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KEY

Children's	Teen
Adult	All Ages

HOURS

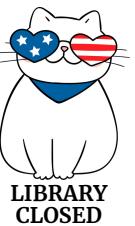
Mon	9am-8pm
Tue	9am-8pm
Wed	9am-8pm
Thur	9am-8pm
Fri	9am-5pm
Sat	9am-4pm
Sun	CLOSED

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6
Beginner Mindfulness Meditation @10am Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Draw Comic Characters @1pm Comics QuickStart @2:30pm	Summer Story Adventures @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Writing Group @6pm	 LIBRARY CLOSED		
8	9	10	11	12	13
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Adult Craft @1pm Family Craft: Treasure Chest @2pm Squirt Gun Painting @2pm	Summer Story Adventures @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Birding for Beginners at Leavitt Park Kids @10am Adults @11am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	Move & Groove @10am	Family Craft: Windchime @10am
15	16	17	18	19	20
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29	30	31			
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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.



SUMMER READING CONTINUES!

Join us for **special programs** (marked with our adventurous crab friend) all summer long! And **prizes**? See below!

Children's: Reading is extra rewarding in the Children's Room this summer! Read one book or chapter each week and write it in your log. Bring your log to the Children's Desk each week for a stamp and pick your prize from the **treasure chest**. Keep an eye out for special raffles at programs this summer!

Teens: Each hour read is an entry. Fill out a ticket every week tallying all hours read, or fill out our online form. Win weekly Summer Reading **Raffle Gift Bags** full of small prizes and featuring a \$20 gift card from Wayfarer or the Laconia Village Bakery. Top Reader Prizes include LEGO kits, journals, art kits, novelty mugs, and friendship bracelet kits. All hours count toward the Grand Prize Raffle for a Kindle Fire! No sign-ups required for Grades 4-12.

Adults: All the reward of your childhood summer reading memories at a fraction of the effort! Join us for a charming book bingo, and enter a raffle for a gift certificate to Laconia Village Bakery!

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.



SUMMER STORY ADVENTURES

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | **Best for newborns-age 6**

Adventure awaits young explorers in the Selig Storytime Room every Wednesday from June 26th through July 31st. Join us at 10am for stories, songs, crafts and more special surprises. This program is best suited for newborns to age 6 and their caregivers, older siblings welcome.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, July 3, 17 & 31 | 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



SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

PAINT YOUR OWN TREASURE CHEST

Tuesday, July 9 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Every explorer needs a special spot to keep treasures from their adventures! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to paint your own mini treasure chest to stash your hoard.



BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS: KIDS WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Thursday, July 11 | 10am

Leavitt Park | Best for ages 5-11

Discover what makes a bird a bird in this beginner birding class. Learn the basics of bird identification, the wide diversity of birds you might see in New Hampshire, and some tools of the trade to help you name the birds around you.



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, July 12 | 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!



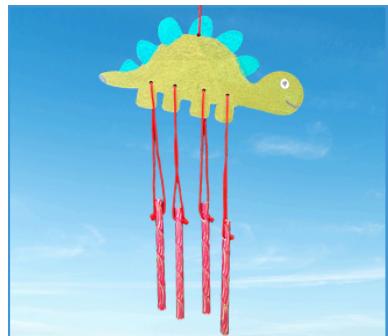
SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

WINDCHIMES

Saturday, July 13 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

A summer breeze will sound very sweet with your own painted windchime. We will supply the materials for this fun Saturday craft!



SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

PADDLE BOATS

Tuesday, July 16 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 3-11

Can you create a seaworthy craft? What would your boat look like if you could come up with the paint scheme? In this fun craft program children will assemble and paint wooden paddle boats.



THURSDAY SPECIAL! CHILDREN'S ROOM MURAL

Thursday, July 18 | 10am
Library Garden | Best for ages 3-12

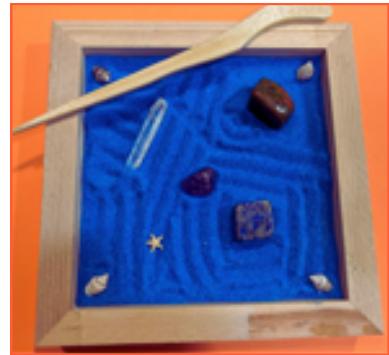
For this Thursday Special we will once again celebrate our favorite local artists, the children of Laconia! Join us in the Library Garden and help create a new mural for the front of the Children's Desk which will be displayed throughout the year. In the event of bad weather, this program will be held in the Laconia Rotary Hall.



SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT ZEN GARDENS

Tuesday, July 23 | 2pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 3-11

Zen Gardens are back by popular demand! Join us to create an adventurous scene in sand. Supplies are limited, so make sure you arrive at 2 pm to craft with us!



CRISPY CREAMY ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

RECIPE CORNER

From "Batter Up Kids: Delicious Desserts" by Barbara Beery - find it downstairs at **J 641.8 BEE!**

Makes 12 ice cream sandwiches

1/2 stick butter or margarine	1. Spray a medium saucepan with nonstick cooking spray. Melt
10 ounces of marshmallows	butter or margarine with marshmallows in pan, stirring often. Stir
1 tsp vanilla	in vanilla. Add cereal and remove from heat.
6 cups crispy rice cereal	2. Stir together until a large ball begins to form. Add sprinkles.
1/2 cup sprinkles	3. Scoop mix into a 9x13 inch pan sprayed with nonstick cooking
Ice cream, sorbet, or froyo	spray. Flatten, then chill in the refrigerator for 10 minutes.

Remove from fridge and cut into 2 inch squares.

4. Put a small scoop of ice cream on top of one square and top with another square. Trim off extra ice cream so it is square. Press together and eat right away, or place in freezer until ready to serve!



TEEN PROGRAMS

HOW TO DRAW COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS WITH COMIC BOOK CREATOR RYAN L. HIGGINS

Tuesday, July 2 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Ryan will show you step-by-step how to build characters from basic shapes. You'll begin with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, then meet Ryan's own superhero, the Righteous Red Cat, and discover how to bring her to life on paper. Want to draw your own favorites? During the last 15-20 minutes, the floor is open for your questions and requests. We'll have a free-draw session where Ryan can help you draw your favorite comic book heroes!



COMIC QUICKSTART WITH RYAN L. HIGGINS LAUNCH YOUR SUPERHERO STORY IN 90 MINUTES!

Tuesday, July 2 | 2:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 11-18

Ever dream of seeing your own comic book hero leap off the page? Using his "Comic QuickStart" booklet, Ryan will show you his proven process for crafting a killer comic. Whether you're looking to go pro or want to make a homemade "zine" style comic, Ryan will share his secrets to completing a project.



SQUIRT GUN PAINTING

Tuesday, July 9 | 2pm

Library Garden | Best for ages 9-18

Make a watercolor masterpiece!



GLOW SLIME!

Tuesday, July 16 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Make slime that glows in the dark!



SQUISHIE PAINTING

Tuesday, July 23 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Paint a squishie keychain!



MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

BIRDS OF PREY A MORNING WITH MONADNOCK FALCONRY

Thursday, July 25 | 10:30am
Leavitt Park Clubhouse | All ages

Grab your friends and family and join Laconia Public Library and Monadnock Falconry at the Leavitt Park Club House for an adventurous morning learning about Birds of Prey. Monadnock Falconry offers the chance for nature enthusiasts of all ages to imagine life as a bird of prey! The hour-long program gives the opportunity to meet a Harris' Hawk and see it on the wing, while answering all your questions about their life histories and relation to their human handlers. The program is open to all, including those with disabilities.



TINY CANVAS SHARPIE ART

Saturday, July 27 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Youth all ages

Create a tiny masterpiece with Sharpie markers! For Kids through Teens in the Storytime Room.



FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Tuesday, July 30 | 2pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Youth all ages

Create braided and beaded Friendship Bracelets for yourself or for a friend! For Kids through Teens in the Auditorium.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

HUMMINGBIRD NECTAR RECIPE

Hummingbirds are fascinating little birds with their long beaks and fast-moving wings. They can be seen darting around nectar feeders and flowers across the United States! If you're interested in drawing hummingbirds to your yard, just follow this simple recipe.



