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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 Thursday Special: Wildlife Encounters at Leavitt Park @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	2 Move & Groove @10am	3
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SUMMER READING WINDS DOWN AUGUST 2ND

LAST CHANCE FOR PRIZES - DON'T MISS OUT!



Kids! Pick your prize from the treasure chest before those pesky pirates find a new spot to bury it!

Teens! Last call for tickets! Fill them out (online or irl) with hours read and be entered in for the last of the weekly raffles...AND the grand prize Kindle Fire! Special prizes for Top Readers are divvied up at the end of Summer Reading, so tally up your hours!

STORYTIMES

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

SENSORY STORYTIME

Monday, August 5 & 12 | 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

Wednesday, August 7 & 14 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 6

Adventure awaits young explorers in the Selig Storytime Room every Wednesday from June 26th through August 14th. 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

THURSDAY SPECIAL: WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Thursday, August 1 | 10am

Leavitt Park Clubhouse | Best for ages 3-12 and their caregivers

Get ready to learn about some amazing animals during a visit with our friends from Wildlife Encounters Ecology & Wellness Center. We never know what animals are going to make an appearance, but in past programs we have seen tortoises, macaws, and even a wallaby! Join us for our wrap-up to summer fun at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse at 10am.



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, August 2 | 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!



LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, August 14 | 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



BATROUN LEMONADE

RECIPE CORNER

From "Lemonade with Zest" by April White - find it upstairs at 641.3 Whi!

4 organic lemons

1. Wash and juice the citrus. Cut the shells into eighths. In a bowl, muddle the peels lightly with the sugar. Add the juice and marinate for about 2 hours at room temperature, covered with a clean kitchen towel. Stir occasionally to ensure all the sugar is dissolved.

2 organic navel oranges

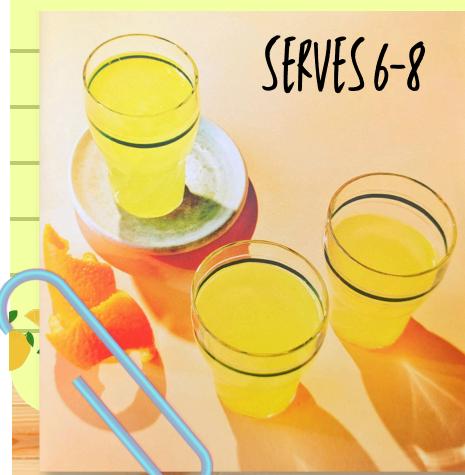
2. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve. Press on the peels to release more liquid.

1 cup granulated sugar

3. In the pitcher, stir together the lemon-orange mixture, water, and orange blossom water. Refrigerate until cold. Serve straight up.

6 cups still water

1 tsp orange blossom water



TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN GAMING CLUB SUPER SMASH BROS SUMMER BASH!

Tuesday, August 6 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Celebrate Summer with a Super Smash Bros Summer Bash!



Love Switch games, but don't want to buy all of them yourself? Check out some of what we have here!

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 sign-up is required.**



MONTHLY ADULT CRAFT: FELT COLLAGE

Tuesday, August 13 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Paint a picture with felt. 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.



WRITING CRAFT DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturday, August 24 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for a monthly discussion on writing craft for all genres of fiction and nonfiction. This month's discussion topic will be Character Development. This supportive group is open to adult writers of all abilities. **No sign-up is required;** held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



ADULT PROGRAMS

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN WITH MIKE ROGERS

Wednesday, August 7 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Blind songwriter, guitarist and poet Mike Rogers presents scenes and characters in his life of seventy-five years. He has been on the road from coast to coast, New England, and the Caribbean.

This show is laced with Mike's wry humor and paints portraits of people "outside the circle" in song, storytelling, and poetry. Sometimes edgy, sometimes gentle, his characters are all real people from his journey through life and he places emphasis on understanding and accepting others. Mike accompanies himself on his guitar and his signature harmonica. His comfort with his audience comes from 15 years of teaching high school as well as the music business. He has been performing for over 45 years and has recorded on more than 40 albums. He has opened for Emmy Lou Harris, Tom Rush, The Eagles, James Montgomery, and others. Mike and his wife, Beverly, represented Maine and Georgia at the 1999 International Very Special Arts Conference in Los Angeles and his folk group, Salt River, represented Maine at the New England Artists Conference in 2000.

