

APRIL 2025

Hello Reference!

Join us and *Apri-live* your best life with our fabulous programs!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5
	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am		
7	8	9	10	11	12
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Glitter Unicornament @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am	
14	15	16	17	18	19
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Group @10am Paper Lanterns @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Kid's Writing Group @3:30pm	Preschool Pals @10am		Coding Toys @10am
21	22	23	24	25	26
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Pop Trivia! @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am Author: Claire Hebert-Dow @6:30pm		Family Craft: Window Clings @10am
28	29	30			
Sensory Storytime @10am	Tech Help @10am Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm			

KEY Children's Adult Teen All Ages

FUN FACT : 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.

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.

Toddler Time | Wednesdays at 10AM. 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 at 10AM. Best for ages 3-6. Join us for singing,

dancing, crafting, and of course, great books!

SPECIAL STUFF

(For sign-ups: 603- 524-4775 x600 or info@laconialibrary.org)

Lego Club | April 8 & 22 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.

Move & Groove | April 11 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!

Kids' Writing Group | April 16 at 3:30PM. 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 | April 19 at 10AM. 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 | April 26 at 10AM. Best for ages 6-12. Create a colorful Mandala window cling at this month's Family Craft! All materials are provided.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Best for ages 9-18, unless otherwise stated.

Glitter Unicornaments | April 8 at 3:30PM. Best for ages 9-18. Make a sparkly unicorn ornament (unicornament)!

Paper Lantern Decorating | April 15 at 3:30PM. Best for ages 9-18. Decorate a paper lantern with twinkle lights, glitter glue, and paint pens!

Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art | April 29 at 3:30PM. Best for ages 9-18. Create a tiny masterpiece with Sharpie markers!

ADULT PROGRAMS

RECURRING

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

Death Café | April 1 at 10AM. 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.

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Pop Trivia: Local History Edition | April 23 at 6PM. 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 | April 24 at 6:30PM. 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. *Belmont Fire Department was approved as the first firehouse in the State of New Hampshire to have their own K-9; thanks to the proceeds of this memoir.*

BOOK GROUPS

Mystery Book Club | April 9 at 4PM.

"Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear.

Fiction Book Group | April 15 at 10AM.

"The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue.

The Evening Nonfiction Book Group will return in June!

RECIPE CORNER - TACO POTATOES

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

Serves 4

- 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
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, until tender.
 3. Heat 1tbs olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and jalapeno, season with salt, and cook until starting to soften, about 3 minutes. Add the ground turkey, stirring with a wooden spoon to break apart. Add the

taco seasoning and cook until the meat is no longer pink, 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes, until they start to soften. Remove the pan 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.

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