INGREDIENTS

- Refined White Sugar
- Water

DIRECTIONS

- Mix 1 part sugar with 4 parts water (for example, 1 cup of sugar with 4 cups of water) until the sugar is dissolved
- Do not add red dye
- Fill your hummingbird feeders with the sugar water and place outside
- Extra sugar water can be stored in a refrigerator
- Change feeders every other day and thoroughly clean them each time to prevent harmful mold growth

NOTES

- You can use tap water, and you don't need to boil it!
- Always use refined white sugar. Never use honey, corn syrup or raw, unprocessed sugars.
- Powdered sugar often contains additional ingredients, such as cornstarch. Therefore, it is not recommended for use in creating hummingbird food.
- For our region, set up your feeder from early May to late September.



Source:

nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/hummingbird-nectar-recipe

BOOK CLUBS

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

"PLAY THE FOOL: A MYSTERY" BY LINDA CHERN

Wednesday, July 10 | 4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our Mystery Book Club! This month we're discussing "Play the Fool: A Mystery" by Linda Chern.

A cynical tarot card reader seeks to uncover the truth about her friend's mysterious death in this delightfully clever whodunit, "a delicious blend of suspense and madcap humor". **No sign-up is required, copies are available at the library.**



EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"SOLITO: A MEMOIR" BY JAVIER ZAMORA

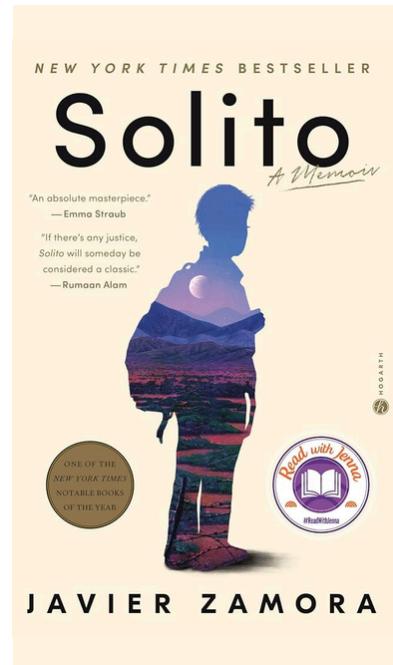
Thursday, July 11 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

The Evening Nonfiction Book Group meets monthly to discuss a wide variety of nonfiction books. This month we are discussing "Solito: A Memoir" by Javier Zamora.

Traveling alone amid a group of strangers and a "coyote" hired to lead them to safety, 9 year old Javier expects his trip to last two short weeks. He cannot foresee the perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions that await him; nor can he know that those two weeks will expand into two life-altering months alongside fellow migrants who will come to encircle him like an unexpected family.

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



FANTASTIC FICTION BOOK GROUP

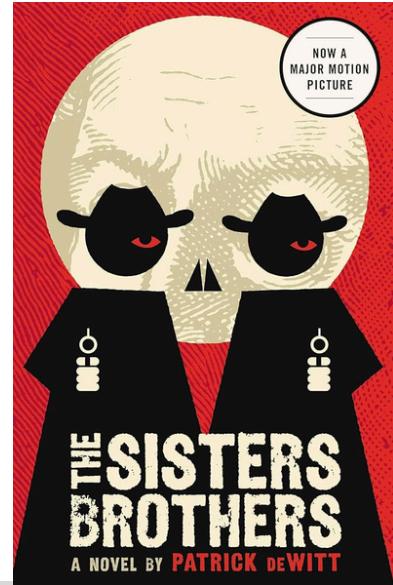
"THE SISTERS BROTHERS" BY PATRICK DEWITT

Tuesday, July 16 | 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 will read "The Sisters Brothers: a Novel" by Patrick deWitt.

With *The Sisters Brothers*, Patrick deWitt pays homage to the classic Western, transforming it into an unforgettable comic tour de force. Filled with a remarkable cast of characters: losers, cheaters, and ne'er-do-wells from all stripes of life. **No sign-up required, copies are available at the library.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

BEGINNER MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Monday, July 1 | 10am-11:45am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Last session! Mindfulness Meditation can benefit just about anyone regardless of age, spiritual tradition, or any limiting mobility issues. 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.** Participants should plan to attend all 5 weeks of sessions.