The other two members of the Mike Rogers Trio are Mike's wife Beverly, who adds harmony vocals, and his long-time friend and bandmate Dan MacLellan on bass and harmony vocals.



SONGS OF EMIGRATION STORYTELLING THROUGH TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

Thursday, August 8 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Through traditional music, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants.

The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland, sometimes focusing on the reasons for leaving (a man who is driven from his land by English persecution), revealing what sometimes happened upon arrival (an immigrant drafted into the Union army during the Civil War), and exploring the universal feeling of homesickness of a stranger in a strange land. Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki discusses the historical context of these songs, interspersing their stories with tunes from Ireland that made their way into New England's musical repertoire, played on his fiddle or guitar. Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki is an award-winning fiddler/singer.

This program is made possible by a grant from NH Humanities, and is free and open to the public.



BOOK CLUBS

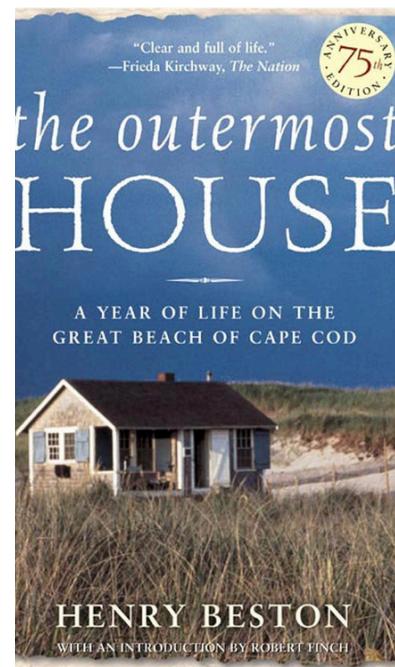
EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP "THE OUTERMOST HOUSE" BY HENRY BESTON

Thursday, August 1 | 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 "The Outermost House: A Year of Life on the Great Beach of Cape Cod" by Henry Beston.

Henry Beston had originally planned to spend just two weeks in his seaside home, but was so possessed by the mysterious beauty of his surroundings that he found he "could not go." Instead, he sat down to try and capture in words the wonders of the magical landscape he found himself enthralled with.

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



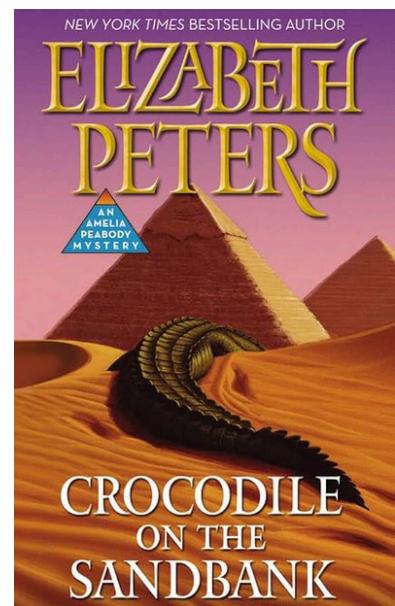
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "CROCODILE ON THE SANDBANK" BY ELIZABETH PETERS

Wednesday, August 14 | 4pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our Mystery Book Club! This month we're discussing "Crocodile on the Sandbank" by Elizabeth Peters.

Amelia Peabody, that indomitable product of the Victorian age, embarks on her debut Egyptian adventure armed with unshakable self-confidence, a journal to record her thoughts, and, of course, a sturdy umbrella. On her way to Cairo, Amelia rescues young Evelyn Barton-Forbes, who has been abandoned by her scoundrel lover.

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



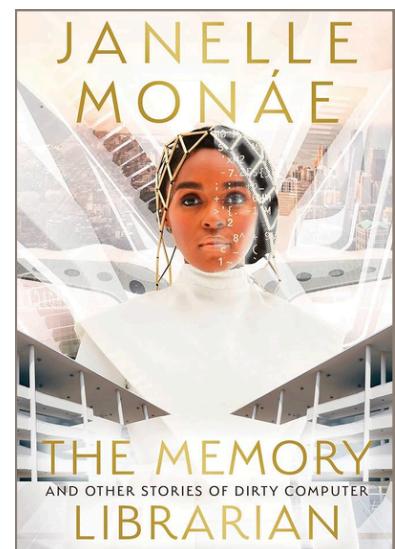
FANTASTIC FICTION BOOK GROUP "THE MEMORY LIBRARIAN" BY JANELLE MONÁE

Tuesday, August 20 | 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 Memory Librarian: and Other Stories of Dirty Computer" by Janelle Monáe.

