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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
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					Family Craft: Clay Turkeys @10am
3	4	5	6	7	8
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Beeswax Candles @3:30pm	Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	Move & Groove @10am	NH Ukeladies Concert @1:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	 LIBRARY CLOSED	Toddler Time @10am Mystery Book Club @4pm Tech Help @2pm Sketchbook Society @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am Golden Age Crime in Laconia @6pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Group @10am Tree Painting @3:30pm Story Sampler @6pm	Toddler Time @10am Medicare Info @10am Tech Help @2pm Author Meet & Greet @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am Mayhew Program @6pm	Move & Groove @10am	
24	25	26	27	28	29
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm Wooden Pumpkins @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm CLOSING @3pm	 LIBRARY CLOSED		

HOLIDAY HOURS

- Closed Tuesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day
- Closing at 3pm Wednesday, November 26 for Thanksgiving
- Closed Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving

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.



TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 3

Join us Wednesday mornings for Toddler Time! Get ready for stories, songs and dancing; followed by crafts and sensory play. We can't wait to see you! This program is geared towards children 0-3 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. **No event on November 27.**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FAMILY CRAFT: AIR DRY CLAY TURKEYS

Saturday, November 1 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for families with children

Come make your own clay turkeys with air-dry clay!



MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, November 7 & 21 | 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!



SKETCHBOOK SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 12 | 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 to learn drawing skills and techniques to create your own masterpiece!



STORY SAMPLER: SWEATER WEATHER

Tuesday, November 18 | 6pm

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

Sweater weather is here and we have some cozy reads to offer this month. Come listen to samples of our favorite fall reads and relax with art materials. If you really like a story, check it out and continue reading at home!

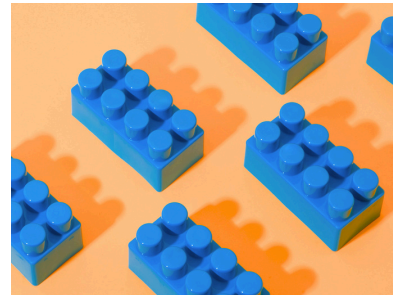


LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, November 25 | 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?



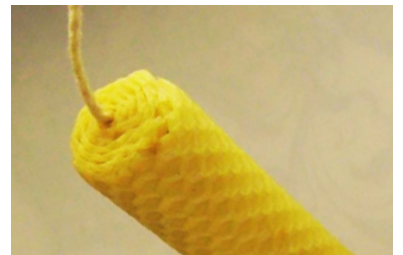
TEEN PROGRAMS

BEESWAX CANDLES

Wednesday, November 5 | 3:30pm

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

Roll your own Beeswax Candle with beeswax sheets and candle wicks!



TREE SILHOUETTE PAINTING

Tuesday, November 18 | 3:30pm

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

Paint a simple fall tree silhouette on black canvas.



WOODEN PUMPKIN DECORATING

Tuesday, November 25 | 3:30pm

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

Decorate a wooden pumpkin cutout for Thanksgiving!





Did You Know? Our modern celebration of Thanksgiving was set in stone less than a century ago! On October 6, 1941, the United States Congress passed a resolution fixing the traditional *last-Thursday* date for the holiday beginning in 1942. However, in December of that SAME year, the Senate passed an amendment requiring that Thanksgiving be observed annually on the *fourth Thursday* of November, in order to prevent confusion on the occasional years in which November has five Thursdays.



ADULT PROGRAMS

BEGINNER LINE DANCING

Mondays | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Instructor Bonnie Deutch will lead this adult-only group through some basic line dances for beginners. No sign up is necessary and no experience is required. *Drop-ins are always welcome!*



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, D&D kits, puzzles, and coloring, there's something fun for everyone at our drop-in game night.



FIND MORE GAMES TO PLAY IN THE PERIODICALS ROOM!

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.



DEATH CAFÉ

Tuesday, November 4 | 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.*



NH UKELADIES CONCERT

Saturday, November 8 | 1:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Adults**

The *NH Ukeladies* is an acoustic string band infusing all your favorite songs with powerful vocal harmonies. Fun for all ages; dancing and singing along is encouraged!



CRIME IN LACONIA DURING THE GOLDEN AGE

Thursday, November 13 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Adults**

Join us for a fascinating examination of the local crime scene during the 'Golden Age' of 1883-1915, presented by true crime author and genealogist Milli Knudsen.

