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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024

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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 Death Café @10am Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	2 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Teen Gaming @3:30pm	3 Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	4	5 Family Craft @10am
7 Sensory Storytime @10am	8 Tech Help @10am	9 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Group @4pm	10 Preschool Pals @10am Haunted Hikes of NH @5:30pm	11 Move & Groove @10am	12 Whose Bones are Those? @10am
14 LIBRARY CLOSED	15 Tech Help @10am Fantastic Fiction Book Group @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	16 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Ectoplasm Glow Slime @3:30pm Within the Crystal Hills @6pm	17 Preschool Pals @10am Paranormal Investigation 101 @6pm	18 LRAA: Art in the Community Reception @3pm	
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28 Sensory Storytime @10am	29 Tech Help @10am Coffin Zen Garden @3:30pm Lego Club @3:30pm	30 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	31 Monster Storytime @10am Trick or Treat! @5pm		

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

No sign ups required. Younger or older siblings are always welcome!

TODDLER TIME

Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns–age 3

Children 3 years old and younger are invited to read stories, sing songs, and get silly with Miss Carly on Wednesday mornings! Every storytime is a new adventure with a fun craft to create at the end. Don't miss the fun!



PRESCHOOL PALS

Thursday, October 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 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, reading some great books!



SENSORY STORYTIME

Monday, October 7, 21 & 28 | 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.



MONSTER STORYTIME

Thursday, October 31 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns–age 6

Join us in your costumes for some stories about monsters! There will be friendly monsters, silly monsters, and maybe even some scary monsters!



WE WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 14

The second Monday of October has 2 claims to fame! It is often celebrated as **Columbus Day**, the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas.

It is also **Indigenous Peoples' Day**! Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures, recognizing the Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas for thousands of years.

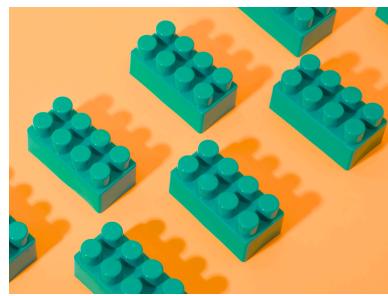


CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, October 1, 15 & 29 | 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!



SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFT: OWL ORNAMENT

Saturday, October 5 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 4-12

Come by the Selig Storytime Room to decorate your own owls! This craft is best suited for children ages 4-12.



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, October 11 & 25 | 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!



WHOSE BONES ARE THOSE?

Saturday, October 12 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

Get ready for a fun day, no bones about it! We have borrowed a kit from the NH Fish and Game Department full of animal bones. Who do they belong to? Come help us figure it out! Use your powers of observation and knowledge of local animals to help us solve the mystery. This program is best suited for children 6-12 and their caregivers.



KIDS CREATE: PAINTS & BRUSHES

Tuesday, October 22 | 5:30pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Join us for an exciting new children's program focused on creating art. Each month we will provide a different type of art material to create a masterpiece. For October we will be working with a variety of paints and canvases. The possibilities are endless! Don't miss out on the fun. This program is best suited for children ages 6-11.



PUMPKINFEST FUN: PUMPKIN SUNCATCHERS

Saturday, October 26 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Youth all ages

Paint a pumpkin suncatcher to celebrate Pumpkinfest!



TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, October 31 | 5pm
Selig Storytime Room | Youth all ages

Stop by the Children's Room to show off your costume. We will have candy and FREE BOOKS for children and teens. Happy Halloween!



DID YOU KNOW?

Many of our modern-day Halloween traditions (like **trick-or-treating** and **carving jack o' lanterns**) were adapted from folk traditions brought to the United States by Irish and Scottish immigrants in the 19th century!



TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN GAMING: SUPER SMASH BROS

Wednesday, October 2 | 3:30pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 11-18

Play Super Smash Bros on the big screen!



