

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holiday Closings

Memorial Day Weekend:

Saturday, May 24th
& Monday, May 26th

Staff Meeting:

Wednesday, June 11th, closing at 4pm

Juneteenth:

Thursday, June 19th

Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu:
10-8

Wed: 10-6

Sat: 10-2

Closed Fri & Sun

Essential Oils for Sleep with Chris Ventura Tuesday, May 13th, 6:00pm



Registration Open Now!

Do you have trouble sleeping and nothing seems to help?

Join Chris Ventura as she explains how “nature’s pharmacy” is filled with simple and effective plants that can help your mind quiet down and let your body get the rest it needs. Using plants’ essential oils which are highly concentrated and powerful when used in aromatherapy, she’ll share how to reduce anxiety, stress and pain to promote a more restful night. Each attendee will make their own sample oil to bring home.

Norman Rockwell Remembered Thursday, May 29th, 1:00pm

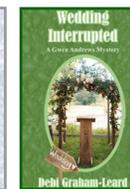
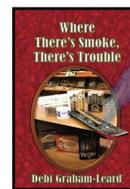


Experience a selection of beloved Rockwell images, from his familiar, humorous illustrations to his lesser-known, serious social statements. See how surprisingly sophisticated his paintings are while learning about his techniques and inspirations.

Art For Your Mind is an engaging, educational, art observation experience designed to broaden the minds of its participants. In one hour, you’ll discover ways to get more out of looking at art!

Local Author Series: Debi Graham-Leard Saturday, May 31st, 11:00am

Learn of this local author’s humorous journey while writing her debut mystery, *The Uninvited Guest*, which grew to an entire series starring amateur sleuth Gwen Adams (who, incidentally, lives in a converted library)! The presentation will conclude with a short reading and Q&A, plus books will be available for personalized autograph.



Genealogy Club

Saturday, May 17th

11am: Meet & Greet

12pm: Zoom Presentation

Join other genealogy enthusiasts for a discussion and virtual presentation, *Navigating Notarial Records in Quebec*, by Rhonda R. McClure. Notarial records are an often overlooked resource for family historians researching ancestors with roots in Quebec, from marriages to estate inventories to labor contracts. These records can provide a wealth of genealogical information not found elsewhere. Learn what types of notarial records exist, how to access them, and how to get the most out of these resources!

Rhonda is a senior genealogist and a nationally recognized professional genealogist and lecturer. Before joining American Ancestors/NEHGS in 2006, she ran her own genealogical business for 18 years. She was a contributing editor for *Heritage Quest* magazine, *Biography* magazine, and was a contributor to the *History Channel* and *American History* magazines.

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Coming on Saturday, June 21st, Lakeville resident and genealogist Nancy Ratner will give an in-depth presentation on researching your Mayflower ancestry using the Silver Books. These books provide clear, well-documented lineages of the ship's passengers through the 6th generation. Each family has its own volume and many consist of multiple sets.

All levels are welcome, from novice to experienced. Please RSVP by calling the main desk at 508-947-9028.



Drop-in genealogy research help hours!



Need help researching your family tree? Cynthia Souza, our resident expert on Genealogy Research, can help you navigate Ancestry.com Library Edition, as well as resources available in the newly reorganized Brian H. Reynolds Local History Room.

The drop-in hours are **Wednesdays 3:00-5:00pm** and **Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm**

Mandala Rock "Dot Art"*

Thursday, May 8th, 6:00pm



This program is full; please check wait list.

*Program sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library..

Credit card fee increase

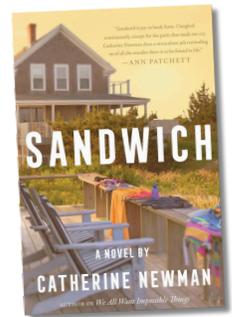
Please note that the per transaction credit card fee to process patron fines online will increase from \$.85 to \$1.25 per transaction on July 1, 2025. There is no fee to pay fees with cash at the Library.



