

# April 2024



# BROWSING

Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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## Hours

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6
Solar Eclipse Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Talking About Death Won't Kill You : Session 2 @ 6pm	Preschool Storytime @ 10am Fiber Arts Group @ 10am Nonfiction Book Group @ 6pm		
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Sensory Storytime @ 10am Eclipse Watch @ 2pm	Tech Help @ 10am Monthly Adult Craft @ 1pm Lego Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Mystery Book Club @ 4pm Writing Group @ 6pm	Preschool Storytime @ 10am Author Talk @ 6pm	Move & Groove @ 10am	
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Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am				

## Sensory Storytime

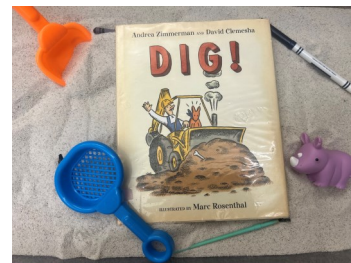
### Mondays

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! **Best for newborns-age 3; 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.**



## Sensory Solar Eclipse Storytime

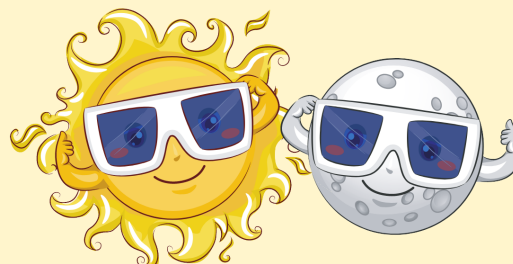
### Monday, April 1

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for newborns-age 6

Join us for a special Solar Eclipse Storytime. We will learn more about solar eclipses while we read, sing, create and play together. **This program is best suited for newborns to children 6 years of age. Find us in the Selig Storytime Room off of the Children's Room!**



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Lego Club

**Tuesday, April 9**

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.**



## Move & Groove

**Friday, April 12 & 26**

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.**



## Family Board Games

**Friday, April 19**

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.**



## April Vacation Lego Day

**Tuesday, April 23**

10am-4pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Come by for a special school vacation week Lego Day! We will have the Lego bricks set up in the Selig Storytime Room for the whole day for you to drop in and enjoy. **Best for ages 6-11. No sign-up is required.**





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Tinker Time: Build a Catapult

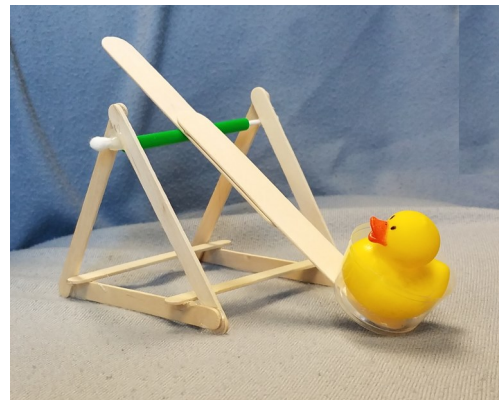
Thursday, April 25

3pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Whose pom-pom will launch the furthest? Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for this fun Tinker Time where we will use recyclables and craft supplies to create catapults. **This program is best suited for children aged 6-11, but older and younger siblings are welcome.**



## Saturday Family Craft: Paint a Puzzle

Saturday, April 27

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for this fun family craft! We will provide a blank 28-piece jigsaw puzzle and carrying bag for each child to decorate using markers, glitter, and more. **This program is best suited for children ages 6-11 and their caregiver.**



## 1000 Hours Outside

Nature play aids children in every area of development. If you want your child to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and physically you have to build time into your life to spend outdoors. 1000 Hours Outside is a global movement designed for any age child (or adult) and any environment. Join the journey and watch your life transform before your eyes. Nature holds tremendous power for each and every one of us at any age or stage.

<https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/>



**1000 HOURS  
OUTSIDE™**

Looking for some new ideas on how to make the most of your time outside? Check out the nonfiction section in the Children's Room!



