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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 LIBRARY CLOSED	2	3
5	6	7	8	Move & Groove @10am Kids' Board Games @1pm	Family Craft @10am
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Laconia Housing & HCV @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Group @6pm	Homeschool Meet-Up @1pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am	Tech Help @10am Washi Tape Notebooks @3pm Kids Create @6pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Mystery Book Club @4pm Sketchbook Society @6pm	Preschool Pals @10am Laconia Housing & HCV @6pm	Move & Groove @10am Puzzle Races @1pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24
LIBRARY CLOSED	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Group @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Cozy Coloring @3pm	Preschool Pals @10am Fire Safety @11am		Coding Toys @10am
26	27	28	29	30	31
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January Holiday Closings

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY
12/31 CLOSING AT 3PM
01/01 CLOSED ALL DAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR / CIVIL RIGHTS DAY
01/19 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! 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! **No event on January 19.**



TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for newborns-age 3

Join us Wednesday mornings for stories, songs, and dancing; followed by crafts and sensory play. We can't wait to see you! This program is best suited for children newborn-3 years old 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 January 1.**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MOVE & GROOVE

Friday, January 2, 16 & 30 | 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!



KIDS' BOARD GAMES

Friday, January 2 | 1pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for families with children

Looking for something to do during school vacation? Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for some board gaming. Play some old favorites or maybe find a new favorite family board game!



FAMILY CRAFT: SENSORY SATURDAY

Saturday, January 3 | 10am

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Swing by for a morning of sensory experiences! Art supplies will be provided to create a masterpiece of your choosing. You can also trace patterns in our Giant Zen Garden, or create your own scented play dough!



LEGO CLUB

Tuesday, January 6 & 20 | 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?



HOMESCHOOL MEET-UP

Friday, January 9 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for families with children

Come meet with other local homeschooling families! There will be activities for children to engage in while you network and discuss homeschooling with other families.



KIDS CREATE: WITH AIR-DRY CLAY

Tuesday, January 13 | 6pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Stop by for our popular Kids Create series! This month we will provide materials to create an air dry clay work of art. All materials will be provided, just bring your imagination!



SKETCHBOOK SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 14 | 6pm

Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Want to draw a portrait of your pet? Maybe you'd like to draw a monster or unicorn! Join us to learn new drawing skills and techniques to create your own masterpiece.



CODING TOYS

Saturday, January 24 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 4-8

Join us for a special program devoted to early coding skills! We'll experiment with creating code for Sphero's indi car using colored tiles to plot its path. **Space is limited to 12 children. Sign up today!**



STORY SAMPLER: ADVENTURE & SURVIVAL

Tuesday, January 27 | 6pm
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Listen to miraculous stories of adventure and survival in this month's Story Sampler. Selected chapters from perilous tales will be read aloud by Carly, our Children's Librarian, and crafting supplies will be provided to create while you listen!



FAMILY CRAFT: PAINT YOUR OWN WOODEN ANIMAL

Saturday, January 31 | 10am
Selig Storytime Room | Best for ages 6-11

Does your child love to play with the dancing deer toy at the Children's Desk? Join us for this Saturday craft so they can paint their own! All materials will be provided and each child will paint their own animal to take home. **Supplies are limited, so it's first-come-first-served!**



TEEN PROGRAMS

WASHI TAPE NOTEBOOKS

Tuesday, January 13 | 3pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Decorate a notebook with Washi Tape!



COZY COLORING

Wednesday, January 21 | 3pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 10-18

Join us for some Cozy Coloring and hot chocolate.



TEEN WRITER'S GROUP

Tuesday, January 27 | 3pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Best for ages 12-18

Discuss all things writing at the Teen Writer's Group.



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 on Monday mornings. No sign-up or experience required! **No event on January 19.**



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, January 6 | 10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for light refreshments and an open discussion about death. This event will be moderated by Ruth O'Hara and Carol Wallace. It is not a grief support group or counseling session. **No sign-up required.**



THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

HOW IT STARTED AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY!

Wednesday, January 7 at 10am | Thursday, January 15 at 6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Laconia Housing Authority would like to help to answer your questions and provide thoughtful insight to the HCV program. Topics covered will include: what the HCV program is, why it is so hard to access, how to maintain eligibility, and the truth behind the numbers.



PUZZLE RACES

Friday, January 16 | 1pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for puzzle races! Compete as a team (of up to 4 people) or individually and see who can put together a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. The first to finish wins a prize! **This low-stakes event is intended for hobby puzzle enthusiasts, not professional puzzlers.**



FIND MORE PUZZLES IN THE REFERENCE ROOM!

FIRE SAFETY AND EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Thursday, January 22 | 11am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Fire safety best practices have changed in recent years with modern furniture materials and home layouts. Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert will give a short presentation on fire safety before moving outside for a demonstration and a chance to practice. Now's your chance to test out a fire extinguisher without risk to your home or belongings!



