

# Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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## Upcoming Holiday Closings:

### Presidents' Day:

Monday, February  
17th

### Patriots' Day:

Monday, April 21st

## Library Hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu:

10-8

Wed: 10-6

Sat: 10-2

Closed Fri & Sun

## Creative Card Making with Tina\* (two sessions) Saturday, February 8th 10:00am & 12:00pm (Snow date: 2/15)



### Registration Required!

Make three creative greeting cards to take home with the guidance of Tina, an independent demonstrator for Stampin' Up! Classes are limited to 10 people each, so please sign up soon through the link on our events calendar.

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

## Matt York presents The Highwaymen: Songs & Stories\* Thursday, March 27th 6:00-7:00pm



Photo by Ellen Burleigh

Songs & Stories is a one-man performance centered around the American country supergroup The Highwaymen which was made up of Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson. Interspersed between their songs, Matt York will tell stories about their careers and lives. York is also an author, having recently released a book called "The Words and Wisdom of Willie Nelson" (October, 2024).

## Local Author Series: Alfred Saulniers The French of New Bedford: The Early Years Tuesday, March 11th, 6:30-7:30pm



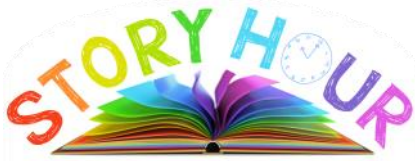
Acushnet-born and raised, Alfred Saulniers will present a history of New Bedford's French immigrants, from their arrival and growth in the 1600's, to their eventual decline caused by new immigration restrictions, the Great Textile Strike of 1928, and the Great Depression. In his book, *The French of New Bedford*, he uses inspirational and interesting stories to reveal the daily lives, cultural values, and family histories of community members.



# What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this

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# February



Storyhour will be *INSIDE*  
the Great Ponds Gallery

Winter/Spring Storyhour runs  
Monday, January 27th–Thursday, May 15th

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

No Storyhour on Thursdays at 1:00pm



## Music Time!



Winter Music Time will run Wednesdays, from  
February 5th through March 12th at 10:30am

Join Ms. Teresa for a movement-filled, musical good time!  
Comfortable clothes, sneakers, and water recommended.

*Music Time will be INSIDE the  
Great Ponds Gallery*



## PLAYING with Purpose

Ages 0-5 years

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.

**NEW**  
Adding **WEDNESDAYS** at 10:30am,  
from March 26th through April 30th  
**AND**  
continuing the **3RD SATURDAY** of  
every month at 10:30am:  
**February 15th**



**NEW**  
**S.T.E.A.M.**  
Afternoons beginning  
**February 13th!**  
Ages 5-10 years  
**THURSDAYS** at  
**1:00pm**

Join us in exploring a different S.T.E.A.M. area (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Music). We will be making Moon Landers, coding, assembling Rube Goldberg machines, learning about camouflage. . . and much, much more!  
For more information, please see Ms. Teresa in the Children's Room.



## February School Vacation Week!

### Family Pajama Storyhour: Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30pm

Join Ms. Teresa for stories, dancing, music, a craft, and lots of fun! Feel free to wear your jammies—she will be wearing them too!



### The Poop Museum\*\*\*: Wednesday, February 19th at 2:00pm

Learn many fantastic, fabulous, and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise! Just a few of the poopers that visitors to the Poop Museum will meet include:

- the world's messiest pooper
- the animal that has poop-attack powers
- the animal that uses poop as protection
- the rainbow pooper
- the animal that has to hold its poop ALL winter long



The Poop Museum is educational but also full of laughter ... because, well, our subject is poop! Susie, the poop expert, has found a wonderful way to blend solid science with the hilarity that comes when talking about poop.

### Buildernoon\*\*: Thursday, February 20th from 1:00-3:00pm

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.



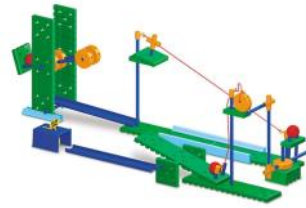
### Paint By Sticker\*: Thursday, February 20th at 6:00pm

Kids 4th grade and up can join us to “paint” by sticker, a craft that is part puzzle, part work of art, and a night full of fun!

**Registration is required.**



## CHAIN REACTION



Chain Reaction Night\*\*  
Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00pm

Grades 3-5

Registration required through our Events Calendar

How many steps does it take to get a ball from point A to point B? As many as possible if you are using a Rube Goldberg machine! Working in teams, we will make Rube Goldberg machines which will cause a series of chain reactions, all to get a ball from start to finish.



