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LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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LACONIA, NH 03246

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## Key

Children's

Teen

Adult

General



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6
Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Evening Nonfiction Book Group @ 6pm		Teen and Family Drop-In Craft @ 10am-noon
8	9	10	11	12	13
Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am Lego Club @ 3:30pm Teen Manga Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Mystery Book Club @ 4pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution @ 6pm		Drop-In Family Craft @ 10am-noon
15	16	17	18	19	20
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29	30	31			
Library Closed	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Art @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm			

Library staff may take photographs or video recordings at Library events for use in publicity. This includes use in our newsletter, website, or social media pages. Please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken of you or your child.

# STORYTIMES

## SENSORY STORYTIME

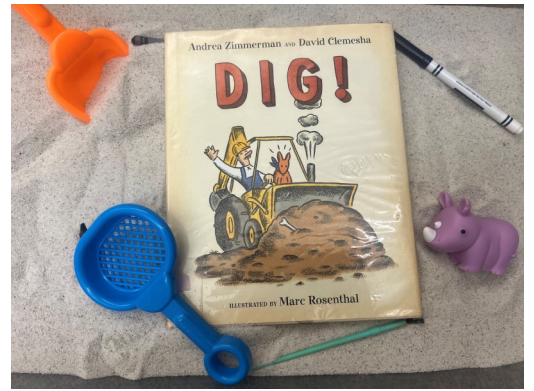
### **Mondays**

10am

*Selig Storytime Room*

Newborns-age 6

Monday's are for messy play at Sensory Storytime! Join us at 10am for songs, stories, and sensory bin fun followed by an engaging art activity. This program is suited for six-year-old and younger children in the Selig Storytime Room. There are no Sensory Storytimes on 5/15 or 5/29.



## TODDLER TIME

### **Wednesdays**

10am

*Selig Storytime Room*

Newborns-age 3

Toddler Time is a fun-filled hour geared toward newborns and toddlers. We'll sing songs, move our bodies, read stories, and do a craft each week! Younger or older siblings are always welcome! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Wednesdays at 10am.



## PRESCHOOL PALS

### **Thursdays**

10am

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward Preschool aged kiddos (3-6 years old). Join us for singing, dancing, crafting, and of course, we'll be reading some great books! Younger or older siblings are always welcome! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Thursdays at 10am.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION OF TREASURES IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM?

Call (603) 524-4775 x602, email [croy@laconialibrary.org](mailto:croy@laconialibrary.org), or stop in to ask at the Children's Desk.

# KIDS PROGRAMS

## LEGO CLUB

**Tuesday, May 9 & 23**

3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 5-12

Join us for an hour of creative fun in the Selig Storytime Room! We'll provide the Lego bricks... all you need to bring is your imagination! Best for ages 5-12.



## MOVE & GROOVE

**Friday, May 19**

10am

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! In this program geared toward the younger crowd we'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the Auditorium.



## TINKER TIME: PENDULUMS AND PATHWAYS

**Thursday, May 18**

3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-12

Come explore force, speed, and more in a special Tinker Time where we will experiment with motion and movement! Build a tower and knock it down with our pendulum "wrecking ball", or help build a marble run from one side of the Selig Storytime room to the other using Magnatile pathways. This program is best suited for children ages 3-12 and their caregivers.





# SUMMER READING PREVIEW



## SUMMER READING 2023 ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Summer will be here before we know it, and we are gearing up for a great season! This year's nationwide Summer Reading theme is "All Together Now," and we can't wait to have you join us for some truly exciting events! In addition to our weekly interactive Storytimes, we'll make amazing crafts, offer special programs, and as always we'll invite performers that will awe and inspire kids of all ages. As always, there will be lots of **READING!** Keep track of the books you're reading all summer and come into the Library for prizes! You can even help us decorate the Children's Room as you read. Get ready for a summer of fun at Laconia Public Library!

### WATERLEMON

A pinch of salt is the secret ingredient in this pairing of lemon and watermelon. It brings out the fruits' summery flavors without making the drink taste like the ocean. You can try it right now: Grab a slice of chilled watermelon; give it a little squeeze of lemon and a sprinkling of salt. So sweetly satisfying. **SERVES 8 TO 10**

1 CUP [240 ML] STILL WATER  
1 CUP [200 G] GRANULATED SUGAR  
9 CUPS [1 KG] CUBED SEEDLESS  
WATERMELON (ABOUT  
¾ WATERMELON)  
1 CUP [240 ML] FRESHLY  
SQUEEZED LEMON JUICE  
(FROM ABOUT 6 LEMONS)  
½ TEASPOON KOSHER SALT  
ICE CUBES

To make a simple syrup: In a saucepan over medium-low heat, bring the water and sugar to a simmer, stirring occasionally, until the sugar dissolves. Cool the syrup to room temperature.