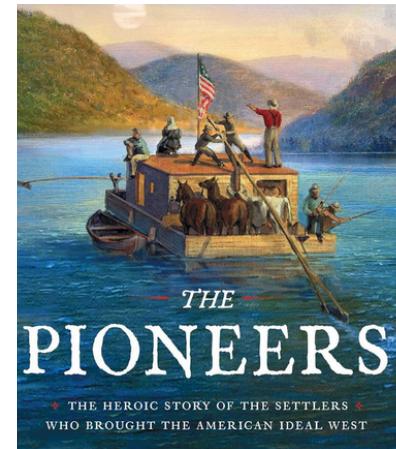
BOOK CLUBS

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

EVENING NONFICTION BOOK GROUP "THE PIONEERS" BY DAVID MCCULLOUGH

Thursday, January 8 | 6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

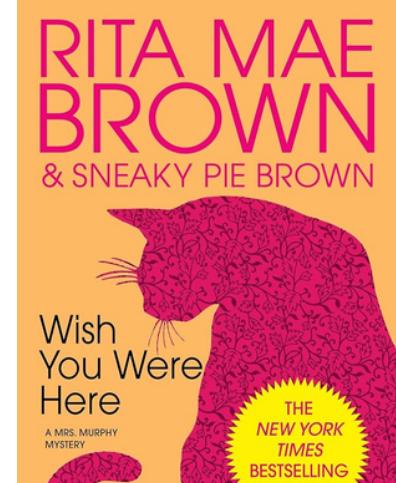
Join us for this month's discussion of *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian. Rediscover an important and dramatic chapter in the American story; the settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB "WISH YOU WERE HERE" BY RITA MAE BROWN

Wednesday, January 14 | 4pm
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

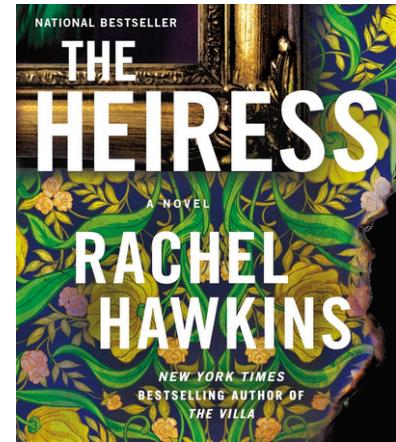
This month's mystery is *Wish You Were Here* by Rita Mae Brown. When the citizens of Crozet, Virginia start turning up murdered, local postmistress Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen begins conducting her own investigation, unaware her pets are one step ahead of her. Can Mrs. Murphy (a tiger cat) and Tucker (a Welsh Corgi) prevent their beloved Harry from ending up on killer's mailing list?



FICTION BOOK GROUP "THE HEIRESS" BY RACHEL HAWKINS

Tuesday, January 20 | 10am
Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium | Adults

Join us for our morning fiction book discussion! This month's book is *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins, a twisted new gothic suspense about an infamous heiress and the complicated inheritance she left behind. An inheritance can entail far more than what's written in a will and the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.



ADULT BOOKS

FICTION

The Invisible Woman by James Patterson (Release date: 1/5)

My Husband's Wife by Alice Feeney (Release date: 1/20)

Woman Down by Colleen Hoover (Release date: 1/26)

Dead in the Water by John Marrs (Release date: 1/27)

Dear Debbie by Freida Mcfadden (Release date: 1/27)

Her Cold Justice by Robert Dugoni (Release date: 1/27)

NONFICTION

After the Flood: Inside Bob Dylan's Memory Palace by Robert Polito (Release date: 1/27)

Augustus: First Emperor of Rome by Adrian Goldsworthy (Release date: 1/27)

Football by Chuck Klosterman (Release date: 1/20)

For the People: Fighting Authoritarianism, Saving Democracy by A.C. Grayling (Release date: 1/20)

Forgotten Souls: The Search for the Lost Tuskegee Airmen by Cheryl W. Thompson (Release date: 1/27)

The Royal Insider: My Life with the Queen, the King and Princess Diana by Paul Burrell (Release date: 1/13)

TEEN BOOKS

Harry Potter Sweets and Treats Cookbook by Veronica Hinke (Release date: 1/6)

The Swan's Daughter: A Possibly Doomed Love Story by Roshani Chokshi (Release date: 1/6)

Raven Saga Volume 1 by Chihiro Howe (Release date: 1/6)

Gumshoe by Brenna Thummler (Release date: 1/13)

Disney Twisted-Wonderland: Usurper from the Wilds by Yana Toboso (Release date: 17/27)

Sparking Fire Out of Fate by Brigid Kemmerer (Release date: 1/27)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

FICTION

Bunny In the Middle by Anika A Denise (Release date: 1/6)

Crouton: One Cat's Adoption Tale by Kristine Lombardi (Release date: 1/27)

Dr. Zeus by Jimmy Patterson (Release date: 1/26)

Sidekicks: Thick As Thieves by Dan Santat (Release date: 1/6)

NONFICTION

Big Feelings, Little Feelings: Get to Know Your Emotions by Andrea Mills (Release date: 1/27)

Diagnosis Detectives: Tummy Trouble by Ben Elcomb (Release date: 1/6)

The Dream Builder's Blueprint: Dr. King's Message to Young People by Alice Faye Duncan (Release date: 1/6)

Monsters: 100 Weird Creatures from Around the World by Sarah Banville (Release date: 1/13)

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JANUARY TIDBITS

The Basics

- Full moon: Wolf Moon
- Horoscope: Capricorn & Aquarius
- Birthstone: Garnet
- Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop



What's in a name?

- January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, who symbolizes beginnings and endings.
- Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. What a fitting symbol for this first day of the year; this month is our door into the new year!

The New Month in Town

- The months of January and February were not originally in the ancient Roman calendar.
- Until 450 BCE, the Roman calendar was 10 months, beginning in March!

Jumpin' January Days

- New Year's Day (1/1)
- National Science Fiction Day (1/2)
- World Braille Day (1/4)
- World Typing Day (1/8)
- National Clean Off Your Desk Day (1/12)
- National Dress Up Your Pet Day (1/14)
- Martin Luther King Jr / Civil Rights Day (1/19)
- International Day of Education (1/24)
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day (1/27)
- National Chocolate Cake Day (1/27)
- National Fun at Work Day (1/28)

