

# JULY 2023



## LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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### Key

Children's
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# Storytimes

## Sensory Storytime

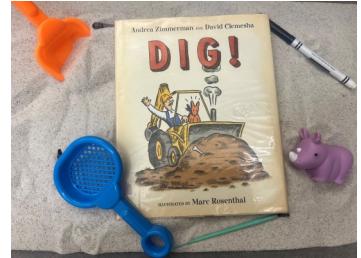
### MONDAYS

10am

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for newborns-age 6

Mondays 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 newborns to age 6 in the Selig Storytime Room.



## Toddler Time

### WEDNESDAYS

10am

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for 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 preschoolers 3 to 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.



## Move & Groove

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**

10am

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! In this program, 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 Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



# Wednesday Specials

Leavitt Park Clubhouse  
334 Elm St, Laconia, NH 03246

Laconia Community Center  
306 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246

## Squam Lakes Natural Science Center presents All Together Now: Be an Earth Hero

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**

1pm  
Laconia Community Center  
Best for newborns-age 12

Our first Wednesday Special of the summer is with the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center! Join us at the Laconia Community Center to meet and learn about three live animals and the humans who have helped ensure their survival, while you learn how to become an Earth hero in your community. For newborns to age 12. **Thank you to the Long Bay South Down Ladies' Book Club for sponsoring this event.**



## Sing a Song Together! with Steve Blunt

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

1pm  
Leavitt Park Clubhouse  
Best for newborns-age 12

We always have a fun time singing along with Steve Blunt! Join us at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse to sing, dance, and get silly together. This program is best for newborns to age 12.



## Community Collaborative Mural Project

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

1pm  
Library Gardens  
Best for ages 3-12

Calling all children of Laconia! We want to celebrate our favorite local artist: YOU! We need your help to brighten up the children's space. For this Wednesday Special, we will provide art supplies to create a colorful community mural in the garden (auditorium and children's room if rainy). The mural will be displayed in the Children's Room for patrons to admire. We can't wait to see your creativity shine!



## Meet Your Community Helpers

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

1pm  
Leavitt Park Clubhouse  
Best for newborns-age 12

Who helps us in an emergency? Join us at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse to meet some of Laconia's community helpers who work to keep us and our community safe. You might even get a chance to peek inside a fire truck! This program is best for newborns to age 12.



## Family Craft: Friendship Bracelets

TUESDAY, JULY 11

2pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-12

This summer's reading theme is All Together Now, and our Family Craft programs are meant to bring children and caregivers together to create something special. This week we will provide materials and instructions to create beautiful friendship bracelets. For children aged 3 to 12 and their caregivers in the Selig Storytime Room.



## Family Craft: Bookmarks

TUESDAY, JULY 18

2pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-12

At this week's Family Craft, we will create bookmarks. We will provide materials and directions for many different styles of bookmarks. Work with a caregiver to create one for yourself and one to give to a friend to spread kindness! For children ages 3 to 12 and their caregivers in the Selig Storytime Room.



## Surprise Storyteller and Free Books!

FRIDAY, JULY 21

1pm

*Library Gardens*

Best for ages 6-12

This week, join us in the Library Garden will to hear tales from a surprise storyteller. At the end of the performance, each child will walk away with a book to keep! For newborns to age 12, stories are best suited for ages 6 to 12. **Sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation, CLiF.**



## Family Craft: Pinwheels

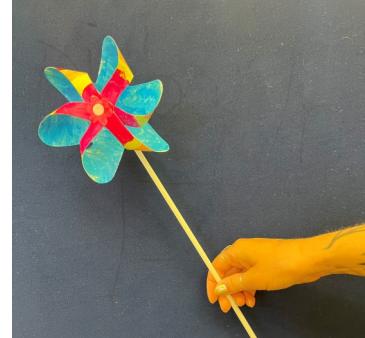
TUESDAY, JULY 25

2pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-12

We continue to spread kindness with this week's pinwheel craft. Decorate two pinwheels, one for yourself and one to give to a friend! For children 3 to 12 and their caregivers in the Selig Storytime Room.



# Kids Programs

## Family Fun: Lego Club

MONDAY, JULY 10 & 24

3:30-4:30pm

*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 to 12.



