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Libraries**  
of Providence

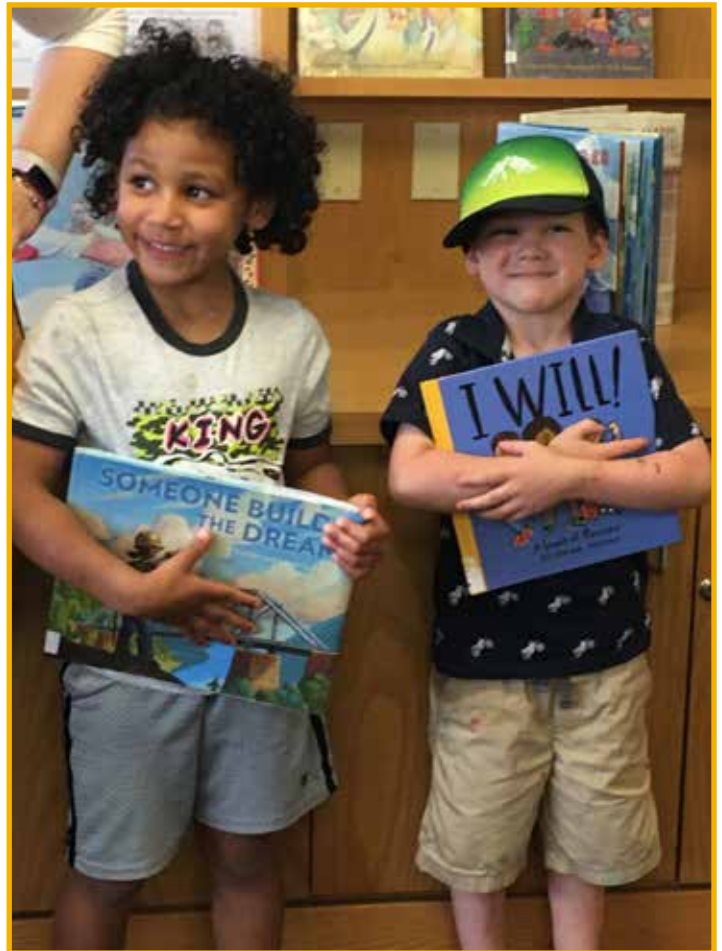
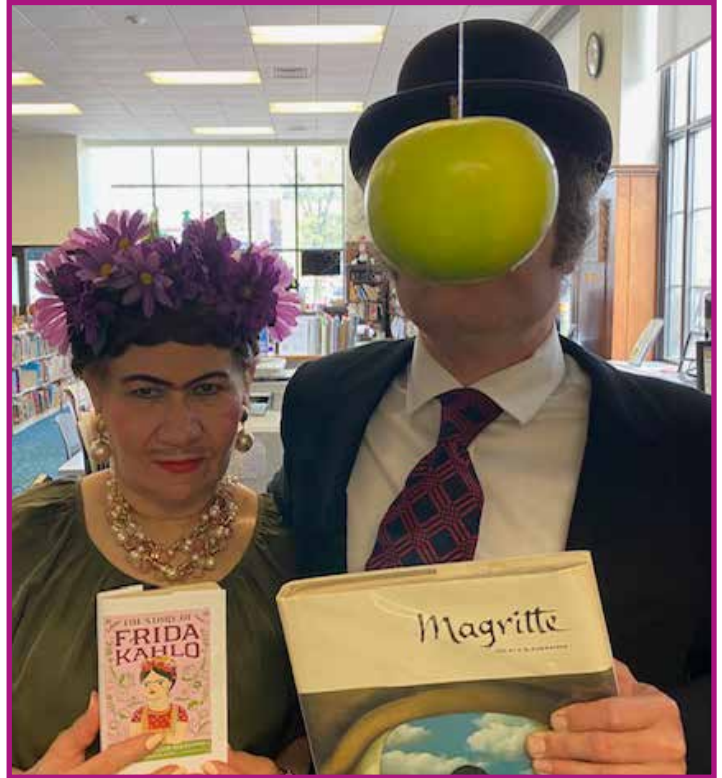


# Opening Doors

*Something worth sharing every day*



# FACES of CLPVD



## Director & President Messages



**Cheryl Space**  
Library Director

This was a year filled with many bright moments and success stories - but 2022-2023 also had its dark side. The period saw a marked rise in intolerance of intellectual freedom, resulting in a spike in challenges to books and programs at libraries and schools across the country. The record number of book bans reported to the American Library Association in 2022 nearly doubled those of the previous year. Materials with themes connected to the LGBTQ+ community and racial history were particular targets. These are intimidating times for library workers everywhere, but we will remain true to our mission.

We strive to supply materials and programs that reflect real people's lives. We offer wide-ranging books and activities that broaden viewpoints, helping to counter the worrying trend of getting lost down "silos." Coming to the library provides a place for everyone to be who they are, one that is tolerant and inclusive of differences. Libraries are, for many, the "last public space" that they can shape and transform to make it theirs, wherever they are in their life and learning journeys. Protecting the reading interests of everyone is central to our mission. It is only through defending the right to read freely that we can assure Providence residents that our libraries truly care about representing and reflecting their cultures, languages and ways of life.



**Zachary Weinberger**  
President, Board of Directors

As President for two years, and Representative of the Fox Point Library for the last four, it is a particular joy for me to know, at the time of writing, that Fox Point Library has reopened to the public. The library has been completely renovated and looks fresh and modern. I'm grateful to our other CLPVD libraries and staff for supporting the Fox Point community during the six-month closure, which only served to highlight the essential role that the community library plays in

the neighborhood. It's wonderful to see the Fox Point Library full of library users again!

In 2024, we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of Knight Memorial Library. This historic building truly is the jewel in our crown and a distinctive landmark in Providence. CLPVD will be marking this special year with a series of events, as well as a special campaign to support the building's ongoing renovation and preservation. I hope you will get involved! Supporting CLPVD is easy: visit the library; use our materials; attend programs. Donate when you can and advocate for us always. Libraries are being challenged and people don't realize how important they are until they are gone. Let's not make that mistake!

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## Our Stats at a Glance

Staff..... 70  
 Patrons..... 36,508

### LIBRARY USE

Locations..... 9  
 # of visits..... 423,543  
 Computer lab use..... 36,258  
 Meeting room sessions..... 112  
 Meeting room attendance..... 1,731

### CIRCULATION

Physical..... 295,539  
 Digital..... 130,078  
 Total..... 425,617

### ONLINE USE

Web Visits..... 317,008  
 WiFi Use..... 77,531

### ASSISTANCE

Reference/Questions..... 39,180

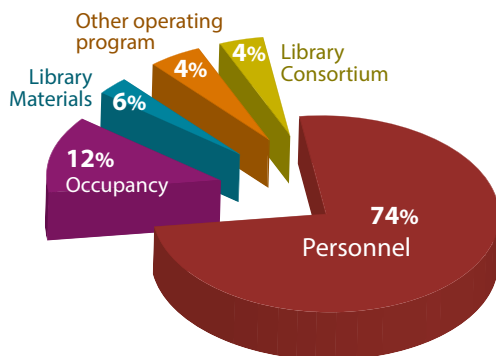
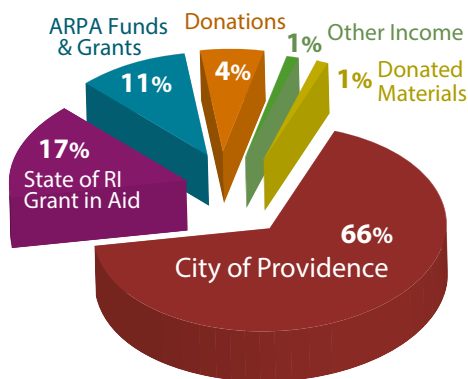
### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

# of programs..... 5,210  
 Attendance..... 56,455

## Our Resources & Use

Snapshots of Community Libraries of Providence's operating finances (unaudited) for the fiscal year **July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

**Resources:**  
**Sources of Funding**  
**\$6,058,000**



**Use:**  
**Areas of Expense**  
**\$6,058,000**

## Our Materials

Circulation of digital materials remains very strong with an increase of 20,000 checkouts over the previous year. Kids and teen materials remain the core of borrowing at many smaller libraries.

