

## OCTOBER 2025

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### KEY

Children's

Teen

Adult

Multi-Age

### 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	4
		Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm		Family Craft: Owl Ornaments @10am
6	7	8	9	10	11
Sensory Storytime @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Foam Gnomes @3:30pm Kids Create @5:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am Fire Safety @6pm	Move & Groove @10am	Family Fun: Owl Pellets! @10am
13	14	15	16	17	18
 LIBRARY CLOSED	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Makers @4pm	Preschool Pals @10am Crash Course: Investigative Genealogy @6pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25
Sensory Storytime @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Club @10am Teen Author Talk @3pm Story Sampler @6pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Sketchbook Society @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am	Move & Groove @10am Glow Face & Hand Painting @3pm	Pumpkinfest Craft: Pumpkin Window Clings @10am
27	28	29	30	31	
Sensory Storytime @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Halloween Diamond Art @3:30pm	Preschool Pals @10am		

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY OCTOBER 13 - COLUMBUS DAY

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

### 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. *No storytime on October 13.*



### TODDLER TIME

**Wednesdays | 10am**

*Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 3*

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

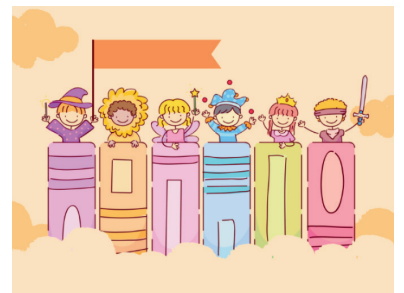


### PRESCHOOL PALS

**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.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### FAMILY CRAFT: OWL ORNAMENTS

**Saturday, October 4 | 10am**

*Selig Storytime Room | Best for families with children*

Come decorate your own owls! This craft is best for children ages 4-12.



### KIDS CREATE: COMICS

**Tuesday, October 7 | 5:30pm**

*Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11*

This month in Kids Create we are providing materials to create your own comic strip! Comic panels, fine liners, art markers, and more will be available for you to design your own characters in the Selig Storytime Room.





## MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, October 10 & 24 | 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 FUN: OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Saturday, October 11 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | [Best for ages 6-11 with adult assistance](#)

Did you know that when an owl eats its dinner, it swallows the bones too? Later on the indigestible pieces come back up in the form of a pellet. We will be dissecting these owl pellets and attempting to identify the bones in this STEM activity. **Supplies are limited, so reserve your spot today!**



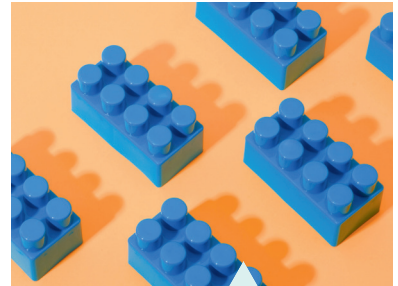
KIDS- LEARN MORE ABOUT BIRDS AND OWLS AT CALL NUMBER [J 598!](#)

## LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, October 14 & 28 | 3:30pm

Selig Storytime Room | [Best for ages 6-11](#)

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?



UP YOUR LEGO GAME WITH THE BOOKS AT CALL NUMBER [J 688.7!](#)

## STORY SAMPLER: SPOOKY STORIES

Tuesday, October 21 | 6pm

Selig Storytime Room | [Best for ages 6-11](#)

This month we will listen to selections from some spooky children's horror and sci-fi books. Want to know the rest of the story? Check it out and continue reading at home! Coloring and craft materials will be provided to work on while you listen.



## SKETCHBOOK SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 22 | 5:30pm

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 to learn drawing skills and techniques to create your own masterpiece!



LEARN MORE DRAWING TECHNIQUES AT CALL NUMBER [J 741 - J 743!](#)



**Did You Know?** Many of our modern-day Halloween traditions (like **trick-or-treating** and **carving jack o' lanterns**) were adapted from folk traditions brought to the United States by Irish and Scottish immigrants in the 19th century!

## MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

### PUMPKINFEST CRAFT: PUMPKIN WINDOW CLINGS

Saturday, October 25 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | [Best for kids & teens](#)

Celebrate **Pumpkinfest** at the library by decorating your own pumpkin window cling. We will provide clings and permanent markers, just bring your imagination. There is no dry-time for this activity, so you can take it with you when you go!



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### FOAM GNOMES!

Tuesday, October 7 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Best for ages 10-18](#)

Make your own foam gnomes!



### TEEN AUTHOR TALK & POETRY READING

Tuesday, October 21 | 3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Best for ages 12-18](#)

Join local teen author Ana Rattin for a poetry reading and a book signing of her new release *As the Frost Melts*, a collection of poems embracing the beauty and heartbreak of life, the joy of whimsy, and the intricacy of the written word. Ana will also discuss her writing process.



### GLOW FACE & HAND PAINTING

Friday, October 24 | 3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Best for ages 9-18](#)

Get ready for **Pumpkinfest** with glow paint! Decorate your hands and arms, or have a friend paint luminous designs on your face!



