

# Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Happy New Year!  
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## Upcoming Holidays/ Closings New Year!

Closing at 3:00pm  
Wednesday,  
December 31<sup>st</sup>  
and  
Closed Thursday,  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

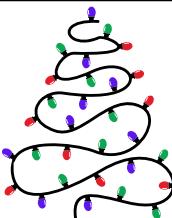
Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

## Closed Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

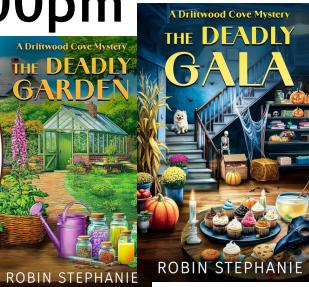
## Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu: 10-8  
Wed: 10-6  
Sat: 10-2  
Closed Fri & Sun



The Library will be collecting holiday string lights and extension cords for proper disposal through January 10<sup>th</sup>. Drop accepted items into the receptacle in the Library lobby.

## Local Author Series: Robin Stephanie & her Driftwood Cove Mystery Series Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm



Middleboro-based author Robin Stephanie made her debut this past summer with the release of *The Deadly Garden* (July 2025), the first book in her new Driftwood Cove Mystery series. Book Two in the Driftwood Cove Mystery series, *The Deadly Gala*, was released in October, 2025.

A charming blend of small-town life, suspense, and intrigue, this series of books follows amateur sleuth Violet Primrose as she uncovers secrets hidden in her coastal New England town.

## Lifting Heavy: The Why, the How, and the When with Colleen Sutcliffe Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm



What are the benefits of "lifting heavy", and why is it so important for women of a certain age?

Local Midlife Women's Health and Wellness Coach and Personal Trainer, Colleen Sutcliffe, will discuss the numerous benefits of lifting weights for menopausal women, current research and best practices, and individual concerns. Able participants should come prepared to learn about and maybe even try out a few lifting techniques specific to strengthening and increasing flexibility in their hips, backs, shoulders, and arms.



Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, anyone picking up materials for someone else **must have the patron's card**, or a copy of their card, to check out items for privacy reasons.

**Genealogy Club**  
**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
11am: Meet and Greet  
12pm: Zoom presentation

## How to Use the FamilySearch Catalog

Cheryl Hudson Passey is a professional genealogist, instructor, writer, speaker, and owner of Carolina Girl Genealogy, LLC. She hosts the YouTube genealogy chat show GenFriends and is a genealogical researcher subcontracted by Eagle Investigative Services, Inc., for the U.S. Army Past Conflict Reparations Branch.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Souza at [csouza@sailsinc.org](mailto:csouza@sailsinc.org). All are welcome to attend.

## NEW! 2026 Genealogy Drop-in Hours

Need help researching your family tree? Cynthia Souza, our resident expert on genealogy research, can help you navigate Ancestry.com Library Edition, FamilySearch, or American Ancestors available at no cost with your library card. Drop in hours are **4-6pm on Thursdays**. If you would prefer a different time, please email Cynthia Souza at [csouza@sailsinc.org](mailto:csouza@sailsinc.org) or call 508-947-9028.

 **ancestry**  
library edition    **in-library use only**

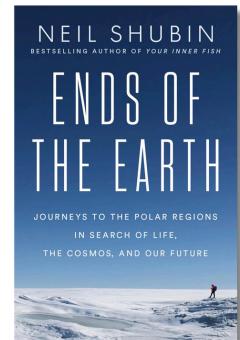
## Two Monthly Book Clubs

### Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

***Ends of the Earth: Journeys to the Polar Regions in Search of Life, the Cosmos, and Our Future* by Neil Shubin**

**TRENDING  
TOPIC**



Read the stories of renowned scientist Neil Shubin who traveled from pole to pole to lead scientific expeditions that are as thrilling as they are educational. *Ends of the Earth* combines travel writing, science, and history to illustrate how much scientists and explorers have learned . . . and how much there is still to learn about these frigid regions.

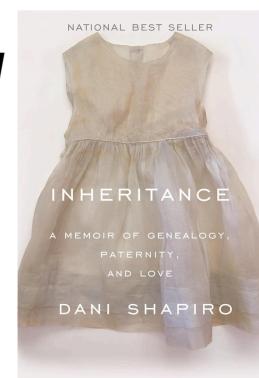
### Novel Teas Monthly Book Club

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

***Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro**



Follow novelist and memoirist Dani Shapiro as she uncovers the truth of her genealogy after a DNA test reveals a shocking secret. Learn how she comes to terms with her “new” background and identity without losing those closest to her.