FY 23 CHECKOUTS BY AUDIENCE TYPE	PHYSICAL MATERIALS	DIGITAL MATERIALS	TOTALS
Adult	129,279	105,032	234,311
Teen	21,511	8,861	30,372
Kids	144,749	16,185	160,934
<b>Totals</b>	<b>295,539</b>	<b>130,078</b>	<b>425,617</b>

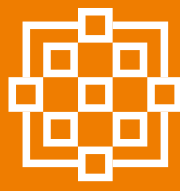


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## The Big Picture

- **We saw an increase of 120,000 library visits over the previous year.** Thanks to ARPA funds made available through the City of Providence, residents took full advantage of our increased hours. Our “big three” locations of Knight Memorial, Mount Pleasant and Rochambeau, which are now open four evenings a week plus Saturdays, saw a **52 percent increase** in attendance over the previous year. All nine libraries have benefited from increased uniformity in our opening hours.
- Our programs increased to an average of **100 events a week**, with the number of family programs **tripling** and attendance **doubling** in that category over the totals of the previous year.
- **Outreach programming**, held off-site in places such as parks, schools and community centers, accounts for five percent of our total events but a full 11 percent of our attendance.
- We continue to expand our **Spanish, bilingual and ASL** programming; these events now account for 16 percent of our events and 12 percent of our attendance.

<p><b>State Rankings</b></p> <p>Among libraries, CLPVD ranks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd for total number of checkouts</li> <li>• 2nd for children/teen checkouts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Library Visits</b></p> <p>This year, PVD residents have made <b>423,543</b> visits to CLPVD libraries</p>	<p><b>Library Programs</b></p> <p>This year, <b>56,455</b> attendees have enjoyed <b>5,210</b> programs. That's an average of <b>100</b> programs per week!</p>
<p><b>Maker Space Creativity</b></p> <p>This year, <b>4,803</b> makers have attended <b>780</b> Maker programs</p>	<p><b>Arts &amp; Performance</b></p> <p>This year, we've held <b>149</b> concerts, plays, dance events and gallery/exhibits, with <b>3,394</b> attendees</p>	<p><b>Conectando</b></p> <p>This year, we've held <b>623</b> non-English (Spanish, bilingual, ASL) events, with <b>8,722</b> attendees</p>
<p><b>Computer &amp; Internet Use</b></p> <p>Last year, CLPVD hosted over <b>36,258</b> public computer sessions.</p>		<p><b>Summer Reading</b></p> <p><b>4,593</b> youth participating in our 2022 Summer Reading Program</p>
<p><b>Educational Programs</b></p> <p>This year, we've offered <b>902</b> educational-focused programs to <b>6,898</b> attendees</p>	<p><b>480</b></p> <p><b>Adult Education:</b> includes workforce development, ESL, GED, citizenship, resume and language learning, with <b>4,885</b> attendees</p>	<p><b>422</b></p> <p><b>K-12 Education:</b> homework help, test prep, SAT, college/school information fairs, with <b>2,013</b> attendees</p>



*Family means love: Mr. James was touched to receive a customized tee shirt during a Wanskuck Library outreach visit to the DaVinci Center. The forget-me-not flowers and dove memorialize his family members.*



*A CLPVD table at a busy Farmer's Market in Providence.*

## ARPA Funds in Action



### Our New Website is Unveiled

One year on from the launch of our rename and colorful rebrand, we were excited to debut a brand new website in time for April's National Library Week. Digital Services Coordinator, Stephanie Shea, worked with outside consultants, Ella J Designs, for eight months to develop an all-new CLPVD website, providing a better user experience and improved access to materials and features.

Fully bilingual in English and Spanish, the alternative language can be accessed via the green button on the home page, which also offers featured events, spotlights, topic pages and a locations tab leading to individual library events and resources. Revisions and improvements continue, and we value user feedback. The clpvd.org website redevelopment was funded and made possible by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

### Fox Point Library is as good as new!



Mayor Brett Smiley and young helpers cut the ribbon to reopen Fox Point Library.

Following a pipe burst in December, Fox Point was completely renovated and reopened on July 31. It's a showpiece!

We invited everyone to the big reveal as the Mayor of Providence cut the ribbon to reopen the Fox Point Library.

Our thanks to Boys & Girls Club and the City of Providence for their help in reimagining this library space for the community.

## Extended Library Hours for Providence!

Our library users constantly request more library hours, and, thanks to ARPA funds, we were able to make some changes. In July 2022, we adjusted our hours so that our three larger libraries (Knight Memorial, Mount Pleasant and Rochambeau) open Monday to Thursday until 8:00 pm, as well as Saturdays until 5:30 pm; additionally, all nine locations now open earlier Monday to Thursday at 9:30am, and lunch and dinner closures are eliminated. The new hours were funded and made possible by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

### Facilities News

CLPVD received a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Providence for a new boiler for Olneyville Library. Thanks to the Champlin Foundation, we have a new HVAC system installed at Washington Park. Conscious of climate change, CLPVD updates its buildings wherever possible with greener, more energy-efficient equipment that benefits the environment.



Our IT Manager, David Sok, supervised the installation of approximately \$70,000 worth of new or replacement cabling at several libraries, including Fox Point, Mount Pleasant, Knight Memorial and Smith Hill. Over 80 percent of the cost was covered by the E-rate program, a service support program that helps schools and libraries to obtain affordable broadband.



## Working with Trusted Partners

### Providence Children's Film Festival

CLPVD again partnered with PCFF to offer festival screenings at South Providence and Mount Pleasant during February vacation week. Our neighborhood libraries transformed into movie theaters, complete with popcorn, to provide the best in world cinema for youth, free of charge. A screening of *Casablanca Beats* was followed by a hip-hop performance by Medusah Black, and kids also got a chance to create animations using the amazing Gif-o-Graf machine!



PCFF Screening at Mt. Pleasant

### Teen Leaders are Team Leaders



Kotone Deguchi of PVD Young Makers supervises young students at Wanskuck, with a mobile exhibit from the State House in the background

PVD Young Maker staff led the teen intern program and provided makerspace education for middle school PASA students at multiple locations during the summer and school year. Library staff also provided stop motion animation, upcycle sewing, robot coding, costume making, and mug printing workshops for youth.

### Helping Our Users Get Online

CLPVD partnered with the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), City of Providence and Rhode Island Commerce to encourage more people to take advantage of a special, low-cost internet initiative. Zoila Bernal, our Spanish Language Outreach Specialist, had particular success. She visited libraries, our Summer Reading Mobile library in the parks and also farmers markets and shared ACP information with 253 people, resulting in 37 completed applications.

*Zoila says: People were grateful to learn about ACP... they were excited and relieved to be able to save some money. For me, it was important to not only give them the information but actually to help them get the benefit that ACP offers."*



### Empowering People

Multiple libraries offered clinics from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Smith Hill provided regular Housing and Legal Advice workshops with the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness. Winter and summer, our buildings continued to offer citywide relief and comfort as Providence Heating and Cooling Centers.



### Getting PVD to Vote

In a busy election year, CLPVD helped library users decide between candidates and exercise their right to vote. Mail ballot application stations in all libraries, supplied by the Rhode Island Department of State, helped people check their eligibility and register to vote. In partnership with League of Women Voters of Providence, we presented mayoral debates at Mount Pleasant, Rochambeau and South Providence, and hosted debates in other electoral races, including City Council seats for Wards 3, 9 and 14, and for Rhode Island Secretary of State.



# Wellness & Growth

## Home Grown Providence

Mount Pleasant, Rochambeau, Wanskuck and Washington Park worked with Harvest Cycle, Groundwork RI's community composting program, to bring community food scrap collection sites to their libraries. Composting helps reduce waste, fight climate change, and create a more vibrant local food system. The program is free for SNAP recipients or just \$10 a month for other residents. The composting facilities compliment our popular Providence Seed Libraries, free seed and plant swaps and donations of free plants by the SouthSide Community Land Trust.



Through our partnership with Sankofa Market, fresh produce, international foods and handmade goods are available May - October on Knight Memorial's lawn.



Owl Prowl, presented in partnership by Wild Lives and Rochambeau Library, was a popular series of Spring nature walks that encouraged families to explore the fauna and flora of Swan Point Cemetery.



Composting Site at Washington Park Library

## Food for Thought Series



Community Potluck at Wanskuck

Mount Pleasant, Wanskuck and Washington Park teamed up to present *Food for Thought*, is a three-part series presented in partnership with the URI Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program and Food Recovery for RI. Inspired by the URI Honors Colloquium, *Just Good Food*, the series engaged the three library communities in discussions about local food systems, identity and culture.



Residents plant and beautify borders in the grounds of South Providence Library at an Earth Day 2023 event.

## Big Hat Tea Party Health Conversation for Women

Knight Memorial Library hosted its annual genteel event with a serious message: two-thirds of people with Alzheimer's disease are women. Organized by Christine Williams, the attending ladies enjoyed tea and cakes as they listened to an informative talk by Teresa Fogerty of Rhode Island Hospital/Lifespan.





