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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



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6
Library Closed		Toddler Time @ 10am	Preschool Pals @ 10am	Winter Fun Move & Groove @ 10am	Family Craft @ 10am
		Writing Group: With Special Guest Alexandria Peary! @ 6pm	Evening Non- Fiction Book Group @ 6pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13
Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Drop-In Tech Help @ 10am	Toddler Time @ 10am	Preschool Pals @ 10am		The Boys in The Tower: Staged Reading of An Original Play @ 3pm
Beginner Mindfulness Meditation with Clare Persson @ 10am	Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm	Drop-In Tech Help @ 2pm	StitchCraft @ 10am		
Lego Club @ 3:30pm		Mystery Book Club @ 4pm	The Boys in The Tower: Staged Reading of An Original Play @ 6:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20
Library Closed	Drop-In Tech Help @ 10am	Toddler Time @ 10am	Preschool Pals @ 10am	Move & Groove @ 10am	
	Fantastic Fiction Book Club @ 10am	Drop-In Tech Help @ 2pm	Tinker Time @ 3:30pm		
		Teen Art Club @ 3:30pm			
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STORYTIMES

Sensory Storytime

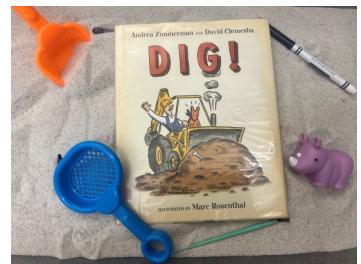
Monday, January 8, 22 & 29

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, January 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 Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Winter Fun Move & Groove

Friday, January 5

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.**



Family Craft: Make Your Own Snowflake Wand

Saturday, January 6

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall

Best for ages 4-12

Saturday crafts are back! Stop into the Selig Storytime Room on January 6th from 10-11:30 to create a sparkling snowflake wand. **Best for children ages 4-12, with adult assistance.**



Lego Club

Monday, January 8 & 22

3:30pm

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.**



Tinker Time: Coding Toys

Thursday, January 18

3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 3-6

Join us for a special Tinker Time devoted to early coding skills! Have you ever wondered how a computer knows what to do? A programmer writes a code to tell computers what steps need to happen to accomplish a job. In this program we will experiment with creating code for Sphero's Indi car using colored tiles to plot its path. Best for ages 3 to age 6. **Participation is limited to 12 children for this program. Please call the library to sign-up for a space today!**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kids Graphic Novels Club

Tuesday, January 30

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 Kids 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.**



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Gaming Club

Tuesday, January 9

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Play Nintendo Switch Sports on the big screen! **For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



Teen Art Club: Glow-in-the-Dark Night Sky

Wednesday, January 17

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month we will recreate the night sky with glow paint on black canvas. **For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



