

# December 2023



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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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## Laconia Public Library

695 Main Street  
Laconia, NH 03246

### Hours

Mon: 9am .....8pm  
Tue: 9am .....8pm  
Wed: 9am .....8pm  
Thu: 9am .....8pm  
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Sat: 9am .....4pm

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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.

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Saturday, December 2  
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An Afternoon of Music  
with The Canterbury  
Singers

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Sensory  
Storytime  
@ 10am

Tech Help  
@ 10am

Toddler Time  
@ 10am

Preschool  
Storytime @ 10am

Move &  
Groove  
@ 10am

Teen Mindfulness  
@ 3pm

Tech Help  
@ 2pm

Family Craft  
@ 3:30pm

Kids Graphic  
Novels Club  
@ 5pm

Writing Group  
@ 6pm

Evening Non-  
Fiction Book  
Group @ 6pm

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Lego Club  
@ 3:30pm

Let's Create!  
@ 1pm

Tech Help  
@ 2pm

StitchCraft  
@ 10am

Teen Gaming  
Club @ 3:30pm

Mystery Book Club  
@ 4pm

Legal Aid Tax  
Clinic @ 6pm

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Teen Art Club  
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StitchCraft  
@ 10am

# STORYTIMES

## Sensory Storytime

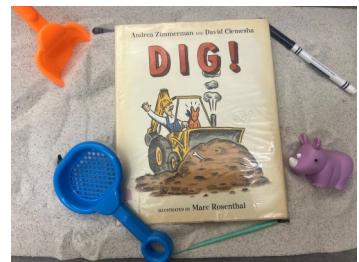
**Monday, December 4, 11 & 18**

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, December 8 & 22**

10am

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving with some winter-themed fun! In this special Move and Groove, we'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, indoor snowball toss, "ice skate", play, and get those wiggles out! Join us afterward for cookies to celebrate the winter season. **Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Kids Graphic Novels Club

**Tuesday, December 5**

5pm

*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.**



## Family Craft: For the Birds

**Thursday, December 7**

3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 5-12

This family craft is dedicated to our feathered friends, BIRDS! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to assemble and decorate tiny birdhouses. Afterward, create some special birdseed treats to hang outside and feed the birds around your space in the cold winter months. **This program is best for families with children aged 5-12 years old and no sign-up is required.**



## Lego Club

**Monday, December 11**

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.**



## Family Craft: Tic-Tac-Toe To Go

**Monday, December 18**

3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 5-12

Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to create your own travel tic-tac-toe game. We will provide all the pieces for you to create a personalized game to share with others this holiday season. **This program is best suited for families with children aged 5-12 years old. No sign-up is required.**



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Mindfulness

**Tuesday, December 5**

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, December 12**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Ages 12-18**

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



## Teen Manga & Anime Club

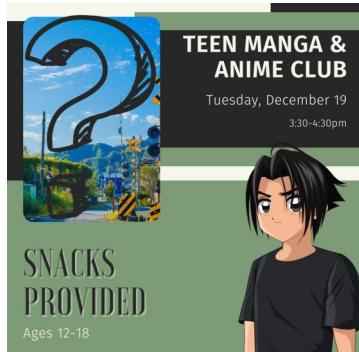
**Tuesday, December 19**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Ages 12-18**

Come to the 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.**



## Teen Art Club: Glitter Painting

**Wednesday, December 20**

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Ages 12-18**

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month is all about glitter! Paint a glitter masterpiece on canvas and make a glitter ornament. **For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall.**



# WORD SEARCH

## Winter

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RUDOLPH  
POLAR EXPRESS  
SKIS  
FIREPLACE  
WINTER  
HOLLY  
HAT  
SNOWMAN  
SLEIGH  
SCARF  
SNOWY DAY  
MITTENS  
GRINCH  
NUTCRACKER

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6177007/>

Answer on page 12

## TIPS FOR TECH HELP

### Did you get a new device?

At drop-in tech help, we can help patrons with

- The basics of how to navigate their laptop, smartphone, and tablets/e-readers
- How to use social media
- How to set up an email account
- How to use Microsoft Office
- How to use our Library apps, Hoopla, and Libby, to download ebooks and audiobooks, and more to their device
- How to use Google and their various services
- Any other questions or inquiries deemed appropriate

