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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 Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am	2 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	3 Preschool Pals @10am		
7 Sensory Storytime @10am	8 Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Glitter Unicornament @3:30pm	9 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	10 Preschool Pals @10am	11 Move & Groove @10am	12
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21 Sensory Storytime @10am	22 Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	23 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Pop Trivia! @6pm	24 Preschool Pals @10am Author: Claire Hebert-Dow @6:30pm		26 Family Craft: Window Clings @10am
28 Sensory Storytime @10am	29 Tech Help @10am Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art @3:30pm	30 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm			

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.

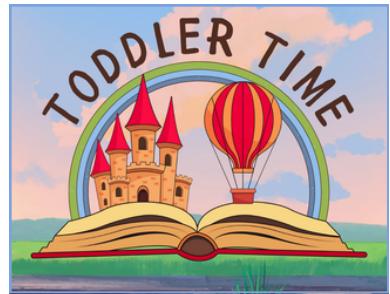


TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | **Best for newborns-age 3**

Toddler Time is back! Join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun every Wednesday morning. Stay after the stories for sensory play and crafts!



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

LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, April 8 & 22 | 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!



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, April 11 | 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!



KIDS' WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, April 16 | 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.



CODING TOYS

Saturday, April 19 | 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. **Space is limited to 12 children - call or email the library to sign up for a space today!**



FAMILY CRAFT: MANDALA WINDOW CLINGS

Saturday, April 26 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-12

Create a colorful Mandala window cling at this month's Family Craft! All materials are provided.



RECIPE CORNER

TACO POTATOES

From *Tasty Pride: 75 Recipes and Stories*. Find it upstairs!

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Using a fork, pierce the potatoes all over. Rub with olive oil and salt. Bake the potatoes directly on the oven rack for an hour.
3. Heat 1tbs olive oil in a skillet over medium-high. Add the onion and jalapeno, season with salt, and cook about 3 mins. Add the turkey, stirring to break apart. Add the taco seasoning and cook until the meat is browned. Add tomatoes and cook for another 2-3 mins. Remove from the heat and stir in the cilantro and lime juice.
4. Remove the potatoes from the oven and let cool slightly. Cut in half lengthwise and scoop out a bit of the centers.
5. Fill the potatoes with the turkey mixture. Top with shredded cheese, guacamole, and sour cream and serve hot.

Ingredients

- 4 large russet potatoes
- 1tbs olive oil, plus more to taste
- kosher salt
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1oz taco seasoning
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- juice of 1 lime
- shredded cheese
- guacamole & sour cream



TEEN PROGRAMS

GLITTER UNICORNAMENTS

Tuesday, April 8 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Make a sparkly unicorn ornament (*unicornament*)!

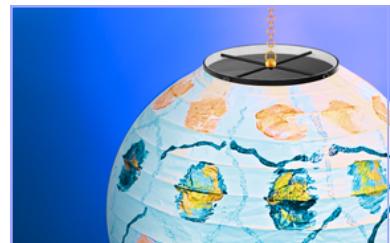


PAPER LANTERN DECORATING

Tuesday, April 15 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Decorate a paper lantern with twinkle lights, glitter glue, and paint pens!



TINY CANVAS SHARPIE ART

Tuesday, April 29 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Create a tiny masterpiece with Sharpie markers!



APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Launched by the [Academy of American Poets](#) in 1996, [National Poetry Month](#) celebrates poetry's integral role in our culture. It has become one of the largest literary celebration in the world, marking poetry's important place in our lives.

Your Library has a lovely collection of poetry and verse throughout the building. Look here:

- [811](#) in Nonfiction (upper level)
- [YA VERSE](#) in the Teen Room (main floor)
- [J 811](#) in the Children's Room (lower level)

Take some time this month to read, write, or think about poetry!

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, April 1 | 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.](#)



POP TRIVIA: BEAT WARREN!

Wednesday, April 23 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Can you Beat Warren at local history? Test your local history knowledge against noted local historian Warren Huse, author of several Laconia history books! Come by yourself or bring a team and compete to win a gift card (and bragging rights).



AN EVENING WITH LOCAL AUTHOR

CLAIRE HEBERT-DOW

Thursday, April 24 | 6:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Local author Claire Hebert-Dow will be sharing from her recently published book, *Saving Mama*, the tale of a woman's travels in uncharted territory. With the help of some unlikely warriors, five kitties and one pup, she discovers that life isn't always what you expect, but it can be more than what you dreamed possible. Claire will read from her book and share her story. Books will be available for purchase and signing. All book sales will be directed to the training of a comfort dog attached to a police, fire, or emergency responder department.



BOOK CLUBS

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

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

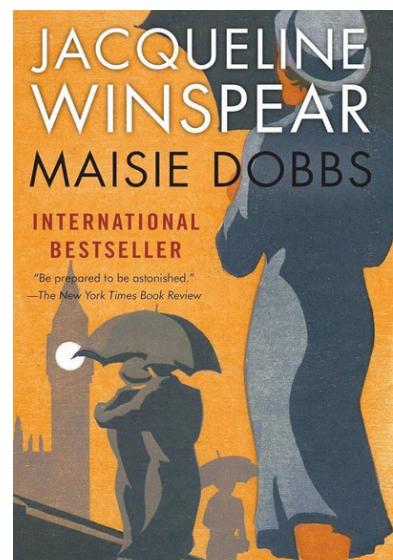
"MAISIE DOBBS" BY JACQUELINE WINSPEAR

Wednesday, April 9 | 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 *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear.

In 1929 Maisie sets up her own business as a private investigator. Her first assignment, a seemingly tedious inquiry involving a case of suspected infidelity, takes her not only on the trail of a killer, but back to the war she had tried so hard to forget.