Teen Manga & Anime Club

Tuesday, January 23

3:30pm

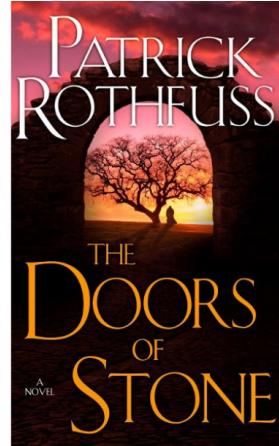
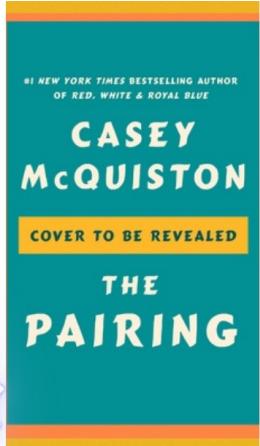
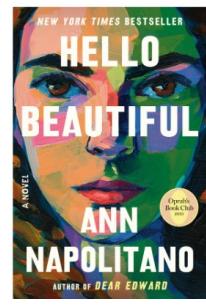
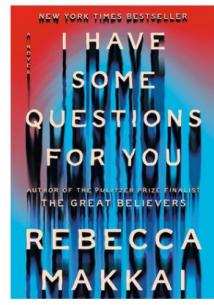
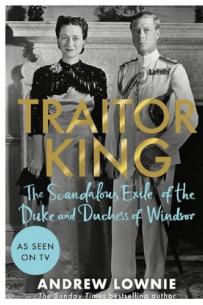
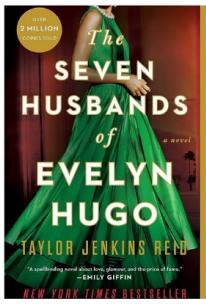
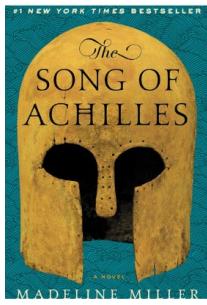
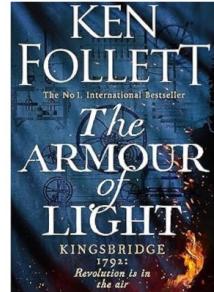
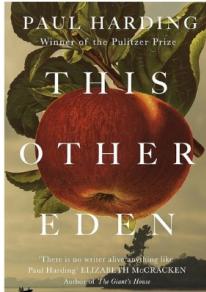
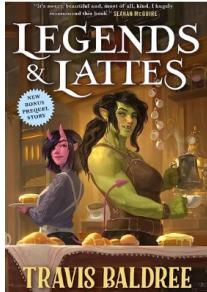
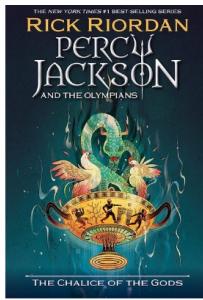
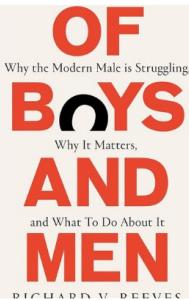
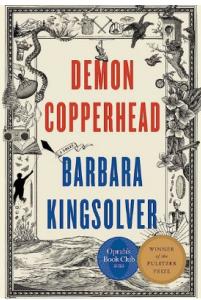
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

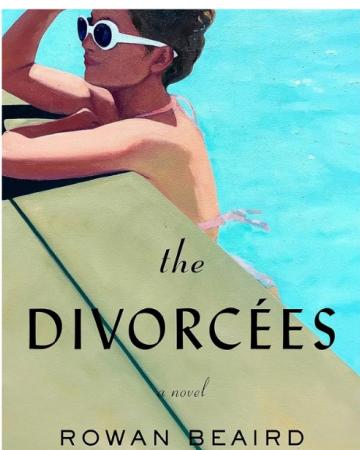
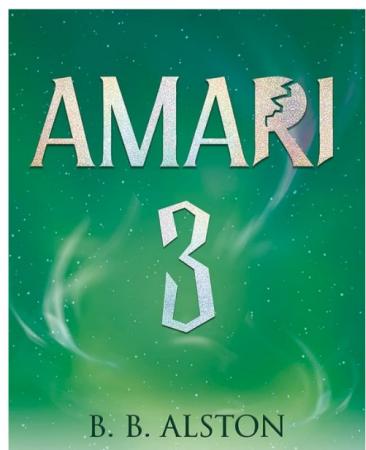
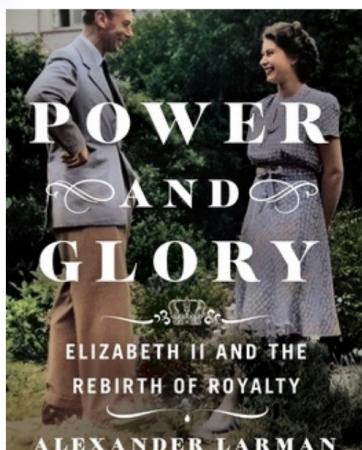
Come to the monthly Manga and Anime Club to talk about all your favorites! This month we will watch the first 2 episodes of Demon Slayer, courtesy of Crunchyroll. **Snacks will be provided, for ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



STAFF PICKS



Looking
Forward
to in
2024



Top Reads 2023

BOOK CLUBS

Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: "The Chaos Machine: The Inside Story of How Social Media Rewired Our Minds and Our World" by Max Fisher

