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# JPL WEEKLY



Jamestown Philomenian Library

26 North Road

Hours

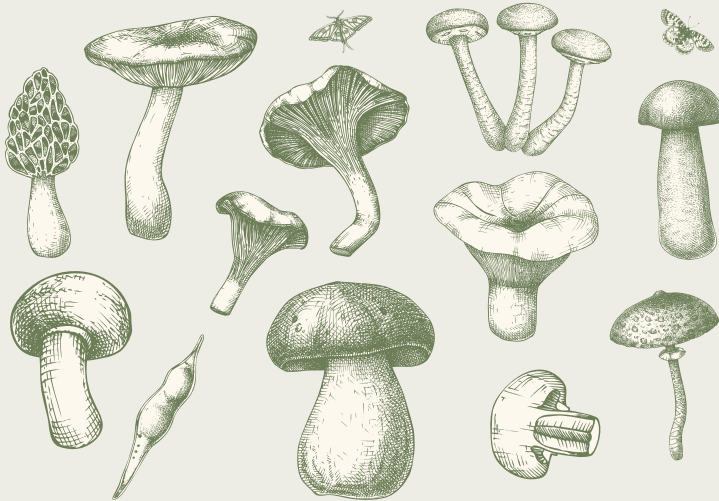
Mon - Wed: 9-8

Thu - Fri: 9-5

Sat: 9-2

## Spring Mushroom Hunting in Rhode Island

Guided Walk Class with The Mushroom Hunting Foundation



## Saturday, June 7th

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the library before  
heading to Parker Farm in Jamestown.

Register online at [jplri.org](http://jplri.org).

In our region, the spring season brings out many  
amazing mushroom species. The instructors will lead us  
into the forest for a close look at local fungi in their  
natural habitats.

Recommended for adults and mature kids; to join this  
outdoor class, **anyone under 18 must be  
accompanied by a guardian, or at least have the  
guardian sign a waiver on their behalf.**

*The hike will not be difficult, but don't wear your best  
shoes and clothes.*

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- Rusty Pens
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## FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 P.M.

LAWN SCHOOL



See attachments for more details

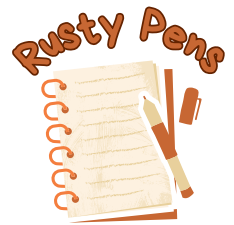
[WWW.JPLRI.ORG](http://WWW.JPLRI.ORG)

FB: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JAMESTOWNPHILOMENIANLIBRARY/](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JAMESTOWNPHILOMENIANLIBRARY/)

TIKTOK: @JAM.LIB

# RUSTY PENS WRITING & STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Group meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m.



## MAH JONGG

Monday, June 2  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Hall

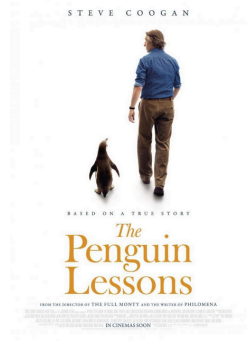


## TUESDAY MATINEE - *THE PENGUIN LESSONS*

Tuesday, June 3  
1:30 p.m.  
Meeting Hall

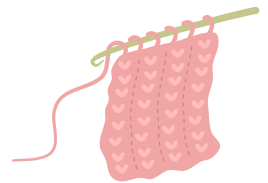
PG-13 | 1 hour 51 minutes | Drama  
Steve Coogan, Jonathan Pryce, Bruno Blas  
Directed by Peter Cattaneo

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.



## EVENING KNITTING & CROCHET CIRCLE

Wednesday, June 4  
5:30 - 7:45 p.m.  
Meeting Hall



Open to all Jamestown residents, this is just a group of people who love to knit, crochet or enjoy any non-messy fiber related craft. Come and spend a few hours with us and enjoy conversation and fiber!

## PLAN AHEAD

### Free Paper Shredding



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Saturday, June 14th | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Library Parking Lot  
26 North Road, Jamestown, RI

Visit [jplri.org](http://jplri.org) for a full list of accepted / non-accepted items.

Residents may bring up to three (3) boxes of sensitive or confidential personal documents to be shredded.

**First-come, first-served.** Once the shredding truck is full, we cannot accept further material for shredding.

# Library Card Reminder

Library policy states that all patrons must present **their own** valid **OSL library card** OR valid **photo ID** to check out items.



OR



This policy will be strictly enforced beginning **June 1st.**



## Get Ready to LEVEL UP!

Youth and Adult Summer Reading Challenges start soon!



# LEVEL UP

## AT YOUR LIBRARY

## JUNE 18 - AUGUST 4

2025 iRead Summer Reading Program



## Information for Financial Town Meeting Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM. We ask that you arrive early so that you can register in order to vote.

*Please bring your identification in order to expedite registration.*

### ALTERNATE PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT MELROSE SCHOOL

You are being asked to consider approval of the Town budget in the amount of \$14,006,265 and the School budget in the amount of \$16,835,606 for a total annual budget in the amount of \$30,841,87.

What is not included in this budget proposal? The proposed budget does not exceed the 4% tax levy increase cap as established by Rhode Island General Laws.

Who can vote? Any registered voter of the Town of Jamestown, who is registered by May 3, 2025.

Members of the public who are not qualified voters can attend the meeting but may be asked to sit in a designated area to allow for an accurate count of qualified voters.

How is the voting conducted? The Moderator manages the meeting. He will call for a motion and second on each resolution separately. The moderator can call for a voice, hand or standing vote to allow for a count.