We can NOT help patrons with

- Filing taxes online
- Online banking
- Online shopping
- Fixing their device if it is physically broken
- Any other questions or inquiries deemed inappropriate

In order to be prepared for drop-in tech help, patrons should come prepared with

- Their device
- A list of questions or concerns that they have
- Paper and pen or pencil to take notes
- Any usernames and passwords needed to get into online accounts

## Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: "Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life" by LuLu Miller

**Thursday, December 7**

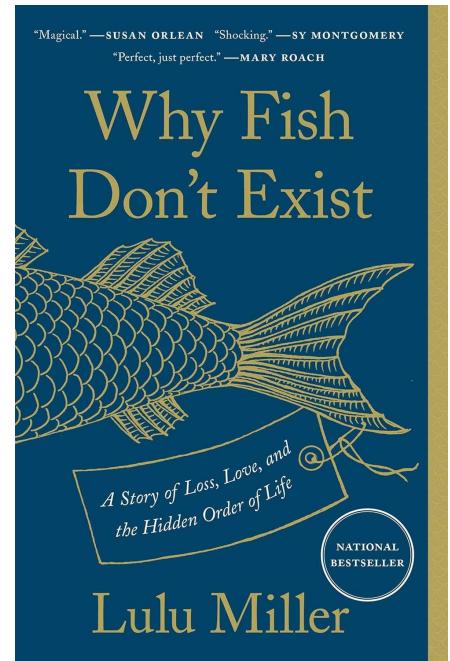
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

David Starr Jordan was a taxonomist, a man possessed with bringing order to the natural world. In time, he would be credited with discovering nearly a fifth of the fish known to humans in his day. But the more he uncovered, the harder the universe seemed to try to thwart him. His specimen collections were demolished by lightning, by fire, and eventually by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Many might have given up. But Jordan? He surveyed the wreckage, found the first fish that he recognized, and confidently began to rebuild his collection. And this time, he introduced one clever innovation that he believed would at last protect his work against the chaos of the world. When NPR reporter Lulu Miller first heard this anecdote in passing, she took Jordan for a fool; a cautionary tale in hubris, or denial. As her own life slowly unraveled, she began to wonder about him. What she would unearth would transform her understanding of history, morality, and the world beneath her feet.

**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.**



## Mystery Book Club: "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley

**Wednesday, December 13**

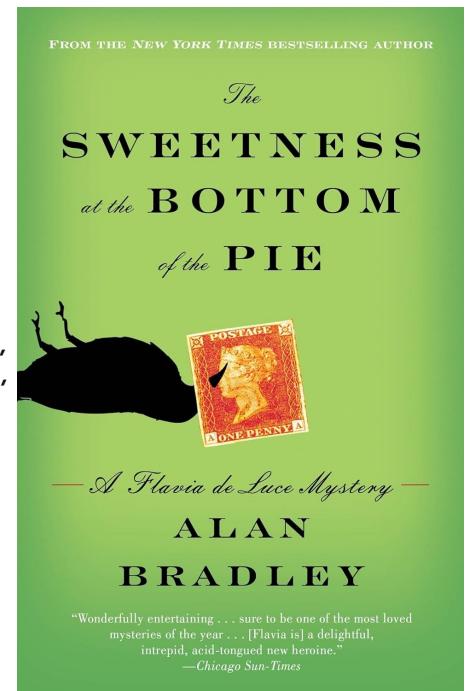
4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

In the summer of 1950—and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath. For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw.

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## Fantastic Fiction Book Group: “Fever Dream” by Samanta Schweblin

**Tuesday, December 19**

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

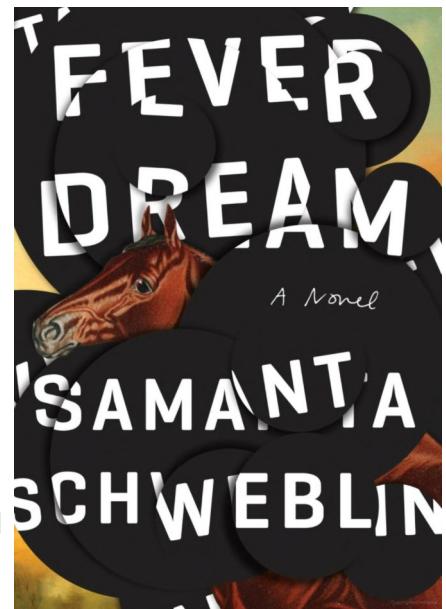
Adults

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 books they read.