ECTOPLASM GLOW SLIME

Wednesday, October 16 | 3:30pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Celebrate the Spooky Season with Ectoplasm Glow Slime!



TEEN MINDFULNESS

Tuesday, October 22 | 3pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Feeling stressed? Join us to learn a variety of mindfulness techniques from Karen Deighan of the UNH Cooperative Extension.



PUMPKINFEST FUN: GLOW HAND & FACE PAINTING

Friday, October 25 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Get ready for Pumpkinfest with glow paint! Decorate your hands and arms, or have a friend paint luminous designs on your face!

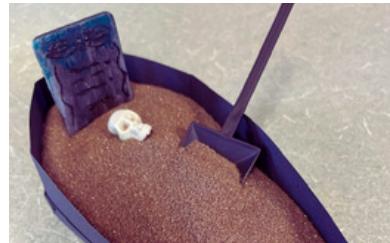


COFFIN ZEN GARDEN

Tuesday, October 29 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Create a relaxing Zen Garden with a Halloween twist!



PUMPKINFEST IS COMING!



Hold onto your hats and carve out some time because the NH Pumpkin Festival is back and bigger than ever! Set up and displays begin 10/22 at the Weirs and Downtown, with various programs leading up to the main weekend event, Friday 10/25 - Saturday 10/26!

JOIN US FOR SOME SPECIAL PUMPKINFEST PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY!

MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

HAUNTED HIKES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SPINE-TINGLING GHOST STORIES FROM AROUND THE REGION

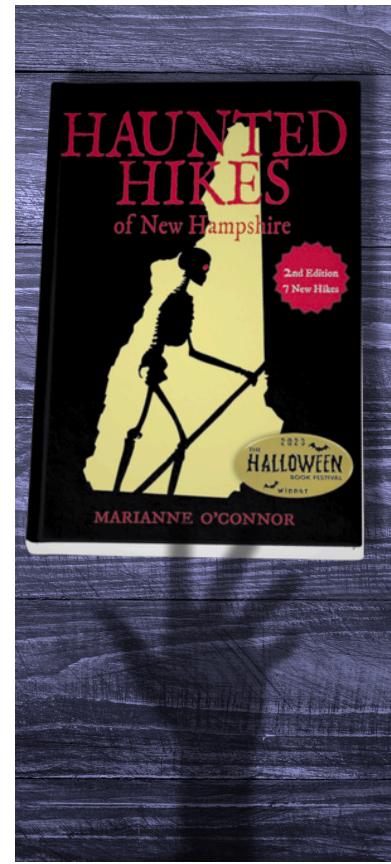
Thursday, October 10 | 5:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults & teens

Join author Marianne O'Connor in what's sure to be a spooky evening of ghost stories from NH's White Mountains to the Lakes Region.

Is there a Sasquatch in the Ossipee Mountains? Are there spirits on Mount Washington? Marianne will highlight some of the more interesting and unusual ghost stories from the state including the ghost story of Nancy Mountain in Crawford Notch to the Old Witch of East Hampton.

This program is for teens and adults but is not recommended for young children. Marianne O'Connor is the author of "Haunted Hikes of New Hampshire" which won the 2023 Halloween Book Festival Award in nonfiction; she's hiked all over New Hampshire to collect "haunted hikes" on her adventures. Marianne is a content producer for New "Hampshire Magazine" and "Memories of Maine Magazine" and has appeared on WMUR New Hampshire Chronicle, and NHTV's "Windows to the Wild". She is a retired New Hampshire educator, living in Maine.



PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION 101

Thursday, October 17 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults & teens

Do you have an interest in the paranormal? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to investigate a haunting? Please join Paranormal Investigators of New England for "Paranormal Investigation 101" and learn the basics of investigation and how you can get started on your own adventure into the unknown! This program is for adults and teens, no sign-up is required. Come early and wear your best ghost-hunting gear to take your picture with Laconia's very own Ectomobile in the Library's parking lot!