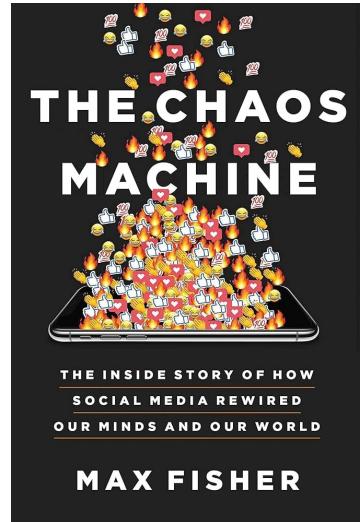
Thursday, January 4

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Building on years of international reporting, Max Fisher tells the gripping and galling inside story of how Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and other social networks, in their pursuit of unfettered profits, preyed on psychological frailties to create the algorithms that drive everyday users to extreme opinions and, increasingly, extreme actions. As Fisher demonstrates, the companies' founding tenets, combined with a blinkered focus maximizing engagement, have led to a destabilized world for everyone. His narrative is about more than the villains, however. Fisher also weaves together the stories of the heroic outsiders and Silicon Valley defectors who raised the alarm and revealed what was happening behind the closed doors of Big Tech.



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 House Across the Lake" by Riley Sager

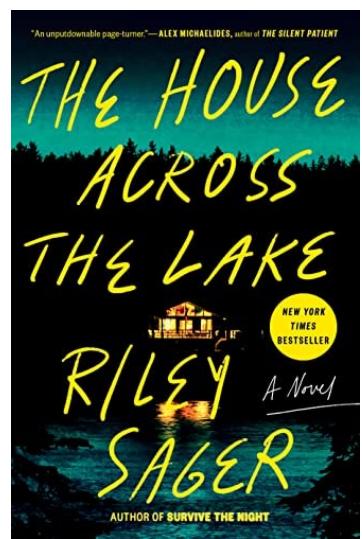
Wednesday, January 10

4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Casey Fletcher, a recently widowed actress trying to escape a streak of bad press, has retreated to the peace and quiet of her family's lake house in Vermont. Armed with a pair of binoculars, she passes the time watching Tom and Katherine Royce, the glamorous couple who live in the house across the lake. One day, Casey saves Katherine from drowning, and the two strike up a friendship. But the more they get to know each other—and the longer Casey watches—it becomes clear that Katherine and Tom's marriage is not as perfect and placid as it appears.



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BOOK CLUBS

Fantastic Fiction Book Group: "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George

Tuesday, January 16

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

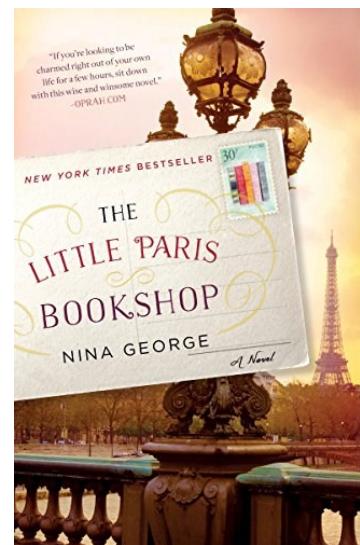
Adults

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.

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

Filled with warmth and adventure, *The Little Paris Bookshop* is a love letter to books, meant for anyone who believes in the power of stories to shape people's lives.

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.



ALL AGES

The Boys in the Tower: Staged Reading of an Original Play

Thursday, January 11

6:30-8pm

Saturday, January 13

3-4:30pm

Location to be announced

Adults, families welcome



A historical thriller that imagines what may have happened to two young princes locked in the Tower of London by their usurping uncle, Richard III. When an unexpected visitor, a third boy arrives, the two princes are faced with a dilemma. When morning comes, only two can remain to

face an uncertain future. From the well-received author of *Montague & Capulet*, this play is filled with gripping twists and turns! Performed as a staged reading.



For adults, families are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Beginner Mindfulness Meditation With Clare Persson: 5 Week Class

Monday, January 8, 22 & 29

Monday, February 5 & 12

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



Mindfulness Meditation can benefit just about anyone regardless of age, spiritual tradition, or any limiting mobility issues. Meditation helps us connect to our moment-to-moment experiences. We learn to do this by focusing on our breath, thoughts, feelings, body sensations, and surrounding environment. This is done through a compassionate, curious, kind, and non-judging lens. The more we practice, the easier it becomes to open to and be accepting of life as it constantly changes and unfolds. It also helps us to treat ourselves and one another with greater kindness, gentleness, and care. During our time together, we will explore through discussion and practice:

- What is Mindfulness
- Mindfulness of Breath
- Mindfulness of Body
- Mindfulness of Thoughts and Emotions
- Mindfulness and Self-Compassion

Sign-up is required for this program. Maximum of 15 adult participants. Participants should plan to attend all 5 weeks of sessions. This program will be held in the Library's Auditorium.

