

**MAY 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	2	3
			Preschool Pals @10am		
5	6	7	8	9	10
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Foil Stained Glass @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Legal Research Basics @1pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am Puzzle Races @1pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Death Cafe @10am Sun Prints @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Kid's Writing Group @3:30pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am		Electricity! @10am
19	20	21	22	23	24
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26	27	28	29	30	31
LIBRARY CLOSED	Tech Help @10am	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am		



# WE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 26 FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as **Decoration Day**. It is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May.



## 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 5/26.*



### 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, May 6 & 20 | 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, May 9 & 23 | 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, May 14 | 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.



## ELECTRICITY!

Saturday, May 17 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Are you curious about electricity? Would you like to learn how electrical currents work? Join us to explore our Snap Circuit kits!



# Warm weather beckons—let's go outside!

598.072 MAS | Birdwatching in New Hampshire

641.564 English, A | A Year of Picnics: Recipes for Dining Well in the Great Outdoors

796.083 STR | Nature Play at Home: Creating Outdoor Spaces that Connect Children with the Natural World

796.510974 BUR | Hiking Waterfalls in New England: a Guide to the Region's Best Waterfall Hikes

796.510974 Lam | Hiking with Kids New England: 50 Great Hikes for Families

796.54 HAM | Camping Activity Book for Families: the Kid-Tested Guide to Fun in the Outdoors

J 508 And | Exploring Nature Activity Book for Kids: 50 Creative Projects to Spark Curiosity in the Outdoors

J508 HOP | My Big Book of Outdoors

J 508.072 CHR | Get Outdoors: a Mindfulness Guide to Noticing Nature

J 595.7 Hub | My Book of Bugs

J 598. CAT | Look Up: Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard

J 613.6 Law | Survive in the Outdoors!

J 796 GO | Go Out and Play: Favorite Outdoor Games from Kaboom

J 796.083 Ard | Let's Play Outdoors: Exploring Nature for Children

J 796.5 HEN | Cool Maps & Geocaching: Great Things to do in the Great Outdoors





# TEEN PROGRAMS

## FOIL STAINED GLASS

Tuesday, May 6 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Make a stained glass style art piece with just foil and Sharpies!

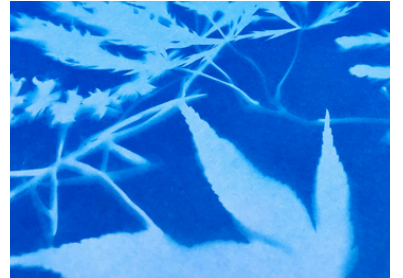


## SUN PRINTS

Tuesday, May 13 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Bring an object to capture on sun paper or pick a leaf from the Library Garden!



## LETTER MUGS

Tuesday, May 30 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 9-18

Create a custom mug with paint pens!



# RECIPE CORNER

## ALMOND JELLY WITH Fruit COCKTAIL

From *Chinese Soul Food: A Friendly Guide* by Hsiao-Ching Chou.  
Find it upstairs at 641.5951 CHO!

1. In a medium heatproof bowl, combine gelatin and sugar. Set aside.
2. In a small pot over high heat, bring the water to boil. Remove from heat. Add the water to the gelatin mixture and stir until it dissolves. Add the almond extract and milk, and stir to combine. Pour the gelatin mixture into an 8"x8" baking dish and chill for at least 4 hours or up to overnight.
3. To serve, cut the gelatin into cubes and divide it between 4 to 6 bowl. Divide the fruit cocktail and syrup among the bowls of gelatin, and serve.

### Ingredients

- 2 envelopes Knox gelatin
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1tbs almond extract
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1 can fruit cocktail in syrup, chilled

4-6 SERVINGS





# 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.



## LEGAL RESEARCH BASICS WITH WESTLAW

**Wednesday, May 7 | 1pm**

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults*

Learn the basics of legal research and the Westlaw database from NH Law Librarian Malia Ebel. Malia will be available after the program to work through individual research questions privately.