Working in batches, liquefy the watermelon in a blender and strain the purée through a fine-mesh sieve. Reserve the liquid and discard the solids. Measure 6 cups [1.4 L] watermelon juice.

In a pitcher, stir together the syrup, watermelon juice, lemon juice, and salt. Refrigerate until cold. Serve over ice cubes.



# SATURDAY PROGRAMS

## DROP-IN TEEN AND FAMILY CRAFT: RIBBON WANDS

**Saturday, May 6**

10am-12pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

*Ages kids through teen*

Make a wand with colorful ribbons and bells! For kids through teens in the Storytime Room.



## DROP-IN FAMILY CRAFT: BUBBLE PAINTING

**Saturday, May 13**

10am-12pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

*Best for ages 5-12*

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere! During this fun drop-in craft program, we'll be using colorful bubbles to paint! Create a work of art or a beautiful Mother's Day card. Join us in the Selig Storytime Room; best for ages 5-12!



## DROP-IN FAMILY CRAFT: RAINBOW ABSTRACT ART

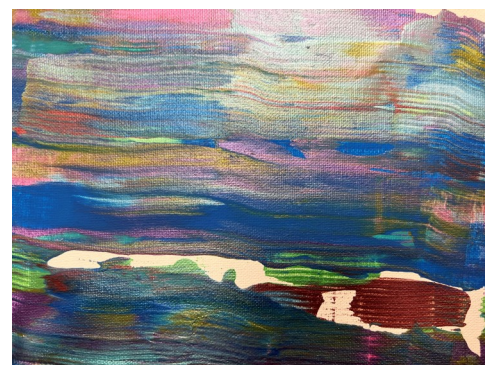
**Saturday, May 27**

10am-12pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

*Best for families with children*

Join us in the Selig Storytime room to make colorful art with dots of sparkling paint and a scraper! All materials will be provided and you will go home with a beautiful piece of rainbow abstract art to brighten up your space. This drop-in art program is best suited for families with children.





# CHECK THESE OUT

## DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING? LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK!

### LIBBY, BY OVERDRIVE

(log on with your library card number)

Download free audiobooks and ebooks to your mobile device or computer.

**You may check out 3 titles at a time.**



### HOOPLA

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Download and stream free television shows, movies, music, ebooks, and audiobooks on your mobile device or computer.

**You may check out 5 titles per month.**



Find out more on our website:

<https://www.laconianh.gov/714/eBooks-Downloads>



Spring is a time for gardening and spring cleaning. Visit our non-fiction section for a selection of topical books.



Visit our YouTube channel to learn more about [Low-Maintenance Houseplants](#) and [Propagation and Repotting](#).

Low Maintenance  
Houseplants

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## TEEN MANGA CLUB

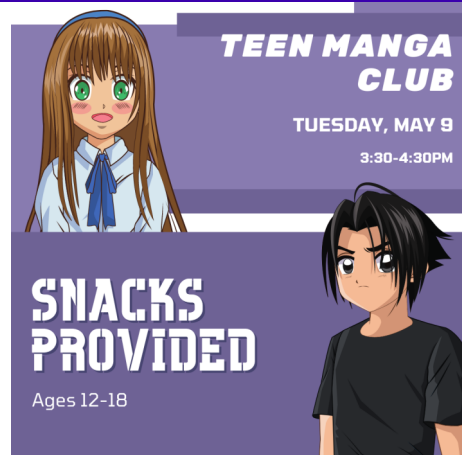
**Tuesday, May 9**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

**Ages 12-18**

Love all things Manga? Join us to discuss your favorites and help pick what the library will buy next! Snacks provided, for ages 12-18 in the Auditorium.



## TEEN ART: SHARPIE ART TILES

**Tuesday, May 16**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

**Ages 9-18**

Draw a design with sharpie on a tile! For ages 9-18 in the Auditorium.



## TEEN CRAFT: TWINKLE LIGHT LANTERNS

**Tuesday, May 23**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

**Ages 9-18**

Decorate a paper lantern with twinkle lights and paint pens! For Teens 9-18 in the Auditorium.



## TEEN ART: GLITTER ART

**Tuesday, May 30**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

**Ages 9-18**

Create beautiful art with paint and glitter! For ages 9-18 in the Auditorium.

