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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Key

Children's

Teen

Adult

General



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.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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	Tech Help @ 10am Family Craft @ 1:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Wednesday Special @ 1pm, Comm. Ctr Family History Research Workshop @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am	Teen Craft @ 1pm
7	8	9	10	11
Sensory Storytime @ 10am Lego Club @ 3pm	Tech Help @ 10am Family Craft @ 2pm Teen Manga Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Wednesday Special @ 1pm, Comm. Ctr Tech Help @ 2pm Mystery Book Club @ 4pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am StitchCraft @ 10am Tinker Time @ 2pm Non-Fiction Book Group @ 6pm	Move & Groove @ 10am Teen Craft @ 1pm Last day of Teen and Children's Summer Reading Programs!
14	15	16	17	18
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21	22	23	24	25
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Sensory Storytime

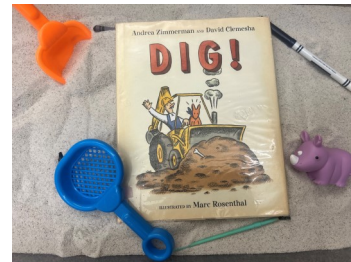
Monday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 2&9

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.



Preschool Pals

Thursday, August 3&10

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.



Move & Groove

Friday, August 11

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

Wildlife Encounters

Wednesday, August 2

1pm

Laconia Community Center

306 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246

Best for newborns-age 12

This week we're getting a visit from our friends at Wildlife Encounters and several of their animal ambassadors! What amazing animals will they surprise us with this time? Join us at the Laconia Community Center to find out. For newborns to age 12. **Sponsored by Chocorua Lodge #51 in memory of Gail Drucker.**



Magic Fred

Wednesday, August 9

1pm

Laconia Community Center

306 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246

Best for ages 3-12

Join us as we wrap up our Wednesday Specials with the Magic Fred Show! It's sure to be a magical time with this family-friendly comedy magic show for children ages 3 to 12 at the Laconia Community Center.



All Ages

An Evening of Music with Clandestine Jazz Collective

Wednesday, August 23

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults, Families welcome

Join us for a night of jazz! The Clandestine Jazz Collective is comprised of jazz musicians from different parts of New Hampshire. The group's leader, Andrew Emanuel, a jazz saxophonist, draws on the influences of Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Sonny Rollins, Miles Davis, and Joe Henderson. Emanuel has shared the stage with several notable musicians including: Steve Wilson, Marshall Gilkes, Dave Pietro, Jim White, Chris Potter, and Allen Vizzutti. The group specializes in jazz standards from the latter half of the 20th century. **All are welcome to attend this free program, no sign-up is required.**



Children's Programs

Family Craft: Zen Gardens

Tuesday, August 1

1:30-3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 3-12

Get your Zen on with this Zen Garden Family Craft! Create your own calming oasis to bring home with you. Sign-up is not required, but supplies are limited for this event. For children aged 3 to 12 in the Selig Storytime Room.



Family Fun: Lego Club

Monday, August 7

3-4:30pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 5-12

Join us for 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.



Leftover Craft Fun

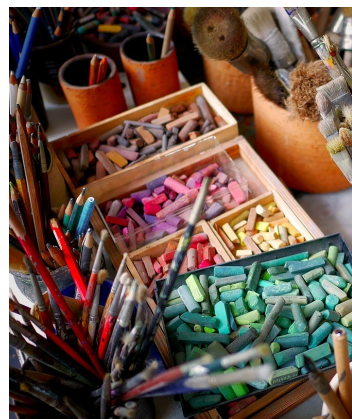
Tuesday, August 8

2pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 3-12

Have you ever wondered what happens with the leftover crafting materials from programs? This year we are having a leftover extravaganza! Join us to choose from multiple crafts and supplies from years past. For ages 3 to 12 in the Selig Storytime Room.



Tinker Time: Water Wheels

Thursday, August 10

2pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 5-12

Can you create a moving water wheel using recycled materials? Join us for a fun-filled Tinker Time where you can construct and test your wheel with water. For ages 5 to 12 in the Selig Storytime Room.