## Youth Literacy & Learning



Not your average story time at Mount Pleasant, as wrestlers from Renegade Wrestling Alliance read their favorite picture books and lead a coloring craft!



Me-and-Ukulele class and parachute

## Early Learning for the Smallest Library Users

Karen Isenberg's music & movement class, *Me-and-Ukulele*, is a joyful experience for young children and their caregivers, who sing, dance, play instruments, and have fun! Funded by RISCA, Karen presented classes at Mount Pleasant, Olneyville, Rochambeau and pictured here at Washington Park. Providence Talks groups, presented by Federal Hill House, also continued at Mount Pleasant, Rochambeau, South Providence and Washington Park.

## Getting Mobile



A group of summer readers on the grass at West End Recreation Center

CLPVD received extra financial support for mobile library services thanks to an additional ARPA grant of \$20,000, which enabled us to obtain a mobile library van, employ summer staff, purchase giveaway books, program supplies and additional equipment to support activities. The mobile library visited parks and Eat Play Learn/PlayCorps summer meal sites, which provided free meals for students 18 years and under, all over Providence. This program was made possible through American Rescue Plan Act funds administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the RI Office of Library and Information Services.

## Light Rhode Island Red for Dyslexia

Youth Services Librarian Sammi Tulungen represented CLPVD at a Light Rhode Island Red for Dyslexia event at the R.I. State House in October. Sammi, who has dyslexia, gave an encouraging and inspiring speech to the young people and families in attendance. CLPVD staff put up book displays and red twinkle lights in all libraries to honor this important, month-long awareness campaign.



A striking dyslexia book display at Olneyville Library



## 2022 SUMMER READING - BY THE NUMBERS

### Children's Program

**6335** Children Attending Programs

**4069** Participants

**4829** Activity Kits Issued

**441** Number Of Programs

### Teen Program

**524** Teens Attending Programs

**493** Participants

**904** Activity Kits Issued

**41** Programs

### All Ages Program

**1269** All Ages Program Attendance

**25** All Ages Programs

## Connecting Our Latino Community

### Spanish Language Book Club Celebrates Anniversary

Still going strong after 18 years, enthusiastic readers met in April to mark the happy occasion.



### A Bittersweet GED Graduation

June's event featured the biggest ever group to graduate - 31 students! It was also the last to be hosted by beloved teacher, Hipólito Reyes, who is off to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Thanks to Mayor Smiley, Rep. David Morales and Rep. Enrique Sanchez for their warm words on this special occasion.



### Día Day

Kids and families enjoyed a special day at Knight Memorial Library at the annual *Día del Niño, Día de los Libros* celebration. Presenters Josefina Callender and Jesus De la Torre entertained with songs and storytelling and everyone enjoyed free books and art and crafts as the winners of the Bilingual Writing Contest received their prizes.

### El club de los abuelitos: Learning New Skills, Enjoying Companionship

The wonderful seniors of the *Abuelitos Club* have gained many skills at their meetings at Washington Park, creating a range of crafts and also learning about pain management. During a six-week computer skills series, students created email addresses, sent and responded to emails from their own cell phones and also sent voice messages via WhatsApp to their loved ones outside the country. Club members are also encouraged to make full use of the library's facilities and materials.



Carolina Briones shows a club member how to respond to an email on her cellphone

## Podcast Fridays



CLPVD continued to explore the arts with artist and cultural producer Hernán Jourdan and the Ministry of Future Access through the series Podcast Fridays, recorded at Olneyville Library. Hernán shared ways to record and edit audio and produce and host editions of the podcast show *Thank You For Listening* live, featuring different guest artists. Attendees experimented with different approaches to the work and shared content creation processes. Thanks to Rhode Island Council on the Humanities for supporting this project.

## A Busy Schedule of Outreach



Carolina Briones, Latino Program Manager, and Zoila Bernal, Spanish Language Outreach Specialist, maintain a busy schedule of outreach visits to schools, parks and fairs throughout the year. Here, Carolina greets families at Leviton Dual Language School.

CLPVD en español:





## Arts & Culture

### Public Art for Providence

CLPVD unveiled three exciting new murals! *The Wall of Hope and Light* at Smith Hill was created by artist Cathren Housley and community members, with support from Providence Arts Culture + Tourism and RISCA; *Enlightment*, a colorful wall mural created by local artist, Nilton Cardenas, overlooks the new outdoor classroom at Rochambeau, generously funded by Summit Neighborhood Association and Friends of Rochambeau; and *Uniting AAPI Community for Change*, by artist N.J. Yuchu, was unveiled at Washington Park Library as part of AAPI Heritage Month celebrations, made possible by grants from the City of Providence's Dept. of Art, Culture + Tourism and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.



### Tribute to Mibbit

Mount Pleasant's 2023 annual Jazz concert was bittersweet, dedicated to the memory of the well-loved and recently passed local musician, Mibbit Threats. More than a hundred friends, family and fans filled the library space to enjoy music played by long-time fellow musicians, songs from Tish Adams, tributes from Len Cabral, and others.



*Mibbit Memorial Concert*

### Meet the Artists with Dhana Whiteing

Mount Pleasant has established itself as a center of local arts with a permanent exhibition space. Systems Coordinator Dhana Whiteing, herself a talented photographer, celebrates each season's exhibiting artists with an evening of conversation. These popular salons have featured Cindy Miranda, Kevin Frias-Ozuna, Beverly Robertson, Victoria Dalpe, wildlife photographer Rufus Abdullah, street photographer Izzy Rodriguez, horror charcoalist Eric Berardis, Robert Alexander, Jasmine Alves & Kevin Saye Kehyei.



*Dhana Whiteing in conversation*



*RI Lego Artist Andrew Glover and Systems Coordinator Aimee Fontaine set up the exhibit "North Main Street Re-imagined with Legos" at Rochambeau Library. The program also featured a panel discussion and a children's event.*

### Outdoor Entertainment

Rochambeau Library presented a full season of outdoor summer concerts in its patio area. Performances included RI Rhythm & Blues Band, Elevated Euphoria, Irish in America, Good Vibes Hip Hop and Technica and a bachata dance performance got Hispanic Heritage Month off to a lively start.



*Providence Drum Troupe*



# Adult Literacy & Learning

## A Book Club for Everyone!

With nine libraries across the city, CLPVD provides plenty of choice for readers who enjoy reading and discussing books as a shared experience. Fox Point's *Aunt Dimity Baking and Book Club* chose to read and bake its way through Nancy Atherton's Aunt Dimity cozy mystery series, one book and one recipe at a time! *The 20-30 Something Book Club* (Rochambeau), *Hermit Crab Book Club* (Wanskuck), *Conversations Book Club* (Mount Pleasant) and *Reading Between the Blinds: A True Crime Discussion Group* (South Providence) are just a few of the book clubs meeting in our libraries.

Additionally, Rochambeau was one 30 libraries across the country selected to participate in the discussion series, *Stories of Exile*, a reading and discussion program to engage teens and adults in thinking about experiences of displacement, migration, and diaspora. The Yiddish Book Center's "Stories of Exile" Reading Groups for Public Libraries was made possible by a gift from Sharon Karmazin.

## Community Reads Continues

The CLPVD-wide book club featured the brightest and best authors through in-person, hybrid and online events. Local author (and CLPVD staff member) Geoffrey Visgilio discussed his book *Switch*, a psychological thriller about marriage, at Rochambeau Library, where he later switched gears and taught a very popular beginner's writing course. Local poet, Rosalynde Vas Dias, the author of *Only Blue Body*, discussed *Why Poetry?* at Washington Park; meanwhile Ryan Estrada, artist, adventurer, and co-author of *The Banned Book Club*, zoomed in from South Korea.



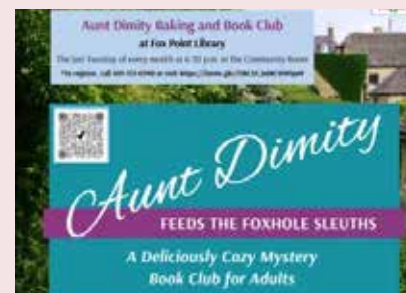
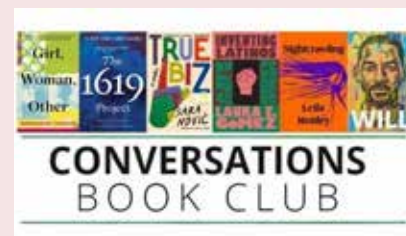
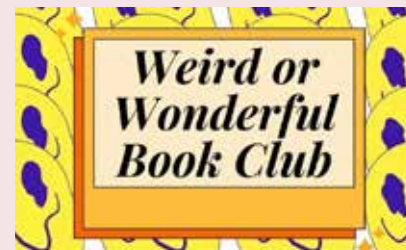
Geoff Visgilio teaches his writing class. "This class is the highlight of my week," reported a student, "I don't want it to end, I am so grateful for Geoff!"