## Eclipse Watch

**Monday, April 8**

2pm

Library Garden

All Ages

GORDON AND BETTY  
**MOORE**  
FOUNDATION

**STAR**net  
Science-Technology Activities &  
Resources For Libraries

Join us in the Library Garden to watch the solar eclipse! Free solar-viewing glasses will be available to Laconia residents

and library card holders beginning on Monday, April 1st. Any remaining glasses will become available to all others on Saturday, April 6th. Solar-viewing glasses are courtesy of the STAR Library Education Network and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. **No Sign-up is required and all ages are welcome.**



## NH Ukeladies

**Saturday, April 20**

2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

All Ages

The NH Ukeladies are comprised of seven ukuleles, a bass, a guitar, and a percussionist. The NH Ukeladies play a wide variety of genres including pop, oldies, country, folk, and girl power anthems. They have played at many locations across New Hampshire and have been featured in the NH Chronicle.



This program will be held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium. **No sign-up is required and all are welcome.**



## April is National Gardening Month

Planning your garden? Check out some of the gardening books we have upstairs!



## BOOK CLUBS

### Mystery Book Club: "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson

**Wednesday, April 10**

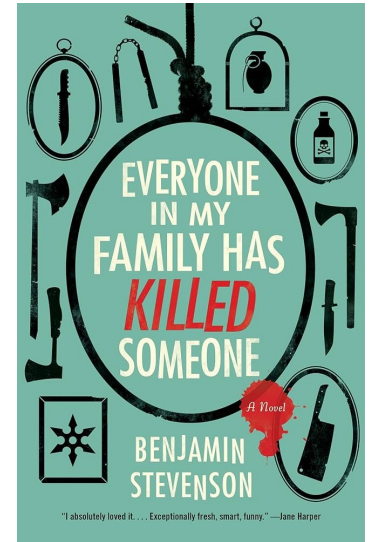
4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium for our Mystery Book Club, where we will read and discuss a variety of different mystery stories.

This month, we will discuss "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson is a comedic suspense novel about a family who assembles for a weekend getaway at a ski resort in Australia. Billed by the paternal aunt of the family as a "reunion," the family anticipates the release from prison of Michael Cunningham, brother of the novel's narrator. The novel blends tropes of the mystery genre with contemporary metafiction as its narrator explicitly draws attention to his role as the mystery detective.



No sign-up is required, copies are available at the library.

### Fantastic Fiction Book Group: "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" by Neil Gaiman

**Tuesday, April 16**

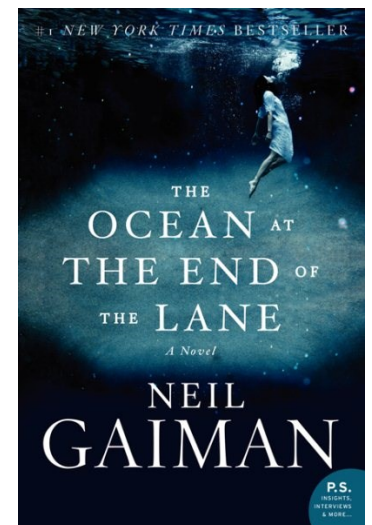
10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us in the Laconia Rotary Hall for our morning fiction book group, where we will discuss a variety of genres and topics.

This month we will discuss "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" a dark fantasy novel by Neil Gaiman. A young boy accidentally brings an evil entity from another reality into his world, and he needs the help of three mysterious women to try to get rid of the threat.



No sign-up is required, copies are available at the library.



## Evening Nonfiction Book Group: "The Milky Way: An Autobiography of Our Galaxy" by Moiya McTier

**Thursday, April 4**

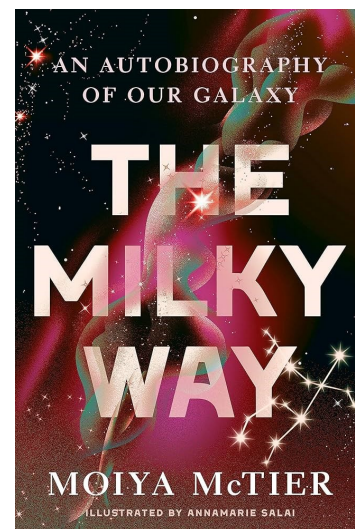
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join the Nonfiction book group on Thursday, April 4 at 6pm in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium as we discuss "The Milky Way: An Autobiography of Our Galaxy" by Astrophysicist and folklorist Dr. Moiya McTier.