## Tinker Time: Extra Yarn

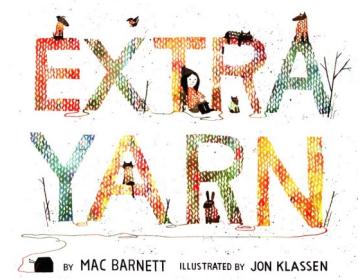
THURSDAY, JULY 20

2pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 5-12

Join us for a special Tinker Time featuring Mac Barnett's story about kindness and generosity, "Extra Yarn". Create decorations using yarn, popsicle sticks, and more. Make sure to bring your creativity! For ages 5 to 12 in the Selig Storytime Room.



## 1000 books before kindergarten

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless! Read any book (even repeats) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your precious one starts kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. Feel free to keep a record of any book that is being read to your child including by teachers and siblings.

Sign up in the Children's Room to receive all you need to get started!



# All Ages

## Summer Reading Kick-Off Event: All-Ages Tie-Dye

FRIDAY, JULY 7

2-3:30pm

Library Garden; Rain location: Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Best for all ages

It's a tie-dye extravaganza! Whether young in years or young at heart, you're invited to join us for an All-Ages Tie-Dye event to kick off our Summer Reading Program! Bring your own white t-shirt or choose from a variety of white accessories. We'll provide the rest of the materials you'll need to create a vibrant work of art. Join your Library community for an afternoon of colorful fun! This event will take place outside in the Library Garden, but if it rains, you'll find us on the lower level of the Library in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Our Story New Hampshire: Story Telling Station

TUESDAY, JULY 11

10:30am-1:30pm

Quiet Study Room

All Ages

For millennia, humans have told stories. We tell stories to communicate and share our common experiences, to express our hopes and fears. In times of joy, we tell stories. In times of great pain and strife, we need stories. Our Story NH seeks to create, share and collect stories across New Hampshire via multiple media and from multiple sectors of life, experience, feelings, hopes, and thoughts of life during, before, and in anticipation of a post-pandemic reality. The Story Station is a mobile unit that provides an opportunity to tell stories at discreet community locations. Individuals sign up for short 15-20 minute appointments and, in response to a prompt, tell an audio story and have their voice recorded, or write their story in response to the prompt. Individuals leave the appointment with a digital copy of their story and have the opportunity to upload it to the [Our Story NH website](#).



*All participants receive a \$20 gift card for gas or groceries. Interpreters are available if requested in advance.*

## Adult Summer Reading Program June 1-August 25

### Branches of Books!

Read a book from every leaf of the family book tree and be entered to win two sessions with a professional genealogist! Drawing happens Friday, August 25th. Find the family tree on our website or at the Main Circulation Desk.

# Teen Programs

## Teen Manga Club

TUESDAY, JULY 11

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Are you a Manga fan? Join us to discuss all things Manga and vote for the next series that the Library will purchase! Snacks will be provided; for Teens aged 12 to 18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Teen Craft: Glow Slime

FRIDAY, JULY 14

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 9-18

Make slime that glows in the dark! For ages 9 to 18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Teen Craft: Shimmery Soap Painting

FRIDAY, JULY 21

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 9-18

Decorate soap with shimmery mica powder. For ages 9 to 18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Teen Craft: Pressed Flower Bookmarks

THURSDAY, JULY 27

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 9-18

Celebrate summer with pressed flower bookmarks! For ages 9 to 18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall 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: "It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree" by A.J. Jacobs

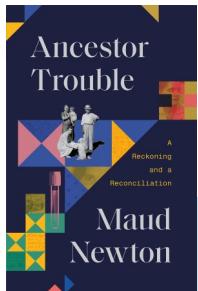
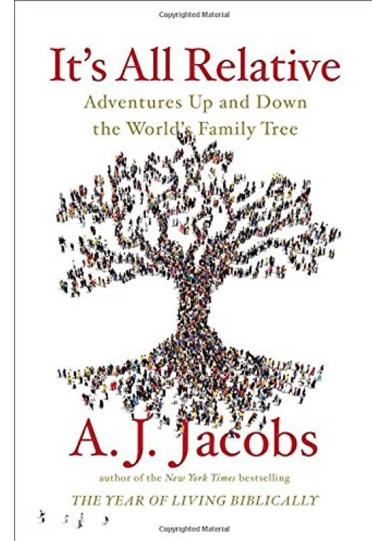
THURSDAY, JULY 6

