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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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KEY

Children's	Teen
Adult	All Ages

HOURS

Mon	9am-8pm
Tue	9am-8pm
Wed	9am-8pm
Thur	9am-8pm
Fri	9am-5pm
Sat	9am-4pm
Sun	CLOSED

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Writing Group @6pm	2 Preschool Pals @10am Fiber Arts Group @10am Tinker Time @3:30pm Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	3 Guided Imagery Meditation & Journaling @11am	4
6	7 Sensory Storytime @10am Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Teen Gaming @3:30pm	8 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	9 Preschool Pals @10am	10 Move & Groove @10am Guided Imagery Meditation & Journaling @11am	11
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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.

STORYTIMES

Younger or older siblings are always welcome. Join us in the Selig Storytime Room.

SENSORY STORYTIME

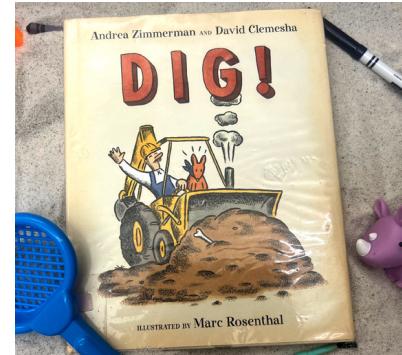
Mondays

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.



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!



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!



WE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 27TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Did you know?

Memorial Day was originally known as **Decoration Day**. It is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TINKER TIME: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

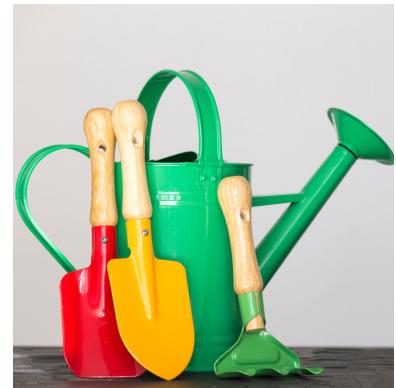
Thursday, May 2

3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Create planters using recyclable materials in this special Tinker Time dedicated to gardening. We will provide everything you need to create a planter, including seeds to plant before you bring your creation home!



LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, May 7 & 21

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



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday May 10 & 24

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!



SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFT: PAINT A BUG!

Saturday, May 18

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

The bugs are coming out, come by and paint your own wooden bug. We will supply the materials for this fun Saturday craft. Best suited for children ages 5-11 in the Selig Storytime Room. No sign up is required.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FAMILY BOARD GAMES

Friday, May 24

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.



A-MAY-ZING FACTS 😊

The Basics

- Full moon: Flower Moon
- Horoscope: Taurus and Gemini
- Birthstone: Emerald
- Flower: Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn

What's in a name?

- May was named after *Maia*, the Greek goddess of growth and mother of Hermes.

Tying the Knot?

- Superstition dictates that May is an unlucky month to be married in. As the old poem goes, “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.”

Three or Five?

- May used to be the third month in the year, but was pushed back to fifth when January and February were added to the calendar.

MAY IS...

National Burger Month

National Smile Month

National Military Appreciation Month

ALS Awareness Month

Better Hearing & Speech Month

National Stroke Awareness Month

National Strawberry Month

National Pet Month

BBQ Month

RETURNING MUSEUM PASSES

Did you know that your public library has passes to local museums and attractions? With pleasant weather returning and places opening back up, it's the perfect time to check out a pass!

The Castle in the Clouds



Reopens Late May!

A 1914 Arts and Crafts-style mansion with 16 rooms, many of which offer spectacular views of the lakes and mountains. Stroll through the magnificent gardens, or hike the 28 miles of trails and view the striking waterfalls.

The pass is valid for the free regular admission of one adult and one youth, and 50% off one adult and one youth. It is not valid for programs and special events.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center



Reopens May 1st!

A combination of outdoor exhibits and self-guided tours that explore the nature of New Hampshire. The Center offers a variety of exhibits on many animals of the state. Open meadows, mature forests, and marsh boardwalks connect interactive natural exhibits where native animals reside.

Each pass allows up to four trail admissions for \$12 each.