## LEGO Free Build

Monday, February 10th, 4:00-7:00pm

LEGO Free Build in the Great Ponds Gallery for ALL AGES! We have both DUPLO and LEGO Bricks so everyone can play!

This program is sponsored by YOU, our generous patrons and is free and open to the public. No registration required.



Grades 6-12

### SAVE THE DATE!

Young Adult Fortnite Tournament

Monday, March 10th at 4:00pm

**Registration will be required.**

Details coming soon!

## Read with Bella the therapy dog!

Wednesdays from 4-6pm



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

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

\*\*Program made possible by the Library Board of Trustees through generous financial support received from the “Savas Fund”.

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

# NEW! Genealogy Club

Saturday, March 15th

11am: Meet & Greet

12pm: Zoom Presentation

Join other genealogy enthusiasts in the Library's Brian H. Reynolds Local History Room for a discussion and special Zoom presentation: *Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors* with Margaret R. Fortier. While there are specific strategies for each ethnic group, there is also a systematic process that applies to any search for immigrants. Margaret will guide you through each step of the process with examples. Discover your immigrant ancestors and tell their stories!

Margaret Rose Fortier is a Board-certified genealogical researcher, writer, and lecturer. She specializes in immigrant ancestors to New England. A graduate of Boston College and Bentley University, she holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. She serves on the board of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and is an instructor for the Spring 2025 course, "Tracing Your French-Canadian Ancestors" at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

All levels are welcome, from novice to experienced.

**Please RSVP by calling the main desk at 508-947-9028.**

Mark your calendar for future Genealogy Club meetings:  
May 17th and June 21 (special guest Nancy Ratner)



## Drop-in genealogy research help hours!

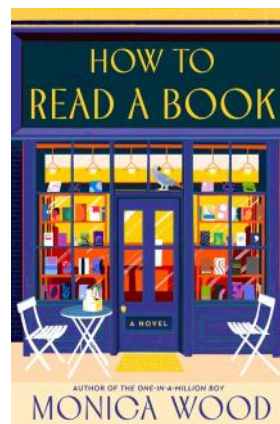


Need help researching your family tree? Cynthia Souza, our resident expert on Genealogy Research, can help you navigate Ancestry.com Library Edition, as well as resources available in the newly reorganized Brian H. Reynolds Local History Room.

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

# Novel Teas Book Club

Tuesday, February 25th  
6:30-7:30pm



*How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood  
Three characters' lives come together in unexpected ways as they process grief, provide forgiveness, and allow for second chances. Uplifting and powerful.

*Join us on the last Tuesday of every month.*

*Newcomers are always welcome!*

## Novel Teas Tuesday, March 25th

Our March title will be  
*Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry

*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 Date! Tuesday,  
April 29th, 6:00-7:00pm**

Learn How to Play the ukulele with Julie, for teens and adults

Bring your own or borrow!  
Registration opens 3/29.



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



2025

Join any time this year!

1. Sign up for the challenge at <https://mareadingchallenge.org/>
2. Subscribe to the Library's monthly "MCB Annual Reading Challenge" emails for updates and reminders. (<https://www.libraryaware.com/2441/Subscribers/Subscribe>)

**February's prompt:**

Read a book *with the name of a city in the title.*

Check our display in early February 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

### Cynthia Connolly Mixed Media Exhibit Through February 27th



Raynham artist Cindy Connolly's mixed media exhibit includes acrylics, graphites, oils, pastels, and watercolors.

Cindy is a legally blind artist who, in her early years, took art classes for inspiration. She learned various techniques and, with her determination and talent, became a skilled and accomplished artist.

**Coming in March: High School Art Show with a reception on March 8th, 11-1**

This annual all-student art show is a joint effort featuring mixed media artwork by students who attend Apponequet Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

# Friends OF THE LAKEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Today!

**Friends of the Library Meeting:**  
**Monday, February 3rd 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

Stop by the Friends Book Nook: Our ongoing book sale room!



**Friends Tote Bag:**  
**\$5**  
Fill with items you buy from the Book Nook!



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

Museum of Science

New England Aquarium

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS  
RECREATION & STATE PARKS

Children's Museum of Boston

mfa BOSTON

NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

dcr Massachusetts

HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS

BUTTRICK PARK ZOO  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PLIMOTH PATUXET MUSEUMS

ZOO

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

## Weekly Activities

**ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP**  
Thursdays after 5:00pm

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

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<https://www.creativebug.com/lib/lakevillelibrary>