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KEY

Children's	Teen
Adult	All Ages

HOURS

Mon-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 Library Bag Craft @2pm	2 Summer Story Adventures @10am Tech Help @2pm	3 All Ages Tie Dye @2pm	 LIBRARY CLOSED	5
7 Summer Sensory Storytime @10am	8 Tech Help @10am Family Pop Trivia @2pm	9 Summer Story Adventures @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	10 Sub Zero Ice Cream @2pm Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	11 Move & Groove @10am	12 DIY Biosphere @10am
14 Summer Sensory Storytime @10am	15 Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Club @10am Kaleidoscope Craft @2pm	16 Summer Story Adventures @10am Tech Help @2pm Comic Book Characters @2pm	17 Wildlife Encounters at Leavitt Park @2pm		19 Rubber Duck Craft @10am
21 Summer Sensory Storytime @10am	22 Tech Help @10am LED Nightlight Craft @2pm	23 Summer Story Adventures @10am Tech Help @2pm Glow Slime @2pm	24 NH Audubon at Leavitt Park @1pm Mystery of Owls @6pm	25 Move & Groove @10am	26 Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art @10am
28 Summer Sensory Storytime @10am	29 Tech Help @10am Puppet Pal Craft @2pm	30 Summer Story Adventures @10am Squishie Painting @2pm Tech Help @2pm Adult Craft @6pm	31 Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals at Leavitt Park @2pm		

MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

KICKOFF EVENT: ALL-AGES TIE-DYE

Thursday, July 3 | 2pm
Library Garden | All Ages

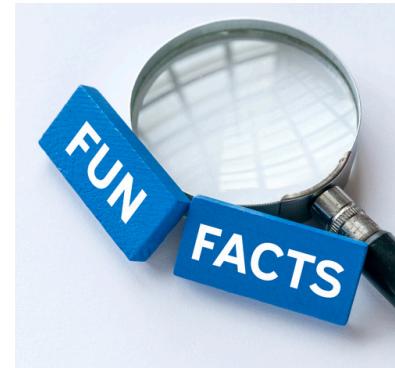
It's a tie-dye extravaganza! Join us for an All-Ages Tie-Dye event to kick off our Summer Reading Program! We'll provide all the materials you'll need to create a vibrant work of art. This program is for all ages and will be held in the Library Garden. *In case of rain, the event will be held in the Selig Storytime Room.*



POP TRIVIA: FAMILY VS FAMILY!

Tuesday, July 8 | 2pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Ages 9 to adult

Popcorn, soda pop, and popular culture! Test your knowledge in a family versus family trivia game; compete for prizes and bragging rights. Bring a small team or come alone and see who knows the most trivia! Adults, children, and their families are welcome at this all-ages event.



SUB ZERO ICE CREAM

Thursday, July 10 | 2pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Youth All Ages

Join us for a super cool science presentation by Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, followed by a delicious nitrogen ice cream treat!

Sign-up is required.



TINY CANVAS SHARPIE ART

Saturday, July 26 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Youth All Ages

Create a tiny masterpiece with Sharpie markers!



STORYTIMES

No sign-ups required. Younger or older siblings are always welcome!

SUMMER SENSORY STORYTIME

Mondays | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 0-5

Get ready for Summer Sensory Storytime! Join us at 10am for songs, stories, and sensory bin fun followed by an engaging art activity.



SUMMER STORY ADVENTURES

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 0-5

Here comes Summer Story Adventures! Join us at 10am for songs, stories, and sensory bin fun followed by an engaging art activity.



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, July 11 & 25 | 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!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

LEVEL UP YOUR LIBRARY BAG!

Tuesday, July 1 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Level up your library visits all summer long by creating your own personalized book bag and bookmarks. All materials will be provided for this craft!



FIND MORE GREAT CRAFTS FOR KIDS AT CALL NUMBER J 745!

DIY BIOSPHERES

Saturday, July 12 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Families with children

Create your own habitat in a jar. We will provide the materials needed to build a biosphere for you to take home to watch grow and develop.



SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

MAKE YOUR OWN KALEIDOSCOPE

Tuesday, July 15 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Ages 3-8

Create a beautiful rainbow of colors with your very own kaleidoscope in this colorful family craft! There is some assembly required, so this craft is best suited for children with their caregiver.



WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Thursday, July 17 | 2pm

Leavitt Park Clubhouse | Families with children

Join us and 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 past programs we have seen fennec foxes, armadillos, and even a wallaby! *This event is at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse at 334 Elm Street.*



SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT DECORATE YOUR OWN RUBBER DUCK

Saturday, July 19 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Ages 3-11

Have you ever seen a unicorn rubber duck? How about Super Mario? Come create the rubber duck of your dreams in this fun-filled family craft. Let your imagination run wild, we will provide the materials! This craft is best-suited for children ages 3-11 and their caregivers.

