



Dear Library Director:

The Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) invites you to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rhode Island Library Day on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a date which kicks off National Library Week (April 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

The purpose of this day is to host events and plan activities that will raise awareness about the wonderful things that Rhode Island libraries are doing and how Rhode Islanders benefit from their libraries. We hope that you will choose to join this celebration of Rhode Island libraries and begin working within your organization to plan events to mark the occasion.

As part of the celebration, we are encouraging Rhode Island's public libraries to participate in an Amnesty Day for those returning overdue materials on April 8<sup>th</sup>. There are numerous ways that libraries can participate, both big and small. Some ideas for activities and events from public libraries celebrating last year's Rhode Island Library Day include:

- Hosting author visits
- Having raffles and door prizes throughout the day
- Storytimes by special guests (local and/or state government officials, local celebrities, etc.)
- Crafts and makerspace activities
- Lego programs
- Book sales
- Special youth programming – magic shows and entertainment
- Movie marathons
- Technology open houses

If you and your organization are planning to celebrate Rhode Island Library Day, then we would love to hear from you and hear about the events and activities you have in the works, so that we can help disseminate and share these with our library colleagues in RI. Please contact Beth Ullucci [bullucci@burrillville.org](mailto:bullucci@burrillville.org) or Andrew Creamer at [andrew\\_creamer@brown.edu](mailto:andrew_creamer@brown.edu) with your planned events and activities or questions by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. For more information on this special day, please visit RILA's Rhode Island Library Day page:

<http://rila.wildapricot.org/RI-Library-Day>