Novel Teas Book Club

Tuesday,
May 27th
6:30pm

Sandwich by
Catherine
Newman



Motherhood, menopause, family secrets, and loss are at the heart of this novel about a family's trip to the Cape one summer. Tender, funny, and very relatable.

Novel Teas: June 24th

The June title will be *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson* by Ellen Baker

Join us on the last Tuesday of every month. Newcomers are always welcome. Copies for the Novel Teas Book Club and the Town of Lakeville's Council on Aging Book Club are available for checkout at the Main Desk.

Save the Dates

Tuesday, June 3rd: **Bigfoot expert** and author Ronny Le Blanc

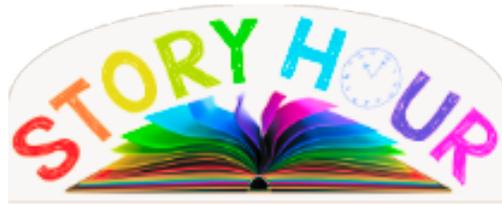


Summer Bingo Reading Challenge for Adults and Seniors: details to come





What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this



Spring Storyhour runs through Thursday, May 15th

3 Year Olds and Under: 10:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays

No Storyhour on Thursdays at 1:00pm

Storyhour will be INSIDE the Great Ponds Gallery

Summer Storyhour starts Monday, June 16th and runs through Thursday, August 7th

3 Year Olds and Under: 10:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays

AND 4 Years and Up: 1:00pm on Thursdays (school-age children are welcome)

Storyhour will be OUTSIDE near Center Stage, weather permitting (or INSIDE the Great Ponds Gallery when necessary)

Music Time is on break.
It will return in July!



PLAYING
with Purpose

Ages 0-5

**Wednesdays at 10:30am, from
June 4th through June 25th**

Playing with Purpose is designed to help parents/caregivers gain a better understanding of the importance of play and learn how to be active participants in this important work. Play stations are set up to allow for one-on-one time as well as to work on fine and gross motor skills and socialization. During each session parents and/or caregivers are given relevant materials and articles on how to continue to support and build on these concepts at home.

Parents/caregivers are then encouraged to use the items shared to “Play with Purpose” with their children.

**Buildernoon*, Tuesday,
May 6th, 4:00-7:00pm**



Put your building skills to the test and join us for an afternoon of free building! We will be using Lincoln Logs, KEVA Wood Planks, Magna-Tiles, and some LEGO bricks. All ages!

Rock Mandalas, Thursday,
May 8th, 6:00pm**

PROGRAM IS FULL!

For teens 16+ and adults. Please check wait list.



**Read with Bella
the therapy dog!
Wednesdays from
4:00-6:00pm**



Contact Ms. Teresa to reserve a spot with the soft and sweet therapy dog, Bella, in our Read to a Dog program.

Summer Fun Kick Off!

FLYING HIGH DOGS***
Thursday, June 26th, 6:00pm

High flying, dynamic, and thrilling! The Flying High Dogs show is educational, interactive, family orientated, and, most importantly, fun. Outside by Center Stage!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM
SIGN UP STARTS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH

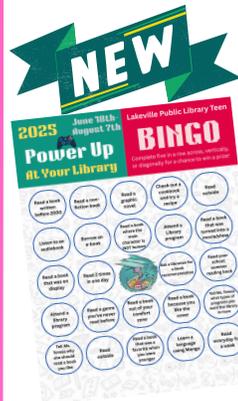
LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY
(for kids)

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a necklace and brag tag and earn beads for reading! Reading days 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 51 earn you special beads and enter you into a prize drawing. Participating in the Summer Reading Program also gets you entered into a statewide raffle for prizes from the Boston Bruins!



