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# BROWSING

Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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## Laconia Public Library

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### Hours

Mon: 9am ..... 8pm  
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Wed: 9am ..... 8pm  
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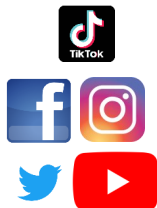
## Key

Children's

Teen

Adult

All Ages



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			Preschool Pals @ 10am Nonfiction Book Group @ 6pm	Move & Groove @ 10am	
5	6	7	8	9	10
Beginner Mindfulness Meditation @ 10am Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Drop-In Tech Help @ 10am Lego Club @ 3:30pm Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Meet the Memory Cart @ 11am Drop-In Tech Help @ 2pm Writing Group @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Family Craft @ 3:30pm	Family Board Games @ 3pm	
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# STORYTIMES

## Sensory Storytime

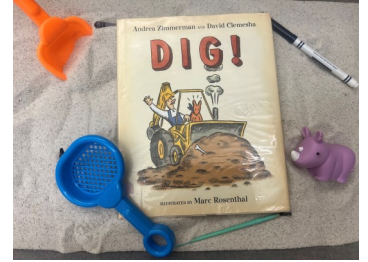
Monday, February 5, 12 & 26

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, February 2 & 16

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

## Lego Club

Monday, February 6 & 27

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.**



## Family Craft: Scratch Art Valentines

Thursday, February 8

3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for newborns-age 6

Looking for something different to show how much you care this Valentine's Day? Create a beautiful scratch art heart valentine! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for some colorful fun. **Best for children ages 5-11.**



## Family Board Games

Friday, February 9

3-4:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Families with Children

Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for Family Board Games. Games will be set up from 3pm until 4:30pm. **Best for families with children. No sign-up is required.**



## Family Board Game Day

Saturday, February 24

1-3pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Families with children

Start your February vacation by coming to our Family Board Game Day. Games will be set up in the Selig Storytime Room from 1pm until 3pm to come enjoy. **Best for families with children. No sign-up is required.**

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Family Craft: Paint Your Own Vehicle

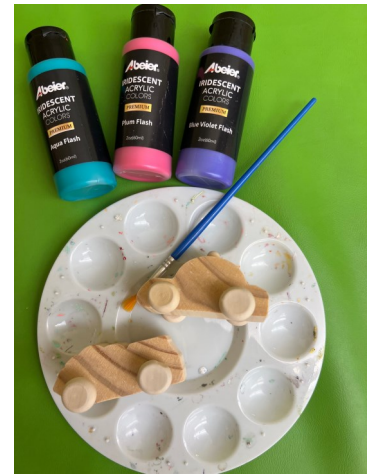
Thursday, February 29

1:30-3:30pm

*Selig Storytime Room*

Best for ages 3-12, with adult assistance

Have you ever wanted to design your own vehicle? Now is your chance! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to paint a wooden car, truck or van. We will provide the materials, just bring your imagination! **Best for children ages 3-12, with some adult assistance.**



## Come Play in the Children's Room

Did you know that children gain critical learning and life skills through play? We have been extremely fortunate to reap the benefits of not one, but THREE grants, which have enabled us to add many play-based educational experiences to our Children's Room. Many of these items are available all day, and others are brought out during Storytimes and other Library programs. Come in and check out our many opportunities for children to have fun while acquiring invaluable knowledge!



## 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>

### READING ROUND-UP



Fill out our form to have our children's librarians pick out a selection of books for your child.

