

# Read Across Rhode Island

## Mr. Penumbra's Treasure Hunt

Are you prepared to take the Penumbra challenge? Solve the puzzles in this treasure hunt for a chance to **Win a Nook!** at the May Breakfast. Below are the encrypted names of public places, museums and businesses in Rhode Island. You must test the different ciphers and codes against each clue to uncover the names of each location.

Location names were encrypted using different types of substitution and transposition methods including: QR Codes, Scrambles, Caesar, acrostics, and Vigenère tables.

**Directions:** Take this sheet to each of the seven locations (call ahead for hours and directions). You can go to the locations in any order. Someone is waiting at each location to stamp the box below. Each stamp is a letter and you will get one or two at each location. You must visit every location to receive all 12 letters needed.

The letters stamped below must be unscrambled in order to form a two-word phrase used in *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore*. Write your solution in the answer space below.

Bring this stamped sheet with your solved Scramble to the May Breakfast to enter the raffle for a Nook. Only sheets with original stamps are eligible and only one entry per person.

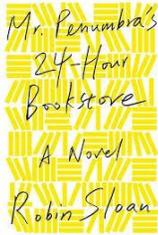
**Stamp each letter once in the box below.**



Picture Clue for Scramble:

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Read Across Rhode Island Mr. Penumbra's Treasure Hunt Ciphers

Cipher #1. Perhaps you should read more, no? Really there are an abundance of choices, from Orwell to Vidal, Irving to Dickens, an option for every taste. Every reader should try Nabokov at least once, and give Christie and Emerson a fair shot, and maybe sneak a little Proust from time to time. Under any circumstance, Bronte and Lamb will make a book nerd out of you. I think it best to stick to authors who know their trade—Collins and Lovecraft are a guaranteed good time. In any case, though, Burroughs will be sure to entertain you and Rendell will most definitely keep you guessing. Although any of these novelists are not to be outdone by Robinson. You've really got to try them all!

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Cipher #2. USEMUM & SPOH TA CIRBK KRATEM

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Cipher #3. URJHUV IUHH OLEUDUB

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Cipher #4. 1-0-17-13-4-18 0-13-3 13-14-1-11-4 13-14-14-10 2-14-20-13-19-4-17:

22-0-17-22-8-2-10 14-17 18-12-8-19-7-5-8-4-11-3

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_

(There are two of these located in RI, they have the same stamps so only go to one – your choice)

Cipher #5.



Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Cipher #6. XVATFGBA UVYY OBBXFGBER

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Cipher #7.

Probably every bookseller has a favorite writer,  
only some would find it impossible to choose just one. For any bookseller, it's a shiv  
in the heart to hear about anyone who doesn't love a good book. Need  
each and every patron to make a purchase? By every mean,  
carry out your copy of The Great Gatsby. It's sure to entice.

At least once in a while, it will be very hard to shut  
honorary patrons out of the bookstore.

Now and again, you will suggest a book to someone and they won't enjoy it, or vice versa.

Every bookseller has a weak spot, and that might be yours. You  
might be able to resolve this by simply reading more books!

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_