Janelle Monáe brings to the written page the Afrofuturistic world of one of her critically acclaimed albums, exploring how different threads of liberation—queerness, race, gender plurality, and love—become tangled.

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



PUBLISHING IN AUGUST

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Fire and Bones by Kathy Reichs (Release date: 8/6)
Joy by Danielle Steel (Release date: 8/13)
By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult (Release date: 8/20)
Peach Tea Smash by Laura Childs (Release date: 8/6)
Til Heist Do Us Part by Sara Desai (Release date: 8/20)
This Is Why We Lied by Karin Slaughter (Release date: 8/20)

NONFICTION

Dinosaurs at the Dinner Party: How an Eccentric Group of Victorians Discovered Prehistoric Creatures and Accidentally Upended the World by Edward Dolnick (Release date: 8/6)
The New Whole30: The Definitive Plan to Transform Your Health, Habits, and Relationship With Food by Melissa Urban (Release date: 8/6)
The Art of Power: My Story As America's First Woman Speaker of the House by Nancy Pelosi (Release date: 8/6)
The Mysterious Mrs. Nixon: The Life and Times of Washington's Most Private First Lady by Heath Hardage Lee (Release date: 8/6)
I Heard There Was a Secret Chord: Music As Medicine by Daniel Levitin (Release date: 8/27)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Death at Morning House by Maureen Johnson (Release date: 8/6)
Ash's Cabin by Jen Wang (Release date: 8/13)
Hemlock House by Katie Cotugno (Release date: 8/13)
Wisteria by Adalyn Grace (Release date: 8/20)
Sync by Ellen Hopkins (Release date: 8/27)

The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry by Ransom Riggs (Release date: 8/27)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Cat On the Run: Cucumber Madness by Aaron Blabey (Release date: 8/6)
The Dictionary Story by Oliver Jeffers (Release date: 8/6)
Daydreamer by Rob Cameron (Release date: 8/6)
Amari and the Despicable Wonders by B.B. Alston (Release date: 8/27)
Animorphs 5: The Predator by K. A. Applegate (Release date: 8/20)

NONFICTION

Eyewitness: Horse from Dorling Kindersley Ltd. (Release date: 8/6)
Hello, World!: From Seed to Pumpkin by Jill McDonald (Release date: 8/6)
Who Is Billie Jean King? by Sarah Fabiny (Release date: 8/6)
Volcanoes by Nell Cross Beckerman (Release date: 8/6)

World More Beautiful: The Life and Art of Barbara Cooney by Angela Burke Kunkel (Release date: 8/6)

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AUGUST FACTS

The Basics

- Full moon: Sturgeon Moon
- Horoscope: Leo & Virgo
- Birthstone: Peridot
- Flower: Gladiolus & Poppy
- In the Northern Hemisphere, August is the last month of summer and the hottest month of the year.

August is...

- National Peach Month
- Don't Be a Bully Month
- Fat Liberation Month
- National Black Business Month
- Transgender History Month
- World Cancer Support Month

August Days

- Lammas Day (Aug 1)
- National Watermelon Day (Aug 3)
- National S'mores Day (Aug 10)
- Vinyl Record Day (Aug 12)
- National Potato Day (Aug 19)
- World Honeybee Day (Aug 20)
- National Spumoni Day (Aug 21)

What's in a name?

- August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman world, *Augustus Caesar* (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). He was the first Roman emperor (though he never claimed the title) and grandnephew of the previous ruler Julius Caesar (who named July after himself)!
- Before it was renamed, this month was previously known as *Sextilius* (sixth month) by the ancient Romans. It only became the eighth month around 700BC; being rudely shoved back in the order when January and February were added by King Numa Pompilius.
- The Anglo-Saxons referred to August as *Weod Monath*, or “weed month” – for how swiftly late-summer weeds grow!

Interesting!

- August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city. The mountain spewed out great clouds of ash, smoke, and pumice, which rained down on Pompeii's citizens. Unfortunately for Pompeii, that wasn't the end of it either – next came molten lava, which buried the remaining residents 7 feet (2.1 m) deep!