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

Thursday, January 25

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, an accomplished bluewater sailor, and longtime sailing journalist, 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 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.**

ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

Writing Group with Special Guest Alexandria Peary!

Wednesday, January 3

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



Join this special meeting of our Writing Group, with guest Alexandria Peary, Poet Laureate of New Hampshire! Peary will deliver her talk, "Banishing Audience Demons and Reader Ghosts Through Mindfulness", live over Zoom. Are you your own worst critic when it comes to your writing? Do you lug around criticism that you received maybe years ago—or even last week? We'll discuss how to notice and manage negative self-talk and distance ourselves from tricky audiences-in-the-head. This session provides an overview of mindful writing as well as hands-on practice with techniques easily replicated later at home. This program is brought to you by a grant through NH Humanities. You are welcome to attend this discussion even if you have never come to the Writing Group. **No sign-up is required.**



StitchCraft

Thursday, January 11 & 25

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! **No sign-up is required.**



Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30

10am

Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24 & 31

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 on January 2 or 3.**



2023 TOP 3 CIRCULATING TITLES (AS OF DEC 1, 2023)

Biographies

1. *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex
2. *A mystery of mysteries: the death and life of Edgar Allan Poe* by Mark Dawidziak
3. *Bad Mormon: a memoir* by Heather Gay

Non-Fiction

1. *Dinner with the president* by Alex Prud'homme
2. *I'm glad my mom died* by Jennette McCurdy
3. *Walk the blue line* by James Patterson

Fiction

1. *Simply lies* by David Baldacci
2. *Lessons in chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
3. *A world of curiosities* by Louise Penny

Graphic Novels

1. *The walking dead compendium one* by Robert Kirkman
2. *Maus: a survivor's tale* by Art Spiegelman
3. *Can't we talk about something more pleasant* by Roz Chast

Large Print Biographies

1. *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex
2. *Maid: hard work, low pay, and a mother's will to survive* by Stephanie Land
3. *An extravagant life: an autobiography incorporating Blue Water, Green Skipper* by Stuart Woods

Large Print Non-Fiction

1. *Killers of the flower moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI* by David Grann
2. *Walk the blue line* by James Patterson
3. *The Wager: a tale of shipwreck, mutiny and murder* by David Grann

Large Print Fiction

1. *I will find you* by Harlan Coben
2. *Distant thunder* by Stuart Woods
3. *Lessons in chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Audiobooks

1. *6:20 Man* by David Baldacci
2. *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex
3. *Treasure state* by C.J. Box

DVDs

1. *Black Adam*
2. *Top Gun*
3. *Fabelmans*

YA Verse

1. *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
2. *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood
3. *Burned* by Ellen Hopkins

YA Biography

1. *Man's search for meaning* by Viktor Emil Frankl
2. *Anne Frank: the diary of a young girl* by Anne Frank
3. *The woman all spies fear* by Amy Butler Greenfield

YA Non-Fiction

1. *Taylor Swift* by Katy Sprinkel
2. *The official Harry Potter cookbook* by Joanna Farrow
3. *Wild maps for curious minds* by Mike Higgins

YA Graphic Novels

1. *Demon Slayer* by Aya Yajima
2. *Heart stopper 2* by Alice Oseman
3. *Heart stopper 1* by Alice Oseman

YA Fiction

1. *The ballad of songbirds and snakes* by Suzanne Collins
2. *A good girls' guide to murder* by Holly Jackson
3. *The summer I turned pretty* by Jenny Han

YA DVD

1. *Hunger Games*
2. *Twilight Saga*
3. *Teen Wolf*

J Fiction

1. *Diary of a wimpy kid* by Jeff Kinney
2. *Wizardology* by Dugald Steer
3. *Fire and Ice* by Erin Hunter