Reading Round-Up!

Would you like help to pick out bedtime stories? Do you feel like you've read everything your child loves, and you're looking for something new? Laconia Librarians to the rescue! Just fill out a quick form, and we'll gather some great options, and put them on our reserve shelf for you! All you need to do is come to the library and pick them up. [Find the form on our website.](#)



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!

STEM Kits

Did you know the Children's Room has STEM kits you can borrow? Check out one of these interactive kits for some fun hands-on learning!



Sorting Bears Kit

This is a great sorting tool! Separate the bears by color or size, and even do a little bit of beginner math.

Magnet Lab

How do magnets work? What sticks to magnets and what doesn't? This kit is truly magnetic!

Dental Hygiene Kit

Test out your teeth-brushing skills with a giant mouth. This kit makes learning about dental hygiene truly fun!

Animal Tracks Kit

Learn about the tracks that NH animals make! With this kit, you'll be able to make your own tracks, and find out how to search for animal tracks and scat in nature.

Storytime Kits, Bedtime, Cats, Ocean, Birds

Each kit comes with 3 themed books, pictures to color, and activities to hold your own storytime at home!

And many more!

Check out a kit, and see just how much fun learning can be! (Limit, one kit per patron.)



Teen Programs

Teen Craft: Squishie Painting

Friday, August 4

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 9-18

Paint a Squishie Keychain! For ages 9 to 18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Teen Manga Club

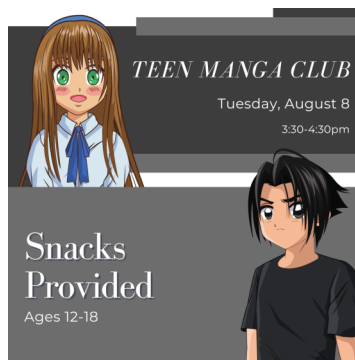
Tuesday, August 8

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: Squirt Gun Painting

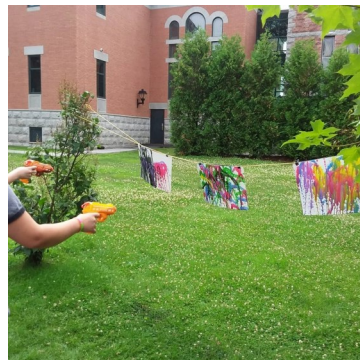
Friday, August 11

1pm

Library Garden

Ages 9-18

Make a watercolor masterpiece! For ages 9 to 18 in the Library Garden.



Summer Reads for Teens!

Find these and more in the Teen Room.



Memory Cart

The Library's Memory Cart is located in the Local History Room and is available for use on a first come, first serve basis.

Plan ahead!

Important information to know before using the Memory Cart:

- All users of the Local History Room are required to sign in and provide a license or other form of identification to be left at the circulation desk while using the room.
- The Memory Cart may not be used to digitize materials that are currently under copyright. § 201.14 Warnings of copyright for use by certain libraries and archives.
- VHS footage is digitized in real time. If your VHS tape is 1 hour long, it will take 1 hour to digitize it. Patrons using the Memory Cart should stay with their materials while they are being digitized. Plan ahead, bring a book or another project that can be worked on while you wait.



The Laptop on the Memory Cart is not connected to the internet. You will need to bring the following to save your files to bring home:

- USB Flash Drive or USB external storage device for photographs and digitized VHS
- SD/SDHC card no larger than 32GB to save 8mm/Super8 film

What can be digitized using the Library's Memory Cart?

The Laconia Public Library's Memory Cart is equipped with:

- Laptop
- VHS Vidbox Converter and VCR so you can digitize your home movies
- Epson flatbed photo scanner for your photographs, mounted slides, 35mm negatives, and medium format negatives.
- Wolverine 8mm/Super 8 digitizer that saves footage from 8mm film/Super 8 reels

The cart is equipped with easy-to-follow instructions for each device and staff may be available to assist as needed.

The Library is not responsible for any damages incurred to patron materials during the use of the Memory Cart.