## Celebrating Black History Month



Part of the Contributors Exhibit

CLPVD honored Black History Month with *American Irony: Religious Freedom and Slavery in Colonial Rhode Island*, a talk by prominent local historian, Keith Stokes, as well as *Cracking the Healer's Code: A Prescription for Healing Racism and Finding Wholeness* with author, Millagros Phillips. Kids and families at Smith Hill Wanskuck and Washington Park also enjoyed *The Contributors*, an inspiring interactive art exhibit with educator Rachel Briggs.





## A Creative Year for Makerspaces



Garrett Locke in the Wanskuck Maker Studio. The position of CLPVD's Makerspace Program Coordinator was funded and made possible by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

### Expanded community studio hours resulted in 431\* uses of equipment by adults for independent creative projects.

Hours increased from one night per week at one location to three nights and three mornings per week, plus two Saturdays per month, across five locations.

### 110+\* beginners had training outside of community studio hours.

Patrons received instruction on sewing machines, laser cutting, digital design, sublimation printing and computer-aided cutting machines.

### Workshops attracted 705\* participants.

Workshops and guided projects included paper crafting, sewing oven mitts and aprons, making candles, pouring silicone molds, painting with various media, and learning to weave original textiles.

### Exciting new additions to our makerspace equipment!

New laser cutters at Rochambeau and Mount Pleasant, upgraded equipment to expand sublimation printing capabilities, additional sewing machines, Cricut cutting machines and tapestry looms - available for loan with a library card!

*\*These figures represent activities supported by ARPA funds. In total across the whole of CLPVD, there were 780 Makerspace programs, with 4,803 attendees.*



Kristen Haines, a staff member who holds a degree in Textile Design from RISD, supervises novice weavers at Mount Pleasant.



Volunteer Alan Gianfrancesco, owner of Bob Frances Interiors, helps children create beautiful plush hearts in Wanskuck Library's Maker Studio.

### Library Users Showed Boundless Creativity

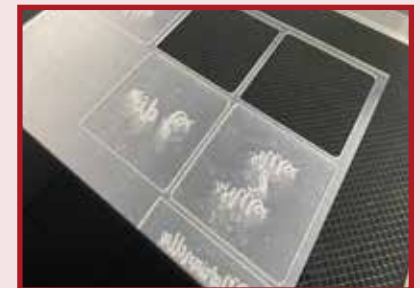
Projects included laser etching custom molds for ceramics, printing designs onto apparel and drinkware, mending and repurposing clothing, designing jewelry, DIY wedding planning and laser etching rubber stamps for small business logos.



Makers at Work



Block Printing



Creating Wedding Stationery



## Celebrating Diversity

### Rainbow Colors with *Camp Kaleidoscope*

Thanks to a grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, the Rochambeau and Washington Park Libraries offered *Camp Kaleidoscope* in February and March, a program designed for LGBTQIA+ teens to hang out, have fun, and learn about resources. Thanks to partnerships with local queer organizations, the teen campers got to explore themes of gender expression and identity, health, and activism, and ultimately built a joyful community where they could be fully themselves.



LaDiva Jonz talks to camp teens

### Community is Power

Washington Park Library hosted three day-long community events during May's Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in Rhode Island. The first event also featured the unveiling of a new mural on the exterior wall of the library. Celebrations explored aspects of art, performance, food, literature and cultural history, including the worrying prevalence of anti-Asian violence.



AAPI Heritage Month event at Washington Park

AAPI Heritage Month was organized by CSEBRI – Pioneer in Creativity and Exchange (Cultural Society) with generous grants and support from Nellie Mae Foundation, City of Providence Department of Art Culture & Tourism, Brown University Swearer Center, Center for South East Asians and CLPVD.

### Building *Bibliodiversity*

CLPVD partnered with Wild Lives to present *Bibliodiversity*, a unique and ambitious summer program that introduced Providence children to the wonders of the Guatemalan rainforest! Participating kids investigated the secret lives of animals, learned and used skills in tracking, scientific illustration, camera trapping, and storytelling, during the six-week program, which concluded in a big celebration in downtown 195 District Park. This project was made possible in part by a grant from the RI Office of Library & Information Services using funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The *Bibliodiversity* Celebration is generously supported by 195 District Park.



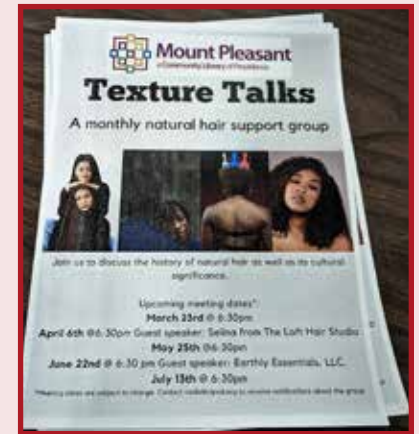
A family helps build a camera mount at Knight Memorial



Rainforest investigators receive badges at the celebration at 195 District Park

## Texture Talks

Mount Pleasant Library offers Texture Talks, a monthly support group for members to talk about, get tips for, and generally celebrate their natural hair! The walk-in events, hosted by Adult and Teen Services Librarian, Cassidy Mills, are for people with curls, coils, kinks, locs, braids, or for anyone interested in learning about the history and cultural importance of natural hair.



## Many Thanks





## We mean business!

### KMEC: Serving You

Our Entrepreneurship Specialist is based at the Knight Memorial Entrepreneurship Center (KMEC), a business support center that offers free assistance and training for entrepreneurs, artists, and small business activities include one-on-one advice, business expos, and workshops in social media marketing and Canva for Businesses. In 2022-2023, the Papitto Opportunity Connection provided continued support for KMEC in the form of a second \$100,000 grant to continue CPLVD's support for small businesses.



A record number of 65 applicants participated in CLPVD's Maker Marketplace events, organized by Entrepreneurship Specialist, Khamry Varfley. Data shows that almost half the vendors were PVD-based; in terms of predominant representation, just under 40 percent identified as African-American, 80 percent as female and 61 percent were in the age range 18 to 40 years.

### Artists are Entrepreneurs, too



KMEC has also established an artist and entrepreneur-in-residence program, showcasing the work of local entrepreneurs and artists in support of their craft. In January, the Winter 2022 artist cohort exhibited their work with 69 guests in attendance. Left to right: Entrepreneurship Specialist Khamry Varfley, Sav Hazard-Chaney, Sissy Rosso, Gabrielle Sanchez Dovale, and Sia Karpee.

### Supported by



A Small Business Expo at Rochambeau Library attracted 24 people interested in small businesses.

*"...I've been put in touch with resources and knowledge that has helped to streamline my business launch process. Khamry has been instrumental with her web platform demonstrations and launch tools to help teach me the best way to maximize the resources at my disposal and .. directions towards other value-added programs and resources to help grow my business."*

**Jacki Fellows,**  
**Owner, Studio J Florals**

Scan to learn more about KMEC:



## Supporting YOU:

### CLPVD's Dedicated Community Support Specialist

Natalie Velez-Millan, who is based at Knight Memorial Library, develops and delivers community-centered services and events across CLPVD, with a special focus on older teens and adults who experience mental health, substance abuse and housing issues. Natalie, who holds a BA in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling, also arranges referrals to outside agencies.

*"Our community experiences a lot of hardships. I connect people to resources that help them get back on their feet and I organize opportunities at our libraries that focus on mental and physical well-being"*



The Community Support Specialist position was created in July 2022 and funded and made possible by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. In the first year of this new position, Natalie already made a significant impact on the lives of our library users:

## 161 Residents given one-on-one assistance

to help with housing, government forms, food insecurities, TDI forms and mental health services.

## 45 Workshops

**Programs to promote mental health and well-being included:**

Mental Health, Art Therapy, Journaling for Mental Health, Printmaking for Teens, Self-Care Groups and Sound Bath Meditations.

**Programs to promote physical health & movement included:**

Zumba and Tai Chi classes, Ear Acupuncture Clinic, Flu and Covid Booster Vaccine Clinics as well as HIV/Hepatitis C testing clinics in partnership with Sojourner House.

