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DECEMBER 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	
2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Fire Safety @10am Mug Painting @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am Evening Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	Move & Groove @10am	Family Craft: Snowman Ornaments @10am
9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm Holiday Entertaining @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am Stonehenge at the Winter Solstice @6pm		NH Ukeladies Holiday Concert @1:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Group @10am Glitter Ornaments @3:30pm Kids Create! @5pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Kids Writing Group @3:30pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Sensory Storytime @10am	CLOSING @3PM	LIBRARY CLOSED			Coding Toys @10am
30	31					
	Sensory Storytime @10am	CLOSING @3PM	LIBRARY CLOSED			

STORYTIMES

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

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

Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 3

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, December 5, 12 & 19 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward preschoolers. Join us for singing, dancing, crafting, and of course, reading some great books!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, December 6 & 20 | 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!



FAMILY CRAFT: SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS

Saturday, December 7 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Stop by the Selig Storytime Room to create a snowman ornament using air dry clay! All supplies will be provided in this craft.

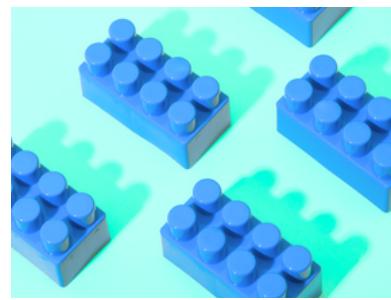


LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, December 10 | 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!



KIDS CREATE: AIRDRY CLAY

Tuesday, December 17 | 5pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

In this session of Kids Create we will be experimenting with air dry clay. Join us to sculpt, carve and mold creations from your imagination.



KIDS WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, December 18 | 3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Bring your imagination and story ideas to our kids writing group. We will work on putting your ideas into words to help create your own stories.



CODING TOYS

Saturday, December 28 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 4-8

Join us for a special program devoted to early coding skills! In this program we will experiment with creating code for Sphero's Indi car using colored tiles to plot its path. **Participation is limited to 12 children for this program. Please call the library to sign up for a space today!**



TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN CRAFT: MUG PAINTING

Tuesday, December 3 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Join us and decorate a ceramic mug with paint pens!



TEEN CRAFT: GLITTER ORNAMENT

Tuesday, December 17 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Make a sparkly ornament!



DECEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

Closing early at 3pm on 12/24

Closed all day 12/25

Closing early at 3pm on 12/31

Closed all day 1/1

ADULT PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays 10am | Wednesdays 2pm

Volpe Room | Adults

Drop in for our twice-weekly technology help hour; no sign-up required! Have your basic computer and device questions answered by a helpful librarian. Held most Tuesdays and Wednesdays; check our event calendar to confirm dates.



FIRE SAFETY AND EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Tuesday, December 3 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Fire safety best practices have changed in recent years with modern furniture materials and home layouts. Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert will give a short presentation on fire safety, before moving outside for a demonstration and a chance to practice. Now's your chance to test out a fire extinguisher without risk to your home or belongings!



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING WITH CHEF COLLEEN

Wednesday, December 11 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Looking to shake up your holiday menu? Join Chef Colleen and learn some scrumptious new approaches to old classics! Including: a make-ahead shrimp appetizer, red wine cranberry sauce with honey, arugula salad with apple and brussels sprouts, and Latkes with spiced apple-pear sauce. *Sign-up is required for this event, call or email the library to save a space today! (603-524-2775 x600 or info@laconialibrary.org)*



STONEHENGE AT THE WINTER SOLSTICE

MINI DOCUMENTARY & TALK

Thursday, December 12 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Inspired by a course in Archaeology at Oxford, Ed Ting, a well-known amateur astronomer, spent the 2023 Winter Solstice at Stonehenge. His remarkable time there resulted in a short, 14-minute documentary that captures the beauty and wonder of Stonehenge. Join us for a showing of his documentary and a talk about Stonehenge facts and myths.



NH UKELADIES HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 14 | 1:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Come and experience a fun and festive music-filled time with the NH Ukeladies! Performing across a wide swath of genres, the Ukeladies will play girl power, pop, country, oldies, and folk. Of course, it wouldn't be a holiday without seasonal favorites!



