

AUGUST 2024

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AUGUST AT YOUR LIBRARY

A Month of Music at Laconia Public Library

On Wednesday, August 7 at 6pm, blind songwriter, guitarist and poet **Mike Rogers** will present scenes and characters in his life of seventy-five years in **“Outside Looking In”**. Mike has been on the road from coast to coast, New England and the Caribbean. “Outside Looking In” is laced with Mike's wry humor and paints portraits of people "outside the circle" in song, story-telling 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. 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. All are welcome to join us in the Laconia Public Library's Auditorium for this performance.

On Thursday, August 8 at 6pm, **Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki**, an award-winning fiddler/singer, will perform “**Songs of Emigration**” at the Laconia Public Library. Through traditional music Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. He will share songs about leaving Ireland, sometimes focusing on the reasons for leaving, sometimes revealing what happened upon arrival, and sometimes exploring the universal feeling of homesickness of a stranger in a strange land. Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki will also discuss 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 has toured nationally with bands in various genres, performed across Ireland, and released multiple recordings of Celtic music that can be heard on radio stations around New England and in the British Isles. He has also written soundtracks for audiobooks and television (including the New England Emmy-nominated theme music for NH Chronicle) and appeared as a guest on over 75 albums. Before the pandemic he performed around 200 shows each year, mostly with his own band, the Jordan TW Trio. In 2013 He was awarded the title of “Master Artist” by the NH State Council on the Arts and named “Best Fiddler 2016” by NH Magazine. His lifelong passion for history helps bring to life the traditional music around which he built his career. This free program is made possible by New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

The **Monthly Adult Craft** group will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 1pm to 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.***

Laconia Public Library has three book groups and always welcomes newcomers. The **Mystery Book Club** meets on Wednesday, August 14 at 4pm. The **Evening Nonfiction Book Group** meets on Thursday, August 1 at 6pm. The **Fantastic Fiction Book Group** meets on Tuesday, August 20 at 10am.

The **Writing Craft Discussion group** will meet at 10am on Saturday, August 24 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.

Drop-in Tech Help is offered on Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 2pm. Bring your device and meet with a Library staff member who can help with basic computer and electronic device questions.

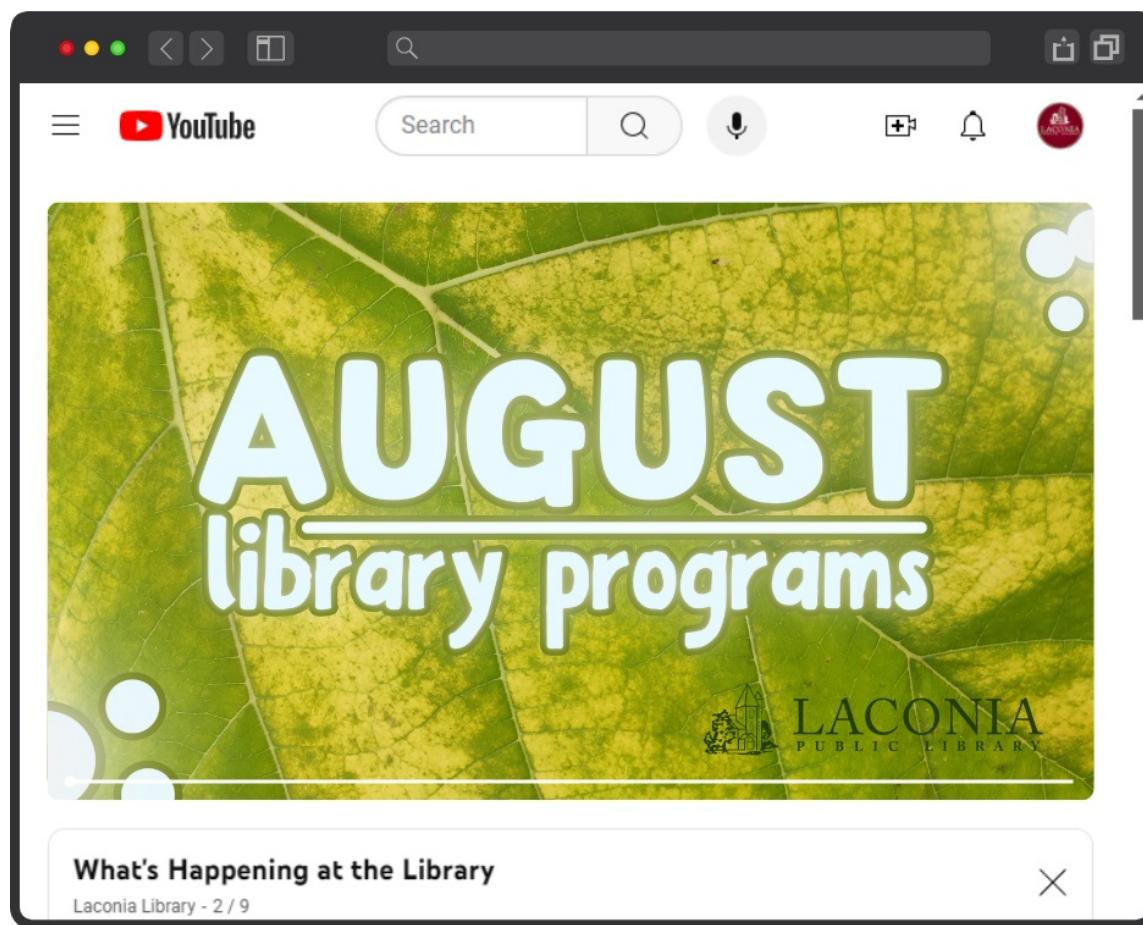
Last Chance for Summer Reading Prizes in the Laconia Children's Room!

The last day of Children's Summer Reading is Saturday the 3^d. Fill out your reading log and bring it to the Children's Desk to pick a prize from the treasure chest! The Teen Summer Reading prizes, including the **grand prize Kindle Fire** tablet, will be drawn on **Friday the 2nd**, so make sure to submit your hours ahead of time!

Join us for one of our fun **Storytimes!** Sensory Storytime will be held on Monday the 5th and 12th at 10am and our special Summer Story Adventures will be held on Wednesday the 7th and 14th at 10am. The Move & Groove program will take place on Friday the 2nd at 10am, for newborns to age 6. Dive into the Library's many bins of Lego bricks at this month's Lego Club, held on Wednesday the 14th at 3:30pm, for ages 6-11.

Our **Summer Specials** conclude with **Wildlife Encounters** at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse on Thursday the 1st at 10am. 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! Best suited for ages 3-12.

Teens can test out the Nintendo Switch on the big screen in the Auditorium on Tuesday the 6th at 2pm. The Teen Gaming Club will be celebrating the season with a **Super Smash Bros Summer Bash!**



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