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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter						
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Step into a Mindful New Year with Laconia Public Library

Starting in January, the library will offer a Beginner Mindfulness Meditation workshop series with Clare Persson on Mondays in January and part of February. Mindfulness Meditation can benefit just about anyone regardless of age, spiritual tradition, or any limiting mobility issues. Meditation helps us to connect to our moment-to-moment experiences. Participants will learn to do this by focusing on their breath, thoughts, feelings, body sensations, and surrounding environment. Each session will cover a different aspect of Mindfulness Meditation including What mindfulness is, Mindfulness of breath, mindfulness of body, mindfulness of thoughts and emotions, and mindfulness and self-compassion. The group will meet on Monday, January 8, 22, 29, and February 5 & 12 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Space is limited and sign up. Participants should plan to attend all 5 weeks of sessions.

Laconia Public Library offers three monthly book groups. The Evening Nonfiction Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 4 at 6:00 pm to discuss "The Chaos Machine" by Max Fisher. The Mystery Book Group will meet on

Wednesday, January 10 at 4:00 pm to discuss “The House Across the Lake” by Riley Sager. The Fantastic Fiction Group will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 am to discuss “The Little Paris Bookshop” by Nina George. New members are welcome, sign-up is required, and copies of the books are available at the Library.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative will perform the historical thriller, The Boys in the Tower: Staged Reading of an Original Play, at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 11 and, again on Saturday, January 13 at 3:00 pm. This staged reading 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 performed as staged reading is filled with gripping twists and turns! This program is for adults but families are welcome. The staged readings will be held in the library’s auditorium. No sign-up is required.

The Writing Group will host the Poet Laureate of New Hampshire, Alexandria Peary, virtually on Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 pm in the library’s auditorium. Peary will deliver her talk, “Banishing Audience Demons and Reader Ghosts Through Mindfulness,” live over Zoom. This program is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities and is free and open to the public. All are welcome, no sign-up is required.

On Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm local author Charles Doane will present his book “The Boy Who Fell to Shore: The Extraordinary Life and Mysterious Disappearance of Thomas Thor Tangvald.” Charles Doane, an accomplished blue water 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, and documentary research. The 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 Doane 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.

Do you quilt, knit, embroider, crochet, or felt? Join us for Stitch Craft, an informal fiber arts group that meets biweekly on Thursday, January 11, and January 25 at 10:00 am. Bring your current project, meet new people, and make progress on your creation.

Drop-in Tech Help will be available on Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:00-11:00 am and Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 2:00-3:00 pm for one-on-one guidance. Drop in and have your basic computer or electronic device questions answered by a tech-savvy librarian.

Jump into January at the Laconia Children’s Room!

Join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10 am for one of our fun Storytimes! Younger or older siblings are always welcome at these weekly programs. Our popular Move & Groove program will occur on Friday the 5th

and 19th at 10 am for newborns to age 6. We will use scarves, musical instruments, and the parachute to dance, play, and get those wiggles out!

Dive into the library's many bins of Legos at this month's Lego Club, held on Monday the 8th and 22nd at 3:30 pm. We will display your masterpiece in the Children's Room. The Kids Graphic Novel Club will be held on Tuesday the 30th at 5:30 pm. We will feature some of our favorite graphic novels from the Children's Room and provide materials for starting your own.

Make your own sparkling Snowflake Wand at this month's Family Craft, held on Saturday the 6th at 10 am. This program is best suited for families with children ages 5-12. On Thursday the 18th at 3:30 pm, join us for Tinker Time: Coding Toys! Best for ages 3-6, we will experiment with creating code for Sphero's Indi car using colored tiles to plot its path.

Teen programs begin this month with the Teen Gaming Club on Tuesday the 9th at 3:30 pm. We will play Nintendo Switch Sports on the big screen in the Auditorium. Share your artwork at the Teen Art Club on Wednesday the 17th at 3:30 pm. This month we will paint a Glow-in-the-Dark Night Sky. The Teen Manga and Anime Club will be held on Tuesday the 23rd at 3:30 pm. Join us to discuss your favorite manga and anime, and to watch an anime episode of Demon Slayer, courtesy of Crunchyroll. All teen clubs are for ages 12-18.



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