NH Historical Society



An independent nonprofit that saves, preserves, and shares New Hampshire history. The pass is valid for up to 4 adults per visit.

The pass doesn't grant access to discounts for programs, gift shop, etc.

New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra



Join the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra for their latest season! Please note several different venue locations this season including LaBelle Winery in Derry, Plymouth State University, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, and Sainte Marie's in Manchester.

The pass is valid for 20% off normal Adult and Senior (not student) priced tickets. This discount is for online ticketing only for The Phil (not box office day of ticket purchases).

NEW

MUSEUM PASSES

MILLYARD MUSEUM PASS

Thanks to the generosity of the Morse Family, your local library now offers passes to the **Millyard Museum**!

Operated by the **Manchester Historic Association**, the Millyard Museum is housed in Mill No. 3 at the corner of Commercial and Pleasant Streets in the historic Amoskeag Millyard. The Museum features the permanent exhibit, **Woven in Time: 11,000 Years at Amoskeag Falls**, that tells the story of Manchester and the people who have lived and worked here. The story starts with the native peoples who fished at Amoskeag Falls 11,000 years ago and continues with displays on the area's early farmers and lumbermen, and the beginnings of industry in the area.

The pass covers free admission for up to four people. It does not include discounts on programs or walking tours, library services, gift shop, or admit guests to member-only events.

The Millyard Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday: 10am - 4pm.

Sponsored by the Morse Family



Coming soon in May!



The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (located in Dover NH) offers two floors of unique, interactive, hands-on exhibits where you can explore Nature, STEM, Pretend Play, Art, World Cultures, and more for ages 0-12.

Hours of operation: Tuesdays: 9am-Noon, Wednesdays: 9am-Noon or 1-4pm, Thursdays: 9am-Noon or 1-4pm, Fridays: 9am-Noon or 1-4pm (First Friday of the month, 4:15-7pm), Saturdays: 9am-Noon or 1-4pm, Sundays: 9am-Noon

School vacation week hours:

Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9am-Noon or 1-4pm; Sundays, 9am-Noon. **CLOSED MONDAYS**

The pass provides 50% off regular cost of admission (up to four people per day). Online ticket reservation is required!

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NH

BOOK CLUBS

EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"THINK AGAIN: THE POWER OF KNOWING WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW" BY ADAM GRANT

Thursday, May 2 at 6pm

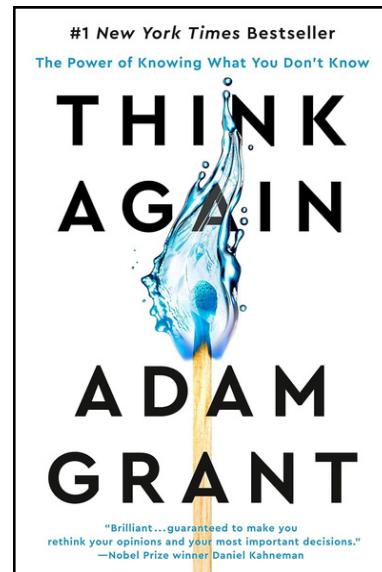
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

The Evening Nonfiction Book Group will meet on Thursday, May 2 at 6pm to discuss Adam Grant's, "Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know".

With his trademark warmth and humor, psychologist Adam Grant investigates how we can embrace not knowing, and how rethinking and unlearning can increase curiosity, intelligence, and mental flexibility.

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



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

"A IS FOR ALIBI" BY SUE GRAFTON

Wednesday, May 8 at 4pm

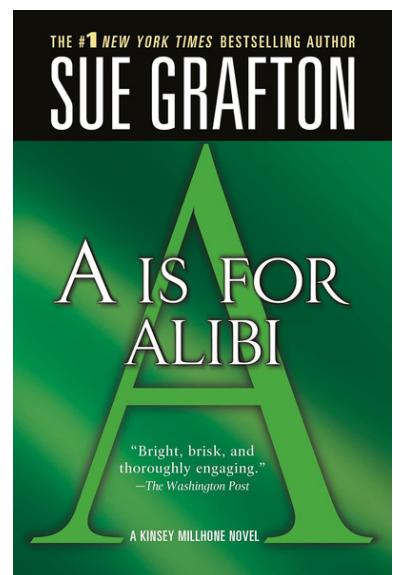
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for our mystery book club, where we will read and discuss a variety of different mystery stories. This month we're discussing "A is For Alibi" by Sue Grafton.