LIKE SPOOKY STUFF? CHECK OUT SOME OF THESE!



RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays 10am | Wednesdays 2pm

Volpe Room | Adults

No Tech Help 10/16 through 10/26. 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.**



DEATH CAFÉ AT LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, October 1 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us at the Laconia Public Library for a meeting of the Death Café. This discussion group is a respectful and supportive space to discuss a natural part of life that is often perceived as taboo. The Death Café at LPL will be moderated by Ruth O'Hara, a Registered Nurse, certified Death Doula, and Reiki Master; and Carol Wallace, Reiki Master.

It is important to note that the Death Café is not a grief support or counseling session. Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served. **No sign-up is required.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

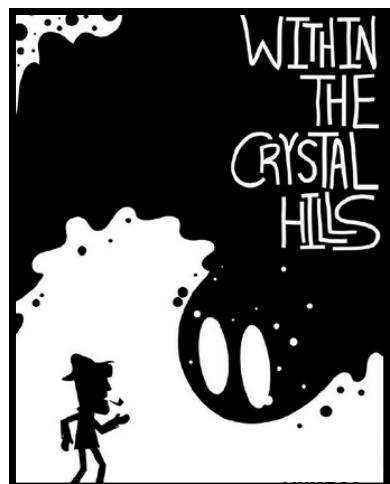
FILM SHOWING: WITHIN THE CRYSTAL HILLS

Wednesday, October 16 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join award-winning filmmakers Griffin "The" Hansen and Christina K. Caralis at Laconia Public Library as they discuss the process of animated filmmaking and screen their new film "Within the Crystal Hills"- inspired by the Old Man of the Mountain.

The story follows an iron worker named Sawyer as he ventures into the White Mountains to bring his beloved Carrigain a precious diamond.



DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE?

We're looking for a community member willing to share their card game skills- let us know if you can help out!





APPLE BUTTER

From "Full Moon Suppers" - find it upstairs at 641.564 AHE!

- 4lbs soft apples (Braeburn, Cortland, or McIntosh)
- 2-3 tbs lemon juice (based on apple tartness)
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup sugar per cup of apple pulp
- 1 cinnamon stick

Core the apples, chop them up into large chunks, and toss them into a large bowl with the lemon juice. There is no need to peel them, as the peel contains a thickening agent that will be useful. Place the apple chunks in a large pot with the water. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook until the apples are tender, about 20 minutes. Strain the apples, discarding the liquid.

With a spoon, push the apples through a sieve. Measure out the pulp: for every cup, you will use 1/2 cup sugar. Combine apple pulp and sugar in a medium, thick-bottomed pot and toss in a cinnamon stick. Cook over low to medium-low heat for 1 to 2 hours, until the apple butter is thick (it will be spreadable once it cools).

MAKES 8 OUNCES

LAKES REGION ART ASSOCIATION RECEPTIONS ART IN THE COMMUNITY

Friday, October 18 | 3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Please join us for refreshments at the upcoming reception for Lakes Region Art Association: Art in the Community at 3pm on October 18. Celebrate our many talented local artists whose work LRAA will be sharing in two installments over the course of two months. Some of the artists will be on site at each reception to share their work and answer questions about their techniques and talents.



THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY WITH REBECCA RULE

Wednesday, October 23 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories - her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own.

Rebecca Rule hosts *Our Hometown* on NHPBS. Her books include "N is for New Hampshire, an ABC book" with photographs by Scott Snyder; "The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever!", a picture book illustrated by Jennifer Thermes; "Headin' for the Rhubarb, A NH Dictionary (well, kinda)"; and "That Reminds Me of a Funny Story." Her new book, "NH Trivia" will be available in the spring of 2024.

