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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

## DECEMBER 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  Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	2  Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am	3  Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	4  Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	5  Move & Groove @10am	6  Family Craft: Snowflake Chimes @10am
8  Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	9  Tech Help @10am Adult Craft @1pm Lego Club @3:30pm Paint Rustic Ornament @3:30pm	10  Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm	11  Preschool Pals @10am Decorate Snow Village @6pm	12	13
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22  Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	23  Tech Help @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	24  CLOSING @3pm	25  LIBRARY CLOSED	26	27  Family Craft: Snow Globes @10am
29  Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Game Night @5pm	30  Lego Club: Build All Day Tech Help @10am	31  CLOSING @3pm			



# Happy Holidays & New Year!

12/24 CLOSING AT 3PM  
12/25 CLOSED ALL DAY

12/31 CLOSING AT 3PM  
01/01 CLOSED ALL 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. Sessions 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! **No event on December 24 or 31.**



### 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 December 25.**



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, December 5 & 19 | 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: SNOWFLAKE WINDCHIMES**

**Saturday, December 6 | 10am**

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

Create a sparkling snowflake wind chime in the Selig Storytime Room!



## **LEGO CLUB**

**Tuesday, December 9 & 23 | 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?

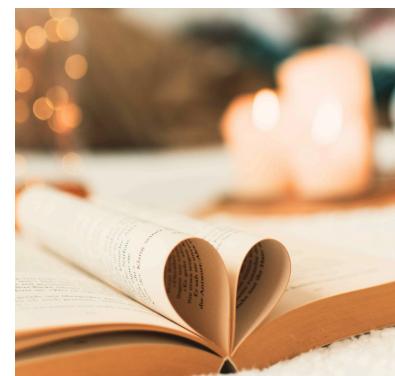


## **STORY SAMPLER: NEW YEAR, NEW BOOK**

**Tuesday, December 16 | 6pm**

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

Find your first read for 2026 at this month's Story Sampler. This month we will hear selections from some of the best children's books of 2025 to help you find the perfect start to your reading list for next year. Art supplies will be provided so you can create while you listen.



## **SKETCHBOOK SOCIETY**

**Wednesday, December 17 | 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!



## **FAMILY CRAFT: SNOW GLOBES!**

**Saturday, December 27 | 10am**

**Selig Storytime Room | Best for families with children**

Create wintry snow globes at our family craft!



## **KIDS CREATE: LOOSE PARTS LABORATORY**

**Monday, December 29 | 1pm**

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

Join us for a special daytime session of our *Kids Create* series during winter break. Bring your imagination to our Loose Parts Laboratory and build something special using art supplies, recyclable materials, and more! We can't wait to see what you come up with!



# LEGO CLUB: BUILD ALL DAY!

Tuesday, December 30 | All day

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 3-12

Stop by the Selig Storytime Room and build a masterpiece during this special all-day event in honor of school vacation. The only limit is your imagination. We can't wait to see what you build from our LEGO bins!



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### RUSTIC WOODEN ORNAMENT PAINTING

Tuesday, December 9 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Create a festive ornament out of a rustic wood slice with paint and glitter!



### MUG PAINTING

Tuesday, December 16 | 3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Celebrate the cozy season and decorate a ceramic mug with paint pens!



### CREepy CHRISTMAS DIAMOND ART MAGNETS

Wednesday, December 17 | 3pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Create creepy and festive magnets with diamond art!



### CANDY CANE FUDGE

From *What's for Christmas Dinner?* by Sarah Rossi.

1. Line the base and sides of an 8" tin with baking paper.
2. Put the chocolate, condensed milk, and peppermint extract in a large microwaveable bowl and microwave in 30-second bursts (mixing well after each burst).
3. Pour into the lined tin, smooth out, and quickly sprinkle with chopped candy canes. Take a fresh piece of baking paper and use it to press down carefully all over the surface of the fudge so the candy canes are firmly indented into the fudge.
4. Refrigerate overnight to set.
5. Turn out the fudge, remove the paper, and cut the fudge into 36 small chunks.



### RECIPE CORNER

#### Ingredients

- 1 2/3 cups dark chocolate  
- broken into small pieces
- 14oz condensed milk
- 2 tsp peppermint extract
- Candy canes  
- cut into very small pieces



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## BEGINNER LINE DANCING

Mondays | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Instructor Bonnie Deutch will lead this adults-only group through some basic line dances for beginners. No sign-up is necessary and no experience is required. The group will meet on Mondays with the exception of holidays. *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.



