



Greetings!

Join your Library for some *lovely* programs this February!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Yarn & Thread @5pm	Tech Help @10am Death Café @10am Snowflake Diamond Art @3pm Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm	Preschool Pals @10am Nonfiction Book Club @6pm	Homeschool Meet-Up @1pm	
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16	17	18	19	20	21
 LIBRARY CLOSED	Tech Help @10am Fiction Book Club @10am Lego Club @3:30pm	Toddler Time @10am Tech Help @2pm Cozy Coloring @3pm	Preschool Pals @10am Empowering Kids: Healthy Relationships @6pm		Fizzy Painting @10am
23	24	25	26	27	28
Sensory Storytime @10am Line Dancing @10am Yarn & Thread @5pm	Tech Help @10am STEM Explorers @10am Teen Writer Group @3pm	Special Café Storytime @10am Tech Help @2pm Sketchbook Society @6pm	Pooh's Birthday Surprise @10am	Move & Groove @10am	Paint a Snake Toy @10am

KEY Children's Adult Teen All Ages

#### FEBRUARY HOLIDAY HOURS:

- President's Day - Closed Monday, 2/16

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### RECURRING

No sign-up required- younger and older siblings always welcome!

**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 February 16.**

**Toddler Time | Wednesdays 10AM.** Best for ages 0-3. Join us for Toddler Time! Get ready for stories, songs and dancing; followed by crafts and sensory play. We can't wait to see you!

**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, February 13 & 27 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, February 3 & 17 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?

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### **SPECIAL STUFF**

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

**Homeschool Meet-Up | Friday, February 6 at 1PM.** 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.

**Family Craft: Fizzy Painting | Saturday, February 21 at 10AM.** Best for families with children. Come learn about chemical reactions while creating a unique work of art!

**Vacation Fun: STEM Explorers | Tuesday, February 24, 10AM - 5PM.** Best for ages 5-12. Drop by the Selig Storytime room to experiment with marble mazes, computer programming cars, pendulums and more science surprises during our STEM day over February vacation!

**"Cafe at the Edge of the Woods" Storytime | Wednesday, February 25 at 10AM.** Best for ages 5-12. Join us for a special story hour for elementary school-aged children this February Vacation. Sip herbal tea and enjoy a snack while we read "The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods" and its companion "The Cave Downwind of the Cafe" by Mikey Please. Afterwards we will create fantasy menus and recipes for our own cafes!

**Sketchbook Society! | Wednesday, February 25 at 6PM.** Best for ages 6-11. How would you like to draw a portrait of your cat or dog? Maybe you would rather draw a mermaid or a unicorn? Perhaps you want to create a scary monster? Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to learn drawing skills and techniques to create your own masterpiece.

**Powerhouse Theatre Presents: Pooh's Birthday Surprise | Thursday, February 26 at 10AM.** Best for families with children. It's Winnie the Pooh's hundredth birthday! Some of Powerhouse Theatre's talented teens will perform Jaydie Halperin's original play based on the original AA Milne stories to celebrate Pooh's big milestone!

**Family Craft: Paint Your Own Snake Toy! | Saturday, February 28 at 10AM.** Best for ages 6-11. Do you love reptiles? If so, this Saturday craft is perfect for you! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room to paint your own wooden snake toy. We will provide the materials, just bring your imagination!

## TEEN PROGRAMS

*Best for ages 10-18 unless otherwise noted.*

**Diamond Art Snowflake Magnets | Tuesday, February 3 at 3PM.** Best for ages 10-18. Create sparkly snowflake magnets with diamond art!

**Cozy Coloring | Wednesday, February 18 at 3PM.** Join us for some Cozy Coloring and hot chocolate.

**Teen Writer's Group | Tuesday, February 24 at 3PM.** Best for ages 12-18. Discuss all things writing at the Teen Writer's Group.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### RECURRING

**Beginner Line Dancing | Mondays at 10AM.** Instructor Bonnie Deutch will lead the group through some basic line dances for beginners. No sign up is necessary and no experience is required. This program is for adults only, please! The group will meet on Mondays with the exception of holidays. Drop-ins are always welcome! Class will not meet on holidays that the Library is closed, including: 2/16.

**Yarn & Thread: Fiber Artist Meet Up | Mondays at 5PM.** Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, or other projects and build a community while you create. **No event on February 16.**

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

**Death Café | Tuesday, February 3 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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**Adult Craft: Introductory Embroidery Hoop | Tuesday, February 10 at 1PM.** Try out the classic craft of embroidery during our adult craft night! All materials provided, sign up required.

**Empowering Kids: Healthy Relationships | Thursday, February 19 at 6PM.**

Morgan Browne, Prevention Educator at New Beginnings-Without Violence and Abuse will share information related to identifying the signs of healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships in children. Morgan will also share guidance for talking

with children ages birth-17 years about healthy relationships, strategies for teaching children about healthy relationships, and tips for online safety.

## BOOK GROUPS

### **Nonfiction Book Group | Thursday, February 5 at 6PM.**

"The Secret Life of Groceries" by Benjamin Lorr.

### **Mystery Book Club | Wednesday, February 11 at 4PM.**

"Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death" by M.C. Beaton.

### **Fiction Book Group | Tuesday, February 17 at 10AM.**

"Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

## **RECIPE CORNER - MIJA'S MUD (CHAMPURRADO)**

From *The Official Wednesday Cookbook*. Find it in the Teen Zone!

### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup masa harina
- 3 cups milk or plant-based milk
- 4oz Mexican dark chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt

### **Directions**

- Place the warm water in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisking constantly, add the masa harina a little bit at a time. Whisk until smooth and thick.
- Whisk in the milk, then increase the heat to medium-high Whisk in the chocolate, sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Continue whisking until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth. Once the mixture begins to bubble, lower the heat to maintain a bare simmer and whisk constantly for 5 minutes.
- Remove from heat and give the mixture one last vigorous, continuous whisk for 30 seconds to create a nice thick froth on top. Divide among four mugs, sprinkle with more cinnamon, and let cool slightly before sipping.

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