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NEW EXHIBIT - LACONIA'S IRISH HERITAGE

Starting September 17th, stop in to see our latest exhibit, featuring Laconia's Irish heritage. Thoughtfully curated by the Laconia Historical & Museum Society, this exhibit features many pictures, items, and information from their collection and ours. Laconia's Irish Heritage highlights the many contributions and accomplishments of Irish immigrants to the City of Laconia. Highlights include the works by Andrew Childs, a local photographer who captured the essence of our city during the early 20th century, complemented by biographical information regarding his contributions.

STORYTIMES

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

NO STORYTIMES DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH 6.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Mondays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 6

Calling all sensory seekers- join us for Sensory Storytime Mondays! We will share stories, sing songs, and engage in hands-on play experiences with the sensory and light tables. Each session will end with an art experience. We are looking forward to seeing you!



TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 3

Toddler Time has returned! Join us for songs, stories, and fingerplays followed by sensory play and an art experience. This program is designed for children from newborns up to age 3, and their caregivers.



PRESCHOOL PALS

Thursdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward preschoolers! Join us for stories, songs, crafting, playing, learning, and having fun.



The Library will be closed on Monday, September 1.

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HAPPY  LABOR  DAY 

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, September 12 & 26 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! We'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out!



FAMILY CRAFT: FOIL STICKERS

Saturday, September 13 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Stop into the Selig Storytime Room to create your own sparkling sticker using holographic foil!



LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, September 16 & 30 | 3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room | 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! You will be presented with a challenge, can you complete it?



STORY SAMPLER: A NEW CHAPTER

Tuesday, September 23 | 6pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Are you looking for your next favorite book? Stuck in a reading rut and don't know what to leaf through next? Story Sampler is geared towards elementary and early middle school students who are looking for their next read. Listen to the first few chapters of children's chapter books read to you by a librarian. Interested in the rest of the story? Check it out and continue reading at home! Art supplies will be provided for you to create as you listen.



SKETCHBOOK SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 24 | 6pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

How would you like to draw a portrait of your cat or dog? Maybe you would rather create a mermaid, unicorn, or a scary monster? Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to learn drawing skills and techniques to create your own masterpiece!



TEEN PROGRAMS

MINDFULNESS JARS

Wednesday, September 17 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Best for ages 10-18**

Choose your own color for a swirling Mindfulness Jar!



WATERCOLOR DROP PAINTING

Tuesday, September 23 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Best for ages 10-18**

Create a watercolor masterpiece with the fancy droppers from the adult craft supplies!



LEARN MORE ABOUT WATERCOLOR PAINTING AT CALL NUMBER **751.42!**

RECIPE CORNER

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 3tbs unsalted butter
- 1 vanilla bean
- 1tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2tsp dark rum

Dark Rum Caramel

From *The Campout Cookbook: Inspired Recipes for Cooking Around the Fire and Under the Stars* by Marnie Hanel & Jen Stevenson

1. Warm the cream, butter, and vanilla bean seeds, vanilla extract, and salt in a small saucepan over low heat until the butter is melted, then remove from the heat.
2. In a 2-quart saucepan, mix together the sugar and 3tbs water, then simmer over medium-high heat, without stirring, until sugar turns amber (8-10min).
3. Turn off the heat, add the cream mixture, and whisk until smooth (the caramel will froth and foam wildly).
4. Whisk in the rum. Let the caramel cool, transfer to an 8oz mason jar, and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks.

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, September 2 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for Death Café- which offers people, often strangers, a space to gather and enjoy refreshments while having an open discussion about death. The objective of a Death Café is 'to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives'.

The Death Café will be moderated by Ruth O'Hara and Carol Wallace. It is not a grief support or counseling session. Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served. **No sign-up is required.**



THE SECRET LIVES OF MOOSE

Thursday, September 11 | 6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join natural history educator & wildlife photographer Joe Callanan to learn all about the moose that roam the New England woods. See exciting images of moose in the wild captured by Joe's photography!



FRAUD BASICS

THE SCAM LANDSCAPE AND STAYING SAFE

Wednesday, September 17 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Scammers steal billions of dollars from unsuspecting consumers every year. The impact on victims and their families can be financially and emotionally devastating. This event, hosted by the AARP NH Speakers Bureau, will help you to protect yourself and your loved ones. We'll hear from the Laconia Police Department about current fraud trends and explore: changing the narrative, prevention, and resources. No matter your age, this is critical info for everyone! The best way to spot a scam... is to stop a scam.