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



BOOK CLUBS

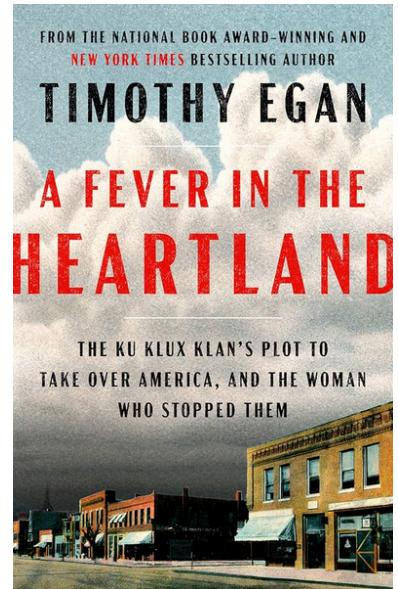
No sign-up is required, and copies are available at the library.

EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP "A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND"

Thursday, October 3 | 6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Mark Twain once said, "Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't." Join the Evening Nonfiction Book Group as they explore this theme by reading through some select strange and unusual true stories.

This month, we'll be discussing Timothy Egan's book, "A Fever in the Heartland" is a true historical thriller by an award-winning author which tells the riveting story of the Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them.

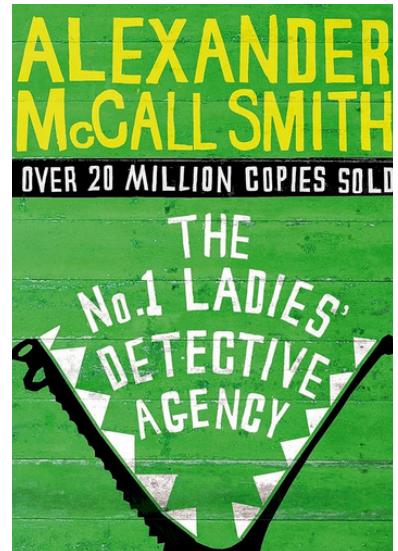


MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "THE NO. 1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY"

Wednesday, October 9 | 4pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our Mystery Book Club! This month we're discussing "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith.

Wayward daughters. Missing Husbands. Philandering partners. Curious conmen. If you've got a problem, and no one else can help you, then pay a visit to Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's only - and finest - female private detective. Her methods may not be conventional, and her manner not exactly Miss Marple, but she's got warmth, wit and canny intuition on her side.

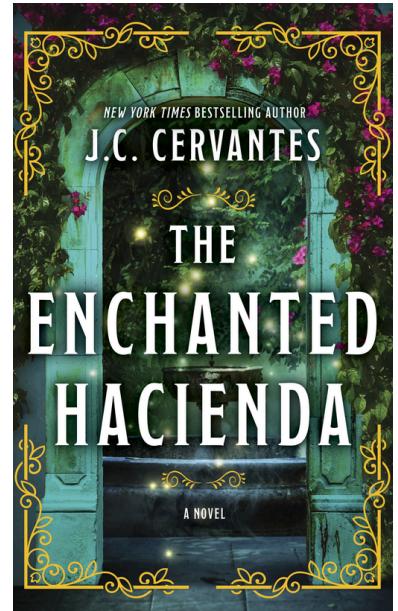


FANTASTIC FICTION BOOK GROUP "THE ENCHANTED HACIENDA"

Tuesday, October 15 | 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 Enchanted Hacienda" by J.C. Cervantes.

When Harlow Estrada is fired from her dream job and her boyfriend proves to be a jerk, she flees New York City to the one place she can always call home- the enchanted Hacienda Estrada. With unforeseen twists, romance, and a heavy sprinkle of magic, this is a captivating coming-of-age debut exploring identity, unconditional family love, and uncovering the magic within us all.



OCTOBER TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Hunter's Moon
- Horoscope: Libra & Scorpio
- Birthstone: Opal & Pink Tourmaline
- Flower: Cosmos & Marigolds

What's in a name?