Knudsen wrote her first crime book *Hard Time in Concord* in 2005. Since then, she has worked with the NH Cold Case Unit, the NH State Police Major Crime Unit, and written another book; *Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915*.



FIND MORE TRUE CRIME BOOKS AT CALL NUMBER 364

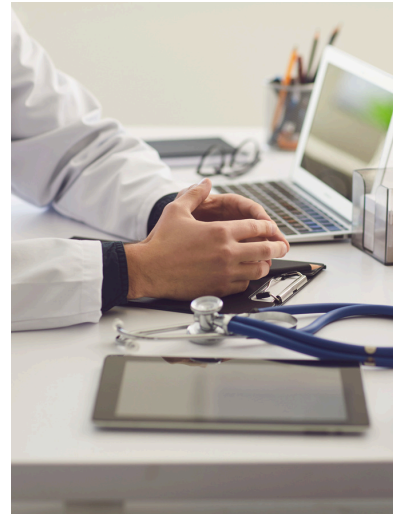
UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE AND YOUR OPTIONS

Wednesday, November 19 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Adults**

In this informative seminar, Andrew Dillman from Senior Advisors will share valuable insights on the latest developments in Medicare while providing clarity and guidance.

He will provide an overview of Parts A, B, C, and D; and help you understand coverage options by explaining the different supplemental plans and how to choose the right plan for you. There will also be an opportunity for questions.



NH AUTHOR MEET AND GREET

Wednesday, November 19 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | **Adults**

Join the Laconia Public Library for a meet & greet of New Hampshire and Laconia authors Emily Kordas, Ron Kaiser, Sterling Messer, Linda Kepner, Chris Philbrook, Claire Hebert-Dow, Warren Huse, Martha Kruse, Amanda Huot, Daniel Heyduk, and Franklin Einsproch. They will share about their published fiction, non-fiction, and children's books, followed by a chance to mingle with the audience. Books will be available for purchase and signing from the authors.



ALL ABOUT THE MAYHEW PROGRAM

Thursday, November 20 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

Join us to learn about the origins, history, and impact that the Mayhew Program has had on underserved boys in the state of NH. Mayhew is one of the only programs in the country working with at-risk boys, year round, tuition free, which includes a summer camp experience.



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

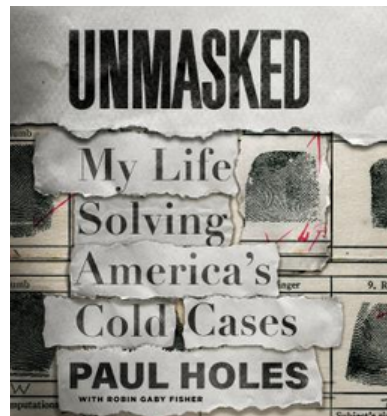
EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

"UNMASKED: MY LIFE SOLVING AMERICA'S COLD CASES"

Thursday, November 6 | 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

This month we'll be discussing *Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases* by Paul Holes. From the detective who found The Golden State Killer, a memoir of investigating America's toughest cold cases and the rewards, and toll, of a life solving crime.



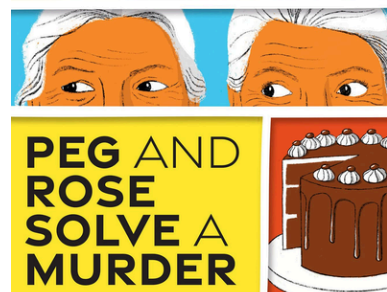
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

"PEG AND ROSE SOLVE A MURDER"

Wednesday, November 12 | 4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

This month's mystery is *Peg and Rose Solve a Murder* by Laurien Berenson. *Murder, She Wrote* meets *The Odd Couple* in Laurien Berenson's brand-new mystery series, spun off from her much-loved *Melanie Travis Canine* series and featuring Melanie's elderly aunts; tough-as-nails Peg and soft-spoken Rose; who'll put their differences aside to stop a killer, if they don't throttle each other first.



FICTION BOOK GROUP

"HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL, MAGDA EKLUND?"

Tuesday, November 18 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | [Adults](#)

This month's book is *How Does That Make You Feel, Magda Eklund?*, Anna Montague's funny and moving novel about love, loss, and new beginnings found on an unlikely road trip. Therapist Magda discovers her late best friend's last directive: plans for a road trip they would take together in celebration of Magda's upcoming seventieth birthday. So, urn in tow, Magda decides to hit the road, crossing the country and encountering a cast of memorable characters; and hidden truths about her friendship.



