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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY 2025



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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 <i>HAPPY new year</i> LIBRARY CLOSED	2	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am
6	7 Sensory Storytime @10am	8 Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Vision Boards @3:30pm	9 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am Meditation & Journaling @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	Family Craft: Journal Decoration @10am
13	14 Sensory Storytime @10am Sourdough Bread Basics @10am	15 Tech Help @10am Reiki & Self Care @1pm Fairy Orbs @3:30pm Kids Create! @5pm	16 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Kids Writing @3:30pm	Preschool Pals @10am Meditation & Journaling @10am	Move & Groove @10am
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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.

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

Wednesdays | 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! **(No Toddler Time on 1/1 - Library Closed)**



PRESCHOOL PALS

Thursdays | 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, January 3, 17 & 31 | 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: JOURNAL DECORATING

Saturday, January 4 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

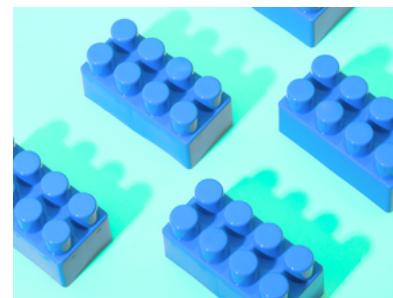
New year, new adventures! Stop by to personalize a blank journal to record all the amazing things you do in 2025. All materials will be provided.



LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, January 7 & 21 | 3:30pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

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: NEWSPAPER FUN

Tuesday, January 14 | 5pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

This month we are using newspapers as the base of our art. How will you transform a regular newspaper into a masterpiece? All materials are provided, just bring your imagination and creativity!



KIDS WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, January 15 | 3:30pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

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.



PAPER AIRPLANES

Saturday, January 25 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

In this program we will try different kinds of paper and models to find out how to make the best paper airplane. Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to build your own airplanes and launchers. We will see who can get their airplane to fly the farthest! No sign-ups required.

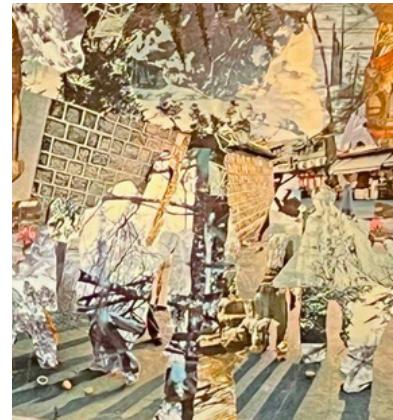


SPECIAL EXHIBIT

COLLAGE ARTWORK: AN INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT BY ANDREW HILLMAN

January 2025
Library Rotunda

The Collage Artwork of Andrew Hillman will be on display starting in January. This interactive exhibit is an opportunity to explore how each piece of art speaks to you. Grab a pencil and paper, travel around the exhibit, and tell us what you see!



TEEN PROGRAMS

VISION BOARDS

Tuesday, January 7 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Create a Vision Board to manifest your dreams!



TEEN CRAFT: FAIRY LIGHT ORBS

Tuesday, January 14 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Decorate an orb and fill it with fairy lights for a unique nightlight!



SPECIAL CRAFT: RAVEN PAINTING

Wednesday, January 29 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the publication of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" with a raven silhouette painting on black canvas.



SPICED COCONUT MILK

From "Fireside Feasts & Snow Day Treats"
find it upstairs at 641.564 Aikman-Smith, V!

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 1/2 tbs light brown sugar
- 2 star anise (lightly crushed)
- 1 small red chile (halved lengthwise and de-seeded)
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- toasted shredded coconut

Put all the ingredients, except the cream, in a saucepan. Heat gently for 10 minutes then bring just to boiling point. Strain into 2 cups.

Whip the cream until it holds shape and spoon over the drinks. Sprinkle with a little toasted coconut to serve.

SERVES 2

RECIPE CORNER



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.



