

OCTOBER 2025

Greetings!

Brisk winds blow in programs like fallen leaves! See what we have coming up in October- plus a recipe that will have you looking on the bright **cider** of life!

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

KEY Children's Adult Teen All Ages

NOTE: We will be closed on October 13 for Columbus Day.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

RECURRING

No sign-up required- younger and older siblings always welcome! No storytimes during the week of September 1-6.

Sensory Storytime | Mondays at 10AM. Best for ages 0-6. Calling all sensory seekers! We will share stories, sing songs, and engage in hands-on play experiences with the sensory and light tables. **No event on 10/13.**

Toddler Time | Wednesdays 10AM. Best for ages 0-3. Toddler Time has returned! Join us for songs and stories, followed by sensory play and an art experience.

Preschool Pals | Thursdays at 10AM. Best for ages 3-6. Preschool Pals is geared toward preschoolers! Join us for stories, songs, crafting, playing, learning, and having fun.

Move & Groove | Friday, October 10 & 24 at 10AM. Best for ages 0-6. Let's get moving! We'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out!

Lego Club | Tuesday, October 14 & 28 at 3:30PM. 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?

SPECIAL STUFF

(For sign-ups: 603-524-4775 x600 or info@laconialibrary.org)

Family Craft: Owl Ornaments | Saturday, October 4 at 10AM. Best for families with children. Come decorate your own owls!

Kids Create: Comics! | Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30PM. 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!

Family Fun: Owl Pellet Dissection | Saturday, October 11 at 10AM. 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!***

Story Sampler: Spooky Stories | Tuesday, October 21 at 6PM. 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 at 5:30PM. 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!

MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

Pumpkifest Craft: Pumpkin Window Clings | Saturday, October 25 at 10PM. 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 at 3:30PM. Best for ages 10-18. Make your own foam gnomes!

Teen Author Talk & Poetry Reading | Tuesday, October 21 at 3PM. 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.

Pumpkifest Fun! Glow Hand and Face Painting | Friday, October 24 at 3PM. 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 at 3:30PM. Best for ages 10-18. Create spooky Halloween magnets with diamond art!

ADULT PROGRAMS

RECURRING

Game Night! | Mondays at 5PM. 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.

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

Death Café | Tuesday, October 7 at 10AM. 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.

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Mystery Makers with Sisters in Crime | Wednesday, October 15 at 4PM. 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 will be: Donna Rae Menard, Leta Serafim, and Kim Herdman Shapiro.

Investigative Genetic Genealogy & the DNA Doe Project: A Crash Course | Thursday, October 16 at 6PM. 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 FAIR Lab in UNH to provide support to scientific researchers, and does outreach work and speaking to help educate the public on the use of genetic genealogy.

BOOK GROUPS

Nonfiction Book Group | Thursday, October 2 at 6PM.

"The Murder of the Century: The Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars" by Paul Collins.

Mystery Book Club | Wednesday, October 8 at 4PM.

"The Unwedding" by Ally Condie.

Fiction Book Group | Tuesday, October 21 at 10AM.

"Graveyard Shift" by M.L. Rio.

RECIPE CORNER - SPICED CIDER

From **Scandinavian Gatherings: From Afternoon Fika to Midsummer Feast** by Melissa Bahen.

Ingredients

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

Directions

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

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