

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Hello Reference!

It's a **f-f-frigid February**, but we have some cozy programs to warm your **heart**- plus, another Recipe Corner!

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 Cub @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		FizzyPainting @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	

## Holiday Hours:

- Monday, February 17 - Closed for President's Day

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### STORYTIMES

*No sign-up required- younger and older siblings always welcome!*

**Sensory Storytime | Mondays at 10AM.** Best for newborns-age 6. Songs, stories, and sensory bin fun followed by an engaging art activity. **No storytime on 2/17.**

**Toddler Time | Wednesdays at 10AM.** Best for newborns-age 3. A new weekly adventure with a fun craft to create at the end!

**Preschool Pals | Thursdays at 10AM.** Best for ages 3-6. Join us for singing, dancing, crafting, and of course, great books!

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### **SPECIAL STUFF**

**Family Craft: Valentine's Cards | February 1 at 10AM.** Best for ages 4-12. 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 | February 4 & 18 at 3:30PM.** 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! No sign-up is required.

**Kids Create: With Beads! | February 11 at 5:30PM.** Best for ages 6-11. 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 | February 12 at 3:30PM.** 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.

**Move & Groove | February 14 & 28 at 10AM.** Best for newborns to age 6. We'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out!

**Family Craft: Fizzy Paint | February 22 at 10AM.** Best for families with children. Come learn about chemical reactions while creating a unique work of art!

**February Vacation Wildlife Encounters | February 24 at 1PM.** 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**

*Best for ages 9-18, unless otherwise stated.*

**Teen Craft: Beaded Friendship Bracelets | February 4 at 3:30PM.** Create beaded friendship bracelets to share with friends!

**Teen Craft: Glitter Candle Jars | February 11 at 3:30PM.** Make a glittery candle holder!

### **MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS**



**Wooden Spoon Carving Class | February 25 at 5:30PM.** 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.*

*(For sign-ups: 603- 524-2775 x600 or [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org))*



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### RECURRING

**Death Cafe | February 4 at 10AM.** 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 is not a grief support or counseling session. Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served. No sign-up is required.

**Drop-In Tech Help | Tuesdays 10AM & Wednesdays 2PM.**

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**Seasonal Adult Craft: Punch Needle Hoops | February 6 at 1PM.** Test out needle punch embroidery to create a nature scene! All materials provided, no experience necessary. *Limited to 14 participants, sign-up is required.*

**Pop Trivia: Love & Valentine's Edition | February 14 at 1PM.** 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.

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### BOOK GROUPS

**Mystery Book Club | February 12 at 4PM.**

"We Have Always Lived in the Castle" by Shirley Jackson.

**Fiction Book Group | February 18 at 10AM.**

"Banyan Moon" by Thao Thai.

*The Evening Nonfiction Book Group will return in June!*

## RECIPE CORNER - NICE WARM PORRIDGE

From "Moomin Comfort Food" - find it in our Children's Room!

*Makes 1 Bowl*

- 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

1. Place the rolled oats, milk, cinnamon and salt into a saucepan and bring to a gentle simmer.
2. Continue to simmer for around 5 minutes, until the oats are softened, then transfer to bowl.
3. Scatter the berries, pumpkin seeds and coconut flakes on top of your porridge- and enjoy!

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