a free book. If not, then stop in, sign up, and still choose a free book! While supplies last.



Snail Trail Read and Hike*

Monday, June 29, 10 AM

Through stories and a hike, Farmer Sarah from Osamequin Farm will guide patrons through nature. Meets at Osamequin Farm, Walnut St, Seekonk. Ages 3 - 7.

Let's Celebrate Our Nation's Semiquincentennial

Colonial Kids with Carol Cohen*

Tuesday, July 7, 11 AM

Travel back in time and experience what learning was like in early America. This hands-on program combines storytelling and play to give children a meaningful glimpse into the past. Ages 7 - 11.

Frogs!*

Monday, July 13, 10 AM



Discover the amazing adaptations, anatomy, and life cycles of frogs, toads, and other amphibians. Presented by Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary. Ages 4 - 11.

Sensory Hike*

Thursday, July 23, 10 AM

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Meadows during this calm hike. Presented by Oak Knoll Wildlife sanctuary. All ages.

Kids Comic Cafe*

Thursday, July 30, 6 PM

Calling all graphic novel lovers! Bring a graphic novel recommendation and we'll all share our favorites with the group. Then we'll create a comic book-style story of our own. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. Ages 7 - 11.



Kids Paint Night*

Wednesday, August 5, 6 PM

Art educator Julie Harrold will lead the class in creating a bright, colorful, garden-themed painting with acrylic paints on canvas. Ages 8 - 11.

Family Movie Morning*

Thursday, August 6, 10 AM

Movie, snacks, and a craft! Join us for a family movie morning featuring: The Lorax! All ages.

Kindergarten Here We Come*

Thursday, August 20, 10 AM

A special Kindergarten themed storytime and ride on a school bus! Limited to children entering kindergarten in 2026 and their parent/caregiver.

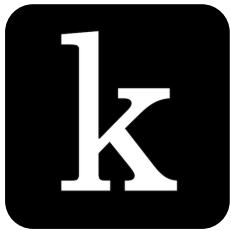
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Book Clubs & Chats

Queer Book Club Picnic, Sat, June 6, 2PM

Queer Book Club, Wed, July 8 & Aug 12, 6PM

Summer Readers Meet Up, Wed, June 24, 6PM

Books & Movies Chats, Thurs, July 9 & 23, 6PM

Teen Reading Cafe, Thurs, July 23, 2PM

Kids Comics Cafe, Thurs, July 30, 6PM

We'd love to see you there!



Healthy Lifestyle & Wellness Learning Community Online

Presented by and designed for those age 55+, anyone with a desire to learn will enjoy topics for better living including art, cooking, fitness, money, technology, travel, work, and more. Go to the library's website at **seekonkpl.org** to try live and recorded sessions in GetSetUp today!

Find Your Adventure

Places to go, things to do

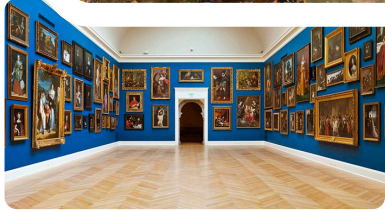
Reserve a Museum Pass and receive free or reduced admission to 18 museums and local destinations including:

Save the Bay's Hamilton Aquarium

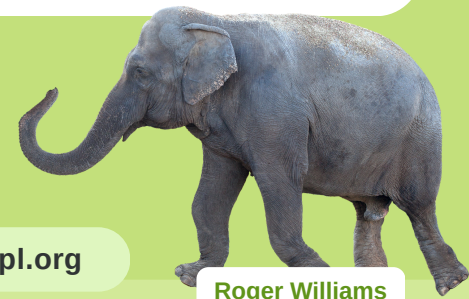


- Museum of Science
- Providence Children's Museum
- RISD Museum
- Boston Children's Museum
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Patuxet
- Robbins Archaeology Museum
- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- The Hall at Patriot Place
- USS Constitution
- Save the Bay Aquarium

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



RISD Museum



Roger Williams Park Zoo

For details or to reserve a pass, visit seekonkpl.org

Parties & Fun

This summer try your hand at pickleball, cornhole, or discover any of the other non-traditional items available to borrow through the **Library of Things**. All 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

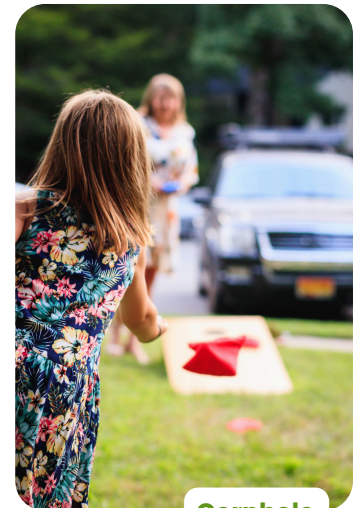
- Dash Robot
- Yoto Player
- Ukulele
- Rocks & Minerals Game
- Nature Backpack

Fun & Games

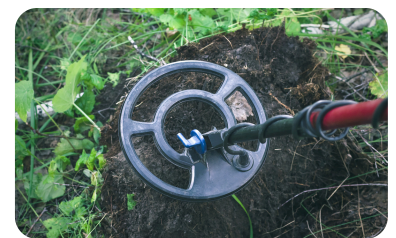
- Giant 4-In-a-Row
- Giant Toppling Tower
- Cornhole
- Portable Pickleball
- Karaoke Machine
- Green Screen

The Great Outdoors

- Telescope
- Golf Range Finder
- Metal Detector
- Binoculars
- Velocity Speed Gun



Cornhole



Metal Detector

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



Community Connections

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, Family Hike

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 Seeds 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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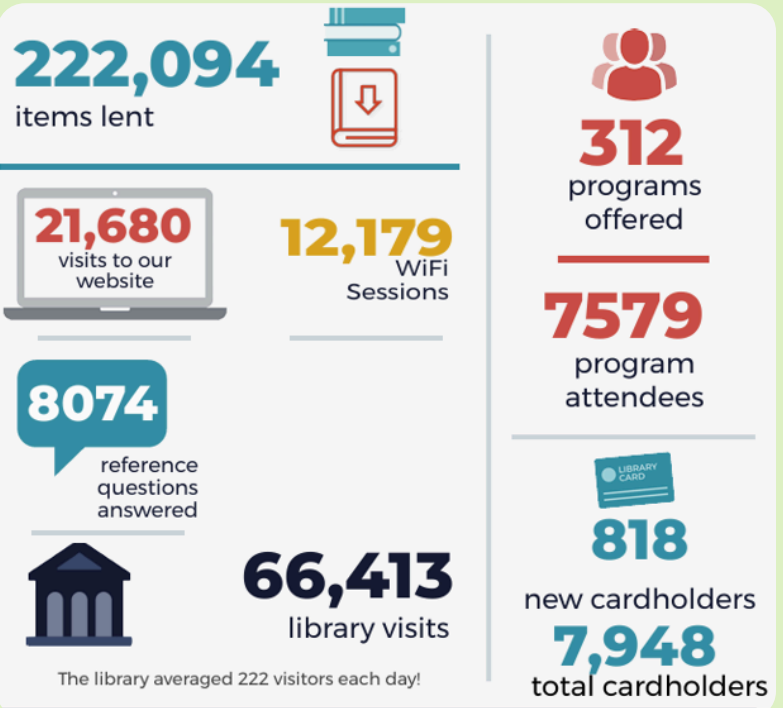
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Seekonk Library by the Numbers

*Fiscal Year 2026 recap



Summer visits help 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:
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