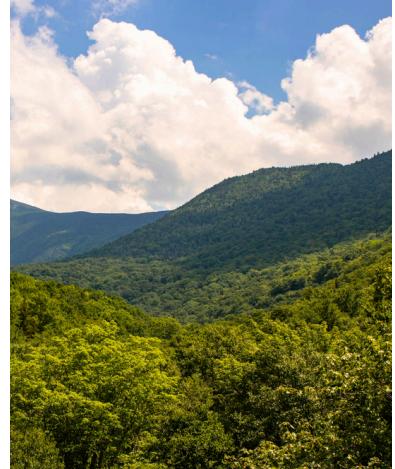


A HISTORY LOVER'S GUIDE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH KATHLEEN BAILEY

Wednesday, September 17 | 6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Ready for a cheeky look at a quirky state? New Hampshire is not like any other place on the globe, for better or worse.

Join Kathleen Bailey and explore fascinating aspects of New Hampshire history from her recent book with the late Sheila R. Bailey, *A History Lover's Guide to New Hampshire*.



BOOK CLUBS

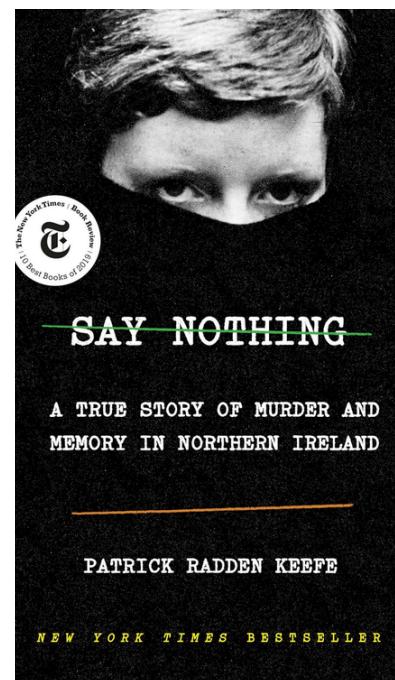
No sign-ups required. Pick up a copy at the Main Circulation Desk!

EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP "SAY NOTHING" BY PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE

Thursday, September 4 | 6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

This month we'll be discussing *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland*, Patrick Radden Keefe's mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath.

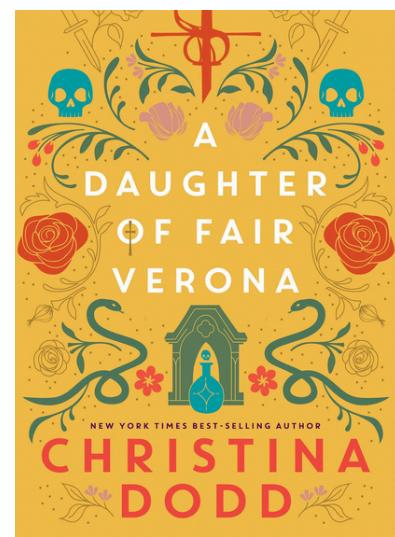
Using the McConville case as a starting point, the book highlights the tale of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with. The brutal violence seared not only people like the McConville children, but also I.R.A. members embittered by a peace that fell far short of the goal of a united Ireland, leaving them wondering whether the killings they committed were not justified acts of war, but simple murders.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "A DAUGHTER OF FAIR VERONA" BY CHRISTINA DODD

Wednesday, September 10 | 4pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our Mystery Book Club, where we will read and discuss a variety of mysteries. This month's mystery is *A Daughter of Fair Verona* by Christina Dodd, an irreverent and witty tale with an irresistible premise - Romeo and Juliet's daughter as a clever, rebellious, fiercely independent young woman in fair Verona. Told from the delightfully engaging point of view of the captivating Rosie Montague herself as she investigates a Duke's murder.

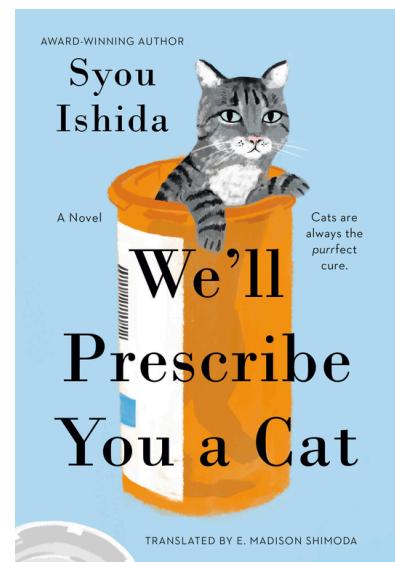


FICTION BOOK GROUP "WE'LL PRESCRIBE YOU A CAT" BY SYOU ISHIDA

Tuesday, September 16 | 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 *We'll Prescribe You a Cat* by Syou Ishida; translated from the Japanese by E. Madison Shimoda.

Tucked away in an old building at the end of a narrow alley in Kyoto, the Kokoro Clinic for the Soul can only be found by people who are struggling and genuinely need help. The mysterious clinic offers a unique treatment to those who find their way there: it prescribes *cats* as medication.