DEATH CAFÉ

Tuesday, January 7 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us 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. This group will be moderated by Registered Nurse Ruth O'Hara, certified Death Doula and Reiki Master; and Carol Wallace, Reiki Master.

The Death Café is not a grief support or counseling session. Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served. **No sign-up is required.**



GUIDED MEDITATION & JOURNALING WITH CLARE PERSSON

Thursday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Writing helps us take the invisible and make it visible! There are many benefits to the practice of journaling and guided imagery meditation, such as: reducing negative emotions, building lifelong coping skills, lowered heart rate, increased patience, tolerance, and self-awareness. Join this class to learn more and start a new journey! This is a 4-week class, plan to attend all 4 sessions for maximum benefit, as each builds on the last. **Sign-up is required, please call or email the Library to reserve your spot.**



SOURDOUGH BREAD BASICS

Monday, January 13 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join UNH Extension Home Horticulture Educator Sean O'Brien for a presentation on starting and caring for a sourdough culture. Learn the many ways it can be used beyond just a traditional, yet delicious, sourdough loaf. You will leave with your own starter culture and instructions on how to feed and use it in breadmaking and beyond. **Sign-up is required, please call or email the Library to reserve your spot.**



THE BENEFITS OF REIKI & SELF-CARE PRACTICE WITH CLARE PERSSON

Tuesday, January 14 | 1pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

This class is a great opportunity to learn a little about this gentle, healing practice that can help to decrease stress and pain, increase clarity and creativity, and improve sleep patterns. Learn a modified hands-on Reiki practice that you can do every day! **Sign-up is required, please call or email the Library to reserve your spot.**



BOOK CLUBS

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

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

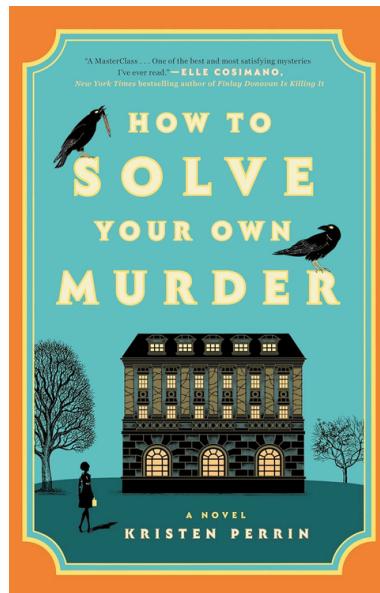
"HOW TO SOLVE YOUR OWN MURDER" BY KRISTEN PERRIN

Wednesday, January 8 | 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 Kristin Perrin's *How to Solve Your Own Murder*.

For fans of *Knives Out* and Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club*, an enormously fun mystery about a woman who spends her entire life trying to prevent her foretold murder only to be proven right sixty years later, when she is found dead in her sprawling country estate... Now it's up to her great-niece to catch the killer.



EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

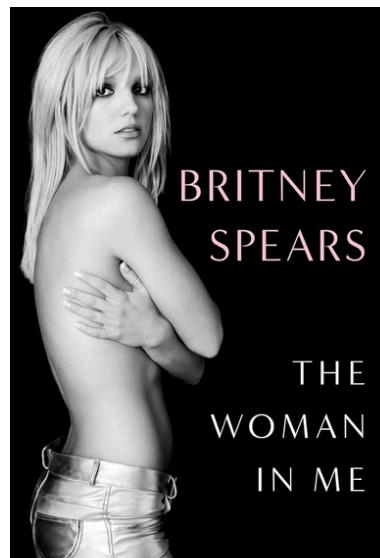
"THE WOMAN IN ME" BY BRITNEY SPEARS

Thursday, January 9 | 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 Britney Spears' book, *The Woman In Me* - a book that illuminates the enduring power of music and love - and the importance of a woman telling her own story, on her own terms, at last.



