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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	2 Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm		3 Family Craft: Owl Ornaments @10am
6 Sensory Storytime @10am Game Night @5pm	7 Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Foam Gnomes @3:30pm Kids Create @5:30pm	8 Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	9 Preschool Pals @10am Fire Safety @6pm	10 Move & Groove @10am	11 Family Fun: Owl Pellets! @10am
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Library staff may take photographs or video recordings at Library events for use in publicity. This includes use in our newsletter, website, or social media pages. Please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken of you or your child.

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY OCTOBER 13 - COLUMBUS DAY

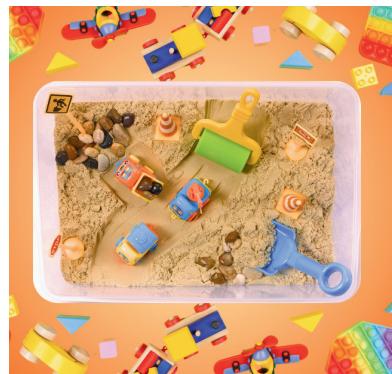
STORYTIMES | No sign-ups required. Younger or older siblings are always welcome!

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!**



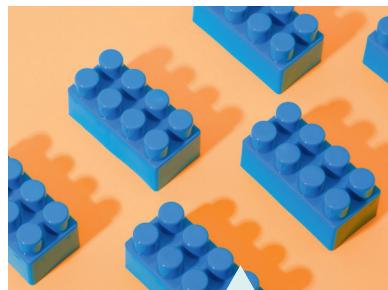
KIDS- LEARN MORE ABOUT BIRDS AND OWLS AT CALL NUMBER **J 598!**

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!

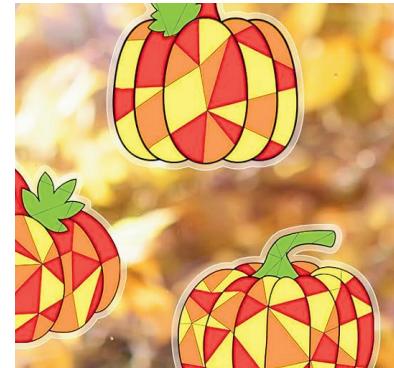
MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

PUMPKINFEST CRAFT: PUMPKIN WINDOW CLINGS 🎃

Saturday, October 25 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for kids & teens

Celebrate **Pumpkifest** 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 **Pumpkifest** 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.

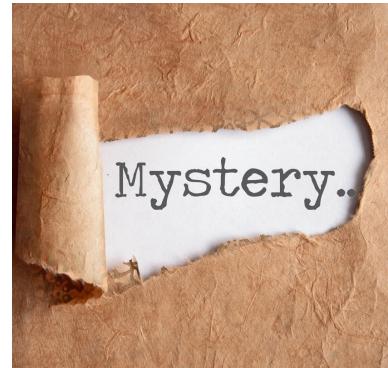


MYSTERY MAKERS WITH SISTERS IN CRIME

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!

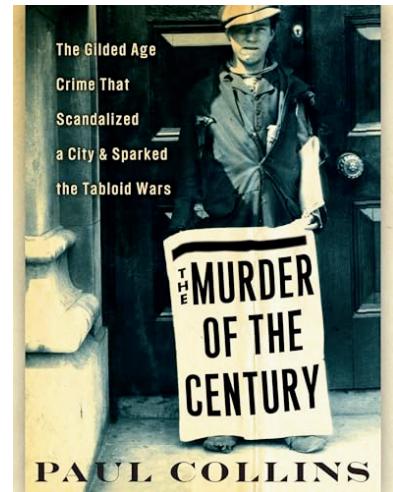
EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"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 re-creation 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.



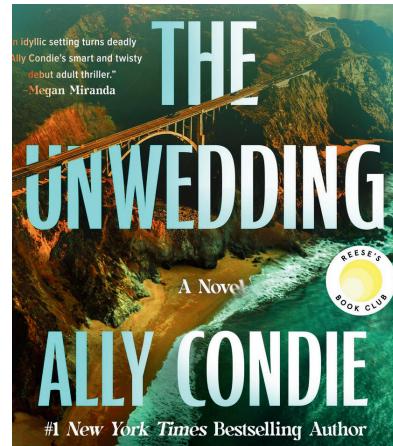
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

"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.



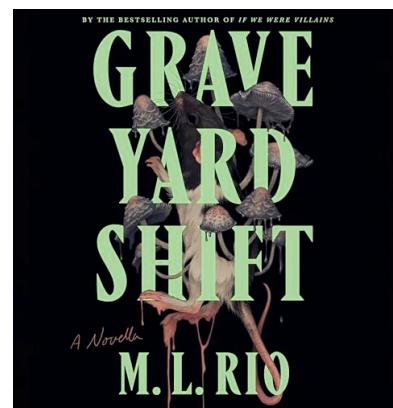
FICTION BOOK GROUP

"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