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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Laconia Public Library

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Key

Children's

Teen

Adult

All Ages



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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Sensory Storytime @ 10am Lego Club @ 3:30pm	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Mindfulness @ 3pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Writing Group @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am StitchCraft @ 10am Non-Fiction Book Group @ 6pm	Move & Groove @ 10am
9	10	11	12	Special Event: Author Alex Prud'homme Discussion Lakeport Opera House Saturday, October 14 @ 7pm
Library Closed	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Mystery Book Club @ 4pm Big Read Book Discussion @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Tarot 101 @ 5:30pm	
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23	24	25	26	27
Sensory Storytime @ 10am Children's Spooky Book Giveaway (announced)	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Manga & Anime Club @ 3:30pm Kids Graphic Novels Club @ 5:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Let's Create! @ 1pm Tech Help @ 2pm Let's Create! @ 5pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Sky Watch @ 6pm (rain date)	Pumpkin Fest: Mini-Pumpkin Decorating @ 3pm 
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STORYTIMES

Sensory Storytime

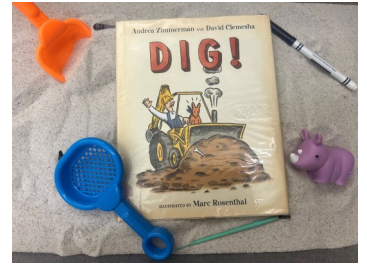
Monday, October 2, 16, 23 & 30

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.



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.



Move & Groove

Friday, October 6 & 20

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.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lego Club

Monday, October 2, 16 & 30

3:30-5pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

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 6-11. No sign-up is required.



Children's Spooky Book Giveaway

Monday, October 23

Children's Room

Best for newborns-age 12

Drop your name in the jack-o-lantern at the children's desk from October 1st to October 21st to be entered into a drawing for a spooky book. The drawing will be on Monday, October 23.



Kids Graphic Novels Club

Tuesday, October 24

5:30pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Do you love graphic novels and are you looking for your next favorite comic to read? Are you interested in starting to draw your own graphic novels? Come join us for our new monthly program, Kid's Graphic Novels Club! We will feature some of our favorite graphic novels from the Children's Room and provide materials for starting your own graphic novel. Best for ages 6-11 in the Selig Storytime Room. No sign-up is required.



Pumpkin Fest: Mini-Pumpkin Decorating

Friday, October 27

3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Best for ages 3-18

Join us before the Pumpkin Fest fun to paint a mini-pumpkin of your own. For ages 3-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium. No sign-up is required.



Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 31

5-7pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for newborns-age 12

We love to see your costumes! Stop into the Children's Room for trick-or-treating. Best for newborns to age 12, in the Selig Storytime Room.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Mindfulness

Tuesday, October 3

3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 9-18

Feeling stressed? Join us to learn a variety of mindfulness techniques from Karen Deighan of the UNH Cooperative Extension. For ages 9-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Teen Gaming Club

Tuesday, October 10

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Play Mario Kart on the big screen in the Auditorium! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Teen Art Club

Wednesday, October 18

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month we will raffle off a set of charcoal pencils at the end of the program! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Teen Manga & Anime Club

Tuesday, October 24

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Come to the monthly Manga and Anime Club to talk about all your favorites! This month we will watch an anime episode chosen by the group, courtesy of Crunchyroll. Snacks will be provided, for ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: “The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper” by Hallie Rubenhold

Thursday, October 5

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

The Nonfiction Book Group will be creepin' it real in October as they read “The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper” by Hallie Rubenhold. Polly, Annie, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Mary-Jane are famous for the same thing, though they never met. For more than a century, newspapers have been keen to tell us that “the Ripper” preyed on prostitutes. Not only is this untrue, as historian Hallie Rubenhold has discovered, it has prevented the real stories of these fascinating women from being told. Now, in this devastating narrative of five lives, Rubenhold finally sets the record straight, revealing a world not just of Dickens and Queen Victoria, but of poverty, homelessness and rampant misogyny. They died because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time--but their greatest misfortune was to be born a woman.