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

A.J. Jacobs has received some strange emails over the years, but this note was perhaps the strangest: "You don't know me, but I'm your eighth cousin. And we have over 80,000 relatives of yours in our database." That's enough family members to fill Madison Square Garden four times over. Who are these people, A.J. wondered, and how do I find them? So began Jacobs's three-year adventure to help build the biggest family tree in history. Jacobs's journey would take him to all seven continents. He drank beer with a US president, sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and unearthed genetic links to Hollywood actresses and real-life scoundrels. After all, we can choose our friends, but not our family.



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 Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.

Future Meetings will be held:

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

### Mystery Book Club: "A Trick of the Light" by Louise Penny

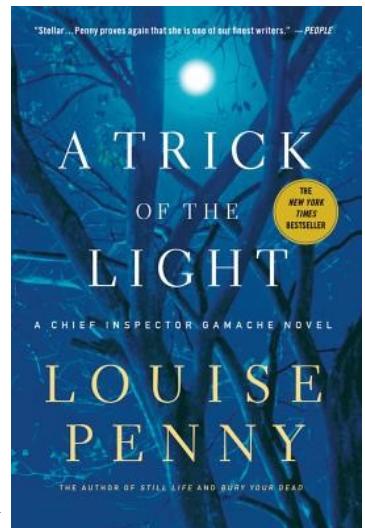
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

"Hearts are broken," Lillian Dyson carefully underlined in a book. "Sweet relationships are dead." But now Lillian herself is dead. Found among the bleeding hearts and lilacs of Clara Morrow's garden in Three Pines, shattering the celebrations of Clara's solo show at the famed Musée in Montreal. Chief Inspector Gamache, the head of homicide at the Sûreté du Québec, is called to the tiny Quebec village and there he finds the art world gathered, and with it a world of shading and nuance, a world of shadow and light.



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# Adult Programs

## Family History Research Workshop Week 1: Introduction to Family History Research

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

The first in a four-part workshop series, this introduction to genealogy will walk you through developing a research plan, documenting your findings, validating information, and considering software and database options for building your family tree. These workshops are led by Ginny Martin, a retired librarian and software engineer with her Certificate of Genealogical Research from the Boston University Center for Professional Education.



Sign-up is required for each of the four sessions. These workshops will take place every other Wednesday, beginning July 5th and ending August 16th, and will build off of each other. To register call: (603) 524-4775 or email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org).

## Family History Research Workshop Week 2: Developing a Family Tree

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



The second in our four-part workshop series, this session will walk you through using Ancestry.com to build your family tree. You'll explore the site's available sources, including vital statistics, census records, land, court, military, and immigration records, and will learn tips for finding hidden resources. These workshops are led by Ginny Martin, a retired librarian and software engineer with her Certificate of Genealogical Research from the Boston University Center for Professional Education.

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## Recipe for Success: Finding Women Through Community Cookbooks

THURSDAY, JULY 27

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



Community and church cookbooks are treasures that give us a glimpse of female groups, encapsulated in a place and time. Besides providing delicious treats, these recipe books can also be a springboard to genealogical adventure. Join Erin as we traipse over recipes for Ghoraibie, Pacific Slope Punch, and Maple Creams in search of clues to unlock the stories of our female ancestors. Participants will receive a few choice vintage recipes as well as a "recipe" for research planning. **Sign-up is not required.**

# 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.



## Stitch Craft

THURSDAY, JULY 13&27  
10-11:30am  
*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*  
Adults

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! This group happens every other Thursday from 10 – 11:30 am. **No sign-up is required.**



## Let's Create! Abstract Fruit Art

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26  
1-3pm or 5-7pm  
*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*  
Adults

Create a delicious and nutritious fruit or vegetable out of colorful shapes! Using cardstock and canvases, you'll leave with a fun art piece to hang in your kitchen or office.