## 9 Comprehensive neighborhood resource directories

assembled for each neighborhood library, providing up-to-date and relevant help for each community.



Sound bath meditation workshop



New in 2023: hygiene, female hygiene and teen hygiene kits are now available at all CLPVD libraries



Art therapy

Visit our Community Support Page:





## Staff Success Stories



All staff training event

### Congratulations, Graduates!

CLPVD is proud to support staff who study for further qualifications and provides \$1,500 scholarships per year for staff who enroll in library school.

Congratulations to **Aimee Fontaine**, Systems Coordinator, **Kevin Verroneau**, Manager of Olneyville Library, **Laken Hottle**, Youth Services Librarian, **Kaia Heimer-Bumstead**, Youth Services Librarian and **Alan Martinez**, Circulation Clerk, who have graduated with Masters degrees in Library and Information Studies (MLIS).

Another new MLIS graduate, IT Manager **David Sok**, took double courses to complete his degree in less time. David was awarded the prestigious 2022-2023 Tuition Scholarship and a Tuition Fellowship by URI's Graduate School of Library Information Sciences, and also received the RILA and OLIS Diversity Scholarship.



David Sok

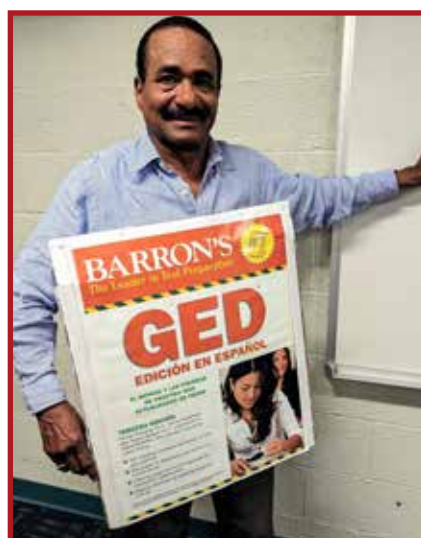
Good luck to **Avelina Rocchio** who continue her MLIS studies as well as **Khamry Varfley**, our Entrepreneurship Specialist, who is pursuing an MBA degree.

Congratulations to Community Support Specialist, **Natalie Velez-Millan**, who received her Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Rhode Island College.

### Enjoy Retirement, Hipolito!

**Hipolito Reyes** started working with CLPVD in 2011 as a teacher consultant for the library's fledgling Spanish GED pilot program. Officially joining the staff as Literacy Teacher in 2015, Hipolito has taught more than 1,000 students during his time at CLPVD, steering 420 through to full GED graduation success.

Among the graduates have been family members who participated in the program together, including 21 couples, six sets of siblings, and six parent-child pairs. The students, aged 18 to 65 years, have come from countries all over the Spanish-speaking world. We will miss Hipolito so much! The fact that CLPVD received the 2016 RI Literacy Award for its Spanish GED Program owed much to Hipolito's own personal dedication and devotion to each and every student.



El maestro GED, Hipolito Reyes

### More CLPVD Staff Means More Services and Programs for PVD

Thanks to a generous allocation of federally-sourced funding from the City of Providence, the new job positions of Community Support Specialist, Makerspace Program Coordinator, Bilingual Community Education Coordinator, a Teen and Adult Services Librarian and Program Clerks were created, funded and made possible by The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

### Nothing Compares to U, Maria!

CLPVD staff and family members partied like it's 1999 at this year's RILA Conference, as **Maria Melvin**, CLPVD's Human Resources Manager, received the Outstanding Library Paraprofessional Award for 2023. Single-handedly and efficiently, Maria operates our HR department and she tirelessly led CLPVD's 70+ staff members through the complexities of the Covid-19 pandemic, effectively on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patient, thoughtful and kind, Maria has a fun-loving side that enjoys staff socials, party-planning, and an undying devotion to Prince.



Maria Melvin, husband Chauncy and family members at the RILA Conference

# Philanthropy

## Breakfast Success!

CLPVD welcomed friends and supporters to the Providence Marriott Downtown for our very first *Giving is Sharing* Breakfast. Nirva LaFortune and Andrea Rojas shared moving, personal Library Stories, while State Rep. David Morales made a compelling case to support CLPVD. Thanks to event sponsors Mutual of America Financial Group, Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C., the Regency Plaza, Providence Children's Film Festival and Mr. Richard Lappin, CLPVD raised \$30,000 at the two-hour event. Join us at the next *Giving is Sharing* Breakfast on May 7, 2024!



Cheryl Space presents gifts to speakers Nirva LaFortune, Andrea Rojas, Rep. David Morales and Andrea's sister Melanie (center)



An attentive crowd listens to Director Space



A warm hug from Cheryl for guest Josefina

## A Gift in Memory of a Beloved Father Brings a New Teen Center to South Providence

Growing up in South Providence, Camila Crews was inspired by her father, local business owner, Kiplin "CK/Wally" Clemetson Sr., to visit the library, read widely, and look for ways to give back to the community. Camila spearheaded an initiative to create a teen space as an enduring legacy to her father. On June 4, 2022 Camila was joined by family members and friends at our South Providence library to share stories and announce the development of the *CK's Swan Corner* in memory of her father, Wally.



Camila Crews (left) and family members

## With Gratitude

We acknowledge the legacy of the following supporters and their families who continue to make a difference to our work through designated funds managed by the Rhode Island Foundation. Thank you to the Dickstein family and Scott Wolf - these designated funds will continue to support the community for generations.



Elaine Dickstein Community Library Fund

Elaine Dickstein, who passed away January 12, 2022, believed that there was no better example of something that a community did right than a library. Elaine's family has chosen to honor her memory by creating a fund to benefit CLPVD, providing educational materials, refreshments and other creative resources to enrich out-of-school time programming.



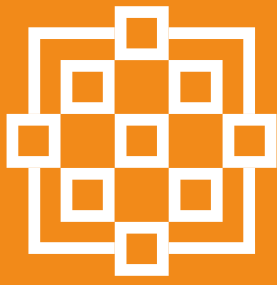
Joyce P. Krabach Olneyville Library Children's Literacy Fund

A multi-talented teacher and educator, Joyce got her first job at age 14 at Olneyville Library. Following her passing on September 9, 2022, husband Scott Wolf continues to honor Joyce's values through a fund to support children's literacy programming at Olneyville Library.



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# GIVING IS SHARING

## BREAKFAST

SAVE  
THE DATE!

An Inspiring Morning of Community Engagement to Help  
Support the Community Libraries of Providence!

-  Tuesday, May 7, 2024
-  Marriott Providence, 1 Orms Street
-  Networking begins at 7:00 am
-  Breakfast & Program at 7:30 am



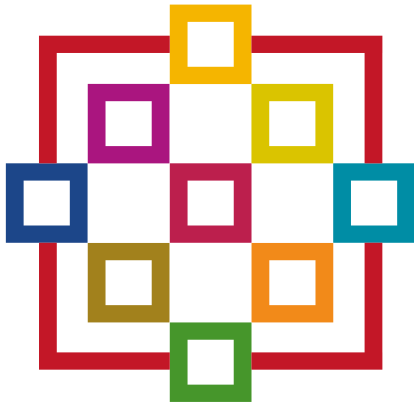
## 100 Years Serving the Community

### 2024 Marks the Centennial of Knight Memorial Library!

Join us as we celebrate  
all year long.