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: “Daisy Darker” by Alice Feeney

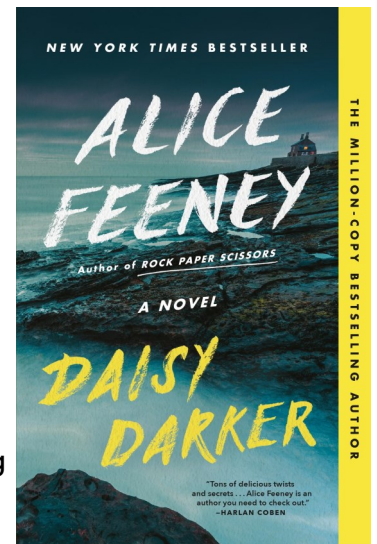
Wednesday, October 11

4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Daisy Darker was born with a broken heart. Now after years of avoiding each other, Daisy's entire family is assembling for Nana's 80th birthday party in her crumbling gothic house on a tiny tidal island. At the stroke of midnight, as a storm rages, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows. Trapped on an island where someone is killing them one by one, the Darkers must reckon with their present mystery as well as their past secrets, before the tide goes out and all is revealed.



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.

BOOK CLUBS

Fantastic Fiction Book Group: “On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous” by Ocean Vuong

Tuesday, October 17

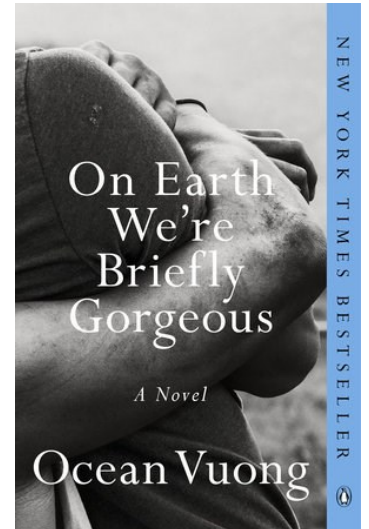
10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for Fantastic Fiction, a new book group run by several Laconia Library staff members. Fantastic Fiction will explore different genres in fiction and meet monthly to discuss the book they read. This month the group will read and discuss “On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous” by Ocean Vuong.

“On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous” is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family’s history that began before he was born — a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam — and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous is as much about the power of telling one’s own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard.



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.

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Are you attempting to write 50,000 words in a month? Check out our list of writing craft books to help <https://laconia.bibliionix.com/?booklist=25453>



National Novel Writing Month

Writing Group

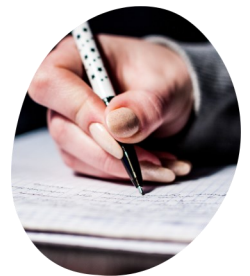
Wednesday, October 4

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Whether you have had work published, or never written more than a grocery list, if you are interested in writing and want to meet other people who share that interest then this is the place for you! Each month we will do a short (5-10 minute) writing prompt, discuss what it is we’ve been working on (or would like to start writing), and what issues we face when we try to write but the words just aren’t flowing. With occasional guest speakers and suggested reading, this group is geared towards getting you to put pen to paper and use writing as both a creative outlet and a mindfulness tool. Sharing your work will be completely voluntary at every step of the way.



Please be sure to bring the writing implement/s of your choice: pen and paper, laptop, tablet. No sign-up is required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tarot 101: Beyond Fortune-Telling

Thursday, October 12

5:30-7:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

This lecture-style program is for anyone who wants to learn more about tarot cards, using the Smith-Rider-Waite deck as a guide. The presentation will cover basic tarot theory, giving an overview of a 78-card tarot deck. We'll approach the tarot holistically, as a symbolic and archetypal language. Attendees are encouraged to bring a notebook and pen, and a favorite tarot deck (it's okay if you don't have one). This program isn't about "fortune-telling," psychic predictions, or pinning down "what the cards mean." This program will not include personalized readings or card interpretations from Kate, instead, it is about empowering you to explore new avenues of self-reflection!

Kate Sheridan, a.k.a. The Laundress, is a tarot reader and astrologer who believes that fortunes are created rather than told. Her approach is therapeutic rather than predictive, and her work is deeply informed by Jungian psychology.



Held in the Library's auditorium, sign-up is not required.

Decoding the Mysteries of Cats: Why Cats Do What They Do

Wednesday, October 18

6pm

Zoom

Adults

Join us for this LIVE Zoom Presentation in which Stephen Quandt, founder of *Stephen Quandt Feline Behavior Associates, LLC* and a certified Feline Training and Behavior Specialist, will explore the hunting and resting behavior of cats, how cats interact with humans, the relationship between hunger, appetite, metabolism, and exercise for cats, plus much more! There will be time at the end of the presentation for questions.



