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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
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					Family Craft: Valentine's Cards @10am
3	4	5	6	7	8
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Bead Bracelets @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am Adult Craft @1pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Glitter Candle Jars @3:30pm Kids Create @5:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Kids Writing @3:30pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am Pop Trivia: Love & Valentines @1pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22
LIBRARY CLOSED	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Group @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am SOS Photos & Memories @10am		Fizzy Painting @10am
24	25	26	27	28	
Sensory Storytime @10am Wildlife Encounters @1:30pm	Tech Help @10am Spoon Carving @5:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am	

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.
No storytime on 2/17, Library will be closed.



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 craft to create at the end. Don't miss the fun!



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

FAMILY CRAFT: VALENTINE'S CARDS

Saturday, February 1 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 4-11

Do you still need to make a Valentine for someone special? Create the perfect card in the Children's Room using glitter, washi tape, and other craft supplies. All materials will be provided.

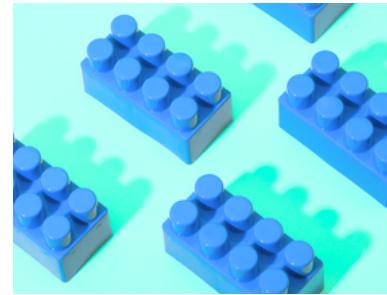


LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, February 4 & 18 | 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: WITH BEADS!

Tuesday, February 11 | 5:30pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

In this session of Kids Create we are working with beads! Make use of the giant collection of beads to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. You could even make jewelry to give someone on Valentine's Day!



KIDS' WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, February 12 | 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.



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, February 14 & 28 | 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!



FIZZY PAINTING

Saturday, February 22 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for families with children

Come learn about chemical reactions while creating a unique work of art!



FEBRUARY VACATION WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Monday, February 24 | 1:30pm

Leavitt Park Clubhouse | Best for ages 6-11

Get February Vacation off to a wild start with our friends from Wildlife Encounters at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse. We are excited to welcome back the wildlife educators and their amazing animal ambassadors for another fun-filled visit full of animal facts. We never know which animals will make an appearance, but in the past we have seen fennec foxes, armadillos, and even a wallaby! *This event is at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse at 334 Elm Street.*



TEEN PROGRAMS

BEADED FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Tuesday, February 4 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Create beaded friendship bracelets to share with friends!



GLITTER CANDLE JARS

Tuesday, February 11 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Make a glittery candle holder!



NICE WARM PORRIDGE

From "Moomin Comfort Food" downstairs at J 641.5 Moo!

- 20g rolled oats
- 180ml milk (any kind)
- pinch of cinnamon
- pinch of sea salt
- 1 handful fresh berries
- 1tsp coconut flakes (unsweetened)
- a few pumpkin seeds

MAKES 1 BOWL

Place the rolled oats, milk, cinnamon and salt into a saucepan and bring to a gentle simmer.

Continue to simmer for around 5 minutes, until the oats are softened, then transfer to bowl.

Scatter the berries, pumpkin seeds and coconut flakes on top of your porridge- and enjoy!



MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

WOODEN SPOON CARVING CLASS WITH OWL EYES WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Tuesday, February 25 | 5:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Teens & Adults

Teens and adults, learn how to carve a wooden spoon! Wood carving is a meditative activity that you can do almost anywhere. Handmade spoons and forks are usable forms of art that will last for years if carved well and taken care of.

Participants will use simple tools, (a fixed blade knife, hook knife, saw, and sandpaper) to carve a wooden spoon or fork. Participants will learn the techniques for selecting wood, safe carving, and how to care for your new eating utensil. Everyone will go home with at least one wooden spoon and/or fork and a whole new skillset! **Sign-up is required, space is limited.**



PRESIDENT'S DAY THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 2/17

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, February 4 | 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 group or counseling session. Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served. **No sign-up is required.**



ADULT CRAFT: PUNCH NEEDLE HOOPS

Thursday, February 6 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Test out needle punch embroidery to create a nature scene! All materials provided, no experience necessary. **Limited to 14 participants, sign-up required.**



POP TRIVIA: LOVE & VALENTINE'S EDITION

Friday, February 14 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Popcorn, Soda Pop, and Popular Culture! Test your love knowledge against the community; compete for a prize and bragging rights. Come by yourself or bring a team and see who knows the most about romance.



S.O.S. PHOTOS AND MEMORIES

Thursday, February 20 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join dedicated photo organizer Diana Ashley for a conversation around photos and memories. Do you know your photos' locations – whether on your phone, computer, or shoeboxes? Diana will talk about finding your photos and organizing all your memories into one place! She will cover what cloud storage is, and the different options for preservation. A Library staff member will be available to answer questions about how you can digitize your memories by using the Library's digitization equipment.



BOOK CLUBS

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

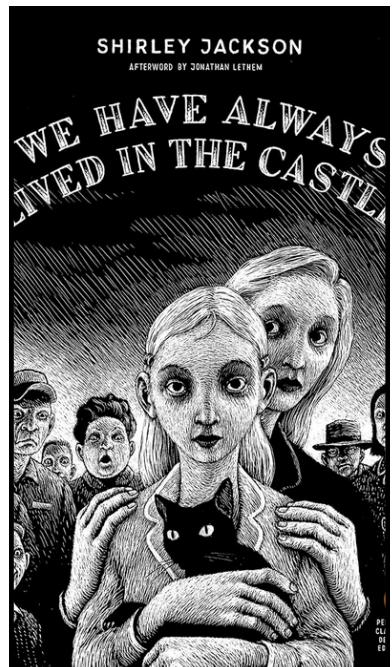
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

"WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN THE CASTLE" BY SHIRLEY JACKSON

Wednesday, February 12 | 4pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our Mystery Book Club, where we will read and discuss a variety of different mysteries. This month's mystery is Shirley Jackson's *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*.