When Laurence Fife was murdered, few mourned his passing. Plenty of people had reason to want him dead. But the police thought his wife Nikki, with motive, access and opportunity, was the #1 suspect. Eight years later and out on parole, Nikki hires a gutsy P.I. to find the real killer.

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



FANTASTIC FICTION BOOK GROUP

"ANXIOUS PEOPLE" BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

Tuesday, May 21 at 10am

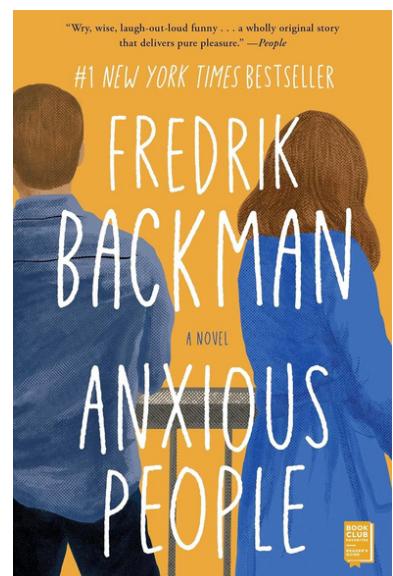
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for our morning fiction book group, where we will discuss a variety of genres and topics. This month we're discussing "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman.

Viewing an apartment normally doesn't turn into a life-or-death situation, but this particular open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes everyone in the apartment hostage.

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



ADULT PROGRAMS

GUIDED IMAGERY MEDITATION AND JOURNALING

Friday, May 3, 10, 17 & 24

11am-12pm

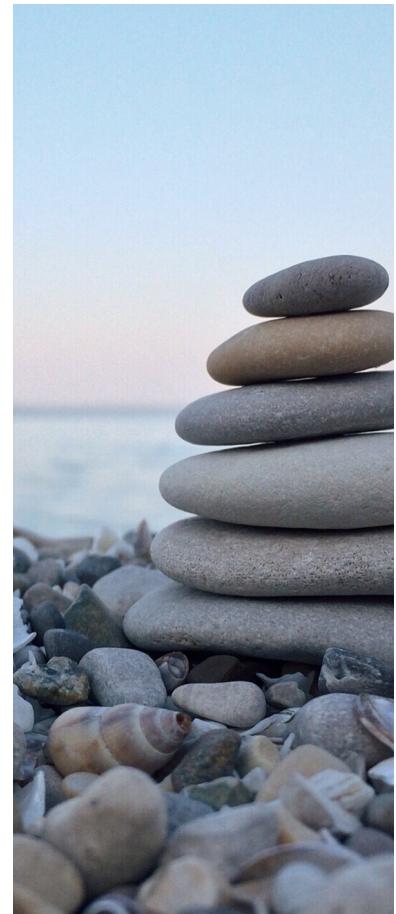
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Embark on a journey of well-being through the practice of mindfulness, guided imagery, and journaling. This class will explore the benefits of guided imagery meditation and journaling backed by science. Discover how this practice can optimize your well-being, from stress reduction to enhanced creativity. Some of the common benefits include:

- Decreased stress and anxiety
- Pain reduction
- Improved sleep patterns
- Increased self-awareness
- Enhanced creativity
- Improved problem-solving skills
- Mood elevation

This 4-week session will be taught by Clare Persson and held in the library's auditorium. **Sign up is required. Classes will meet on Fridays in May from 11am-12pm. Class dates are: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24.**



Interested in this topic? Don't forget to browse our shelves for extra information!

