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**Harry Potter Fans from Far and Wide Expected for
Harry Potter Weekend at the Worcester Public Library**

Event takes place July 21 to 23

Worcester, MA – Harry Potter Weekend comes to the Worcester Public Library from Thursday, July 21 to Saturday, July 23. The event will include programs for patrons ages 10 and up.

The festivities begin on Thursday, July 21 with a game of Wizard Chess from 2 to 4 p.m. Staff and patrons will form two teams, with each person acting as a piece in the chess game. Each team will have to decide together which piece to move, may the best team win!

On Friday, July 22 stop by for a game of Library Quidditch from 3 to 5 p.m. Quidditch is the fictional sport in the Harry Potter Universe, and it has been adapted into a real world “Muggle” version. The game has been slightly adapted for the Library and all supplies will be provided.

Finish off the weekend on Saturday, July 23 with a free Wizard Wrock concert from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Performers *Tonks and the Aurors*, and *Tianna and the Cliffhangers* join us as part of their “Yes All Witches” summer tour, with special guests performers Ashley Hamel, and Brian of *Draco and the Malfoys*. “Wrock” is a portmanteau of the words “Wizard Rock,” and is a fan made genre of music where the songs are about Harry Potter. The bands performing also have songs inspired by other books, such as *The Hunger Games* and John Green’s young adult novels. For more info on Tonks and the Aurors’ visit their website: <http://tonksandtheaurors.com/>

All patrons are encouraged to wear their Harry Potter themed costumes to the events. You can also visit the two Harry Potter displays on the first floor of the Library. The display outside the Teen Zone includes a quiz to help you figure out what Harry Potter house you belong in, and then you can drop a slip of paper with your name into a jar for that

house. The house with the most names will be announced at the Wizard Rock program. The second display includes the four houses, with book recommendations for each house: Gryffindor for the brave and daring, Slytherin for the ambitious and clever, Ravenclaw for the witty and intelligent, and Hufflepuff for those who value hard work, patience, and loyalty.

Patrons will also be able to place a hold on the new play, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," the sequel to the book series, which comes out July 31.

Teen patrons who attend all three programs can collect secret codes that can be input into their summer reading account. If they collect all three codes, they'll be entered into a drawing for a \$25 That's Entertainment gift certificate.

Harry Potter Weekend is part of the Summer Reading Program at the Worcester Public Library. The theme for the 2016 program is "Wellness, Fitness, and Sports" - with loads of free programs being offered through August 20 at the Main Library and all branches. Participants are eligible for prizes for reading and participating in programs. All ages are invited to sign up for summer reading at mywpl.org or at any library location until August 20.

For more information contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org. Check mywpl.org for updates on the Summer Reading program, and for a complete listing of all programs please visit:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=WPL&setRef=new>

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