Merricat Blackwood lives on the family estate with her sister Constance and her uncle Julian. Not long ago there were seven Blackwoods—until a fatal dose of arsenic found its way into the sugar bowl one terrible night. Acquitted of the murders, Constance has returned home where Merricat protects her from the curiosity and hostility of the villagers. Their days pass in happy isolation until cousin Charles appears. Only Merricat can see the danger, and she must act swiftly to keep Constance from his grasp.



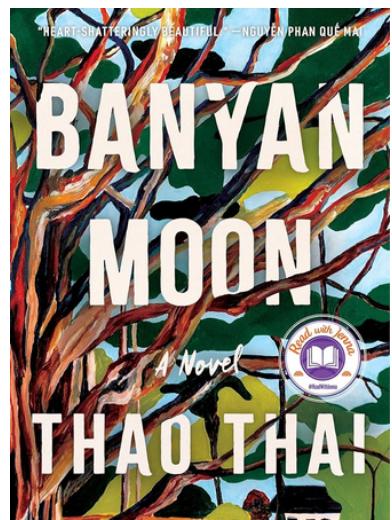
FICTION BOOK GROUP

"BANYAN MOON" BY THAO THAI

Tuesday, February 18 | 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 *Banyan Moon* by Thao Thai. This sweeping, evocative debut novel follows three generations of Vietnamese American women reeling from the death of their matriarch, revealing the family's inherited burdens, buried secrets, and unlikely love stories.



The *Evening Nonfiction Book Group* will return in June 2025.

ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Some Other Time by Angela Brown (Release date: 2/1)
Bonded in Death by J. D. Robb (Release date: 2/4)
Buried Secrets by Robert B. Parker (Release date: 2/4)
The Crime Brulee Bake-Off by Rebecca Connolly (Release date: 2/4)
The Curious Kitten at the Chibineko Kitchen by Yuta Takahashi (Release date: 2/4)
Paranoia by James Patterson (Release date: 2/10)
End Of August by Paige Dinneny (Release date: 2/11)
The Cat Who Cracked A Cold Case by LT Shearer (Release date: 2/11)
Midnight Black by Mark Greaney (Release date: 2/18)
Battle Mountain (Joe Pickett #25) by C. J. Box (Release date: 2/25)
The Blanket Cats by Kiyoshi Shigematsu (Release date: 2/25)
Tilda Is Visible by Jane Tara (Release date: 2/25)
When We Grow Up by Angelica Baker (Release date: 2/25)

NONFICTION

Food for Thought: Essays and Ruminations by Alton Brown (Release date: 2/4)
Memorial Days: A Memoir by Geraldine Brooks (Release date: 2/4)
Source Code: My Beginnings by Bill Gates (Release date: 2/4)
Air-borne: The Hidden History of the Life We Breathe by Carl Zimmer (Release date: 2/25)
I Appreciate It: My Life by Andy Griffith (Release date: 2/28)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

All Better Now by Neal Shusterman (Release date: 2/4)
Under the Same Stars by Libba Bray (Release date: 2/4)
The Rose Bargain by Sasha Peyton Smith (Release date: 2/4)
Wings of Starlight by Allison Saft (Release date: 2/4)
Once a Castle by Sarah Arthur (Release date: 2/11)
Rebel Witch by Kristin Ciccarelli (Release date: 2/18)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Cassi and the House of Memories by Dean Stuart (Release date: 2/18)
The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman (Release date: 2/25)
What Fell From the Sky by Adrianna Cuevas (Release date: 2/11)
Snarky Sharky by Bethan Clarke (Release date: 2/18)
Let's Be Bees by Shawn Harris (Release date: 2/11)

NONFICTION

A Kid's Book About ADHD by Elly Both (Release date: 2/4)
Meena and the Microbiome by Majdi Osman (Release date: 2/25)
The Girl Who Tested the Waters: Ellen Swallow, Environmental Scientist
by Patricia Daniele (Release date: 2/4)
The Deadliest Spider by Eleanor Spicer Rice (Release date: 2/4)
A Line Can Go Anywhere: The Brilliant, Resilient Life of Artist Ruth Asawa
by Caroline McAllister (Release date: 2/25)

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FEBRUARY TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Snow Moon
- Horoscope: Aquarius & Pisces
- Birthstone: Amethyst
- Flower: Violet & Primrose



What's in a name?

- February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means “to cleanse.” There was a month-long Roman festival of purification and atonement called *Februalia* that took place this time of year. (*via britishmuseum.org*)



Fab February Days

- First Day of Black History Month (2/1)
- Groundhog Day (2/2)
- Feed the Birds Day (2/3)
- National Homemade Soup Day (2/4)
- Send a Card to a Friend Day (2/7)
- National Pizza Day (2/9)
- Valentine's Day (2/14)
- Singles Awareness Day (2/15)
- President's Day (2/17)
- Love Your Pet Day (2/20)
- Tell a Fairy Tale Day (2/26)



VALENTINES WORD SEARCH

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RED
LOVE
PINK
CUPID
HEART
VALENTINE
CANDY
HUG
FEBRUARY
SWEET
FRIEND
FLOWERS