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The Providence Athenaeum

www.providenceathenaeum.org

The Providence Athenaeum, founded in 1753 as an independent membership library is America's Fourth Oldest Library and Providence's Oldest Cultural Institution. The collection includes a circulating collection of children and juvenile literature, adult biography, current fiction and mystery, poetry, history and travel. Special collection sources contain first edition novels, library archives beginning in 1753, the Holder Borden Bowen collection, donated in 1912, as well as Smithsonian Institution Publications and book arts sources. Special Collection and archive materials are viewed by appointment only. RISD library and the Athenaeum share an online library catalog, searchable from both libraries and off campus via the library intranet webpage. The Athenaeum welcomes visitors to visit the library, but reciprocal borrowing privileges are granted only to RISD students and faculty. RISD students may check out five Athenaeum items with their RISD ID. [Directions & Hours](#)

HELIN Libraries

library.uri.edu

The HELIN Library Consortium is composed of eleven Rhode Island academic libraries, and fourteen health sciences libraries. The academic libraries are represented by Brown University, Bryant University, the Community College of Rhode Island, the Dominican House of Studies, Johnson & Wales University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, the University of Rhode Island, and Wheaton College. RISD students and faculty have access to these libraries, but no borrowing privileges. RISD offers the option of interlibrary loan of materials. See [Interlibrary Loan](#).

Brown University Libraries

JOSIAH Online Catalog

www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/

The JOSIAH online catalog contains holdings the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. library (humanities and social science) the Sciences library, (physical and biological sciences, and maps), Orwig music library, art slide library, John Hay library, (special collections) and the Annmary Brown library. RISD patrons have access but limited borrowing privileges. Completing a 'Brown borrowing' application, based upon research needs, at the RISD reference desk, 100 undergraduates and all graduate students will receive borrowing privileges each semester. [Hours & Locations](#)

Providence Public Libraries

Ocean State Libraries Online Catalog

library.provlib.org

The Providence Public Library system consists of 10 branches. The central branch, on Washington Street, is the main branch, closest to the RISD campus. This branch provides in-depth collections of material for adults and children, as well as reference, audio/visual and electronic resources. The Ocean State Libraries catalog system contains all library resources, at all Providence Public Library branches. RISD patrons have access and borrowing privileges upon registration. [Directions & Hours](#)