A young woman named Amanda lies dying in a rural hospital clinic. A boy named David sits beside her. She's not his mother. He's not her child. Together, they tell a haunting story of broken souls, toxins, and the power and desperation of family.

Fever Dream is a nightmare that comes to life, a ghost story for the real world, a love story, and a cautionary tale. One of the freshest new voices to come out of the Spanish language and translated into English for the first time, Samanta Schweblin creates an aura of strange psychological menace and otherworldly reality in this absorbing, unsettling, taut novel.

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## How to check out books for your book club

Have you been thinking about starting a book club? The library can help!

If you are not sure what book you would like to read, try a Reads-To-Go kit! A Reads-To-Go kit includes fifteen paperback copies of a book along with discussion questions to ask during your book club. You can reserve kits ahead of time to make certain they will be available for your group. To browse titles on Reads-To-Go, type [www.eventkeeper.com/kitkeeper/index.cfm?curOrg=NHLA](http://www.eventkeeper.com/kitkeeper/index.cfm?curOrg=NHLA) into your internet browser. Once you have selected a title, call us to request the kit for you.

If none of the titles on the Reads-To-Go list strike your fancy, the library may be able inter-library loan copies of your selected title. Whatever you choose, please make sure that the title has been out for at least six months. They likely will not come in all at once, it's possible that the library may not be able to get enough copies, and due dates will vary. The patron requesting will also be financially responsible for the copies in the event of loss or damage.

If you would like to see how many libraries in the state have a copy of your selected title, you can search the state catalog at [www.nhais.shareit.com](http://www.nhais.shareit.com) to make an informed decision about whether to ILL your chosen title.

To request ILL for book clubs, either send an email to [slocke@laconialibrary.org](mailto:slocke@laconialibrary.org) or call Shayla at (603)-524-4775 ext 607.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## An Afternoon of Music with The Canterbury Singers

**Saturday, December 2**

1pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Adults**



The Canterbury Singers partner with the Canterbury Shaker Village to present authentic Shaker music, expanded by arrangements of American folk songs, music of early America, and inspired arrangements by a variety of composers. One of the very few non-auditioned, high quality professionally directed choral experiences for mixed voices (men and women/teens and adults blended ensemble) in the Capital Area. **No sign-up required.**

## Let's Create! Fluid Painted Wood Ornaments

**Wednesday, December 12**

1-3pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Adults**

Using regular acrylic paint and a fluid medium, create an abstract wooden ornament, no painting skills are required!

**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 by phone (603) 524-4775 or email [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org).**



## 603 Legal Aid Tax Clinic: Low-Income Tax Payer Project

**Thursday, December 14**

6pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

**Adults**

Having trouble with the IRS? Come learn about 603 Legal Aid's Low-Income Tax Payer Project and see if your IRS Tax controversy has a solution. 603 Legal Aid can assist you with tax problems such as returns from past years, deficiency notices, liens or levies, audits, applying for Innocent Spouse Relief or Injured Spouse Relief, Earned Income Tax Credits, qualifying for the Dependency Exemption, or issues around worker classification. 603 Legal Aid is here to help you find relief! Come join us for this free informational session and, please, bring a friend. **This program is free of charge, and no sign-up is required.**



# ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

## Writing Group

**Wednesday, December 6**

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.**

## StitchCraft

**Thursday, December 14 & 28**

10-11:30am

Volpe Room

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 upstairs in the Volpe Room. **No sign-up is required.**



## Drop-In Tech Help

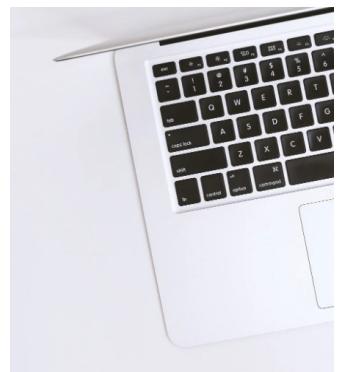
**Tuesday, December 5, 12 & 19 @ 10am**

**Wednesday, December 6, 13 & 20 @ 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. Note: there will be no Tech Help during the weeks of December 24 and December 31.**



# TELESCOPE

**Did you know winter is a really good time to look at the stars?  
Cooler air moves less and gives a clearer view!**



Laconia Public Library is excited to announce that it is now lending a telescope donated by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society.