If there is a motion and a second for a paper ballot, he will call for a vote on that proposal. If 20% of the voter's present vote in favor of a paper ballot, the clerks will facilitate the issuance of paper ballots and submission of those ballots in order to tally the vote.

What is the proposed Tax Rate? The proposed budget if so approved would result in a new tax rate in the range of \$5.62 to \$5.65 per \$1,000 of your assessed property value as of December 31, 2024.

In addition, the Jamestown Town Council has approved five bond questions to be presented separately for consideration. A bond is a loan. The Town is asking for approval to borrow money with the promise to pay it back over time with interest through the annual budget process.

The anticipated payment for bond items 1 and 2 is included in the FY 25-26 proposed budget. The payments for bonds items 3, 4 and 5 if so approved, would be included in future fiscal year budgets.

### 1. Municipal Facilities/Repairs (RESOLUTION NUMBER 5) Amount to be borrowed: \$2,503,000

#### Explanation and Purpose:

This funding would allow for major repairs of essential components of the Senior Center building located at 6 West Street, including structural flooring issues, lighting, electrical, fire alarm, kitchen appliances, and HVAC. This also includes creating office and private meeting space. This would also fund the major repairs of three additional Town owned buildings including the Recreation Center, Fire Station and Town Hall. It would fund the replacement of the office storage space at the transfer station and provide funding for the replacement of the self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for the Fire Department. The projects are anticipated to be completed within 24 months of approval.

Principal	Issuance*	Interest**	Total Cost
\$ 2,503,000	\$35,000	\$884,405	\$3,422,405

\* Estimated Cost of Issuance

\*\* Assumes an interest rate of 3.5-4.5%, with federally tax-exempt bonds amortized with level payments varying over 7-20 years.



2. Public Works Equipment (RESOLUTION NUMBER 6) Amount to be borrowed: \$950,000

Explanation and Purpose: This would fund the replacement of highway department equipment that are at or beyond the schedule for replacement and would be phased in over two-years. 2011 Ford F350 pickup; 2015 Ford F350 pickup; 2015 Ford F550 dump; 2015 Ford F550 dump; 2007 Sterling dump; 2015 wood chipper; 2006 John Deere Backhoe; 2013 Bobcat Skid Steer. In addition, this would fund the purchase of a sign machine to allow the in-house production of all Town signs.

Principal	Issuance*	Interest**	Total Cost
\$ 950,000	\$15,000	\$137,375	\$1,102,375

\* Estimated Cost of Issuance

\*\* Assumes an interest rate of 3.5%, with federally tax-exempt bonds amortized with level payments over 7 years.

3. Eldred Avenue Field Repairs (RESOLUTION NUMBER 7) Amount to be borrowed: \$450,000

Explanation and Purpose: This would fund the repair and improvement to the existing field area located at Eldred Avenue to include grading and drainage in order to improve the playability of the area for various sports. This does include the expansion of the current field area. It would fund the purchase of a collapsible netting system to be installed around the perimeter of the playing field.

Principal	Issuance*	Interest**	Total Cost
\$ 450,000	\$5,000	\$64,925	\$519,925

\* Estimated Cost of Issuance

\*\* Assumes an interest rate of 3.5%, with federally tax-exempt bonds amortized with level payments over 10 years.

4. Bike Paths (RESOLUTION NUMBER 8) Amount to be borrowed: \$1,500,000

Explanation and Purpose: This would fund the design, permitting and construction of future bike paths at locations yet to be determined throughout Town and which have been identified in the 2024 Jamestown Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as adopted by the Town Council. Bonded projects will require additional approvals and public input, including Town Council approval for any final expenditures.

Principal	Issuance*	Interest**	Total Cost
\$ 1,500,000	\$25,000	\$551,250	\$2,076,250

\* Estimated Cost of Issuance

\*\* Assumes an interest rate of 4.5%, with federally tax-exempt bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.

5. Affordable Housing (RESOLUTION NUMBER 9) Amount to be borrowed: \$3,000,000

Explanation and Purpose: These funds would be available for projects yet to be determined in order to create affordable housing units in Jamestown including but not limited to the acquisition of property to be developed and/or the development of Town owned properties. Bonded projects will require additional approvals and public input, including Town Council approval for any final expenditures.

Principal	Issuance*	Interest**	Total Cost
\$ 3,000,000	\$40,000	\$866,250	\$3,906,250

\* Estimated Cost of Issuance

\*\* Assumes an interest rate of 5.5%, with taxable bonds amortized with level payments over 10 years.

# Youth Services Happenings

AT JAMESTOWN PHILOMENIAN LIBRARY

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## Monday, June 2



**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Ages 5 - 10**

**Meeting Hall**

Let's LEGO Club is for builders of all skill levels. Leave your LEGOs at home; we provide the materials. You provide the imagination!

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## Wednesday, June 4



**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Ages 0 - 5 with a caregiver**

**Meeting Hall**

A story time featuring books, finger rhymes, and interactive songs. We focus on early literacy, gross motor skills, and socialization through stories, music, and movement in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



**3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**

**Grades 5 - 8**

**Sydney Wright Room**

Join Colleen & Erin for our One More Chapter Book Club. We meet after school, once a month, to discuss traditional, novel-style chapter books. Snacks and activity will be provided. June's Pick: The Sherlock Society by James Ponti

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## Thursday, June 5

**There will be no Family Story Time this Thursday. We look forward to seeing you next week!**



**3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**

**Grades 1 & 2**

**Sydney Wright Room**

Join Colleen & Erin for My First Book Club. We meet after school, once a month, to read a story together and complete a story-related activity. A snack will be provided.

June's Pick: Drag and Rex: Forever Friends by Susan Lubner