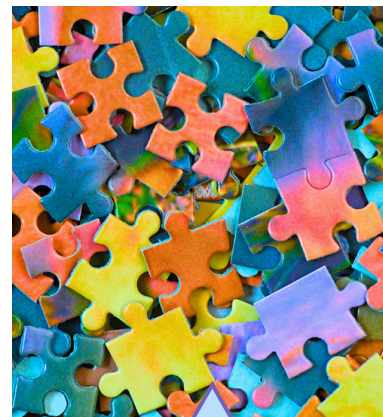


## PUZZLE RACES!

**Friday, May 9 | 1pm**

*Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults*

Do you love puzzles? Join us for puzzle races! Compete as a team or individually and see who can put together the puzzle fastest. Your team (of up to 4 people) will have 90 minutes to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. The first to finish wins a prize. This low-stakes event is intended for hobby puzzle enthusiasts, not professional puzzlers.



*Looking for more puzzle fun?* We have a large collection of catalogued puzzles, all available for checkout! Find them in our Periodicals Room on the Main Floor.

## DEATH CAFÉ

**Tuesday, May 13 | 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.**



# BOOK CLUBS

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

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "THINGS IN JARS" BY JESS KIDD

Wednesday, May 14 | 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 *Things in Jars* by Jess Kidd.

Blending darkness and light, history and folklore, *Things in Jars* is a spellbinding Gothic mystery that collapses the boundary between fact and fairy tale to stunning effect and explores what it means to be human in inhumane times.



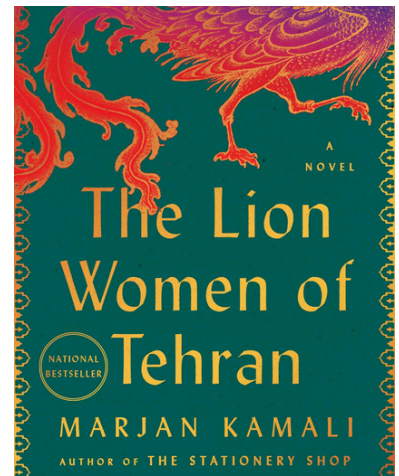
## FICTION BOOK GROUP "THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN" BY MARJAN KAMALI

Tuesday, May 20 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

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

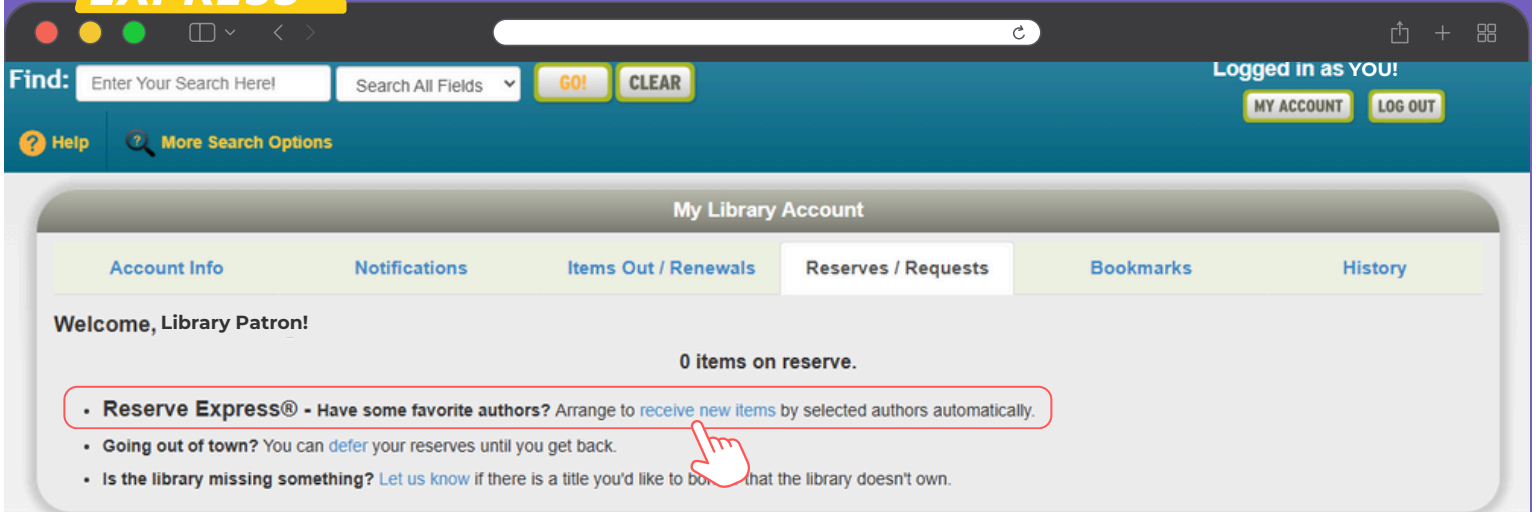
This month we will read Marjan Kamali's *The Lion Women of Tehran*, a heartfelt novel of friendship, betrayal, and redemption set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran.