DECEMBER TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Cold Moon
- Horoscope: Capricorn & Sagittarius
- Birthstone: Turquoise, Zircon & Tanzanite
- Flower: Holly & Narcissus

What's in a name?

- December got its name from “decem” which is Latin for the number tenth- because it used to be the tenth month in the year!
- In the Old Anglo-Saxon calendar, December was known as “Geol-monap”, or Yule Month. (Based on information supplied by Saint Bede the Venerable’s 8th Century treatise ‘On Chronology’)

Dashing December Days

- Day Without Art (12/1)
- Dewey Decimal System Day (12/10)
- Winter Solstice (12/21)
- Yule (12/21-1/1)
- Christmas (12/24-25)
- Hanukkah (12/25-1/2)
- New Years Eve (12/31)



BOOK CLUBS

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

EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"SPARE" BY PRINCE HARRY

Thursday, December 5 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Calling all fans of People Magazine! Ever wonder what the celebrity behind those articles thinks? Join the Evening Nonfiction Book Group as they spend the next three months reading and discussing some juicy tell-all celebrity memoirs.

This month, we'll be discussing Prince Harry's book, *Spare*- his own story, chronicling his journey with raw, unflinching honesty. A landmark publication, *Spare* is full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

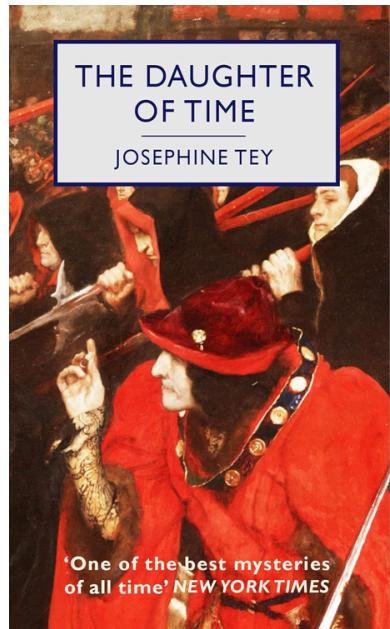
"THE DAUGHTER OF TIME" BY JOSEPHINE TEY

Wednesday, December 11 | 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's mystery is Josephine Tey's *The Daughter of Time*.

Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard, recuperating from a broken leg, becomes fascinated with a contemporary portrait of Richard III that bears no resemblance to the Wicked Uncle of history. Grant determines to find out once and for all, with the help of the British Museum and an American scholar, what kind of man Richard Plantagenet *really was* and who killed the Little Princes in the Tower.



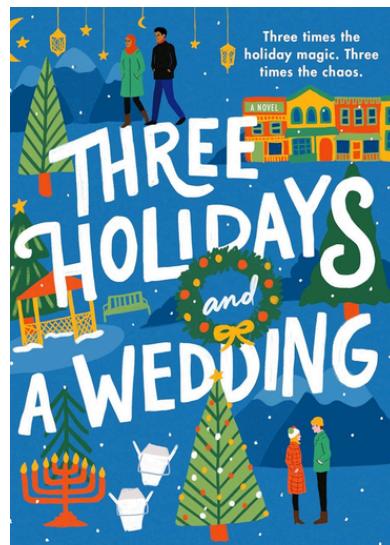
FICTION BOOK GROUP

"THREE HOLIDAYS AND A WEDDING" BY UZMA JALALUDDIN

Tuesday, December 17 | 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 *Three Holidays and a Wedding* by Uzma Jalaluddin, a multi-faith holiday rom-com about the delightful havoc that occurs when Christmas, Eid, and Hanukkah all fall at the same time. Two strangers-turned-friends are snowbound in the small, charming town of Snow Falls along with the cast and crew of a holiday romance movie, nosy family members, and their lifelong crushes.