### HALLOWEEN DIAMOND ART MAGNETS

Wednesday, October 29 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Best for ages 10-18](#)

Create spooky Halloween magnets with diamond art!





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays 10am | Wednesdays 2pm  
Volpe Room | [Adults](#)

Drop in for our twice-weekly tech help hour; no sign-up required! Have your basic computer and device questions answered by a helpful librarian.



## GAME NIGHT!

Mondays | 5pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Come play a game at the library! Bring a friend and your favorite game, or enjoy one from our collection! With board games, Dungeons and Dragons kits, puzzles, and coloring, there's something fun for everyone at our weekly drop-in game night. **No event on October 13.**



## DEATH CAFÉ

Tuesday, October 7 | 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 light refreshments while having an open discussion about death. This event will be moderated by Ruth O'Hara and Carol Wallace. It is not a grief support or counseling session. **No sign-up required.**



## FIRE SAFETY & EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Thursday, October 9 | 6pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

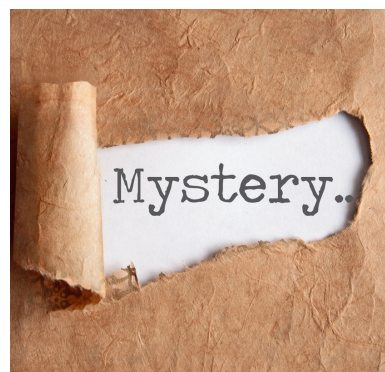
Now's your chance to test out a fire extinguisher! Fire safety has changed in recent years, with modern furniture materials and home layouts. Join Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert for a short presentation on fire safety, before moving outside for a demonstration and a chance to practice.



## MYSTERY MAKERS WITH SISTERS IN CRIME

Wednesday, October 15 | 4pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Join us for this fun, fast paced improv game in which a team of mystery authors brainstorm on their feet to create a brand new mystery, using suggestions from the audience! Our panelists of local authors will be: Donna Rae Menard, Leta Serafim, and Kim Herdman Shapiro.





## INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY & THE DNA DOE PROJECT: A CRASH COURSE

Thursday, October 16 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Join us for a crash course in investigative genetic genealogy with Chelsea Hanrahan. In addition to her using her skills to help law enforcement solve cases, Chelsea is a researcher for the New England based podcast *Murder, She Told*, works with the Forensic Anthropology Identification and Recovery (FAIR) Lab at the University of NH to provide support to scientific researchers, and does outreach work and speaking to help educate the public on the use of genetic genealogy.



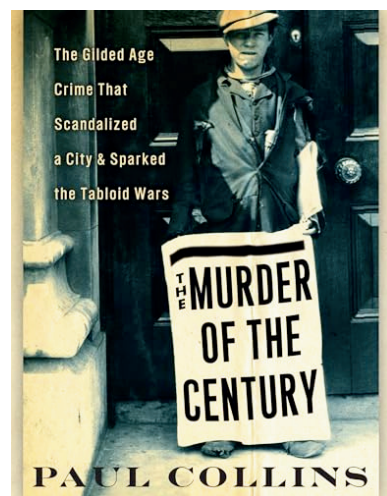
## BOOK CLUBS | No sign-ups required. Pick up a copy at the Main Circulation Desk!

### EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP "THE MURDER OF THE CENTURY" BY PAUL COLLINS

Thursday, October 2 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

This month we'll be discussing *The Murder of the Century: The Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars*, Paul Collins's rollicking account of America during the Gilded Age and a colorful recreation of the tabloid wars that have dominated media to this day. Join us for a baffling murder mystery, battling media moguls, the resulting publicity circus—and an unlikely trio racing to solve the crime.

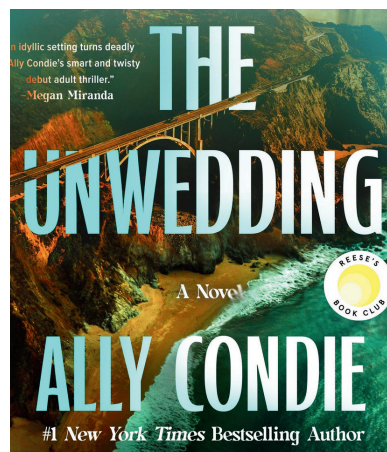


### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "THE UNWEDDING" BY ALLY CONDIE

Wednesday, October 8 | 4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

This month's mystery is *The Unwedding* by Ally Condie. Ellery Wainwright and her husband were supposed to spend their 20th wedding anniversary together at a luxurious resort; but now she's traveling solo. To add insult to injury, there's a wedding during her stay. But when Ellery discovers the dead groom, she realizes she's not the only one whose future is uncertain.

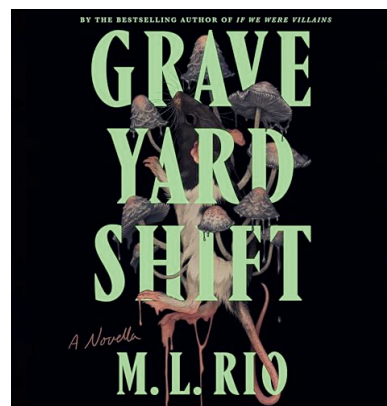


### FICTION BOOK GROUP "GRAVEYARD SHIFT" BY M.L. RIO

Tuesday, October 21 | 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 *Graveyard Shift* by M.L. Rio, a story about a ragtag group of night shift workers who meet in the local cemetery to unearth the secrets lurking in an open grave.