Registration is required. Please type in the following link to register:
<https://forms.gle/9G8dQdnN9gFtFNGjZ>

Join New Hampshire Humanities to read and celebrate Andrew Krivak's "The Bear"

From September 1st-November 30th, 2023

More state-wide events to celebrate The Big Read!

Times to be announced, for more information: <https://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread/>

September 6, 2023

The Big Read kick-off event will be held at Great North Aleworks in Manchester with a dramatic reading from the novel.

September 8, 2023

NH Humanities will host Dr. Brent Ryan Bellamy for a virtual discussion exploring what a recent slate of postapocalyptic books might reveal about our contemporary anxieties.

September 23, 2023

NH Humanities will partner with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center for a planetarium show in which participants will experience how the daughter used the stars to track the passage of time in the novel.

October 14, 2023

Public discussion and book signing with author Andrew Krivak at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage in Concord.

November 3, 2023

Poet Midge Goldberg will examine how poets have told stories about the night sky throughout human history.

For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and events,
Visit <http://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread>, or contact New Hampshire Humanities at (603) 224-4071
or email info@nhhumanities.org.

***NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts
in partnership with Arts Midwest.***

NEA Big Read Book Discussion: "The Bear" by Andrew Krivak

Wednesday, October 11

6-7:30pm

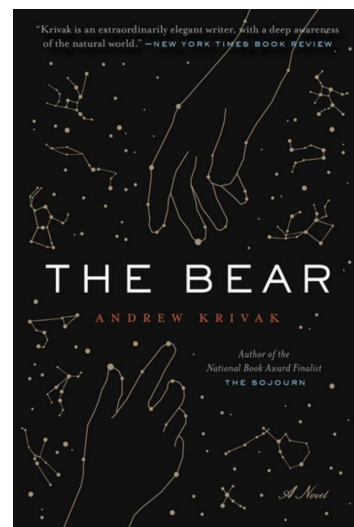
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, and is meant to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. As part of the Big Read, a scholar-led book discussion, facilitated by Mohamed Defaa, will be held at the Laconia Library on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm to discuss Andrew Krivak's "The Bear". Set in a post-apocalyptic future, *The Bear* is a story of the last two people on earth—a father and daughter. The novel explores powerful themes about the importance of intergenerational storytelling, our complicated relationship with the environment, and how to prepare for an unknown future.



Copies of the book will be available at Laconia Library. Sign-up required. Call: (603) 524-4775 or email: info@laconialibrary.org to register.



Evening Sky Watch in the Library Garden with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society

Thursday, October 19

(rain date) Thursday, October 26

6-7:30pm

Library Garden

All Ages

Join us in the Laconia Public Library garden for an evening Sky Watch hosted by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society (NHAS)! This all-ages event will take place on Thursday, October 19 at 6 pm, (rain date Thursday, October 26 at 6 pm). NHAS will give participants a tour of the night sky using telescopes. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescope or share the ones provided. All participants will have the opportunity to look at stars and other celestial bodies found in the night sky.

The Sky Watch is being held in conjunction with New Hampshire's 2023 Big Read. Laconia Public Library, in partnership with New Hampshire Humanities, supports NH's 2023 Big Read of *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

StitchCraft

Thursday, October 5 & 19

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! Coffin Zen Gardens

Wednesday, October 25

1-3pm or 5-7pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us as we decorate a tombstone and craft some calming coffin Zen gardens just in time for Halloween!

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; please specify which session you would like to attend when registering.



Drop-In Tech Help

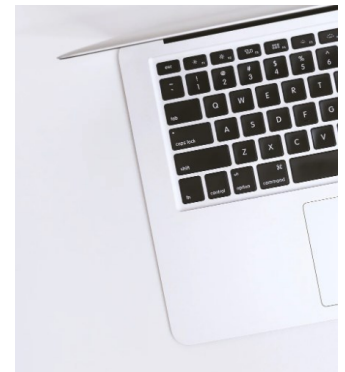
Tuesdays @ 10am

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. No sign-up is required.