- October, derived from the Latin word for “eight”, was the eighth month of the original Roman 10-month calendar! It was bumped back to the tenth month with the addition of January and February in 713BC.
- The Saxons called this time of year “*Wyn Monath*”, which translated into “wine month” because it was the time of the year for making wine.
- The Anglo-Saxons called it “*Winterfylleth*”, combining the words for *winter* and *full moon*, because winter was said to begin from the first full moon of the month.

Notable October

- **Space Stuff!** The launch of Sputnik, the first artificial satellite, took place on October 4, 1957. Also, the famous Apollo 7 mission was launched on October 11, 1968.
- **The Great Chicago Fire**, one of the most notorious fires in American history, began on October 8, 1871.
- The “**Happiest Place on Earth**”, Walt Disney World in Florida, officially opened its doors on October 1, 1971.

OCTOBER IS...

ADHD Awareness Month | National Pizza Month | Bat Appreciation Month
Blindness Awareness Month | Breast Cancer Awareness Month | National Book Month
National Cookie Month
World Animal Month

Poetry Corner

October

By Robert Frost

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.

Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.

Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.

Slow, slow!

For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.



PUBLISHING IN OCTOBER

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

One Big Happy Family by Susan Mallery (Release date: 10/1)
The Boyfriend by Freida McFadden (Release date: 10/1)
Triangle by Danielle Steel (Release date: 10/1)
Identity Unknown by Patricia Daniels Cornwell (Release date: 10/8)
The December Market by RaeAnne Thayne (Release date: 10/8)
A Christmas Duet by Debbie Macomber (Release date: 10/15)
The Man in Black by Elly Griffiths (Release date: 10/15)
In Too Deep by Lee Child (Release date: 10/22)
The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny (Release date: 10/29)

NONFICTION

Revenge of the Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell (Release date: 10/1)
Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space
by Paula Johnson and Jacques Pépin (Release date: 10/8)
Sonny Boy by Al Pacino (Release date: 10/15)
What I Ate in One Year by Stanley Tucci (Release date: 10/15)
Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten (Release date: 10/1)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Night of the Witch by Sara Raasch (Release date: 10/3)
Eight Days and Nights by Betsy Aldredge (Release date: 10/3)
Clementine 2 by Tillie Walden (Release date: 10/3)
The Harry Potter Wizarding Almanac by J.K. Rowling (Release date: 10/10)
Hatchet Girls by Diana Rodriguez Wallach (Release date: 10/10)
A Curse for True Love by Stephanie Garber (Release date: 10/24)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Umami by Grant Jacobs (Release date: 10/29)
Everett Green: The Not-so-Christmas Tree by Freddy Wexler (Release date: 10/22)
Don't Think of Tigers by Alex Latimer (Release date: 10/22)
Lifeboat 5 by Susan Hood (Release date: 10/8)
The Last Dragon on Mars by Scott Reintgen (Release date: 10/1)

NONFICTION

Priceless Facts About Money by Mellody Hobson (Release date: 10/1)
Beam of Light: The Story of the First White House Menorah by Elisa Boxer (Release date: 10/15)
Bounce: A Scientific History of Rubber by Sarah Albee (Release date: 10/22)
We Celebrate the Light by Jane Yolen (Release date: 10/8)
Our World: By the Numbers by Steve Jenkins (Release date: 10/15)

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LIBRARY NEWS



A SEASON OF MYSTERY...

As the weather gets colder, your library gets *weirder*! Join us for a series of unusual and supernatural programs throughout the autumn months...if you dare!

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HAUNTED HIKES OF NH
Thursday, October 10 | 5:30pm | Adults & teens

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PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION
Thursday, October 17 | 6pm | Adults & teens

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THE ABDUCTION OF THE HILLS
Thursday, November 14 | 6pm | Adults & teens | In 1961, New Hampshire couple Betty and Barney Hill were driving back from a vacation when they underwent a strange experience and claimed to be abducted by extraterrestrials. Join us for a talk with Professor and Special Collections Librarian Elizabeth Slomba.