## ADULT BOOKS

### FICTION

*Mockingbird Court* by Juneau Black (Release date: 10/7)  
*Remain A Novel* by M Night Shyamalan and Nicholas Sparks (Release date: 10/7)  
*Sharp Force (Kay Scarpetta #29)* by Patricia Cornwell (Release date: 10/7)  
*Snow Kissed* by Raeanne Thayne (Release date: 10/7)  
*The Picasso Heist* by James Patterson & Howard Roughan (Release date: 10/13)  
*Boleyn Traitor* by Philippa Gregory (Release date: 10/14)  
*Gone Before Goodbye* by Harlan Coben (Release date: 10/14)  
*A Ferry Merry Christmas* by Debbie Macomber (Release date: 10/21)  
*King Sorrow* by Joe Hill (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Proving Ground (Lincoln Lawyer #8)* by Michael Connelly (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Widow* by John Grisham (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Black Wolf* by Louise Penny (Release date: 10/28)  
*The Tin Men (Scott Brodie & Maggie Taylor #3)* by Nelson DeMille (Release date: 10/28)

### NONFICTION

(Release date: 10/7)

*The Boston Way* by Mark Kurlansky | *Paper Girl* by Beth Macy  
*Girl Warrior: On Coming of Age* by Joy Harjo | *John Candy: A Life in Comedy* by Paul Myers  
(Release date: 10/14)  
*Joyride: A Memoir* by Susan Orlean | *Vagabond: A Memoir* by Tim Curry  
(Release date 10/21)  
*German Home Kitchen* by Sophie Sadler | *Running Deep* by Tom Clavin  
*Letter from Japan* by Marie Kondo | *To Rescue the American Spirit* by Bret Baier  
*Winston and the Windsors* by Andrew Morton | *Writing Creativity and Soul* by Sue Monk Kidd  
(Release date: 10/28)  
*The Great Contradiction* by Joseph J. Ellis | *When All the Men Wore Hats* by Susan Cheever

## TEEN BOOKS

*Catching Fire: Illustrated Edition* by Suzanne Collins (Release date: 10/7)  
*War Games* by Alan Gratz (Release date: 10/7)  
*Goalkeeper* by Edward Bloor (Release date: 10/14)  
*The Nazi Conspiracy* by Brad Meltzer (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Rise of the Railroad* by Christian Wolmar (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Rose Field* by Philip Pullman (Release date: 10/23)

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

### FICTION

*Dude. Be Nice* by Sarah Schreerger (Release date: 10/14)  
*Welcome: A Book About Friendship* by Alison Green (Release date: 10/7)  
*How to Be Brave Like a Snail* by Naseem Hrab (Release date: 10/14)  
*At the Edge of Lost* by Martha Brockenbrough (Release date: 10/21)  
*Fooled* by Susan Haas (Release date: 10/21)

### NONFICTION

*Don't Waste Poop!* By Marilyn Singer (Release date: 10/21)  
*The Nazi Conspiracy* by Brad Meltzer (Release date: 10/21)  
*Greeking Out: Tales from the Underworld* by Kenny Curtis (Release date: 10/7)  
*Caitlin Clark* by Erica Wainer (Release date: 10/7)  
*Science Comics: Computers* by Jerel Dye (Release date: 10/21)

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# OCTOBER TIDBITS

## The Basics

- Full moon: Hunter's Moon
- Horoscope: Libra & Scorpio
- Birthstone: Opal & Pink Tourmaline
- Flower: Cosmos & Marigolds

## What's in a name?

- October, derived from the Latin word for "eight", was the eighth month of the original Roman 10-month calendar! It was bumped back to the tenth month with the addition of January and February in 713BC.

## Notable October

- **Space Stuff!** The launch of Sputnik, the first artificial satellite, took place on October 4, 1957. Also, Apollo 7, the first crewed Apollo space mission, was launched on October 11, 1968.
- **The Great Chicago Fire**, one of the most notorious fires in American history, began on October 8, 1871.

## OCTOBER IS...

- ADHD Awareness Month
- National Pizza Month
- Bat Appreciation Month
- World Blindness Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Book Month
- National Cookie Month
- World Animal Month



## SPICED CIDER

From *Scandinavian Gatherings* by Melissa Bahen

### INGREDIENTS

1 gal apple cider or juice  
1 can frozen apple juice concentrate (12oz)  
1/2 can frozen orange juice concentrate (6oz)  
2tsp whole allspice  
2tsp whole cloves  
2-3 cinnamon sticks  
dash of ground cinnamon

1. In a large pot over medium heat, combine all the ingredients. Bring cider to a simmer.
2. Reduce heat to low, and allow the cider to steep for 1 hour. Strain off the whole spices before serving, and serve hot.
3. Leftovers can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator and reheated as needed.

## RECIPE CORNER