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**PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM PRESENTS *IMAGINARY WORLDS:*
STORYTELLING IN PICTURES & WORDS EXHIBITION**

PROVIDENCE, RI- The Sayles Gorham Children’s Library and Philbrick Rare Book Room at the Providence Athenæum are proud to present the *Imaginary Worlds: Storytelling in Pictures & Words* exhibition. On view through Friday, January 5, this exhibit showcases the Old Juveniles Collection of Children’s Literature and the great talent of generations of artists and authors who give children windows to worlds they can only imagine. Designed to welcome all ages, the exhibit features three centuries of children’s literature and encourages children to touch and explore early and mid-century titles and search for well-known literary friends in a scavenger hunt.

Highlights of the exhibition include first and early editions of *Alice’s Adventures Underground*, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, *The Little Prince*, *Madeline*, and *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*. The oldest title on view is a 1726 edition of *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift.

The exhibition is open for viewing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12–6pm and by appointment through January 5. For more information about the exhibition and programming, please visit provath.org/visit/exhibits.

Related children’s programming:

Sunday, November 19, 2:30–3:30pm | Afternoon Tea with Madeline

Join a life-size Madeline for “tea,” stories, and a short film at the library. Free & open to the public; ages 5+. Please register with Lindsay at lshaw@provath.org or 401-421-6970 x17.

Friday, November 24, 2–3:30pm | The Annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Family Movie

After your holiday celebrations, visit the library for our annual event! This time we’re watching *The Sword in the Stone*, the animated classic based on the book by T.H. White. Free & open to the public; all ages welcome. No registration required.

Saturday, December 2, 2–3:30pm | Book Crafting Workshop

Children are invited to create handmade books to decorate and fill with stories, thoughts, and dreams. Grown-ups can join the fun as well. Free & open to the public; ages 5+. Please register with Lindsay at lshaw@provath.org or 401-421-6970 x17.

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About the Providence Athenæum: *The Providence Athenæum is an independent, member-supported library and cultural center located on Providence’s historic Benefit Street. Over its nearly 200 years of existence, the library has welcomed illustrious writers, spirited thinkers, and energetic community members through its doors to engage in reading, conversation, and debate. At its heart, the Athenæum encourages a love of reading and learning to all. Learn more at provath.org.*