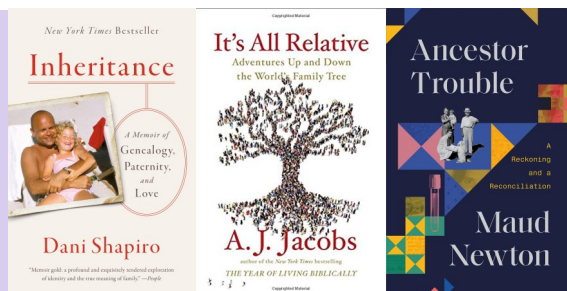




# BOOK CLUBS

## CLIMBING THE FAMILY TREE

Climb the family tree with the Evening Non-Fiction Book Group as we read a selection of books that explore the topics of genealogy, what it means to be family, and the complexity of ancestry. The group will meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## EVENING NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP: "ANNIE'S GHOSTS: A JOURNEY INTO A FAMILY SECRET" BY STEVE LUXENBERG

**Thursday, May 4**

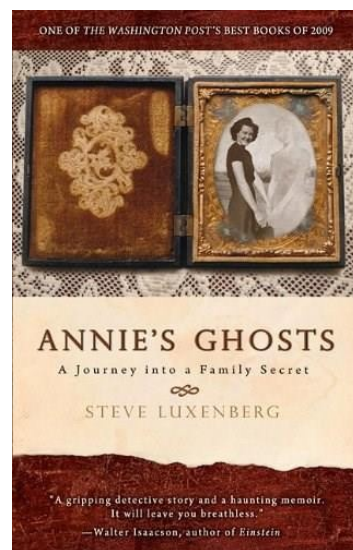
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)

Adults

Steve Luxenberg's mother always told people she was an only child. It was a fact that he'd grown up with, along with the information that some of his relatives were Holocaust survivors. However, when his mother was dying, she casually mentioned that she had had a sister she'd barely known, who early in life had been put into a mental institution. Annie would spend the rest of her life shut away in a mental institution, while the family erased any hints that she had ever existed. Through interviews and investigative journalism, Luxenberg teases out her story from the web of shame and half-truths that had hidden it.

**Sign-up for the book group is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org) to register; held in the Auditorium.**



### Future Meetings will be held:

6/1: *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro

7/6: *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree* by A.J. Jacobs

8/10: *Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and Reconciliation* by Maud Newton

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: "HELLO, TRANSCRIBER" BY HANNAH MORRISSEY

**Wednesday, May 10**

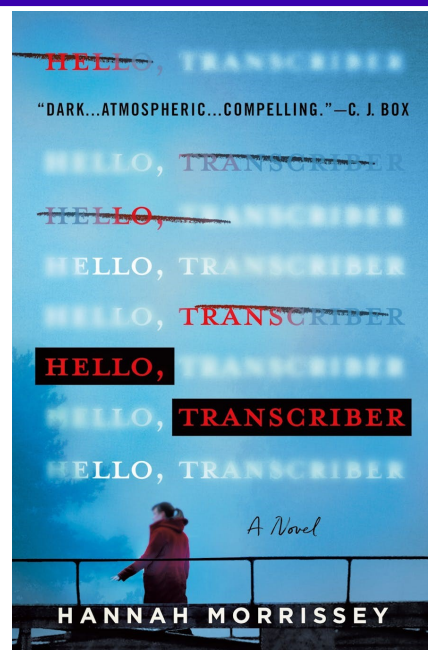
4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)

Adults

Every night, while the street lamps shed the only light on Wisconsin's most crime-ridden city, police transcriber Hazel Greenlee listens as detectives divulge Black Harbor's gruesome secrets. When her neighbor confesses to hiding the body of an overdose victim in a dumpster, Hazel gets a first-row seat to the investigation and becomes captivated by the lead detective, Nikolai Kole.

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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Thursday, May 11**

6pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

Adults

Join us as Glenn Knoblock examines the history of African-American soldiers' service during the Revolutionary War. One of the most interesting aspects of the American Revolution is the role played by African Americans in the fight for independence. Both free African Americans and those that were enslaved were key in manning state militias and Continental Army units, as well as serving on the high seas in the Navy and on privately armed ships. Indeed, their service to the colonies was crucial in a conflict that

lasted nearly seven years. Prohibited from serving in military units and largely considered "undesirable elements," how is it that these African-American soldiers came to fight for the cause of liberty, even when their own personal liberty was not guaranteed? This program is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council and is free and open to the public.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2.0: CURRENT PRESERVATION THINKING AND TRENDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

**Thursday, May 25**

6pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*

Adults



White elephants! Money pits! Boring house museums! Let's rethink our older places. How can we get more people to appreciate and advocate for historic preservation? Join the NH Preservation Alliance's Andrew Cushing as he shares case studies from around the state that highlight successful projects, showcasing how old and obsolete buildings can be reimagined for larger audiences.

