BOOK LOVERS' LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO!

Come and Meet Some Great Writers and See Their Books!

The Book Lovers' Local Author Expo will be held on **Saturday, February 14 from 1:00 – 4:00.**

Come meet talented wordsmiths, and learn more about writing and publishing. You can even peruse some of their works and, perhaps, make some cozy purchases to help keep your reading through these cool winter months. No registration is required, and attendees can stop by at any point during the 3-hour event.

Those in need of more information about the Book Lovers' Local Authors Expo can contact Jacob Lotter at 333-2552 x128 or jlotter@cumberlandlibrary.org.

LOBBY DISPLAY CASE

Our lobby display case features collections from our community, and we'd love to highlight your collection! Whether it's vintage, creative, quirky, or themed. Give us a call to reserve the case FOR YOUR COLLECTION!

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What we're reading..

ZOE
REFERENCE

DORIS
CIRCULATION

CELESTE
ADMINISTRATION

JACOB
ADMINISTRATION

DENISE
CIRCULATION

LINDA
CIRCULATION

MISS LIZ
CHILDRENS

ERIN
TEEN SERVICES

DEANDRA
CIRCULATION

DORIS
CIRCULATION

LYNNE
ADMINISTRATION

JILLIAN
TEEN SERVICES

CELESTE
ADMINISTRATION

MISS MICHELLE
CHILDRENS

KATIE
REFERENCE

MARISSA
LIBRARY PAGE

MISS KAYLA
CHILDRENS

ERIN
TEEN SERVICES

ADULT PROGRAMS- FEBRUARY 2026

Featured Events

Book Lovers Local Author Expo
Saturday, February 14th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Readers of all ages and interests can visit anytime during the expo hours from 1:00 to 4:00pm. 40 local authors will be there to meet fellow book lovers and to display, sell, and sign their works. There will be something for everyone!

Fanfiction Writers Group
Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 pm
Don't like the way a book, movie, or series ended? Good! Want to expand the world of your favorite characters? Better! This is the place to retell, recreate, or expand your ideas.

Sound Bath Meditation
Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 pm
Join us for an hour of restorative sound immersion. This special sound experience includes restorative sound bowls, guided body scans, breathing exercises, tuning forks and gongs. **Space is limited. Registration required.**

Virtual Programs

Sourdough Basics: Easy Sourdough Flatbread
Wednesday, February 4th, 7:30 pm on Library Chef

The $10 Meal Challenge: Meals on a Budget
Wednesday, February 18th, 6:00 pm on Library Chef

Swashbuckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures with Vanessa Riley
Thursday, February 5th, 7:00 pm

Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic with Dr. Lindsey Stewart
Thursday, February 12th at 2:00 PM

Smithson's Gamble: The Incredible History Behind the World's Largest Museum with Smithsonian Curator Emeritus Tom Crouch
Tuesday, February 24th at 2:00 PM

Watch our Virtual Author Talks for free at any time on https://libraryc.org/cumberlandlibrary and our Library Chef programs on https://www.cumberlandlibrary.org/resources/library-chef

Crafts, Hobbies, and Wellness

Love, Laugh, and Hug with Lucy Lu!
Monday, February 2nd, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Come visit our therapy dog Lucy Lu! Whether you have had a rough day or just cannot resist the lure of a happy and friendly dog, Lucy will be sure to put a smile on your face!

Craftereevening: Affirmation Jars
Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:30 pm
This month we are making a craft you can give to a loved one or use to remind yourself of your just how amazing you are! Decorate and fill your jars with us this afternoon. **Ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration required.**
Note: Crafternoon will return in March!

Northern Rhode Island Art Group
Wednesday,February 18th, 10:00 am
This month's theme:
COURTSHIP/LOVE/PHILOSOPHY/LOVE OF KNOWLEDGE

Community Craft Night
Wednesday, January 28th, 6:30 pm
Join Katie as we unwind, create, and connect at our casual drop-in Community Art Night! No registration required, just stop by!

Grab & Go Kits: Valentine Gnome
Registration opens February 1st
Kits released on February 23rd
This gnome will make your loved one smiles this month! Ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration required.

Book Discussion Groups

Evening Book Discussion Group
Monday, February 9th, 6:30 pm
The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

Morning Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, February 11th, 10:00 am
The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

Stephen King Book and Movie Club
Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30 pm
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Other Worlds Book Club
Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30 pm
Uprooted by Naomi Novik

TEEN SERVICES NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

Teen activities at the library are for youth in grades 6-12 or ages 12-18. Some events may require registration. To register please visit our website.

Heart Shaped Soap Making 2/10 6pm
Come make your own heart shaped soap for Valentines Day!
Spots are limited and sign up is required -- sign ups open 1/20!

Movie Night: Jurassic World: Rebirth 2/12 5pm
Every month we try to put on a movie in the Teen Center for your enjoyment. For this month's movie catch "Jurassic Park: Rebirth".
Five years after the events of Jurassic World Dominion, covert operations expert Zora Bennett is contracted to lead a skilled team on a top-secret mission to secure genetic material from the world's three most massive dinosaurs. When Zora's operation intersects with a civilian family whose boating expedition was capsized, they all find themselves stranded on an island where they come face-to-face with a sinister, shocking discovery that's been hidden from the world for decades.
Please note this movie is PG-13 and is held in the Teen Center so attendees must be teens in the 13-18 range.

Game Club 2/17 6pm
Join us for our monthly Game Club -- Try out a new game with us every month. For February we are trying out Jackbox's Trivia Murder Party!
This game requires each player to use their phone so please bring your phone and make sure it is charged!