## 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. *No event on December 24 or 31.*



## DEATH CAFÉ

Tuesday, December 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 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.*



## ADULT CRAFT: BOOK ORNAMENT

Tuesday, December 9 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Come to our adult craft event where we will decorate an ornament to fill with tiny books and commemorate our love of literature! *All materials provided, sign-up required.*



## DECORATE A MINI SNOW VILLAGE

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

Decorate a mini snow village! Each village comes with 6 mini pre-assembled buildings. Adults only, please. *Sign-up is required and is limited to 20 participants. All supplies will be provided.*



FEELING CRAFTY? MORE TO DO AT CALL NUMBER 740!

## BOOK CLUBS

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

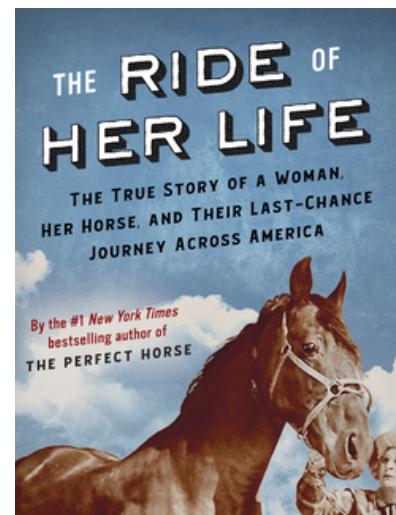
### EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

#### "THE RIDE OF HER LIFE" BY ELIZABETH LETTS

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

Join us for this month's discussion of *The Ride of Her Life: the True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America* by Elizabeth Letts.

Learn of the incredible true story of Annie Wilkins, a sixty-three-year-old farmer from Maine who rode her horse across 1950s America, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean.

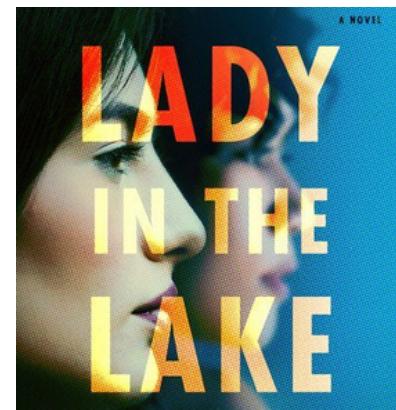


### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

#### "LADY IN THE LAKE" BY LAURA LIPPMAN

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

This month's mystery is *Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman. Set in 1960s Baltimore, it follows a middle-aged housewife turned aspiring reporter who pursues the murder of a forgotten young woman. This novel combines modern psychological insights with elements of classic noir.

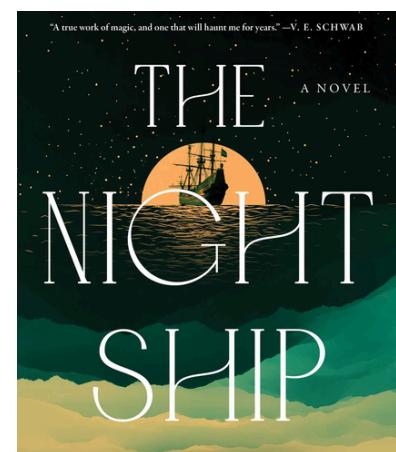


### FICTION BOOK GROUP

#### "THE NIGHT SHIP" BY JESS KIDD

Tuesday, December 16 | 10am  
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

This month's book is *The Night Ship* by Jess Kidd. Based on a true story, this epic historical novel from the award-winning author of *Things in Jars* illuminates the lives of two characters: a girl shipwrecked on an island off Western Australia and, three hundred years later, a boy finding a home with his grandfather on the very same island.



## ADULT BOOKS

### FICTION

*Blown Away* by Stuart Woods (Release date: 12/2)  
*Tailored Realities* by Brandon Sanderson (Release date: 12/9)  
*The Quiet Mother* by Arnaldur Indriðason (Release date: 12/9)  
*A Grim Reaper's Guide to Cheating Death* by Maxie Dara (Release date: 12/2)  
*The Cyprian* by Mercedes Lackey (Release date: 12/30)  
*The Time Hop Coffee Shop* by Phaedra Patrick (Release date: 12/9)  
*Everybody Wants to Rule the World* by Ace Atkins (Release date: 12/2)  
*The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe: A True Crime Thriller*  
by James Patterson and Imogen Edwards-Jones (Release date: 12/1)