## 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!





# GENRES

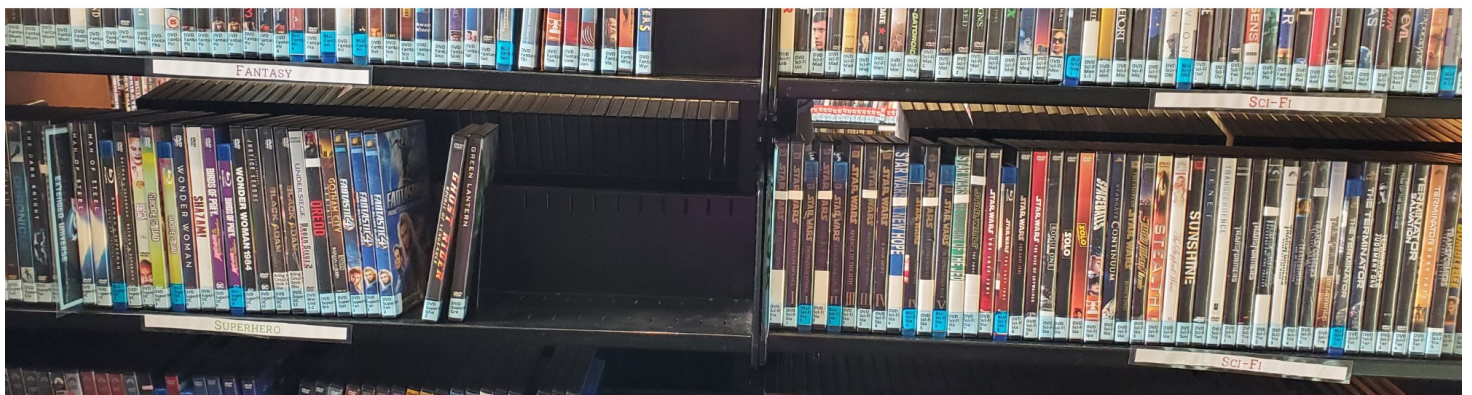
## Teen Non-Fiction

We've ditched Dewey! Come check out the YA Nonfiction section, now arranged by subject.



## Adult DVDs

Just like Blockbuster used to do! For easier browsing, our Adult Movies have been organized into genres. Now color-coded, find Musical, Sports, Fantasy, Romance, and more grouped together.





## Evening Nonfiction Book Group: “The Girl with Seven Names: Escape From North Korea” by Hyeonseo Lee

Thursday, February 1

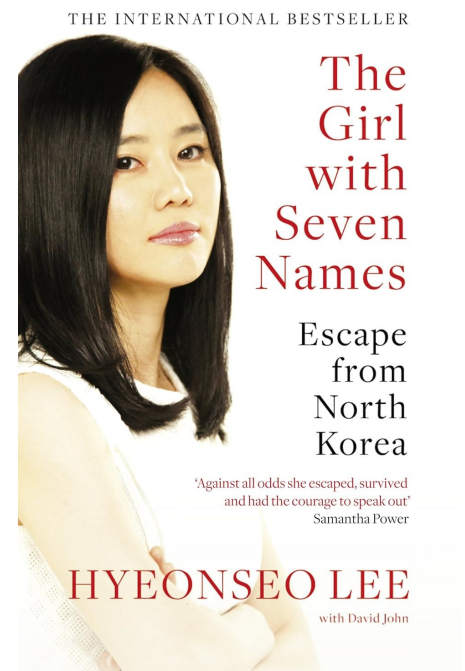
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join the Evening Nonfiction Book Group as they discuss “*The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea*” by Hyeonseo Lee.

A supremely determined young woman, Lee chronicles her life in North Korea and her defection in her late teens in 1998. With the assistance of co-author John, she re-creates a picaresque tale of incredible, suspenseful, and truly death-defying adventures, which eventually led her to asylum in South Korea and then America.



**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: “Mrs. Pollifax and the Whirling Dervish” by Dorothy Gilman

Wednesday, February 14

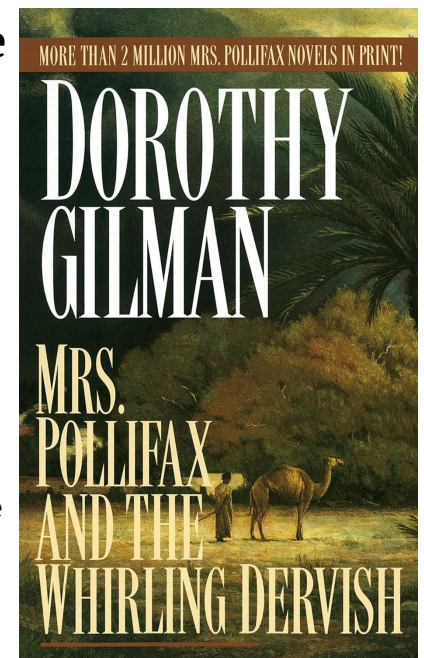
4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for a discussion of Dorothy Gilman's "*Mrs. Pollifax and the Whirling Dervish*"