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## ADULT PROGRAMS

## DROP-IN TECH HELP

**Tuesdays @ 10am**  
**Wednesdays @ 2pm**  
*Volpe Room*  
**Adults**

Drop in during our hour of technical help and have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Held most Tuesdays at 10am and most Wednesdays at 2pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.



# FIBER ARTS CLUB

**Thursday, May 18**  
10-11:30am  
*Laconia Rotary Hall (Auditorium)*  
**Adults**

Join us for our new Fiber Arts Club! Happening biweekly, on Thursdays from 10 – 11:30am, starting May 18th. Bring your current project to this informal meet-up and make progress on your creation while in the company of other fiber enthusiasts! Knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, needle-felters; ALL are welcome!  
**No sign-up required.**



## LIBRARY PASSES

Call, email, or text the library to reserve a pass! Only one pass available per day.



SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE  
CENTER

The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is a combination of outdoor exhibits and self-guided tours which explore the nature of New Hampshire. Plan approximately two-and-a-half hours to walk the exhibit trail.

**Each pass allows up to four trail admissions for \$12 each.**

## PHYSICAL ADDRESS

23 Science Center Road Holderness, NH 0325

## HOURS

**May 1 through November 1**  
Open daily from 9:30 am - 5 pm  
*The last trail admission at 3:30 pm.*

## CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS



The Castle in the Clouds is a 1914 Arts and Crafts-style mansion with 16 rooms, many of which offer spectacular views of the lakes and mountains. Stroll through the magnificent gardens, or hike the 28 miles of trails and view the striking waterfalls.

**The pass is valid for the free regular admission of one adult and one youth, and 50% off one adult and one youth. It is not valid for programs and special events.**

## PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Route 171, 455 Old Mountain Road  
Moultonborough, NH 03254

## HOURS

**May 27 through October 22**  
Thursday - Monday from 10 - 4 pm



# PUBLISHING IN MAY

## ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

### FICTION

- *The 23rd Midnight* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Release date: 5/1)
- *Identity* by Nora Roberts (Release date: 5/23)
- *The Wedding Planner* by Danielle Steel (Release date: 5/2)
- *The Bride Wore White* by Amanda Quick (Release date: 5/2)
- *The Old Lion: A Novel of Theodore Roosevelt* by Jeff Shaara (Release date: 5/16)

### NON-FICTION

- *The Russo-Ukrainian War* by Serhii Plokhy (Released on: 5/9)
- *Quietly Hostile* by Samantha Irby (Released on: 5/16)
- *Why Fathers Cry at Night: A Memoir in Love Poems, Recipes, Letters, and Remembrances* by Kwame Alexander (Release date: 5/23)
- *King* by Jonathan Eig (Release date: 5/16)
- *To the End of the Earth: The Us Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945* by John C. McManus (Release date: 5/2)



## TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

- *Warrior Girl Unearthed* by Angeline Boulley (Release date: 5/2)
- *Imogen, Obviously* by Becky Albertalli (Release date: 5/2)
- *Miles Morales Suspended: A Spider-Man Novel* by Jason Reynolds (Release date: 5/2)
- *The Iron Vow* by Julie Kagawa (Release date: 5/9)
- *83 Days in Mariupol: A War Diary* by Don Brown (Release date: 5/16)
- *Cherish* by Tracy Wolff (Release date: 5/30)

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## CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

### J FICTION

- *Pete The Cat: Hickory Dickory Dock* by James Dean (Release Date: 5/16)
- *Tap! Tap! Tap! Dance! Dance! Dance!* by Herve Tullet (Release Date: 5/16)
- *Angelina Ballerina: Best Big Sister Ever!* by Katharine Holabird (Release Date: 5/2)
- *Nothing's Wrong!* by Jory John (Release Date: 5/2)
- *Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur?* by Helen Yoon (Release Date: 5/9)

- *Weather Together* by Jessie Sima (Release Date: 5/2)

### J NON-FICTION

- *Into The Deep* by Maria Le (Release Date: 5/2)
- *Pluto! Not A Planet? Not A Problem!* by Stacy McAnulty (Release Date: 5/2)
- *Whose Dinosaur Bones Are Those?* by Chihiro Takeuchi (Release Date: 5/9)
- *The Book Of Turtles* by Sy Montgomery (Release Date: 5/2)

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# MEMORIAL DAY



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