This approachable and utterly fascinating autobiography of the titular galaxy details what humans have discovered about everything from its formation to its eventual death, and what more there is to learn about this galaxy we call home.



No sign-up is required, copies are available at the library.

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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 (ILL) 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

## Talking About Death Won't Kill You... and May Help You Live More Joyfully Session 2: Whom Do You Trust With Your Life? Who's Trusting You with Theirs?

**Wednesday, April 3**

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

NH Alliance for End-of-Life Options presents the profound and the practical, helping to demystify and normalize conversations about mortality, death, and what matters in our lives. The series covers how to think about and communicate our end-of-life wishes, a process that evolves as our lives change.

Session two will focus on the medical power of attorney, also called a health care proxy: the person we legally appoint to speak for us when we can't speak for ourselves. We'll consider choosing one for ourselves and what it means to be a proxy for others. Through facilitated discussion, we'll consider the treatments available, considering questions like quality of life versus longevity, what gives us joy, our concerns and our aspirations, and where we might compromise. Choosing the right proxy may be the most important decision you'll make in completing your advance directive, the legal document that spells out medical preferences if you cannot speak for yourself.

No sign-up is required.



## Author Talk: Ordinary Families

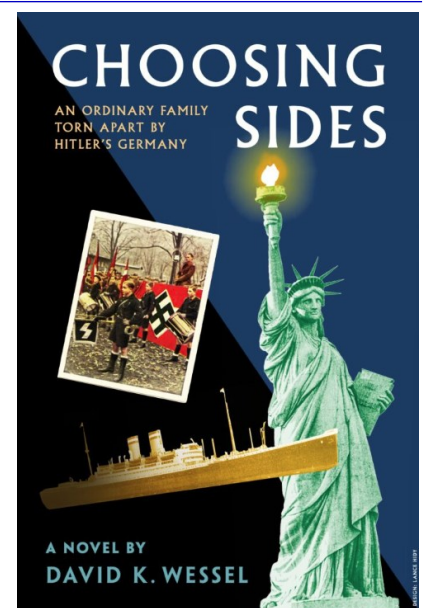
**Thursday, April 11**

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Retired U.S. diplomat David K. Wessel will be reading from his new novel, "Choosing Sides", and speaking on the subject of 'Ordinary Germans' and how they dealt with the rising tyranny of Hitler's takeover of their country. Wessel's book tells the story of his father and grandparents, an ordinary family caught in the maelstrom of Nazi Germany, and the choices they faced. David K. Wessel relies not only on his family story but 50 years of studying how the Weimar Republic shaped the lives of 'Ordinary Germans'. He majored in history (Rutgers University) with a focus on Germany between the wars.



Wessel is a member of the American Historical Association, Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, Historical Novel Writers Association, National Council for History Education, and New Hampshire Writers Project. This program will be held in the library auditorium on Thursday, April 11 at 6pm. **No sign-up is required, books will be available for purchase and signing.**



# ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

## Writing Group

**Wednesday, April 10**

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for a monthly discussion on writing craft for all genres of fiction and nonfiction. Share questions and struggles with other writers, participate in prompts, critique works in-progress, and celebrate achievements. This supportive group is open to adult writers of all abilities. 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; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



## Drop-In Tech Help

**Tuesdays**

10am

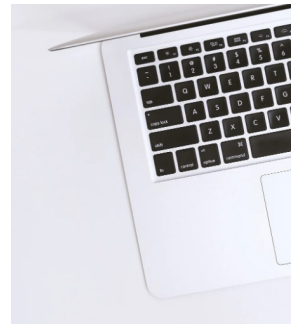
**Wednesdays**

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.**



## Monthly Adult Craft: Eclipse Chalk Art

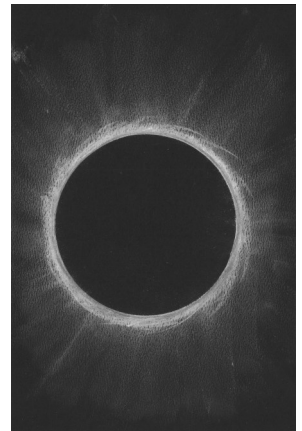
**Tuesday, April 9**

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Create a solar eclipse sketch using just chalk and black paper. **No experience is required, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults only. Sign-up for this program is required. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org) to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