ADULT BOOKS

FICTION

- Exit Strategy (Jack Reacher #30)* by Lee Child (Release date: 11/4)
Otherwise Engaged by Susan Mallery (Release date: 11/4)
The Devil in Oxford (Ruby Vaughn Mysteries #3) by Jess Armstrong (Release date: 11/4)
False Witness by Phillip Margolin (Release date: 11/11)
The King's Ransom (Recovery Agent #2) by Janet Evanovich (Release date: 11/11)
Evil Bones (Temperance Brennan #24) by Kathy Reichs (Release date: 11/18)
Quantum Tempest by Clive Cussler (Release date: 11/18)
Sons of Day and Night by Mariposa Aristeo (Release date: 11/18)
The Seven Rings (Lost Bride Trilogy #3) by Nora Roberts (Release date: 11/18)
Return of the Spider (Alex Cross #33) by James Patterson (Release date: 11/24)
Executive Power by Tom Clancy (Release date: 11/25)
The Color of Hope by Danielle Steel (Release date: 11/28)

NONFICTION

- Rooted in Fire: A Celebration of Native American and Mexican Cooking* by Pyet Despain (Release date: 11/18)
100 Rules for Living to 100: An Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life by Dick Van Dyke (Release date: 11/18)
Book of Lives: A Memoir of Sorts by Margaret Atwood (Release date: 11/4)
Bread of Angels: A Memoir by Patti Smith (Release date: 11/4)
The Breath of the Gods: The History and Future of the Wind by Simon Winchester (Release date: 11/18)
We Did Ok, Kid: A Memoir by Anthony Hopkins (Release date: 11/4)
Sword Beach: D-day Baptism by Fire by Max Hastings (Release date: 11/11)

TEEN BOOKS

- We Fell Apart* by E. Lockhart (Release date: 11/4)
The Same Backward as Forward by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Release date: 11/4)
The Fangirl Project by Beth Reekles (Release date: 11/4)
Rune: Tale of the Obsidian Maze by Carlos Sánchez (Release date: 11/4)
Phenomenal Moments: Revealing the Hidden Science Around Us by Felice Frankel (Release date: 11/4)
Cursed Princess Club: A Most Unusual Princess by Michelle Knudsen (Release date: 11/25)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

FICTION

- Making Art* by Diana Ejaita (Release date: 11/18)
The Last Ember by Lily Berlin Dodd (Release date: 11/18)
Dog Man 14: Big Jim Believes by Dav Pilkey (Release date: 11/11)
The First Cat In Space and the Baby Pirate's Revenge by Mac Barnett (Release date: 11/4)

NONFICTION

- The Story of Gold* by Meel Tamphanon (Release date: 11/4)
All The World's Your Stage Shakespeare for Today by Farah Karim-Cooper (Release date: 11/11)
The Dirst: Wild Life Under the Soil's Surface by Lindsey Leigh (Release date: 11/25)



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NOVEMBER TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Beaver Moon
- Horoscope: Scorpio & Sagittarius
- Birthstone: Topaz & Citrine
- Flower: Chrysanthemum & Peony

What's in a name?

- November got its name from "*novem*" which is Latin for the number nine—because it used to be the ninth month in the year!

Notable November Days

- Día de los Muertos (11/1-2)
- Daylight Savings Day (11/2)
- National Candy Day (11/4)
- National Nachos Day (11/6)
- Veteran's Day (11/11)
- National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day (11/15)
- Take a Hike Day (11/17)
- Thanksgiving (11/27)
- Black Friday (11/28)
- Small Business Saturday (11/29)

RECIPE CORNER

MAMA'S BROWN SUGAR SEMOLINA WITH JAM SAUCE

From *The Sweet Polish Kitchen* by Ren Behan

1. In a saucepan, gently bring the milk, brown sugar, vanilla, and butter to a rolling boil. Pour in the semolina, turn down the heat to low, and stir continuously until the mixture thickens. This will take at least 10 minutes. Take care so that the mixture in the bottom of the pan does not burn. Remove from the heat, cover, and keep warm.
2. Place the jam in a saucepan and heat gently, adding 1-2 tablespoons of water and stirring until you have a sauce consistency.
3. Serve the semolina pudding warm, with the jam sauce.

Ingredients

- 3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/2 cup semolina
- 1/2 cup jam of your choice
- 1-2 tbsp water