J Non-Fiction

1. *365 things to do with LEGO bricks* by Simon Hugo
2. *Minecraft maps* by Stephanie Milton
3. *Minecraft combat handbook* by Stephanie Milton

PUBLISHING IN JANUARY

Adult Books Coming Soon

Fiction

- *Random in Death* by J.D. Robb (Release date: 1/23)
- *The Fury* by Alex Michaelides (Release date: 1/16)
- *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins (Release date: 1/9)
- *Harbor Lights* by James Grippando (Release date: 1/23)
- *The Bright Spot* by Jill Shalvis (Release date: 1/16)

Non-Fiction

- *The Power of Art: A Human History of Art from Babylon to New York City* by Caroline Campbell

(Release date: 1/2)

- *5 Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple Incredible Food* by Jamie Oliver (Release date: 1/23)
- *Errand into the Maze: The Life and Works of Martha Graham* by Deborah Jowitt (Release date: 1/30)
- *Learning to Love Midlife: 12 Reasons Why Life Gets Better With Age* by Chip Conley (Release date: 1/16)
- *1000 Words: A Writer's Guide to Staying Creative, Focused, and Productive All Year Round* by Jami Attenberg (Release date: 1/9)



Teen Books Coming Soon

- *A Fragile Enchantment* by Allison Saft (Release date: 1/2)
- *Lunar New Year Love Story* by Gene Luen Yang (Release date: 1/9)
- *Nightshade Revenge* by Anthony Horowitz (Release date: 1/16)
- *The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival* by Estelle Nadel (Release date: 1/23)
- *The Getaway List* by Emma Lord (Release date: 1/23)
- *The Invocations* by Krystal Sutherland (Release date: 1/30)

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



Children's Books Coming Soon

Children's Fiction

- *The Thirteenth Circle* by MarcyKate Connolly (Release date: 1/30)
- *Snail In Space* by Rachel Bright & Nadia Shireen (Release date: 1/23)
- *Tiana and the Magic of Harlem* published by RH Disney (Release date: 1/2)
- *Sweet Valley Twins 3: Choosing Sides* by Francine Pascal (Release date: 1/2)

Children's Nonfiction

- *Big Ideas That Changed the World: All Charged Up* by Don Brown (Release date: 1/9)
- *I Am Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Brad Meltzer (Release date: 1/9)
- *Who is Aaron Judge?* by James Buckley (Release date: 1/23)
- *A Kid's Book About Money* by Adam Stramwasser (Release date: 1/2)

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Donation Guidelines

Accepted items will be evaluated for use in our collection, or put on our book sale table. There is a limit of four bags or boxes accepted at one time. All donated materials must be delivered to the library. **Please Note: Donations must be clean (no water damage, mold-free, odorless), pages whole, binding & dust jackets intact, free of highlights, underlining, and notes.**

<https://www.laconianh.gov/412/Donation-Policy>

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YES PLEASE!

FICTION & NON-FICTION

- Newer than Five Years
 - Hardcover or Paperback Books
 - Children's
 - Teens
 - Adults
 - Large Print

MEDIA

- In original packaging
 - Music CDs
 - Audiobook CDs
 - DVDs

NO THANK YOU

- Textbooks, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Yearbooks
- Magazines
- Books discarded by other libraries
- Outdated Reference Books
- Book of the Month Club/Literary Guild copies
- Books on Digital condensed books
- Vinyl Records
- Audio cassettes/VHS Tapes
- Abridged Audiobook CDs

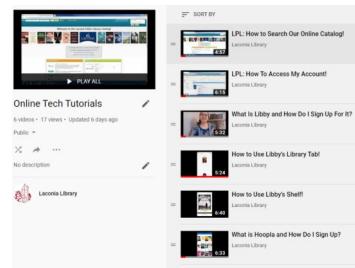
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Think to yourself: Would I buy this? 🤔

Library Tech Help on YouTube

Find out how to use our library services and more from Shayla's Tech Help Videos:

<https://www.laconianh.gov/941/Shaylas-Tech-Help-Videos>.



TECH HELP ON YOUTUBE

Videos for help with our online resources

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 this 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.

<https://www.laconianh.gov/FormCenter/Laconia-Public-Library-6/Reading-RoundUp-113>