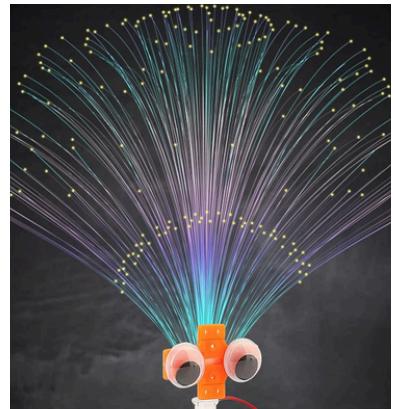


SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT STEM LED NIGHTLIGHTS

Tuesday, July 22 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

Use screwdrivers, circuits, and batteries to assemble your own figure with LED light-up hair! This STEM activity is best for children ages 6-11 with help from a grown-up and all materials will be provided. Supplies are limited; first come, first served.



SCALES, SCUTES, AND SKINS WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Thursday, July 24 | 1pm

Leavitt Park Clubhouse | Families with children

The NH Audubon Society will be here to discuss turtle shells, snake skins, and other neat artifacts. Compare and contrast these two cool groups and find out which species call NH home.

They will have live animal ambassadors to demonstrate the unique features of these amazing creatures. *This event is at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse at 334 Elm Street.*



INTERESTED IN REPTILES? CHECK OUT CALL NUMBER 597.9!

SUMMER READING FAMILY CRAFT

CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET PAL

Tuesday, July 29 | 2pm

Selig Storytime Room | Families with children

Are you excited to see *Lindsay and her Puppet Pals* at Leavitt Park this Thursday? We are too! To get ready for the show we wanted to give you a chance to create your very own puppet pal. We will provide puppet bases and supplies to create your new friend! This family craft will require adult assistance.



LINDSAY & HER PUPPET PALS

Thursday, July 31 | 2pm

Leavitt Park Clubhouse | Families with children

Lindsay's funny, fast-paced, and highly interactive variety show delights the young and the young at heart! Kids will meet several larger-than-life, hand-crafted puppets. Perhaps we will see a goofy moose, a heroic tiger, or a lovable bear? Come find out who's making an appearance! *This event is at the Leavitt Park Clubhouse at 334 Elm Street.*



TEEN PROGRAMS

HOW TO DRAW COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS WITH COMIC BOOK CREATOR RYAN L. HIGGINS

Wednesday, July 16 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Ages 9-18

Ryan will show you step-by-step how to build characters from basic shapes. You'll begin with Batman, then meet Ryan's own superhero, the Righteous Red Cat. During the last 15-20 minutes the floor will open for your questions and requests. We'll have a free-draw session where Ryan can help you draw your favorite comic book heroes!



GLOW SLIME

Wednesday, July 23 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Ages 9-18

Make slime that glows in the dark!



SQUISHIE PAINTING

Wednesday, July 30 | 2pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Ages 9-18

Paint a squishie keychain!



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.



THE MYSTERY OF OWLS

Thursday, July 24 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join Joe Callahan for a one hour talk to learn all about the owls that live in our New England woods. See exciting images of owls in the wild captured by Joe's photography. Joe will share the intimate details of their lives as we learn about the natural history that makes each species so successful living right here in our midst under the cover of darkness. Don't miss this program, it's sure to be a hoot!



ADULT CRAFT: TERRARIUM SUCCULENTS

Wednesday, July 30 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Terrarium jars make great centerpieces and wonderful gifts for plant lovers and are fun and easy to put together. All the necessary supplies are provided to build a beautiful terrarium! **Sign-up for this craft is required.**



LOVE TERRARIUMS? CHECK OUT CALL NUMBER 635.9!

BOOK GROUPS

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

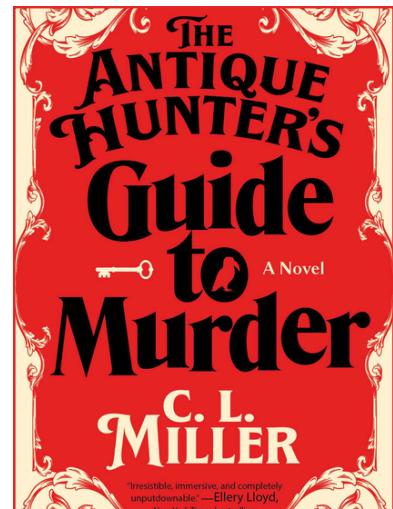
"THE ANTIQUE HUNTER'S GUIDE TO MURDER" BY C.L. MILLER

Wednesday, July 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 *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder* by C.L. Miller.

In this irresistible and thrilling debut novel, a former antique hunter investigates a suspicious death at an isolated English manor, embroiling her back in the dangerous world of tracking stolen artifacts.



EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"OMEGA FARM" BY MARTHA MCPHEE

Thursday, July 10 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

This month we'll be reading *Omega Farm* by Martha McPhee. A masterful exploration of a complicated family legacy and a powerful story of environmental and personal repair, *Omega Farm* is a testament to hope in the face of suffering, and a courageous tale about how returning home can offer a new way to understand the past.