ADULT BOOKSFICTION

Don't Say a Word (Angelhart Investigations #2) by Allison Brennan (Release date: 9/16)
You Weren't Meant to be Human by Andrew Joseph White (Release date: 9/9)
A Bitter Wind by James R Benn (Release date: 9/23)
Once Upon a Christmas Carol by Melody Carlson (Release date: 9/2)
The Serpent's Eye by Clive Cussler (Release date: 9/30)
The Iron Storm (Isaac Bell #15) by Clive Cussler (Release date: 9/9)
The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown (Release date: 9/9)
The Grave Artist (Sanchez & Heron #2) by Jeffery Deaver (Release date: 9/9)
Denied Access (Mitch Rapp #24) by Vince Flynn (Release date: 9/30)
The Academy by Shelby Cunningham & Elin Hilderbrand (Release date: 9/16)
A Sea View Christmas by Julie Klassen (Release date: 9/2)
Circle of Days by Ken Follett (Release date: 9/23)
Epilogue to a Christmas Murder by Lauren Elliott (Release date: 9/30)
The Summer War by Naomi Novik (Release date: 9/16)
The Impossible Fortune (Thursday Murder Club #5) by Richard Osman (Release date: 9/30)
Billion-Dollar Random by James Patterson (Release date: 9/1)
Framed in Death by J.D. Robb (Release date: 9/2)
Princess of Blood by Sarah Hawley (Release date: 9/30)
The Portrait by Danielle Steel (Release date: 9/30)
Guilty by Definition by Susie Dent (Release date: 9/30)

NONFICTION

All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation by Elizabeth Gilbert (Release date: 9/9)
Celebrate: Joyful Baking All Year Round by Paul Hollywood (Release date: 9/30)
Dark Renaissance by Stephen Greenblatt (Release date: 9/9)
I Am Not Your Enemy: A Memoir by Reality Winner (Release date: 9/9)
Jump and Find Joy: Embracing Change in Every Season of Life by Hoda Kotb (Release date: 9/23)
Mother Mary Comes to Me by Arundhati Roy (Release date: 9/2)
Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy by Mary Roach (Release date: 9/16)
Ripley's Believe It or Not! Seek the Strange by Ripley's Believe it or Not! (Release date: 9/9)
We the People: A History of the U.S. Constitution by Jill Lepore (Release date: 9/16)
When Everyone Knows That Everyone Knows... by Steven Pinker (Release date: 9/23)

TEEN BOOKS

Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley (Release date: 9/2)
How Far I'll Go: A Twisted Tale by Keala Kendall (Release date: 9/2)
The Infinite Glade by James Dashner (Release date: 9/9)
The Court of the Dead by Rick Riordan (Release date: 9/23)
Holly by Adalyn Grace (Release date: 9/30)
Fake Skating by Lynn Painter (Release date: 9/30)

CHILDREN'S BOOKSFICTION

Pete the Cat's Cool New Ride by James Dean (Release date: 9/2)
Troubling Tonsils by Aaron Reynolds (Release date: 9/2)
Moonleapers by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Release date: 9/16)
The Sherlock Society: Hurricane Heist by James Ponti (Release date: 9/2)

NONFICTION

What Would You Rather Be? A Tiger or a Tiger Shark by Jarry Pallotta (Release date: 9/16)

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SPECIAL IN SEPTEMBER

September is...

- Library Card Sign-Up Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15)
- National Chicken Month
- Self-Care Awareness Month



The Basics

Full moon: Corn Moon

Horoscope: Virgo & Libra

Birthstone: Sapphire

Flower: Aster & Morning Glory



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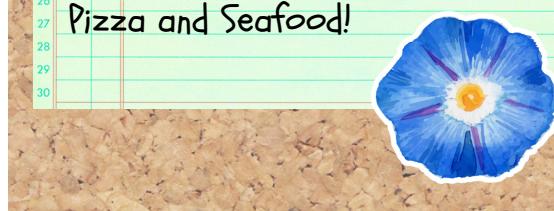
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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Stop in and use your
library card anytime
during the month of September
and enter our pizza raffle!



On October 1, we will draw the
winners of each of our 4 \$25
gift certificates to South End
Pizza and Seafood!



SEPTEMBER DAYS

- Labor Day (9/1)
- National Wildlife Day (9/4)
- National Cheese Pizza Day (9/5)
- National Read a Book Day (9/6)
- Star Trek Day (9/8)
- National Video Games Day (9/12)
- National Guacamole Day (9/16)
- National Cheeseburger Day (9/18)
- Intl. Talk Like a Pirate Day (9/19)
- Oktoberfest (9/20-10/5)
- Autumnal Equinox (9/22)
- Rosh Hashanah (9/22-9/24)
- National Comic Book Day (9/25)
- National Ghost Hunting Day (9/27)