Mrs. Pollifax is on hand in Morocco to back up an inept CIA agent, and it's a good thing. Their first informant is killed, and Mrs. Pollifax begins to get the idea that her colleague is not who he says he is. Still, she forges ahead, checking out suspicious informants, and coming to the conclusion that someone is an imposter and someone wants her dead...



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# BOOK CLUBS

## Fantastic Fiction Book Group: "Ask Again, Yes" by Mary Beth Keane

Tuesday, February 20

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for a discussion of Mary Beth Keane's "*Ask Again, Yes*."

Francis Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie NYPD cops, are neighbors in the suburbs. What happens behind closed doors in both houses—the loneliness of Francis's wife, Lena, and the instability of Brian's wife, Anne, sets the stage for the explosive events to come.

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### December Browsing Newsletter

Hello Reference!

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December Browsing Newsletter



### Happy Holidays at Laconia Public Library

The Laconia Public Library is excited to host an afternoon of music with the Canterbury Singers on Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 pm in the library's auditorium. The Canterbury Singers partner with the Canterbury Shaker Village to present authentic Shaker music, expanded by American folk songs, music of early America, and inspired arrangements by a variety of composers. The Canterbury Singers are one of the very few non-auditioned, high quality professionally directed choral experiences for mixed voices in the Capital area. No sign up is required.

Laconia Library will host an exhibit of fiber art created by Carol Dale, from December 1st through the end of February. Carol is a fiber artist with a vast collection of stitched fabrics, quilts, and hand dyed threads. One of her quilts was the New Hampshire selection for a Smithsonian exhibit in Washington, D.C.. This exhibit will feature a variety of items representing the different

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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Beginner Mindfulness Meditation with Clare Persson

**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.**



## Meet the Memory Cart: Learn How to Digitize Your Photos, Movies, and More

**Wednesday, February 7**

11am

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Adults

Do you have letters, photographs, negatives, slides, family movies on VHS or 8mm/ Super 8 film that you would like to preserve and share? Drop in between 11am-12pm and learn how to use the Library's new Memory Cart to digitize and preserve your family's memorabilia.

**No sign-up is required.**



## Let's Create! Folded Paper Hearts

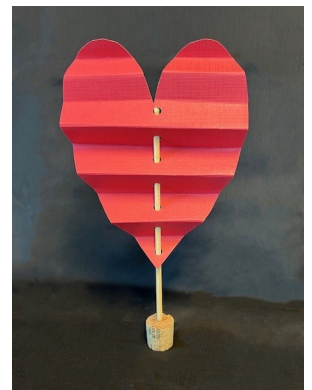
**Tuesday, February 13**

1pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Adults

Join us at Let's Create, the crafting group for adults, as we make folded paper hearts. These cute paper hearts can be used to decorate a mantle, windowsill, or given as a gift to a loved one! **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).**





# ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

## Writing Group

Wednesday, February 7

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.**

## 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.**

## Local History Resources

### Local History Room

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

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

### History Vertical Files

Librarians have maintained a collection of newspaper and magazine articles, pamphlets, brochures, photographs, postcards, and other ephemera relating to people, places, businesses, organizations, and events in Laconia.

### Microfilm

**The following newspapers are preserved on microfilm:**

- Laconia Democrat Jan 1849 – Nov 1941
- News & Critic Mar 1889 – Nov 1945
- Laconia Citizen Jan 1926 – Sept 2016
- Laconia Daily Sun June 2000 – present

Articles can be emailed, or saved to a flash drive. Newspapers appear as they were originally published, and are not indexed.