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Omega Farm A Memoir Martha McPhee

author of *An Elegant Woman*

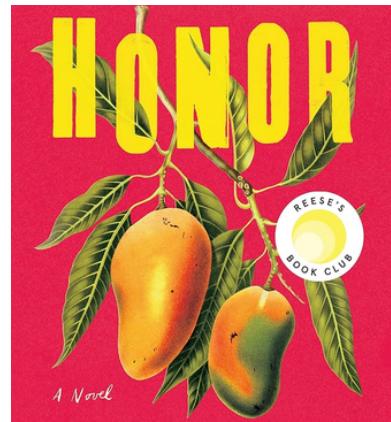
FICTION BOOK GROUP

"HONOR" BY THRIFTY UMРИГАР

Tuesday, July 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 *Honor* by Thrifty Umrigar, a tender and evocative novel about love, hope, familial devotion, betrayal, and sacrifice.



WE'RE NOT JULY-ING! (JULY TIDBITS)

The Basics

- Full moon: Buck Moon 🐂
- Horoscope: Cancer & Leo
- Birthstone: Ruby
- Flower: Water Lily & White Larkspur



What's in a name?

July is named after Roman emperor *Julius Caesar*. Among other things, he developed the Julian Calendar- the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today!

The Dog Days of Summer

July 3rd marks the beginning of the "Dog Days of Summer." This period of sweltering weather coincides with the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris- which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname! Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, not including our own Sun- it's no wonder ancient peoples thought it was making things hotter!

Jumpin' July Days

- 7/01 - National Postal Worker Day
- 7/02 - National Wildland Firefighter Day
- 7/03 - International Plastic Bag Free Day
- 7/04 - Independence Day
- 7/06 - National Fried Chicken Day
- 7/08 - National Video Game Day
- 7/08 - Cow Appreciation Day
- 7/10 - National Kitten Day
- 7/12 - Malala Day
- 7/16 - World Snake Day
- 7/20 - National Ice Cream Day
- 7/22 - National Hammock Day
- 7/24 - International Self Care Day
- 7/27 - National Crème Brûlée Day



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PUBLISHING IN JULY

ADULT FICTION

Edge of Honor (Scot Harvath 24) by Brad Thor (Release date: 7/1)
The Baby Dragon Cafe by A.T. Qureshi (Release date: 7/1)
The President's Shadow by James Patterson and Brian Sitts (Release date: 7/1)
Rage by Linda Castillo (Release date: 7/8)
An Inside Job (Gabriel Allon 25) by Daniel Silva (Release date: 7/15)
The Unraveling of Julia by Lisa Scottoline (Release date: 7/15)
Wayward Girls by Susan Wiggs (Release date: 7/15)
Never Say Die (Jane Smith 3) by James Patterson (Release date: 7/17)
The Hamptons Lawyer/Never Say Die by James Patterson (Release date: 7/21)
The Last Wizards' Ball (Gunnie Rose 6) by Charlaine Harris (Release date: 7/22)

ADULT NONFICTION

The Idaho Four by James Patterson (Release date: 07/14)
On Her Game by Christine Brennan (Release date: 07/8)
Dinner With King Tut by Sam Kean (Release date: 07/8)
JFK: Public, Private, Secret by J. Randy Taraborrelli (Release date: 07/15)
A Flower Traveled in My Blood: The Incredible True Story of the Grandmothers Who Fought to Find a Stolen Generation of Children by Haley Cohen Gilliland (Release date: 7/15)

TEEN BOOKS

Hour of the Pumpkin Queen by Megan Shepherd (Release date: 7/8)
Codebreaker by Jay Martel (Release date: 7/22)
Glorious Rivals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Release date: 7/29)
Heartbroken by Serena Valentino (Release date: 7/29)
A Theory of Dreaming by Ava Reid (Release date: 7/29)
Very Dangerous Things by Lauren Muñoz (Release date: 7/29)

CHILDRENS' FICTION

Forts by Katie Venit (Release date: 7/29)
Let's Rumble by Rachel G. Payne (Release date: 7/8)
Bear and the Three Goldilocks by Patrick Horne (Release date: 7/1)
The Cursed Catacombs by Nick Eliopoulos (Release date: 7/22)
Unico 2 by Osamu Tezuka (Release date: 7/1)
How To Train Your Dragon School (#1) by Cressida Cowell (Release date: 7/22)

CHILDRENS' NONFICTION

What Was Built to Be a Ship of Dreams? By Emmett Nahil (Release date: 7/15)
All of Us by Megan Pamella Ruth Madison (Release date: 7/1)
Polecat Has a Superpower by Jill Esbaum (Release date: 7/15)
The U.S. Constitution and You by Syl Sobel (Release date: 7/17)
Toes, Teeth and Tentacles: A Curious Counting Book
by Steve Jenkins (Release date: 7/22)



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