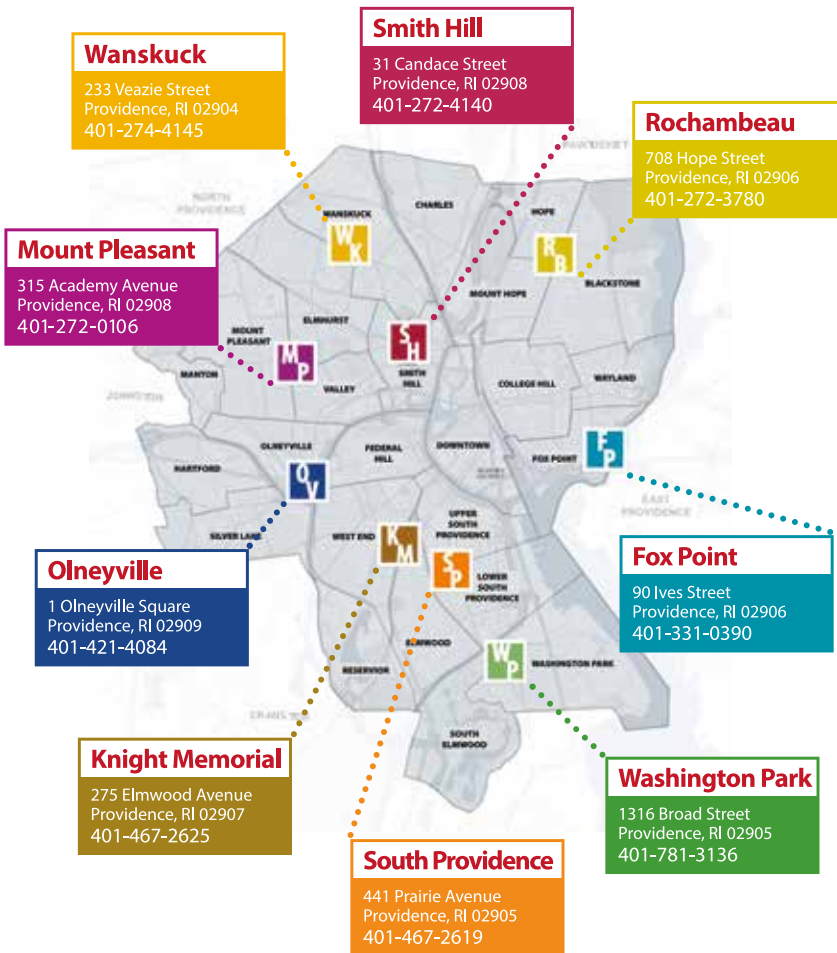
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# Community Libraries of Providence

*Something worth sharing*

*Algo que vale la pena compartir*



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KNIGHT MEMORIAL

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SMITH HILL

SOUTH PROVIDENCE

WANSKUCK

WASHINGTON PARK





# Washington Park

a Community Library of Providence



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### What makes Washington Park Library so Special?

**We ♥ outdoor programs.** We have a large patio area and use it often from Spring to Fall! Join us for community gardening, Latin dancing, kids' theater, special events and even the odd game of pickleball!

**Our community garden.** High school interns built raised garden beds to grow plants from seed to harvest. Our PVD Young Makers work on the community garden every week.

**Our American Girl® Doll Collection.** It's true! You can check out and take home a doll and accessories, just like a book.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
Study/reading space  
Water fountain  
Children's imaginative play space  
Composting facility  
Community garden  
Outdoor space

### ACCESS

All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Off-site library services

Heating & Cooling Center



# Washington Park

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!!

**Our library pets!** Come meet our bearded dragon, Miss Morticia, or drop in to read a book or two with our visiting reading dog, Petey!

**Pickleball is fun!** The library hosts a weekly Pickleball program for children every Monday. It's a great way to get kids outside and involved in a healthy, educative, and de-stressing program.

**Young at Heart.** We are a home away from home for our visiting *Abuelitos Club* (grandparents club) who meet to socialize and learn all kinds of new skills. Libraries are all about lifelong learning!



*"The Washington Park Library does so much for the children in our community and we are so thankful for them!"* -- library user

## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Washington Park, an active group of supporters. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Amy Rosa for volunteering opportunities and information about the Friends group.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

- Afterschool & homework help
- ESL & language classes
- School & class visits

### THINGS TO DO

- Book Clubs
- Kids programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Chess Club
- Cultural programs in Spanish

### COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Newspapers & magazines
- Games & puzzles
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

### Also available:

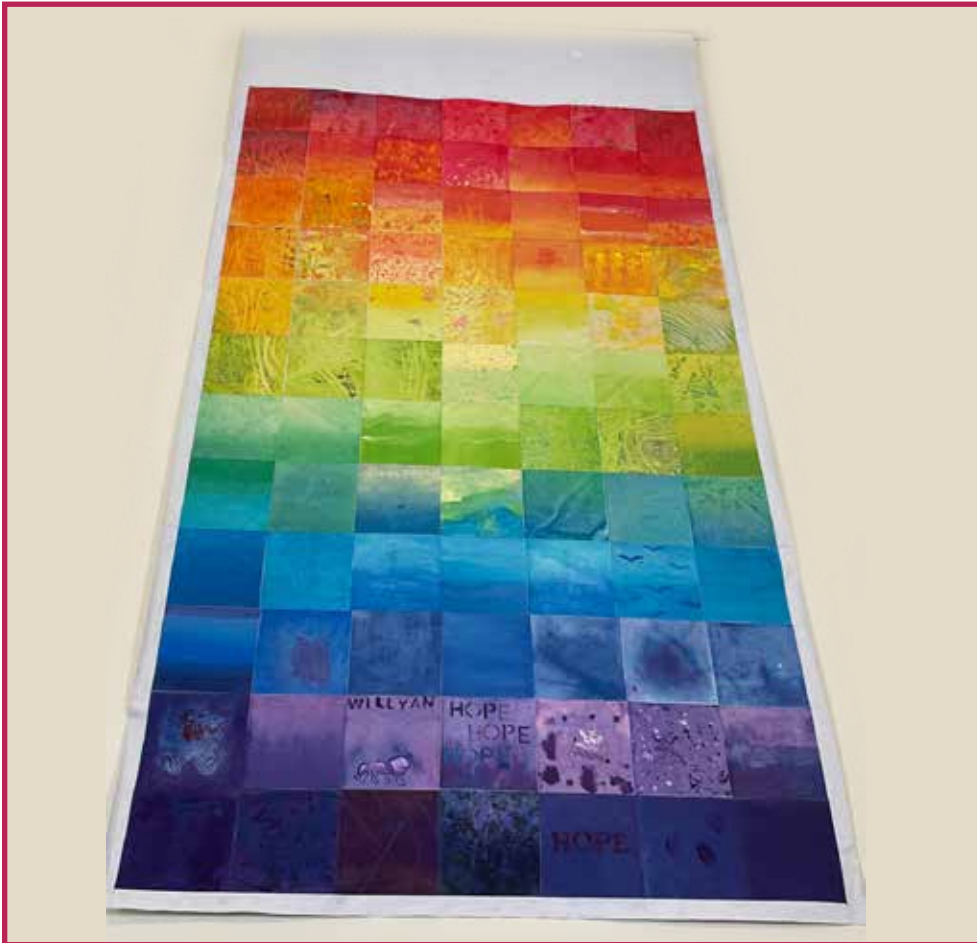
- Hotspots
- American Girl dolls
- Take-home art/STEM Kits
- Take-home book club bags







**Smith Hill**  
a Community Library of Providence



### Library Staff:

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### What makes Smith Hill Library so Special?

**We know our community well.** Parents who grew up under Mr. Alan's supervision now bring their own kids to enjoy the library. We work with organizations that make a difference; for example, we partner with the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness to provide housing navigation and legal clinics.

**Our work with youth and schools.** After years of the pandemic, Smith Hill Library was happy to see the return of school class visits to the library. We supplement classroom learning and curricula and provide a host of creative programs. Working with university student tutor volunteers, we also provide invaluable homework help.

**Our Generous Friends** organize wonderful events! *The December Toy and Clothing Giveaway* brings out the crowds as Smith Hill Friends and neighborhood partners provide holiday cheer and warm winter clothing to Smith Hill residents.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
ADA accessible community room  
Study/reading space  
Exhibit space  
Maker studio  
Water fountain  
Outdoor space

### ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
restroom  
elevator  
ramp in rear  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Off-site library services

Heating & Cooling Center



# Smith Hill

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!

**Our Wall of Hope and Light.** Artist Cathren Housley, with grants from the Department of Arts, Culture + Tourism and RISCA, presented a series of collaborative art workshops that culminated in the Wall of Hope and Light, a wall hanging in which each participant, mostly youth, made a tiny piece of the larger work of art. This wall hanging represents a community's collected desire for a better tomorrow. As the central piece of art hanging in the middle of the library, this sends a powerful message to all that enter.

**A happy return!** We are always at the heart of the Smith Hill Block Party, which made a joyful return in 2023.

**Creative Makers.** Adult Art Workshops and Makerspace Workshops have found an audience here at Smith Hill Library! Cathren Housley's drawing classes and the Watercolor Painting Workshops with Kristen Haines quickly developed a following of creative adults. Mr. Alan also is an expert model maker with an online following. Check out the CLPVD YouTube channel!



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Smith Hill, an active group of supporters. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Alan Gunther about volunteer opportunities and information about the Friends group.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

- Afterschool & homework help
- School & class visits
- One -on-one reading support

### THINGS TO DO

- Book Clubs
- Kids programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Model building

### COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Games & puzzles
- Newspapers & magazines
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

### Also available:

- Hotspots
- Take-home art/STEM Kits
- Sports equipment







# Rochambeau

a Community Library of Providence



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### What makes Rochambeau Library so special?