No experience is required, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults only and will be held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium. Sign up for the afternoon session from 1-3pm or the evening session 5-7pm by phone (603) 524-4775 or email [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org).



## Ancestry Library (in Library use only)

Search genealogical and historical documents including census, social security, military, schools, church histories, city directories, immigration, and other records.

# Publishing in July

## Adult Books Coming Soon

### Fiction

- *The Paris Agent* by Kelly Rimmer (Release date: 7/11)
- *The Collector* by Daniel Silva (Release date: 7/18)
- *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead (Release date: 7/18)
- *Dead Fall* by Brad Thor (Release date: 7/25)
- *Prom Mom* by Laura Lippman (Release date: 7/25)

### Non-Fiction

- *Baking Yesteryear: The Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s* by B. Dylan Hollis (Release date: 7/25)

- *Lexington: The Extraordinary Life and Turbulent Times of America's Legendary Racehorse* by Kim Wickens (Release date: 7/11)
- *The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed Child* by Lawrence M. Siegel (Release date: 7/25)
- *The Red Hotel: Moscow 1941, the Metropol Hotel, and the Untold Story of Stalin's Propaganda War* by Alan Philps (Release date: 7/4)
- *Brothers and Sisters: The Allman Brothers Band and the Inside Story of the Album That Defined the '70s* by Alan Paul (Release date: 7/25)



## Teen Books Coming Soon

- *Tiger Rock* by Scott Cawthon (Release date: 7/4)
- *All That's Left to Say* by Emery Lord (Release date: 7/18)
- *One of Us is Back* by Karen McManus (Release date: 7/25)
- *The Legacies* by Jessica Goodman (Release date: 7/25)
- *All Alone with You* by Amelia Coombs (Release date: 7/25)
- *Under This Forgetful Sky* by Lauren Yero (Release date: 7/18)

To place a hold, email [info@laconianlibrary.org](mailto:info@laconianlibrary.org) or fill out this form: <https://www.laconianh.gov/FormCenter/Laconia-Public-Library-6/Patron-Request-Form-72>



## Children's Books Coming Soon

### J Fiction

- *The Bad Guys in Let the Games Begin!* by Aaron Blabey (Release date: 7/4)
- *The Skull* by Jon Klassen (Release date: 7/11)
- *You Can't be a Pterodactyl!* by James Breakwell (Release date: 7/25)
- *Buzzing* by Samuel Sattin (Release date: 7/18)
- *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle* by Taryn Souders (Release date: 7/11)

### J Non-Fiction

- *Butt or Face?* by Kari Lavelle (Release date: 7/11)

- *Our Blue Planet* by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe (Release date: 7/18)
- *Invisible Things* by Andy J. Pizza (Release date: 7/18)
- *We Also Served: True Stories of Brave Animals in the Military and Other Heroic Tales* by Erin McGill (Release date: 7/4)
- *Cookie Queen: How one Girl Started Tate's Bake Shop* by Kathleen King (Release date: 7/25)

# Library News

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## Children's Summer Reading Program

- Sign-ups begin Monday, June 26!
- Newborns-age 12
- Sign-up at the Children's Desk or call (603) 524-4775 ext. 602
- Fill out your reading log and bring it to the Children's Desk to pick a prize each week (7/5-8/12)

We have lots of fun programs planned, including:

- Family Crafts
- A new performer every week!
- Lego Club
- Tinker Time
- Storytimes
- Move and Groove
- And more!



## Teen Summer Reading Program

- No Sign-ups Required!
- Grades 6-12
- 4th and 5th Graders who want to participate may submit tickets for Gift Bags and Reader Prizes.
- Summer Reading Raffle with weekly Gift Bags full of small prizes featuring a gift card from one of our local restaurants: Wayfarer, Burrito Me, or the Laconia Village Bakery.
- Each hour read is an entry. Fill out a ticket every week tallying all hours read, or fill out our online form.
- Extra Prizes for top readers! Top Reader Prizes include a variety of kits (journal, drawing, art, LEGO). The top reader chooses first!
- All accumulated raffle tickets will go towards the Grand Prize Raffle for a Kindle Fire!