## Fiber Arts Group

**Thursday, April 4 & 18**

10-11:30am

Quiet Study 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, now held in the Quiet Study Room, just off the Reference Room upstairs.**



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Gaming Club

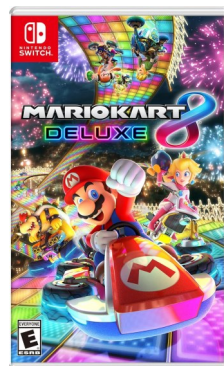
**Tuesday, April 2**

3:30PM

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Play Nintendo Switch Sports or Mario Kart on the Library's big screen! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Teen Manga & Anime Club

**Tuesday, April 16**

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 episode of My Hero Academia, courtesy of Crunchyroll. Snacks will be provided, for ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## Teen Art Club: Yarn Resist Painting

**Wednesday, April 24**

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month we are Yarn Resist Painting! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



## April is National Poetry Month

Check out our collection of poetry and novels in verse, in the Teen Room.

# PUBLISHING IN APRIL

## Adult Books Coming Soon

### Fiction

- *Toxic Prey* by John Sandford (Release date: 4/9)
- *A Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci (Release date: 4/16)
- *Private Monaco* by James Patterson (Release date: 4/25)
- *Forever, Finally* by Susan Mallery (Release date: 4/29)
- *Only The Brave* by Danielle Steel (Release date: 4/30)

### Nonfiction

- *Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench (Release date: 4/23)
- *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan and David Allen Sibley (Release date: 4/23)
- *A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks* by David Gibbins (Release date: 4/02)
- *Muse of Fire: World War I As Seen Through the Lives of the Soldier Poets* by Michael Korda (Release date: 4/23)
- *Power and Glory: Elizabeth II and the Rebirth of Royalty* by Alexander Larman (Release date: 04/30)



## Teen Books Coming Soon

- *The Reappearance of Rachel Price* by Holly Jackson (Release date: 4/2)
- *Draw Down the Moon* by P.C. Cast (Release date: 4/2)
- *Fate Be Changed* by Farrah Rochon (Release date: 4/2)
- *Against the Darkness* by Kendare Blake (Release date: 4/9)
- *Sheine Lende* by Darcie Little Badger (Release date: 4/16)
- *Heavenly Tyrant* by Xiran Jay Zhao (Release date: 4/30)

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

### Children's Fiction

- *Storm Dragons: Lightningborn* by Julie Kagawa (Release date: 4/2)
- *Not A Smiley Guy* by Polly Horvath (Release date: 4/2)
- *Whatever After the Graphic Novel: Fairest of All* by Sarah Mlynowski (Release date: 4/2)
- *Ahoy!* by Sophie Blackall (Release date: 4/2)
- *Roar-Choo!* by Charlotte Cheng (Release date: 4/9)

### Children's Non Fiction

- *Who Is Taylor Swift?* by Kirsten Anderson (Release date: 4/2)
- *Not Just the Driver!* by Sarah Holly Ackerman (Release date: 4/9)
- *Ultimate Bugopedia-* by Darlyne Murawski (Release date: 4/16)
- *Eyewitness: Viking* by DK publishing (Release date: 4/9)
- *How We Play* by Dolisha Mitchell (Release date: 4/23)



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## April 7-13 is National Library Week

In 1894 the City of Laconia received a bequest from Napoleon Bonaparte Gale, a prominent Laconia citizen, to erect a public library and park. Boston architect Charles Brigham was awarded the design job and the building contract was awarded to E. Noyes & company of Boston, MA.



The Gale Memorial Library opened to the public in June 1903. The building, created in the Romanesque Revival style, constructed of New Brunswick red granite and Deer Island gray granite, with carved woodwork and stained glass, is a masterpiece of art and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the summer of 2004 a beautiful new 9,000 square foot addition, designed by J. Stewart Roberts & Associates Inc. of Somerville, MA, was built and the original Gale building was renovated and restored. The new 18,000 square foot Laconia Public Library was completed in fall of 2005.  
<https://www.laconianh.gov/377/Laconia-Public-Library-History>

Have you wanted to see inside our Library tower? It's locked for safety reasons, but we have a video on our YouTube page you can watch! <https://youtu.be/kYM21RebFHo>

### 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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