The New Hampshire Astronomical Society has been placing telescopes in libraries since 2008. Inspiration for this program was taken from an excerpt from Robert Frost's poem, *The Star-Splitter* (the poem can be read in full here: <https://bit.ly/3QU5DQ1>),

*The best thing that we're put here for's to see;  
The strongest thing that's given us to see with's  
a telescope. Someone in every town  
seems to me owes it to the town to keep one.  
In Littleton it may as well be me.*

- Robert Frost  
from the collection *New Hampshire*, 1923

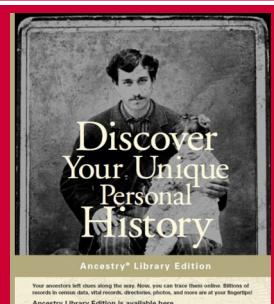
The Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescope provides clear, high-powered viewing of the night sky and includes instruction manuals and a National Audubon Society Constellation pocket guide. Library patrons can check out the telescope for 2-week intervals.

## Are you an expert?

Do you want to share your knowledge with community members? The Library would love to connect with patrons about their unique skills, hobbies, jobs, or other areas of expertise!

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Search genealogical and historical documents including Census, Social Security, Military, Schools, Church Histories, City Directories, immigration, and other records.



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# PUBLISHING IN DECEMBER

## Adult Books Coming Soon

### Non-Fiction

- *How Not to Age* by Michael Greger (Release date: 12/5)
- *The Lost Tomb* by Douglas Preston (Release date: 12/5)
- *What Really Happens in Vegas* by James Patterson (Release date: 12/4)
- *Airplane Mode* by Habib Shahnaz (Release date: 12/5)
- *Dinner Tonight* by Alex Snodgrass (Release date: 12/26)

### Fiction

- *The Curse of Penryth Hall* by Jess Armstrong (Release date: 12/5)
- *Hallowed Ground* by Rebecca Yarros (Release date: 12/26)
- *Dazzling* by Chikodili Emelumadu (Release date: 12/5)
- *Manner of Death* by Robin Cook (Release date: 12/5)
- *The Other Mothers* by Katherine Faulkner (Release date: 12/5 )



## Teen Books Coming Soon

- *Harry Styles – As it Is* by Carolyn McHugh (Release date: 12/5)
- *The Ruined* by Renee Ahdieh (Release date: 12/5)
- *Heartstopper 5* by Alice Oseman (Release date: 12/12)
- *Demon Slayer Kimetsu Academy 1* by Koyoharu Gotouge (Release date: 12/12)
- *Spy x Family: Family Portrait* by Tatsuya Endo (Release date: 12/26)
- *Ruthless Vows* by Rebecca Ross (Release date: 12/26)

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



## Children's Books Coming Soon

### Fiction

- *Claudia and the Bad Joke (Babysitter's Club #15)* by Ann M. Martin (Release date: 12/26)
- *Wings Of Fire: Winter Turning Graphic Novel* adaptation by Tui Sutherland (Release date: 12/26)
- *Love Grows* by Ruth Spiro (Release date: 12/26)
- *Backcountry* by Jenny Goebel (Release date: 12/5)

### Non-Fiction

- *Eyewitness Fossil* by DK Inc. (Release date 12/5)
- *Tasty: A History of Yummy Experiments* by Victoria Grace Elliott (Release date: 12/5)
- *Look Inside Trains* by Alex Frith (Release date: 12/5)
- *100 Things to Know About the Unknown* by Jerome Martin (Release date: 12/5)

# LIBRARY NEWS

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ILL & Tech Help



## Holiday Lists

Visit our catalog for a selection of holiday movies. Reserve one through your online account, or stop by the library to see what's available.

[Christmas Movies](#)

[Hallmark Channel Movies](#)

[Children's Movies Rated G](#)

[Children's Movies Rated PG](#)

## WORD SEARCH ANSWER

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