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

## RESERVE EXPRESS

Do you have a favorite author or series that you know you're going to want? Sign up for Reserve Express! When you're signed into your library account at <https://laconia.biblionix.com>, click on 'My Account' and then 'Reserves/Requests' and get those new books automatically!





## ADULT BOOKS COMING SOON

### FICTION

- 25 Alive by James Paterson (Release date: 5/5)  
 A Poisonous Silence by Jenny Adams (Release date: 5/6)  
 Reunion by Elise Juska (Release date: 5/6)  
 Shot Through the Book by Eva Gates (Release date: 5/6)  
 South of Nowhere by Jeffery Deaver (Release date: 5/6)  
 The Tenant by Frieda McFadden (Release date: 5/6)  
 The Iron Storm (Isaac Bell Book 15) by Clive Cussler (Release date: 5/13)  
 Nightshade by Michael Connelly (Release date: 5/20)  
 Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts (Release date: 5/27)  
 Never Flinch by Stephen King (Release date: 5/27)

### NONFICTION

- Mark Twain by Ron Chernow (Release date: 5/13)  
 Life and Art: Essays by Richard Russo (Release date: 5/13)  
 Baking Across America: A Vintage Recipe Road Trip by B. Dylan Hollis (Release date: 5/20)  
 The #1 Dad Guide: Be the Best Dad You Can Be in 1 Hour by James Patterson (Release date: 5/12)  
 Warhol's Muses: The Artists, Misfits, and Superstars Destroyed by the Factory Fame Machine  
 by Laurence Leamer (Release date: 5/6)  
 Karen: A Brother Remembers by Kelsey Grammer (Release date: 5/6)

## TEEN BOOKS COMING SOON

- The Survivor Wants to Die at the End by Adam Silvera (Release date: 5/6)  
 Snowglobe 2 by Soyoung Park (Release date: 5/6)  
 Nordlys 1 by Malin Falch (Release date: 5/13)  
 When We Go Missing by April Henry (Release date: 5/13)  
 Song of the Lioness 1: Alanna by Tamora Pierce (Release date: 5/13)  
 Wandering Wild by Lynette Noni (Release date: 5/20)

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMING SOON

### FICTION

- Take A Breath, Big Red Monster! by Ed Emberly (Release date: 5/6)  
 Fireworks by Matthew Burgess (Release date: 5/13)  
 Geo's Fortune by Amy B. Mucha (Release date: 5/27)  
 Bonnie Bailey and the Faire of Worlds (Release date: 5/6)  
 Lu and Ren's Guide to Geozoology by Angela Hsieh (Release date: 5/27)

### NONFICTION

- You Decide Your Adventure with Bear Grylls by Bear Grylls (Release date: 5/27)  
 World of Mushrooms by Pauline Payen (Release date: 5/13)  
 An Immense World (Young Readers Edition) by Ed Yong (Release date: 5/13)  
 Artists Who Changed Entertainment by James Buckley (Release date: 5/6)  
 Sea in my Cells by Laura Alary (Release date: 5/6)

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# MAY TIDBITS

## What's in a name?

- May was named after *Maia*, the Greek nymph of growth and mother of Hermes.
- Famed Roman poet Ovid claimed that it was actually from the word *Maiores*, the Latin for "elders."
- The word May wasn't actually used until the middle ages were on their way out, around the 15th Century AD. Up until then, the Roman word *Maius* was still used.

## The Basics

- Full moon: Flower Moon
- Horoscope: Taurus and Gemini
- Birthstone: Emerald
- Flower: Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn

## May is...

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Jewish American Heritage Month
- National Burger Month
- National Smile Month
- National Military Appreciation Month
- ALS Awareness Month
- Better Hearing & Speech Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- National Strawberry Month
- National Pet Month
- BBQ Month

## Marvelous May Days

- 5/03 - Kentucky Derby
- 5/04 - Star Wars Day
- 5/05 - Cinco de Mayo
- 5/06 - National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 5/08 - V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day)
- 5/11 - Mother's Day
- 5/15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 5/21 - Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
- 5/26 - Memorial Day