**A community that loves to read - and reads a lot!** One of the busiest public libraries in Rhode Island, with more than 19,000 visits every month, staff at Rochambeau strive to provide excellent service and personalized reader's advisories.

**An inviting environment in which to study, work and relax.** Rochambeau is a dog-friendly library, accommodating the many patrons who pop in to pick up books on their daily walks down Hope Street. We have created a dedicated Maker Studio, added a new Teen Space and re-opened the original entrance of the historic building. As a small touch, we added a coffee maker!

**A thriving cultural center.** Our patio concerts provide open-air entertainment, we host art and photography exhibits on the main floor and offer diverse, year-round programs for all ages.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
ADA accessible Community Meeting room  
Study/reading space  
Exhibit space  
Maker Studio  
Teen Space  
Water fountain  
Coffee & tea  
Outdoor space  
Outdoor classroom

### ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
restroom  
elevator  
ramp  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Free period products for youth  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Free Notary Public  
Off-site library services  
Heating & Cooling Center

## News to Shout About!

**Storytime in the Sunshine!** This weekly event is open to kids of all ages and their caregivers. Come for the picturebooks, songs and fun and stay for the company! Thanks to generous funding from the Summit Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Rochambeau, we have a landscaped outdoor classroom and meeting space at the rear of the building.

**We support our LGBTQ community** through our regular Queer Umbrella group. Last year, at a time when CLPVD and many other libraries were being challenged about books and programs, our resilient staff piloted an LGBTQ camp for youth with success, with support from the Nellie Mae Educational Foundation.

**A Writer's Paradise.** We offer encouragement and support for the local writing community through courses (taught by staff members who are themselves published authors), RI Author Expos, book talks, and representation in our collections.



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Rochambeau, an active group of supporters. Their Spring and Fall book sales are huge events! Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Visit <http://friendsofrochambeau.org> for more information, or contact Aimee Fontaine for volunteering opportunities.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

Afterschool & homework help  
ESL & language classes  
School & class visits

### THINGS TO DO

Book Clubs  
Kids programs  
Teen Programs  
Adult Programs  
Rotating art exhibit  
Outdoor concerts (seasonal)

### COLLECTIONS

Books  
Audiobooks  
DVDs  
Games & puzzles  
Newspapers & magazines  
Makerspace equipment  
Free Seed library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

eBooks  
Hoopla: streaming media  
Kanopy: streaming movies  
CLPVD YouTube Channel

Also available:

Hotspots  
Library passes to RI attractions  
Take-home art/STEM Kits







# Fox Point

a Community Library of Providence



### Library Staff:

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### What makes Fox Point Library so special?

**A Home Away from Home.** Fox Point Library is a “cozy” library. They enjoy seeing plants and visiting with the friendly staff.

**A special outdoor space.** Our courtyard is a unique place to spend time. Patrons enjoy using the library’s WiFi in a pleasant environment, featuring a community mural with trees and plants. Others use the space for reading, meetings, or simply to eat lunch. It’s a great location for outdoor programming.

**Crafty as a Fox.** Our staff are very interested in arts and crafts and they enjoy sharing their personal expertise with patrons. Ms. Donna runs the Chronicles of Yarnia handicraft group and she is also a certified genealogist.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
Study/reading space  
Water fountain  
Outdoor space

### ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
Restroom  
Elevator (through Boys & Girls Club)  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader’s Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Off-site library services

Heating & Cooling Center



# Fox Point

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!

**We're as good as new!** Fox Point reopened its doors in summer 2023, following a six-month closure. We invited everyone to the big reveal as the Mayor of Providence (and friends) officially cut the ribbon on the new Fox Point Library.

The interior of the library has been completely refurbished and looks stunning and modern. The original doorway has been replaced by new glass doors that fill the area with light. We're excited to be back in action and looking forward to providing materials, programs and services for YOU, our Fox Point friends!



## Get Involved!

Contact Julie Sabouri about volunteer opportunities and information about the Friends group.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

Afterschool & homework help  
School & class visits

### THINGS TO DO

Book Clubs  
Kids programs  
Teen Programs  
Adult Programs

### COLLECTIONS

Books  
Audiobooks  
DVDs  
Games & puzzles  
Newspapers & magazines  
Makerspace equipment  
Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

eBooks  
Hoopla: streaming media  
Kanopy: streaming movies  
CLPVD YouTube Channel

Also available:

Hotspots  
Take-home art/STEM Kits







# Olneyville

a Community Library of Providence



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## What makes Olneyville Library so special?

**An Integral hub of the community.** We are an important social gathering spot! Local community leaders hold community town halls in our building. We strive to bring the community together and be a place of informative debate.

**Expanding horizons.** You can always find something new at Olneyville! We have broadened our collection with a wide variety of new materials representing our unique neighborhood. Stop in to see our ever growing available materials; whether it be Korean drama DVDs, Khmer dictionaries, or our broad Spanish language section, *con muchos títulos para elegir*.

**Our Window into Learning.** Our staff create colorful displays to show off everything that's happening, all year round. Come inside and check us out!

## Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

## Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
Meeting room  
Study/reading space  
Exhibit space  
Water fountain  
Water bottle filling station  
Outdoor space

## ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
restroom  
ramp  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Autism friendly play kits  
Sensory-friendly library aids

## ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Staff speak English/Spanish  
Off-site library services  
Free notary public services

Heating & Cooling Center



# Olneyville

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!

**Holiday Celebrations!** Our annual tradition of welcoming Santa has grown bigger every year! Our families mark their calendars with the variety of holiday offerings: Halloween Party, Easter Celebrations and Santa visit entice children and adults alike with costumes, contests and raffle prizes.

**New Programming!** We strive to grow our appeal and provide variety with an unique assortment of programming. Stop in for our Banned Book Club, Story Time with Ms. Toni, Brick Club, and many more!

**Celebrating our Heritage.** For over twenty years we have held a very special event in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout the month we highlight the histories, cultures and contributions of all those from different Latin countries. We offer dancing, heritage crafts, and the celebration culminates in a wonderful fiesta with delicious ethnic food and traditional costume and dancing.



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Olneyville, an active group of supporters. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Kevin Veronneau to learn more about volunteering opportunities and the Friends group.

## Available Here

### LEARNING:

- Afterschool & homework help
- ESL & language classes
- School & class visits
- Learning Circles

### THINGS TO DO

- Book Clubs
- Kids programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Cultural programs in Spanish

### COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Games & puzzles
- Magazines
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

### Also available:

- Hotspots
- Take-home art/STEM Kits
- Fishing rods







# Mount Pleasant

a Community Library of Providence



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### What makes Mount Pleasant Library so special?

**Community Art & Music.** We help artists in our community by providing them with exhibition space and an opportunity to share their thoughts about the creative process during Meet the Artists events. Exhibits have featured both beginning and experienced artists, including a Black Photographers Showcase. We also host jazz concerts and other live music.

**Makerspace Open Studio Hours.** Mount Pleasant has open studio hours for grown-ups, too. People can make something using our laser cutter, vinyl cutter, sublimation printer, or sewing machines to create beautiful, original arts and crafts.

**Out in the Community.** Staff are busy outside of the library, too! In a single month you'll find us at Lillian Feinstein Senior Center facilitating an arts & crafts program, at Capitol Ridge facilitating a book club, at Hillcrest Village delivering books to residents and at Davis Park Community Garden maintaining a pollinator garden with community members.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
Meeting rooms  
Study/reading space  
Exhibit space  
Water fountain  
Compost facility  
Community garden (remote)  
Outdoor space  
Little Free Food Pantry

### ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
restroom  
ramp at rear  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Staff speak English/Spanish  
Off-site library services

Heating & Cooling Center



# Mount Pleasant

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!

**Little Free Food Pantry.** Mount Pleasant Library facilitates the free exchange of food between neighbors. We accept donations of shelf-stable, undamaged, unexpired food at the front desk. Neighbors in need may take home a meal from the food pantry shelf.

**Year-round Children's Programs:** we offer family storytimes featuring stories, songs, and fingerplay for children and their parents/caregivers, Sensory Exploration with therapeutic play incorporating the five senses and even Martial Arts for Kids!

**Switch It Up, Teens!** Mario Kart, Smash Bros, Zelda: Breath of the Wild... play these games and more on the library's Nintendo Switch! We have multiple handsets and adapters so you can challenge your friends. Ages 10+. No registration is required. Held select Fridays and Saturdays of the month.