Local History Room

The Local History room contains many resources for historical and genealogical research. Included in this collection are:

Anyone is welcome to use the Local History Room to conduct local history or genealogical research. To access the room and its collection, please sign in with a staff member at the main circulation desk.

- Laconia City Directories
- Town histories
- Laconia town reports
- Laconia High School yearbooks
- Genealogies
- Cemetery records
- Environmental reports

[More information is available on our website.](#)

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: “Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and Reconciliation” by Maud Newton

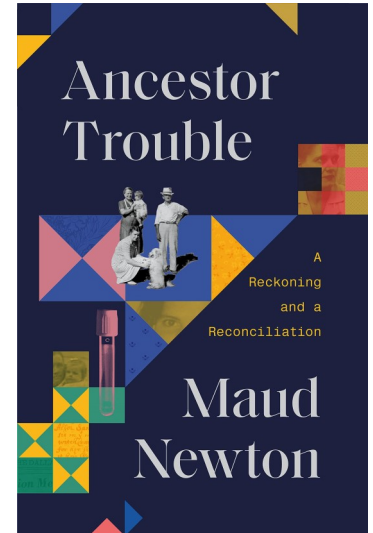
Thursday, August 10

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Maud Newton's ancestors have vexed and fascinated her since she was a girl. Her mother's father was said to have married thirteen times and been shot by one of his wives. Mental illness and religious fanaticism percolated through Maud's maternal lines back to an ancestor accused of being a witch in Puritan-era Massachusetts. Maud's father, an aerospace engineer turned lawyer, was an educated man who extolled the virtues of slavery and obsessed over the “purity” of his family bloodline, which he traced back to the Revolutionary War. This questionable pairing led to a chaotic childhood replete with thirty rescue cats, and a church in the family's living room where she performed exorcisms. Maud's anxiety over her genetic lineage led her down the path of genealogical research and the reckoning that comes with healing generational trauma.



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 to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.

Mystery Book Club: “The Paris Apartment” by Lucy Foley

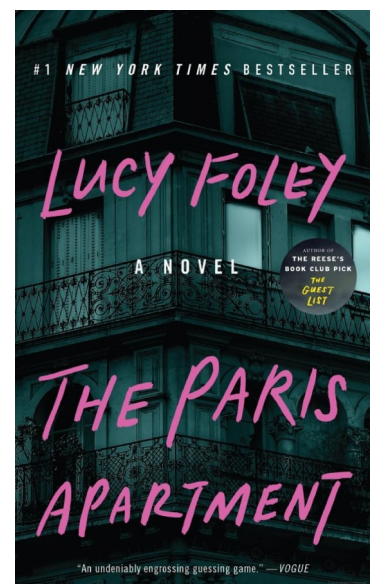
Wednesday, August 9

4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Jess needs a fresh start. She's broke and alone, and she's just left her job under less than ideal circumstances. Her half-brother Ben didn't sound thrilled when she asked if she could crash with him for a bit, but he didn't say no, and surely everything will look better from Paris. Only when she shows up – to find a very nice apartment, could Ben really have afforded this? – he's not there. The longer Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into her brother's situation, and the more questions she has.



Sign-up for the book club is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.

Adult Programs

Family History Research Workshop Week 3: DNA for Genealogists

Wednesday, August 2

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



The third in a four-part workshop series, this class will include discussion of DNA testing, including the pros and cons of testing, types of information that can be derived from DNA, major DNA testing sites, how to examine DNA matches, and how to use this information in your research. 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.

Family History Research Workshop Week 4: Beyond the Basics

Wednesday, August 16

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



The last in a four-part workshop series, this class will explore other considerations for researching your family history, including talking to family about your research, using libraries, archives and repositories, visiting local genealogical and historical societies, using family photos, bibles, and other resources, research trips, available webinars and online educational resources and documentation tools. 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.

Professional Education.

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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. **Not Wednesday, August 2.**



Adult Programs

StitchCraft

Thursday, August 10 & 24

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! Watercolor Feathers

Thursday, August 17

1-3pm or 5-7pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

This month we will be playing with watercolors to create watercolor feathers using an exercise from Kateri Ewing's book [Watercolor is for Everyone](#).

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.