MONTHLY ADULT CRAFT: POPSICLE STICK CHAIRS

Tuesday, July 9 | 1pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Create a mini Adirondack chair using popsicle sticks, a great addition to a zen garden or plant pot. 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 to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS: ADULTS WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Leavitt Park | Adults

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RECURRING ADULT 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 Tech Help on July 3rd.*

No sign-up is required.



WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, July 3 | 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.**



WE'RE NOT JULY-ING!

JULY FACTS

The Basics

- Full moon: Buck Moon 🐂
- Horoscope: Cancer & Leo
- Birthstone: Ruby
- Flower: Water Lily & White Larkspur

What's in a name?

- July is named after Roman emperor Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.). Among other things, he developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today!

No Ju-lies here!

- July 6 is the time of **aphelion**, when Earth is the farthest it will get from the Sun for the entire year—specifically, we'll be 94,506,364 miles away from our bright star!

Folk Sayings

- Ne'er trust a July sky.
- If ant hills are high in July, the coming winter will be hard.
- As July, so next January.
- Whatever July and August do not boil, September can not fry.

JULY IS...

National Watermelon Month | National Hot Dog Month | National Ice Cream Month

National Anti-Boredom Month | World Watercolor Month | National Grilling Month

Family Reunion Month | Black Family Month | Picnic Month

Purposeful Parenting Month | Make a Difference for Children Month

JULY DAYS

Canada Day

(July 1)

Dog Days of Summer

(July 3–Aug 11)

US Independence Day

(July 4)

Bastille Day

(July 14)

World Emoji Day

(July 17)

Islamic New Year

(July 18)

National

Day of the Cowboy

(July 23)

Take Your Houseplants

for a Walk Day

(July 27)

PUBLISHING IN JUNE

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

A Death in Cornwall by Daniel Silva (Release date: 7/9) | *A Refiner's Fire* by Donna Leon (Release date: 7/9)
What Have you Done by Shari Lapena (Release date: 7/30) | *The Summer Pact* by Emily Griffin (Release date: 7/9)
The Briar Club by Kate Quinn (Release date: 7/9) | *Queen B* by Juno Dawson (Release date: 7/23)
The Conditions of Unconditional Love by Alexander McCall Smith (Release date: 7/16)
The Bright Sword by Lev Grossman (Release date: 7/16)

NONFICTION

Tiger, Tiger: His Life, As It's Never Been Told Before by James Patterson (Release date: 7/15)
The Bluestockings: A History of the First Women's Movement by Susannah Gibson (Release date: 7/23)
What the Wild Sea Can Be: The Future of the World's Ocean by Helen Scales (Release date: 7/16)
The Presidents and the People: Five Leaders Who Threatened Democracy and the Citizens Who Fought to Defend It by Corey Brettschneider (Release date: 7/2)
Women in the Valley of the Kings: The Untold Story of Women Egyptologists in the Gilded Age by Kathleen Sheppard (Release date: 7/16)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Reckless by Lauren Roberts (Release date: 7/2)
Break to You by Neal Shusterman (Release date: 7/2)
The Darkness Within Us by Tricia Levenseller (Release date: 7/9)
A Thousand Broken Pieces by Tillie Cole (Release date: 7/23)
Such Charming Liars by Karen M. McManus (Release date: 7/30)
The Grandest Game by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Release date: 7/30)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The Serpent and the Beast (Bad Guys #19) by Aaron Blabey (Release date: 7/2)
Narwhal's Sweet Tooth (A Narwhal and Jelly Book #9) by Ben Clanton (Release date: 7/2)
How to Catch a Fairy Godmother by Alice Walstead (Release date: 7/9)
How to Eat a Mango by Paola Santos (Release date: 7/16)
The Creepening of Dogwood House by Eden Royce (Release date: 7/30)

NONFICTION

Naomi Osaka (She Persisted Series) by Kekla Magoon (Release date: 7/2)
What Is a Presidential Election? by Douglas Yacka (Release date: 7/2)
All the Rocks We Love by Lisa Varchol Perron (Release date: 7/16)
The Dark: Wild Life in the Mysterious World of Caves by Lindsey Leigh (Release date: 7/9)
A Rainbow Inside My Body by Katherine Kottaras (Release date: 7/9)



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BEAUTIFUL BEACH READS



Need a beachy read for some beachy times? Try these!