SUMMER READING BINGO
(for teens)

Complete the challenges on the bingo sheet and for every "bingo", earn a scratch ticket to try to win a sweet treat. The scratch tickets turn into prize entries to win a gift card to An Unlikely Story, a prize from the Boston Bruins, or a Kindle Fire!



**SUMMER READING ENDS THURSDAY,
AUGUST 7TH**

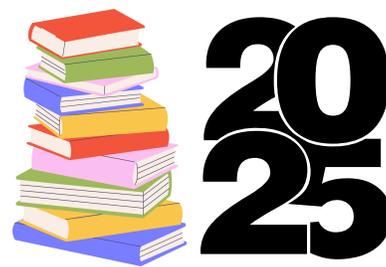
Level Up at Your Library, the Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Lakeville Public Library, the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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***Program supported by a grant from the Lakeville Arts Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join the Library in the Massachusetts Center for the Book's 2025 Reading Challenge!



Join any time this year! Sign up for the challenge at <https://mareadingchallenge.org/> and subscribe to the Library's monthly "MCB Annual Reading Challenge" emails via the newsletter link on our home page.

May's prompt:
Read a book with a first sentence of eight words or less.

Check our display in May for book ideas!

2025 Reading Challenge

- January: A book from the year you were born
- February: A book with the name of a city in the title
- March: A book about someone with a marginalized identity
- April: A book about books, bookstores, or libraries
- May: A book with a first sentence of eight words or less**
- June: A book that spans multiple generations
- July: A book you were drawn to by its cover
- August: A book with a protagonist who is a teenager or senior citizen
- September: A book told in non-chronological order
- October: A book published by a Massachusetts press
- November: A cookbook or book about food
- December: Another book by an author you've already read

In the Great Ponds Gallery



Peaks—New Light:
a collection of oil paintings by Randy Swann through May 22nd



Influenced by the natural wonders of Iceland while on a visit in early 2024, Swann painted a series of mountainous landscapes. The mountains that he saw were "sharply outlined against the sky, streaked with contrasting lines of oxidized red ochre, deep greenish umber and (an) array of dazzling blue hues that changed with the light as if through a kaleidoscope". A Lakeville resident and former Trustee of the Lakeville Public Library, multi-disciplinary artist and writer Swann describes these mountains as symbols of resilience, optimism, and hope.

June 2nd-July 31st: The Guild of Natural Science Illustrators (GNSI.org) annual juried members' exhibit

Reception with artists will be on Monday, July 14th, 6:00-8:30pm.



Survival Moon, Carol Schwartz



Friends

OF THE
LAKEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Today!

Friends of the Library Meeting
Open to new members!
Monday, May 5th at 6:00pm

Help support your library....

Every dollar raised goes directly to the Library and back to you in the form of services, programs and much more!

For Children ~ For Adults ~ For the Community

Friends Tote Bag: \$5.00
Great for filling with items bought at the Book Nook!



Join the Friends for Tea in the Great Ponds Gallery!

Sunday, May 4th, 1:00-3:00pm
 \$30 per person

Tickets for this Library fundraiser are still available!



Museum Passes—[Reserve Online](#) or Call the Library!



Passes and coupons provided for you with funds raised by the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library.



New England Aquarium

ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

drop-in
 Thursdays
 4:00-6:00pm



Cribbage Club

Thursdays
 6:00-7:45pm
 New players welcome!



Community Events

Saturday, May 10th, 5:00-7:00pm: Pop-Up Concert on Center Stage with The Catnip Junkies (sponsored by Lakeville Arts Council)

Sunday, May 18th, 11:00am-3:00pm : 3rd Annual Lakeville Day at the Ted Williams Camp

Tuesday, June 10th, 5:00pm: Once Upon a Generation presentation at the Library

Tuesdays, July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th: Summer Concert Series on Center Stage (sponsored by Lakeville Arts Council)

*July 8th: The Moonbellies co-sponsored by Lakeville Arts Council & Lakeville Public Library