- Now write! nonfiction: memoir, journalism, and creative (808. NOW)
- The miracle of mindfulness: an introduction to the practice of meditation by Thich Nhat Hanh (294.3443 Hanh, T)
- 642 tiny things to write about (808.042 Bronson, P)
- Journal your way: designing & using handmade books by Gwen Diehn (686.3 DIE)
- Mindful me: mindfulness and meditation for kids by Whitney Stewart (J 158.1 STE)
- Write for your life by Anna Quindlen (808.02 Qui)

ADULT RECURRING PROGRAMS

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.**



WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, May 1

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. Please be sure to bring the writing implement/s of your choice: pen and paper, laptop, tablet. **No sign-up is required.**



FIBER ARTS GROUP

Thursday, May 2, 16 & 30

10-11:30am

Quiet Study Room

Adults

Bring your current project to this informal bi-weekly 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.**



MONTHLY ADULT CRAFT: PUZZLE ART

Tuesday, May 14

1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Create a picture using puzzle pieces! No experience is required, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults only. **Sign-up is required. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.**



TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN GAMING CLUB

Tuesday, May 7

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18



TEEN MANGA & ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, May 14

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: PAPER LANTERNS

Wednesday, May 22

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Share your latest creative pieces at the Teen Art Club. This month we are decorating paper lanterns with twinkle lights! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall.



PUBLISHING IN MAY

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The 24th Hour by James Patterson
(Release Date: 5/6)

Clive Cussler's The Heist by Jack Du Brul
(Release Date: 5/7)

Summers at The Saint by Mary Kay Andrews
(Release Date: 5/7)

Think Twice by Harlan Coben
(Release Date: 5/14)

Mind Games by Nora Roberts
(Release Date: 5/21)

Camino Ghosts by John Grisham
(Release Date: 5/28)

NONFICTION

Throne of Grace: A Mountain Man, an Epic Adventure, and the Bloody Conquest of the American West by Tom Clavin
(Release Date: 5/7)

You Never Know: A Memoir by Tom Selleck
(Release Date: 5/7)

Life's Too Short by Darius Rucker
(Release Date: 5/28)

The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis by George Stephanopoulos (Release Date: 5/14)

The Call to Serve: The Life of an American President, George Herbert Walker Bush: A Visual Biography by Jon Meacham
(Release Date: 5/28)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Sweet Nightmare by Tracy Wolff (Release Date: 5/7)

The Dare by Natasha Preston (Release Date: 5/7)

Plain Jane and the Mermaid by Vera Brosgol (Release Date: 5/7)

The United States Constitution Simplified by Timothy Harper (Release Date: 5/14)

The Brightwood Code by Monica Hesse (Release Date: 5/14)

Summer Nights and Meteorites by Hannah Reynolds (Release Date: 5/21)



CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate (Release Date: 5/7)

The Perfect Place by Matt de la Peña (Release Date: 5/7)

The Secret Library by Kekla Magoon (Release Date: 5/7)

Unicorn Crush by Dana Simpson (Release Date: 5/7)

Finding Things by Kevin Henkes (Release Date: 5/14)

NONFICTION

Transportation! by Dorling Kindersley (Release Date: 5/7)

Lego: Amazing Space by Arwen Hubbard (Release Date: 5/14)

The Wolf Effect: A Wilderness Revival Story by Rosanne Parry (Release Date: 5/7)

Mr. Pei's Perfect Shapes: The Story of Architect I. M. Pei by Julie Leung (Release Date: 5/28)

Bite by Bite: American History Through Feasts, Foods, and Side Dishes by Marc Aronson (Release Date: 5/28)

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SNEAK-PEEK: SUMMER READING!



Summer is only a month away and we can't stop thinking about what that means- SUMMER READING! Your library is prepping for a jam-packed season of reading fun, and we wanted to give you a sneak-peek!

KIDS

Set sail for the high seas of summer reading ADVENTURE! Pirates, treasure maps, raffles- we'll have it all. Don't miss amazing *Thursday Specials* with extra cool guests and wildlife. Keep an eye out for fabulous crafts with tie dye, treasure chests, and boats! Trust us, you're gonna love it.

TEENS

The Teen Summer Reading Program will feature weekly raffles for a goodie bag with a \$20 gift certificate, Top Reader prizes, and a Grand Prize Kindle Fire! This year our fun teen events will include two comic creation programs by author Ryan L. Higgins.

ADULTS

All the reward of your childhood summer reading memories at a fraction of the effort! Join us for a charming book bingo, enter a raffle, and win a prize- at your pace!