### Obituary Index

Library staff can perform a name search to assist in locating local obituaries that may be saved or emailed from microfilm. **Please note: the Index is incomplete. Our volunteers are currently helping to digitize our index.** <https://www.laconianh.gov/736/Local-History-Genealogy>

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Gaming Club

Tuesday, February 6

3:30PM

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Ages 12-18

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



## Teen Manga & Anime Club

Tuesday, February 13

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 2 episodes of *Demon Slayer*, courtesy of Crunchyroll. Snacks will be provided. **For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



## Teen Art Club: Glitter Lanterns

Wednesday, February 21

3:30pm

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium*

Ages 12-18

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month we will make Glitter Lanterns! **For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



## Teen Games at the Library

Looking for something to do this Winter Break? The Teen Room has games, puzzles, coloring pages and more!



# PUBLISHING IN FEBRUARY

## Adult Books Coming Soon

### Fiction

- *The Women* by Kristen Hannah (Release date: 2/6)
- *The Ghost Orchid* by Jonathan Kellerman (Release date: 2/6)
- *The Guest* by B.A. Paris (Release date: 2/20)
- *End of Story* by A.J. Finn (Release date: 2/20)
- *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange (Release date: 2/27)

### Nonfiction

- *Slow Noodles: A Cambodian Memoir of Love, Loss, and Family Recipes* by Chantha Nguon (Release date: 2/20)
- *The Deerfield Massacre: A Surprise Attack, a Forced March, and the Fight for Survival in Early*

*America* by James L. Swanson (Release date: 2/27)

- *Carson McCullers: A Life* by Mary V. Dearborn (Release date: 2/27)
- *The Unit: My Life Fighting Terrorists As One of America's Most Secret Military Operatives* by Adam Gamal (Release date: 2/20)
- *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America* by Jeffrey Rosen (Release date: 2/13)
- *Life After Power: Seven Presidents and Their Search for Purpose Beyond the White House* by Jared Cohen (Release date: 2/13)



## Teen Books Coming Soon

- *If Only I Had Told Her* by Laura Nowlin (Release date: 2/6)
- *Even If It Breaks Your Heart* by Erin Hahn (Release date: 2/6)
- *All This Twisted Glory* by Tahereh Mafi (Release date: 2/6)
- *The Bad Ones* by Melissa Albert (Release date: 2/20)
- *A Tempest of Tea* by Hafsah Faizal (Release date: 2/20)
- *Snowglobe* by Soyoung Park (Release date: 2/27)

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## Children's Books Coming Soon

### Fiction Children's

- *Finding Bear* by Hannah Gold (Release date: 2/27)
- *Just Try It* by Phil & Lily Rosenthal (Release date: 2/06)
- *I Do Not Eat Children* by Marcus Cutler (Release date: 2/20)
- *Bumps in the Night* by Amalie Howard (Release date: 2/20)
- *Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II* by Adam Gidwitz (Release date: 2/27)

### Nonfiction Children's

- *Log Life* by Amy Hevron (Release date: 2/20)
- *Sick!: The Twists and Turns Behind Animal Germs* by Heather L. Montgomery (Release date: 2/20)
- *You Stole My Name Too* by Denis McGregor (Release date: 2/06)
- *Glenn Burke, Game Changer: The Man Who Invented the High Five* by Phil Bildner (Release date: 2/20)



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## Curbside Table

Did you know that the Library still offers a pick-up table outside for reserves? Give us a call, email, or text, to set up a time and we'll place your materials outside on the table for you to grab-and-go!

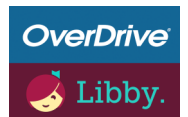


## Reading Resources



Hoopla is a collection of eBooks, movies, television shows, music, and more. Content is available to stream or download instantly to Laconia Public Library cardholders. Log in with your Library Card. Sign up online or download the App.

The New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium is a large collection of eBooks and downloadable content available to Laconia Public Library cardholders. Log in with your Library Card. Sign up online or download the Libby App.



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## Presidents' Day

Monday,  
February 19, 2024

**Library Closed**