

**MAY 2025**

Hello Reference!

Join us and **May-ke** this month great with our fabulous programs!

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

**KEY** Children's Adult Teen All Ages

We will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day!

**FUN FACT :** Memorial Day was originally known as *Decoration 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.

**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](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org))

**Lego Club | May 6 & 20 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 | May 9 & 23 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 | May 14 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.

**Electricity! | May 17 at 10AM.** 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!

## **TEEN PROGRAMS**

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

**Foil Stained Glass | May 6 at 3:30PM.** Make a stained glass style art piece with just foil and Sharpies!

**Sun Prints | May 13 at 3:30PM.** Bring an object to capture on sun paper or pick a leaf from the Library Garden!

**Letter Mugs | May 30 at 3:30PM.** Create a custom mug with paint pens!

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### RECURRING

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

**Death Café | May 13 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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**Legal Research Basics with Westlaw | May 7 at 1PM.** 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 | May 9 at 1PM.** 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.

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## BOOK GROUPS

### **Mystery Book Club | May 14 at 4PM.**

"Things in Jars" by Jess Kidd.

### **Fiction Book Group | April 15 at 10AM.**

"The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali.

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

## RECIPE CORNER - ALMOND JELLY WITH FRUIT COCKTAIL

**From *Chinese Soul Food: A Friendly Guide for Homemade Dumplings, Stir-Fries, Soups, and More* by Hsiao-Ching Chou. Find it upstairs!**

Serves 4-6

- 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

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.

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