Dungeons & Dragons 2/18 12pm
Come join us for a one-shot 2 hour Dungeons and Dragons game.
No experience necessary!
Dice and Pre-Generated Characters provided!
Registration is suggested because spots are limited!
Pariah's Quest-ion Board is the social heartbeat of the town. The small wooden board is littered with requests and announcements. Each one has a story to tell. Where will you go and what will you see? This open-world campaign lets the players decide what adventures they would like to pursue. The board requests change every session, some more dangerous than others...

Teen Volunteers Club 2/18 5pm
Current teen volunteers and those interested in joining our volunteer program, join us for Library Volunteer Club! We meet monthly to reset the Teen Center, prep any programs, and reset the genre buckets. We also hope this will give our volunteers a better space to share their voices and opinions on potential library programs and offerings!

Hot Cocoa Tastings 2/19 2pm
Join us to try hot cocoa as fancy as you can make it!
Topping bar, flavored syrups, whipped cream and fluff to delight us all!

Paint a Dino 2/20 1pm
Come paint a dinosaur planter with us! Sign up is suggested as spots are limited! Sign ups open 1/30

Crafty Teens 2/24 6pm
Join us for our Crafty Teens Social Club! Come do some crafts with us, socialize with your friends and other teens!
For February we are beading friendship bracelets!

Magic the Gathering 2/25 3pm
The Original Trading Card Game; cast spells and summon monsters to best your opponents
Come join us for a few games with the teen department -- beginners welcome! We'll be playing with starter decks to give everyone an even footing.

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FEBRUARY 2026

IN THE CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S ROOM

STORYTIMES

Weekly storytimes run until February 21.

Our weekly storytimes run in six week sessions.

Tuesdays at 10 AM:
Babies & Books, for birth-23 months. Community Room (2nd floor)

Thursdays at 10 AM:
Family Storytime, for all ages. Children's Program Room.

Saturdays at 10 AM:
Saturday Stories, for all ages, Community Room on 2/7, Children's Program Room for rest.

LIFE-SIZED CANDYLAND

Life-Sized Candyland returns for the month of February! **It opens February 1st** and for our first Saturday, 2/7 we'll host a sweet craft from 11 AM - 3 PM. But you can visit and play all month long!

ROCK-A-BABY!

Saturday 2/28 at 10:30 AM
Community Room
(2nd Floor)

Rock-a-Baby is RI's premiere family band for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Enjoy a mix of classic children's songs, puppets, and popular radio classics. Registration required.

SEL Storymakers

Wednesday, 2/18
From 5 - 6:30 PM
Grades K-3 with a caregiver

This monthly **social-emotional-learning** storytime emphasizes playing, and making! Hear a story, then try out maker stations to play, tinker, create, and share your own stories. Registration required!

LION DANCERS!

Tuesday, 2/17 at 6:30 PM
Ages 5-12 and caregiver
Registration required!

Brown's Lion Dancers will perform, followed by a Q&A and an interactive introduction to the history of the Chinese Lion Dance

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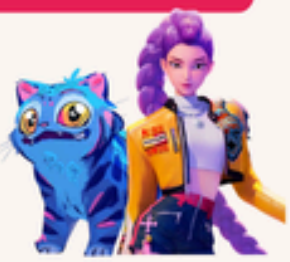
KPOP DEMON HUNTERS PARTY is back!



Thurs, 2/19
From 4 PM - 5 PM
Grades K-5.
Registration required!

Celebrate the hit movie at the library with crafts, games, ramen, and a sing-along. Costumes or fandom merch encouraged!

BOOK CLUBS

Comic Book Club:
Wed., 2/11 at 6:30 PM

Rhodey Readers:
Thurs, 2/26 at 6:30 PM

Kids book clubs run once a month. We read graphic novels at Comic Book Club and chapter books for Rhodey Readers. Both clubs are for kids in 3rd-5th grades.

Registration is required. To register, visit the children's desk at the library to pick up a book. Read the book before the meeting or be spoiled!

POKEMON CLUBS

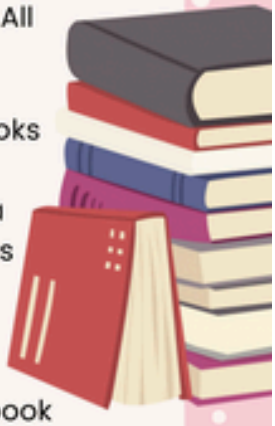
Pokemon JR (ages 5-7):
Mon. 2/9 at 6 PM

Pokemon Club (8-12):
Mon. 2/23 at 6 PM

Fill up your Pokedex, play games, make crafts, and geek out! Registration required.

READING CHALLENGES

Winter Olympics Reading Challenge: Go for the gold with library activities that tie into the Winter Games! All Ages thru 3/14 on Beanstack.



RICBA Challenge: Read the books nominated for the 2026 RI Children's Book Award. This is a Beanstack challenge for grades 3-5. Runs now thru 4/24.

Read the Room Reading Log: Get to know our large picture book collection by reading across its diverse topics. Get a log at the children's desk. Ongoing.

DOGS AT THE LIBRARY!

Mondays with Molly:
2/9 and 2/23 from 10-10:30 AM. All ages. Meet Molly and learn how to be a dog's best friend. Drop-In.

Paws to Read:
Sat. 2/21, 11AM-12 PM and 3 - 4 PM.
For independent readers. Practice reading aloud with the nicest listener. Registration required.

Read: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"If there's a book you really want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it." -Toni Morrison

Borrow her picture book biography at the library!

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thur.

9:00-8:00

Fri. & Sat.

9:00-5:00

Sundays:

11:00-2:00

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