An Evening with Author Charles Doane: The Boy Who Fell to Shore: The Extraordinary Life and Mysterious Disappearance of Thomas Thor Tangvald

Thursday, August 31

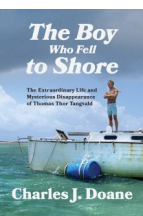
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



Join us for an evening with local author Charles J. Doane as he presents his latest book, *The Boy Who Fell to Shore: The Extraordinary Life and Mysterious Disappearance of Thomas Thor Tangvald*. Charles J. Doane tracks Thomas and his father, Peter, a renowned but controversial sailor, and author, across thousands of ocean miles through intimate interviews, personal correspondence, documentary research, and first-hand experience of the tropical anchorages and passage routes they frequented. This biography is by turns inspiring, terrifying, beautiful, and infuriating as Doane deftly explores the great cost of living freely at the whim of wind and water.



Charles J. Doane is an accomplished bluewater sailor and longtime sailing journalist. He will share photos of Thomas Tangvald and his family and read a few short passages.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

Publishing in August

Adult Books Coming Soon

Non-Fiction

- *Devil's Coin: My Battle to Take Down the Notorious Onecoin Cryptoqueen* by Jennifer McAdam (Release date: 8/8)
- *Althea: The Life of Tennis Champion* by Althea Gibson (Release date: 8/15)
- *The Blue Zones Secrets for Living Longer: Lessons from the Healthiest Places on Earth* by Dan Buettner (Release date: 8/29)
- *We Need to Talk About Antisemitism* by Rabbi Diana Fersko (Release date: 8/29)
- *Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky: Modern Plant-based Recipes Using Native American*

Ingredients by Lois Ellen Frank (Release date: 8/29)

Fiction

- *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini (Release date: 8/8)
- *The Last Ranger* by Peter Heller (Release date: 8/1)
- *Learned by Heart* by Emma Donoghue (Release date: 8/29)
- *The Paris Assignment* by Rhys Bowen (Release date: 8/8)
- *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (Release date: 8/8)



Teen Books Coming Soon

- *The Bewitching Hour* by Ashley Poston (Release date: 8/1)
- *The Monster's Bones* by David K. Randall (Release date: 8/14)
- *Foxglove* by Adalyn Grace (Release date: 8/22)
- *Rook* by William Ritter (Release date: 8/22)
- *The Brothers Hawthorne* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Release date: 8/29)
- *Impossible Escape* by Steve Sheinkin (Release date: 8/29)

To place a hold, email info@laconialibrary.org or fill out the [Patron Request Form](#) on our website.



Children's Books Coming Soon

Non-Fiction

- *When Moon Became The Moon* by Rob Hodgson (Release date: 8/29)
- *A Child's Introduction to Hip-hop: The Beats, Rhymes and Roots of a Musical Revolution* by Jordannah Elizabeth and Markia Jenai (Release date: 8/8)
- *Stuff Kids Should Know* by Chuck Bryant (Release date: 8/1)
- *Welcome to Our Table* by Laura Mucha (Release date: 8/1)
- *Who is Nathan Chen?* by Joseph Liu (Release

date: 8/29)

Fiction

- *Big Nate Move It or Lose It* by Lincoln Pierce (Release date: 8/29)
- *Rick Riordan Presents: Fury of the Dragon Goddess* by Sarwat Chadda (Release date: 8/1)
- *Fox Has a Problem* by Corey R. Tabor (Release date: 8/1)
- *I Cannot Draw a Bicycle* by Cherise Mericle Harper (Release date: 8/1)
- *Brindlefox* by John Sandford (Release date: 8/22)

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It is recommended that customers seeking Notary Service call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that a Notary is available at that time. The Library can be reached by calling (603) 524-4775. Library Notaries are only available during the Library's hours of operation. The Laconia Public Library cannot guarantee a Notary Public will be available upon request.

Notary service is limited to three documents per person, per visit. The document must be completely filled out, leaving no blanks other than where the customer will sign the document, before appearing before the Library Notary. Library Notaries may, at their sole discretion, decline to provide Notary Service.

Note: The Library does not notarize wills.