FICTION BOOK GROUP

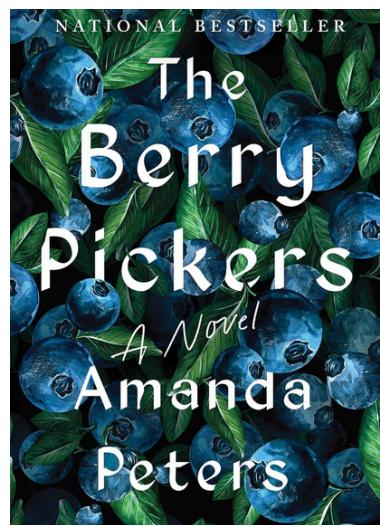
"THE BERRY PICKERS" BY AMANDA PETERS

Tuesday, January 21 | 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 Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine. This sparks a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty years.



PUBLISHING IN JANUARY

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Never Say Never by Danielle Steel (Release date: 1/7)
Witchcraft for Wayward Girls by Grady Hendrix (Release date: 1/14)
Better Than Friends by Jill Shalvis (Release date: 1/21)
Onyx Storm: Empyrean Series Book 3 by Rebecca Yarros (Release date: 1/21)
The Crash by Freida McFadden (Release date: 1/28)

NONFICTION

Three Wild Dogs (And the Truth) by Markus Zusak (Release date: 1/21)
The JFK Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Kennedy- and Why It Failed
by Brad Meltzer (Release date: 1/14)
Beyond Anxiety: Curiosity, Creativity, and Finding Your Life's Purpose
by Martha Beck (Release date: 1/7)
Waste Land: A World in Permanent Crisis by Robert D. Kaplan (Release date: 1/28)
Save Our Souls: The True Story of a Castaway Family, Treachery, and Murder
by Matthew Pearl (Release date: 1/14)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Lies on the Serpent's Tongue by Kate Pearsall (Release date: 1/7)
Among Serpents by Marc J. Gregson (Release date: 1/7)
After Life by Gayle Forman (Release date: 1/7)
King: A Life by Jonathan Eig (Release date: 1/7)
Carving Shadows into Gold by Brigid Kemmerer (Release date: 1/28)
The Wilde Trials by Mackenzie Reed (Release date: 1/21)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The Forgotten Magic of Zoey Turner by Erin Stewart (Release date: 1/14)
Soy Sauce! By Laura G. Lee (Release date: 1/7)
A Copycat Conundrum (The Misfits #2) by Lisa Yee (Release date: 1/7)
The Story Factory by Jam Dong (Release date: 1/21)
Mixed Feelings by Liana Finck (Release date: 1/21)

NONFICTION

Becoming a Ballerina: The Story of Michaela Mabinty DePrince
by Laura Obuobi (Release date: 1/21)
How Sweet the Sound: A Soundtrack for America by Kwame Alexander (Release date: 1/14)
The Junior Plant Lover's Handbook: A Green-Thumb Guide for Kids
by Molly Williams (Release date: 1/28)
Vulture View by April Pulley Sayre (Release date: 1/28)
Where is Tornado Alley? By Wes Locher (Release date: 1/7)

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JANUARY TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Wolf Moon
- Horoscope: Capricorn & Aquarius
- Birthstone: Garnet
- Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop



What's in a name?

- January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, who symbolizes beginnings and endings.
- Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. What a fitting symbol for this first day of the year; this month is our door into the new year!

The New Month in Town

- The months of January and February were not originally in the ancient Roman calendar.
- Until 450 BCE, the Roman calendar was 10 months, beginning in March!

Jumping January Days

- New Year's Day (1/1)
- National Science Fiction Day (1/2)
- Last Day of Hannukah (1/2)
- World Braille Day (1/4)
- World Typing Day (1/8)
- National Clean Off Your Desk Day (1/11)
- National Dress Up Your Pet Day (1/14)
- Martin Luther King Jr / Civil Rights Day (1/20)
- International Day of Education (1/24)
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day (1/27)
- National Chocolate Cake Day (1/27)
- National Fun at Work Day (1/28)
- Lunar New Year (1/29)

YEAR OF
THE SNAKE