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Mount Pleasant, an active group of supporters. They hold Fill-a-truck and other fundraisers throughout the year. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Audrey LaForge, President, AJL59@cox.net, or Dhana Whiteing for volunteering opportunities.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

Afterschool & homework help  
ESL & language classes  
School & class visits

### THINGS TO DO

Book Clubs  
Kids programs  
Teen Programs  
Adult Programs  
Rotating art exhibit  
Cultural programs in Spanish

### COLLECTIONS

Books  
Audiobooks  
DVDs  
Games & puzzles  
Newspapers & magazines  
Makerspace equipment  
Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

eBooks  
Hoopla: streaming media  
Kanopy: streaming movies  
CLPVD YouTube Channel

Also available:  
Hotspots  
Take-home art/STEM Kits







**Wanskuck**  
a Community Library of Providence



**Library Staff:**

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**What makes Wanskuck Library so Special?**

**A Library of Things.** You can borrow all kinds of items with your library card at Wanskuck! We have sewing machines, baking tins, battery chargers, backpacks & binoculars for nature walks, a telescope, CD players, gemstone kits, even a bubble maker for parties!

**Taking the library to the community.** We pay regular visits to the DaVinci Center to provide seniors with convenient access to library materials, offer them introductions to technology, such as hotspots, and teach them how to listen to audiobooks.

**Open to Creativity.** Our Open Maker Studio is readily accessible and youth are always making something such as art, jewelry, tee shirts, and more.

**Hours**

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
 Tuesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
 Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
 Thursday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Available Here**

- Public computers
- Printers & Scanners
- Copy & Fax
- WiFi
- Meeting room
- Study/reading space
- Exhibit space
- Maker Studio
- Teen Space
- Water fountain
- Composting facility
- Outdoor space

ACCESS:

- ADA compliant:
- restroom
- elevator
- ramp
- All-gender restroom
- Diaper changing station
- Sensory-friendly library aids

ASSISTANCE:

- Reference & general help
- Reader's Advisory
- Technology/digital help
- Off-site library services
- Makerspace Program Coordinator

Heating & Cooling Center



**Wanskuck**  
a Community Library of Providence



**News to Shout About!**

**Environment Matters.** Together with our Library Friends and neighbors, we continue to plant and beautify the library grounds to make it an enjoyable community garden. Our signage "Our Earth, Our Responsibility," participation in PVD Earth Day, seed library, URI Master Gardener programs, and on-site composting facility, all point to our philosophy of caring.

**Chess Masters.** We offer regular story times throughout the year and kid's clubs, such as Chess and Dungeons & Dragons. Our children's area is an inviting place and many students spend after-school hours with us.

**Cultivating Mind & Spirit.** We offer a variety of thoughtful and stimulating programs. Ms Denise herself leads Youth & Family Yoga and throughout the year you can enjoy author events, concerts, community events and celebrations. Stay in touch and get involved!



**Get Involved!**

Join the Friends of Wanskuck, an active group of supporters. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Patricia Raub praub86@gmail.com or or contact Denise Brophy for volunteering opportunities.

**Available Here**

LEARNING:

- Afterschool & homework help
- ESL & language classes
- School & class visits
- GED coaching in English

THINGS TO DO

- Book Clubs
- Kids programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs

COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Games & puzzles
- Newspapers & magazines
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed Library

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

Also available:

- Hotspots
- Take-home art/STEM Kits
- Library of Things







# South Providence

a Community Library of Providence



### Library Staff:

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### What makes South Providence Library so Special?

**Close to Schools.** South Providence is surrounded by eight elementary schools. For this reason, throughout the school year, practically every day, the library has a busy after-school scene. Also during the summer, when school is out, the library is visited by a large number of summer campers.

**Make yourself at home.** Visiting our Library is a unique experience. It offers a great variety of programs for the whole family in a setting with lots of natural light and comfortable seating, and we offer great attention to everyone.

**The library is family.** Children that grow up spending time in the library don't forget the caring staff that nurture their progress. Ms Edilberta was thrilled to receive a visit from two library users, who are now grown-up college students! She was thrilled to learn about their success.

### Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
ADA accessible meeting room  
Study/reading space  
Water fountain  
Water bottle filling station  
Makerspace equipment  
Free Seed library  
Outdoor space

### ACCESS

ADA compliant:  
restroom  
elevator  
ramp  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

### ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Staff speak English/Spanish  
Off-site library services

Heating & Cooling Center



# South Providence

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!!

**Students who want to learn more.** Sewing workshops are very popular in South Providence. Participants can't wait to sign up for a more advanced class!

**Supporting Sustainability.** We provide programs to help our library users learn how to save seeds, regrow food scraps, garden at home, and even raise their own chickens. Earth Day is always a special event. Neighbors pitch in and help clean up the grounds and plant new seedlings. People make connections and families work together as they help improve the library space.

**Something different, something new.** Check out our latest programs every time you visit. We have friendly book clubs, including the long-running Spanish Language Book Club, which recently celebrated its 18th anniversary.



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of South Providence, an active group of supporters. Make friends, raise funds, support programs and receive regular news about your favorite library. Contact Anita Bench, AnitaBench@gmail.com for more information, or Emily LeMay for volunteering opportunities.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

- Afterschool & homework help
- ESL & language classes
- School & class visits
- GED in Spanish
- GED Coaching in English

### THINGS TO DO

- Book Clubs
- Kids programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Cultural Programs in Spanish

### COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Games & puzzles
- Newspapers & magazines
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

### Also available:

- Hotspots
- Take-home art/STEM Kits
- Fishing rods







# Knight Memorial

a Community Library of Providence



## Library Staff:

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Khamry Varfley, Entrepreneurship Specialist, [kvarfley@clpvd.org](mailto:kvarfley@clpvd.org)

## What makes Knight Memorial Library so Special?

**Our beautiful building.** This historic building will be celebrating its 100 birthday in 2024! Piece by piece, we continue to restore and upgrade this historic building. With so much history in these walls, we are excited for another 100 years.

**Our dedicated staff.** We are committed to going the extra mile to support the community from Avelina's Spanish classes for adults to Khamry's Entrepreneurship Center where community members are welcome to get their business started. We are the home base for CLVPD's community support specialist, Natalie, who can help patrons apply for housing and other benefits.

**Fresh Food and Fresh Air.** We put our spacious lawn to good use! In Spring and Summer, you'll find fresh produce at the weekly Sankofa Market, outdoor classes and celebrations. Our yearly summer reading kick-off event brings many of our neighbors together and the featured bounce house has always brought great entertainment, joy and excitement for all!

## Hours

Monday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

## Available Here

Public computers  
Printers & Scanners  
Copy & Fax  
WiFi  
Meeting rooms  
Auditorium  
Study/reading space  
Exhibit space  
Entrepreneurship Center  
Water fountain  
Outdoor space

## ACCESS

ADA compliant ramp to outdoor space  
All-gender restroom  
Diaper changing station  
Sensory-friendly library aids

## ASSISTANCE

Reference & general help  
Reader's Advisory  
Technology/digital help  
Staff speak English/Spanish  
Off-site library services  
Entrepreneurship Specialist  
Community Support Specialist

Heating & Cooling Center



# Knight Memorial

a Community Library of Providence



## News to Shout About!

**We Celebrate with our Communities.** In such a vibrant neighborhood, there's always lots happening! We turn our library's spooky basement into a haunted house for Nightmare on Elmwood. We also celebrate many Spanish and bilingual events, holiday parties and much more. Several important community organizations and service agencies are nearby and people new to Providence receive a warm welcome here.

**Be well with us!** Wellness has become a large part of the Knight Memorial culture for patrons of all ages. Our Big Hat Tea Party features fancy hats, tea and sweets but also important information about Alzheimer's disease and women's health. Our free Ear Acupuncture Clinics with Providence Community Acupuncture always attracts a crowd!

**Express Yourself.** Our tweens and teens join us every week to talk to their peers about what they love most. Video games and Manga are a huge hit at Knight Memorial Library! Creating a safe space for them to express themselves has been such a joy for us all.



## Get Involved!

Join the Friends of Knight Memorial, an active group of supporters that holds regular book sales. Learn more about the Friends at <https://friendsofkml.org>, or contact staff for volunteering opportunities.

## Available Here

### LEARNING

- Afterschool & homework help
- ESL & language classes
- School & class visits

### THINGS TO DO

- Kids Programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Cultural programs in Spanish
- Seasonal Sankofa Market

### COLLECTIONS

- Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Games & puzzles
- Magazines
- Makerspace equipment
- Free Seed Library

### DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- eBooks
- Hoopla: streaming media
- Kanopy: streaming movies
- CLPVD YouTube Channel

Also available:

Hotspots