FICTION BOOK GROUP

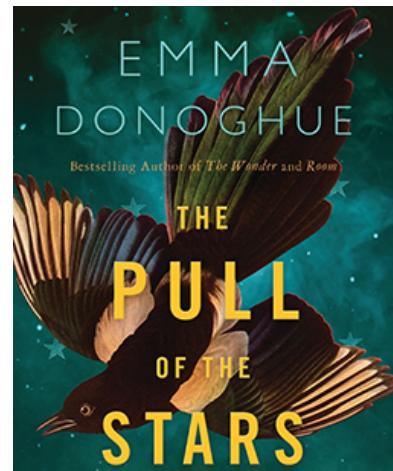
"THE PULL OF THE STARS" BY EMMA DONOGHUE

Tuesday, April 15 | 10am

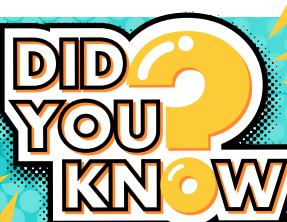
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our morning Fiction Book Group, where we will discuss a variety of genres and topics!

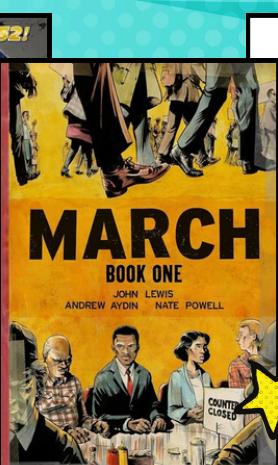
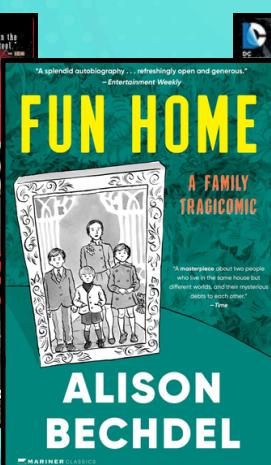
This month we will read Emma Donoghue's *The Pull of the Stars*. This book finds the light in the darkness again in a new classic of hope and survival against all odds.



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



Your Library has graphic novels for all ages- our adult graphic novel collection can be found on the Main Floor, tucked next to the DVDs!



ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

Cat's People by Tanya Guerrero (Release date: 4/1)
Say You'll Remember Me by Abby Jimenez (Release date: 4/1)
 Lethal Prey by John Sandford (Release date: 4/8)
 Page Turner by Viola Shipman (Release date: 4/8)
Fun for the Whole Family by Jennifer Smith (Release date: 4/15)
 Strangers in Time by David Baldacci (Release date: 4/15)
 Into the Gray Zone by Brad Taylor (Release date: 4/22)
 Shadow of the Solstice by Anne Hillerman (Release date: 4/22)
 Summer Light on Nantucket by Nancy Thayer (Release date: 4/22)
The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick (Release date: 4/22)
 The Summer That Shaped Us by Lori Wilde (Release date: 4/25)
 A Mind of Her Own by Danielle Steel (Release date: 4/29)
 The Boy from the Sea by Garrett Carr (Release date: 4/29)
 Tough Luck by Sandra Dallas (Release date: 4/29)

NONFICTION

Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus by Elaine Pagels (Release date: 5/1)
 Milk Street Backroads Italy: Finding Italy's Forgotten Recipes
 by Christopher Kimball (Release date: 5/15)
The Last American Road Trip: A Memoir by Sarah Kendzior (Release date: 5/1)
The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780
 by Rick Atkinson (Release date: 5/29)
Secrets of Adulthood: Simple Truths for Our Complex Lives by Gretchen Rubin (Release date: 5/1)

TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

Escape the Pizzaplex by Scott Cawthon (Release date: 4/1)
Run Away With Me by Brian Selznick (Release date: 4/1)
 Fearless by Lauren Roberts (Release date: 4/8)
American Spirits by Barb Rosenstock (Release date: 4/15)
 Watch Me by Tahereh Mafi (Release date: 4/15)
Death in the Jungle by Candace Fleming (Release date: 4/29)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

FICTION

The Dragon's Apprentice by James Riley (Release date: 4/1)
Firebred (Storm Dragons #2) by Julie Kagawa (Release date: 4/1)
 Nightmare Hunter by Brady Smith (Release date: 4/1)
The Great Dinosaur Sleepover by Linda Bailey (Release date: 4/8)
Odder: The Picture Book by Katherine Applegate (Release date: 4/29)

NONFICTION

His Fairytale Life by Jane Yolen (Release date: 4/1)
 I Know Dino! by Sabrina Ricci (Release date: 4/1)
 Who Is Caitlin Clark? by Meri-Jo Borzilleri (Release date: 4/1)
Pokémon: Life Size from Dorling Kindersley publishing (Release date: 4/29)

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APRIL TIDBITS

What's in a name?

- According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants really begin to grow now.

The Basics

- Full moon: Pink Moon
- Horoscope: Aries & Taurus
- Birthstone: Diamond
- Flower: Daisy & Sweet Pea

Amazing April Days

- 4/01 April Fool's Day
- 4/01 Library Snapshot Day
- 4/02 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- 4/02 International Children's Book Day
- 4/03 World Rat Day
- 4/05 National Dandelion Day
- 4/10 National Siblings Day
- 4/12 Passover
- 4/15 World Art Day
- 4/16 Emancipation Day
- 4/17 International Bat Appreciation Day
- 4/18 Good Friday
- 4/20 Easter Sunday
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/23 World Book Day
- 4/25 Arbor Day
- 4/28 National Great Poetry Reading Day