PUBLISHING IN DECEMBER

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The Christmas Inn by Pamela Kelley (Release date: 12/11)

The Comfort of Ghosts by Jacqueline Winspear (Release date: 12/11)

Hot Property by Robert B. Parker (Release date: 12/25)

The Mirror by Nora Roberts (Release date: 12/25)

NONFICTION

Taste of Home Comfort Food Classics: 200+ Heartwarming Dishes and Handy Knits
(Release date: 12/10)

Ocean: A History of the Atlantic Before Columbus by John Haywood
(Release date: 12/3)

The Cure for Women: Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi and the Challenge to Victorian Medicine That Changed Women's Lives Forever by Lydia Reeder (Release date: 12/3)

Custodians of Wonder: Ancient Customs, Profound Traditions, and the Last People Keeping Them Alive by Eliot Stein (Release date: 12/10)

Sisters in Science: How Four Women Physicists Escaped Nazi Germany and Made Scientific History by Olivia Campbell (Release date: 12/31)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

To Shatter the Night by Katherine Quinn (Release date: 12/3)

Encanto by Alex Segura (Release date: 12/3)

Dust by Alison Stine (Release date: 12/3)

The Party by Natasha Preston (Release date: 12/3)

Five Nights at Freddy's: Return to the Pit by Scott Cawthon (Release date: 12/24)

Heavenly Tyrant by Xiran Jay Zhao (Release date: 12/24)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Ten-word Tiny Tales of Love by Joseph Coelho (Release date: 12/3)

Wolves at the Door by Steve Watkins (Release date: 12/3)

Haiku Kaiju Ah-choo! by George McClements (Release date: 12/3)

The Worry Monster by Catherine Cook-cottone (Release date: 12/3)

Dog Man: Big Jim Begins #13 by Dav Pilkey (Release date: 12/3)

NONFICTION

The Sioux by Virginia Driving Sneve (Release date: 12/10)

Who Was Raised to be the Queen of France? By Bones Leopard (Release date: 12/3)

Taylor Swift: Wildest Dreams by Erica Wainer (Release date: 12/3)

Dad Jokes by Rob Elliott (Release date: 12/13)

Work by Sharon Feinberg (Release date: 12/3)

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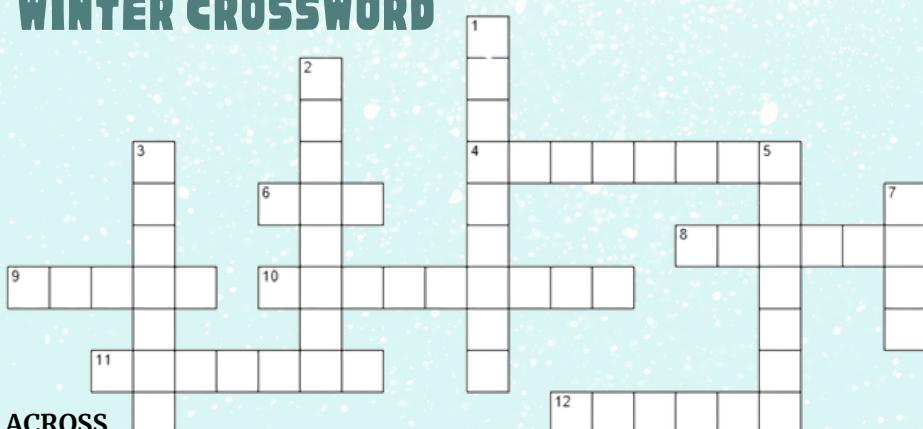
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WINTER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

4. What you wear on your ears to keep them warm
6. What you get when water freezes
8. What you use to remove snow from the sidewalk
9. What you wear on your feet to keep them warm
10. (2 words) What you put on your feet to glide across the ice
11. You build this by stacking large snowballs, then adding a hat and scarf
12. A sport played in an ice rink

DOWN

1. What you might sit in front of to warm up
2. (2 words) What you drink to warm up after playing outside
3. What you wear on your hands to keep them warm
5. What it's called when school is cancelled due to snow
7. What you sit in when going down the hill



WINTER WORD SEARCH

G	F	Q	A	W	E	K	W	A	N	Z	A	A	Y	Q
U	S	C	O	C	O	A	S	K	A	T	I	N	G	E
V	C	D	M	H	I	C	I	C	L	E	E	T	T	D
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BLIZZARD
CHRISTMAS
COCOA
COLD
DECEMBER
FIREPLACE
FROST
HANUKKAH
HIBERNATE
HOCKEY
ICICLE
IGLOO
KWANZAA
MIGRATE
MITTENS
SCARF
SKATING
SLED
SNOWMAN
VACATION
WINTER