### NONFICTION

*Queens at War* by Alison Weir (Release date: 12/2)  
*American Government for Dummies* by Marcus A. Stadelmann (Release date: 12/9)  
*The Complete Anti-Inflammatory Cookbook: Optimize Health, Boost Your Immune System, Promote Longevity*  
by America's Test Kitchen (Release date: 12/2)  
*A Long Game: Notes on Writing Fiction* by Elizabeth McCracken (Release date: 12/2)  
*The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Mutiny, Love, and Adventure at the Bottom of the World*  
by Tilar J. Mazzeo (Release date: 12/9)  
*The Six Loves of James I* by Gareth Russell (Release date: 12/2)

## TEEN BOOKS

*The Obsession* by Natasha Preston (Release date: 12/2)  
*Seven All Alone* by Kirsty McKay (Release date: 12/2)  
*Crowntide* by Alex Aster (Release date: 12/2)  
*Better in Black* by Cassandra Clare (Release date: 12/2)  
*Labyrinth: The Graphic Novel* by Kyla Vanderklugt (Release date: 12/2)  
*Quincredible: a Better World* by Rodney Barnes (Release date: 12/9)

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

### FICTION

*Wings of Fire Graphic Novels: Talons of Power* by Tui T Sutherland (Release date: 12/30)  
*Whooo Is Still Awake?* By Brigitte Barrager (Release date: 12/9)  
*Valentines are the Worst!* by Alex Willan (Release date: 12/23)  
*The Snowman Code* by Simon Stephenson (Release date: 12/16)

### NONFICTION

*Eyewitness: Dogs* from Dorling Kindersley (Release date: 12/9)  
*Polar Bears* by Gail Gibbons (Release date: 12/23)  
*Calamity Before Jane* by Noah Van Sciver (Release date: 12/23)  
*Outer Space* by Ken Jennings (Release date: 12/9)

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# DECEMBER TIDBITS

## The Basics

- Full moon: Cold Moon 🌙
- Horoscope: Capricorn & Sagittarius
- Birthstone: Turquoise, Zircon, & Tanzanite
- Flower: Holly & Narcissus

## What's in a name?

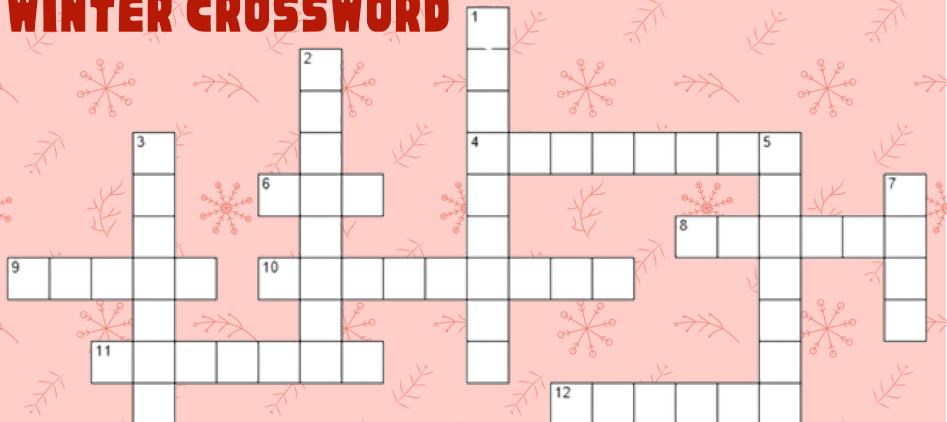
- December got its name from “**decem**” which is Latin for the number ten- it used to be the tenth month in the year!
- In the Old Anglo-Saxon calendar, December was known as “**Geol-monat**,” or **Yule Month**. (Based on information supplied by Saint Bede the Venerable’s 8th Century treatise ‘**On Chronology**’)

## Dashing December Days

- Day Without Art (12/1)
- Dewey Decimal System Day (12/10)
- Hanukkah (12/14-22)
- Winter Solstice (12/21)
- Yule (12/21-1/1)
- Christmas Eve (12/24)
- Christmas Day (12/25)
- New Years Eve (12/31)



## WINTER CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

4. What you wear on your ears to keep them warm
6. What you get when water freezes
8. What you use to remove snow from the sidewalk
9. What you wear on your feet to keep them warm
10. (2 words) What you put on your feet to glide across the ice
11. You build this by stacking large snowballs, then adding a hat and scarf
12. A sport played in an ice rink

### DOWN

1. What you might sit in front of to warm up
2. (2 words) What you drink to warm up after playing outside
3. What you wear on your hands to keep them warm
5. What it's called when school is cancelled due to snow
7. What you sit in when going down the hill