<https://www.laconianh.gov/803/Newsletter-Sign-Up>

PUBLISHING IN OCTOBER

Adult Books Coming Soon

Non-Fiction

- *Being Henry* by Henry Winkler (Release date: 10/31)
- *Emperor of Rome* by Mary Beard (Release date: 10/24)
- *A Man of Two Faces: A Memoir, a History, a Memorial* by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Release date: 10/3)
- *Opinions: A Decade of Arguments, Criticism, and Minding Other People's Business* by Roxane Gay (Release date: 10/10)
- *Tupac Shakur: The Authorized Biography* by Staci Robinson (Release date: 10/24)

Fiction

- *The Exchange* by John Grisham (Release date: 10/17)
- *Blood Lines* by Nelson DeMille (Release date: 10/10)
- *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward (Release date: 10/24)
- *The Night House* by Jo Nesbo (Release date: 10/3)
- *Roman Stories* by Jhumpa Lahiri (Release date: 10/10)



Teen Books Coming Soon

- *Night of the Witch* by Sara Raasch (Release date: 10/3)
- *Eight Days and Nights* by Betsy Aldredge (release date: 10/3)
- *Clementine 2* by Tillie Walden (Release date: 10/3)
- *The Harry Potter Wizarding Almanac* by J.K. Rowling (Release date 10/10)
- *Hatchet Girls* by Diana Rodriguez Wallach (Release date: 10/10)
- *A Curse for True Love* by Stephanie Garber (Release date: 10/24)

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



Children's Books Coming Soon

Fiction

- *The Joyful Book* by Todd Parr (Release date: 10/6)
- *Wings of Fire: A Guide to the Dragon World* by Tui Sutherland (Release date: 10/3)
- *Lawrence & Sophia* by Doreen Cronin (Release date: 10/17)
- *Phoebe and Her Unicorn 18: Unicorn for a Day* by Dana Simpson (Release date: 10/03)
- *Spy School Goes North* by Stuart Gibbs (Release date: 10/03)

Nonfiction

- *Plants & Fungi* by Dorling Kindersley Inc (Release date: 10/3)
- *Who Would Win: Ultimate Small Shark Rumble* by Jerry Pallotta (Release date: 10/3)
- *How We Eat* by Shuli De La Fuente Lau (Release date: 10/18)
- *Ordinary Days: The Seeds, Sound, and City That Grew Prince Rogers Nelson* by Angela Joy (Release date: 10/24)
- *Science Comics: Frogs: Awesome Amphibians* by Liz Prince (Release date: 10/24)

LIBRARY NEWS

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Are you doing Research?

Check out the resources in the Teen Section of our website.

- Art and Culture Resources
- Science and Nature Resources
- Math, Engineering, and Technology Resources
- History and Civics Resources
- Language and Writing Resources
- General Resources
- News
- Driver's Education
- College Information

<https://www.laconianh.gov/496/Teens>



Book Discussion with Alex Prud'homme, Author of "Dinner With The President"

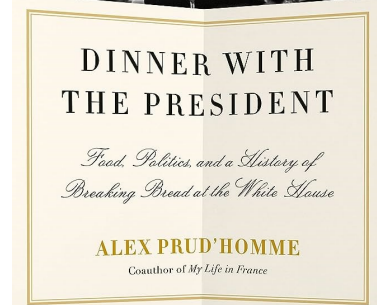
Saturday, October 14

7pm

Lakeport Opera House

Adults

Join the Laconia Public Library, the Putnam Fund, and the Laconia Daily Sun at the Lakeport Opera House for a Book discussion with Alex Prud'homme, author of "Dinner with the President." The discussion includes a lecture with a PowerPoint presentation and Q&A session, followed by a cocktail reception/discussion in the bar area with a cash bar and dessert. Alex is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, and other publications. He is the co-author of Julia Child's memoir, "My Life in France", and has authored or co-authored "The French Chef in America", "France is a Feast", "Born Hungry", "The Ripple Effect", "Hydrofracking", "The Cell Game", and "Forewarned". He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York. "Dinner with the President" is described as a wonderfully entertaining, often surprising history of presidential taste, from the grim meals eaten by Washington and his starving troops at Valley Forge to Trump's fast-food burgers and Biden's ice cream—what they ate, why they ate it, and what it tells us about the state of the nation.



LIBRARY
CLOSED

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Hosted by the Laconia Daily Sun, co-sponsored by Laconia Public Library and the Putnam Fund.

Admission is free to the public. Tickets will be issued in advance and standbys will be allowed in as space allows on the evening of the event. Tickets are available from the Laconia Public Library or The Laconia Daily Sun.