*Newcomers are always welcome.*

*Copies for the Library Book Clubs and the Town of Lakerville's Council on Aging Book Club are available for checkout at the Main Desk.*

# 2026

# What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this JANUARY



## Winter/Spring Storyhour

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> through  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

3 year olds and under: 10:30am on Mondays,  
Tuesdays, and Thursdays

4 years and up: 1:00pm on Thursdays

Held INSIDE the Great Ponds Gallery

## BOOKWORMS

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm



for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders &  
their parents/caregivers

Bookworms is a monthly book club for kids AND their caregiver to meet to discuss a book, do activities, bond, and talk about interesting topics. At our January meeting, we will be reading a *Choose Your Own Adventure* book together!



## PLAYING with Purpose

Ages 0-5

Playing with Purpose (ages 0-5)  
Wednesdays at 10:30am  
February 4<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>

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. Parents/caregivers are then encouraged to use the items shared to “Play with Purpose” and are given relevant information on how to continue to build on these concepts at home.

## S.T.E.A.M. Afternoons (ages 5-10)

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

February 4<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>

Join us each week as we explore a different S.T.E.A.M. area (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Music). For more information, please see Ms. Teresa in the Children's Room.



Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm,  
by appointment only

Our Read-to-a-Dog program is an excellent way for children to gain confidence in their reading skills by reading out loud in a relaxed atmosphere to Remy, a certified therapy dog. Remy is the perfect reading buddy for children who are working on their reading skills, or who are a little timid around dogs. To sign up to Read to Remy, please talk to Ms. Teresa in person, via email ([teemirra@sailsinc.org](mailto:teemirra@sailsinc.org)), a Facebook message, or call 508-947-9028. Space is limited.

For more information on any of our programs contact: Youth Services Librarian Ms. Teresa - [teemirra@sailsinc.org](mailto:teemirra@sailsinc.org)

## Coding with Dash 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up!\*\* Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm



### Registration required!

During this workshop, **kids in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up** will code using Dash robots! Fun and educational!

Registration is required via the link on our Events Calendar: <https://lakeville-ma.whofi.com/calendar/event/384471>

## Family LEGO Challenge Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm



Do you have master LEGO builders in your family? Put those building skills to the test when you work as a family to construct our second challenge build! All families will be constructing the same object with the provided bricks. This program is best for families with school-age children.

## Family Matinee: Frozen Sing Along!\* Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00am



Rated PG for some action and mild rude humor.

Join us for the sing-along version of Disney's *Frozen*. *Frozen* attire is encouraged but not required.

## Tween/Teen Mini Art\* Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Embrace your big, creative ideas and paint them onto mini canvases! This program is open to anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades.

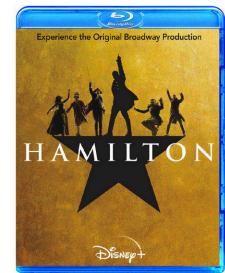


Registration is required via the link on our Events Calendar: <https://lakeville-ma.whofi.com/calendar/event/388284>

## February Vacation Activities!

### Dinner & a Movie: Hamilton\* (PG-13)

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm  
We will provide pizza and snacks.



### Magic by Scott Martell

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm

### Buildernoon (drop in)

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00pm



This workshop will be led by Licensed Psychologist and Certified Behavior Analyst Kristi Clarke, PsyD, BCBA-D, of Lumos Psychological Assessment and Counseling, LLC

## Turn Mornings into a Game: Build a custom board game that gets your kid moving! Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm

**For Adults Only:** This one-hour, hands-on workshop is designed for parents/caregivers of children (preschool through middle school) who struggle with morning routines, particularly kids with ADHD, anxiety, sensory sensitivities, or who simply don't respond to typical behavior charts and rewards. In this workshop, parents will create a customized morning routine board game using provided materials (though donations of old board games are welcome). Rather than leaving with generic parenting advice, parents will walk out with a tangible tool specifically designed for how their child's brain works—something they can use the very next morning!

# In the Great Ponds Gallery

## Deanne Joy, Quilts *Patriots Heart: American Story* January 5<sup>th</sup> - February 19<sup>th</sup>



This stirring exhibition comes from the Cambridge-based, art-centered nonprofit Patriots Heart founded by American heritage story quilter Deanne Joy. Titled *Sacrifice: The Heart of the Military*, it pays tribute to the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of United States Military personnel across a century of service.

At the heart of the exhibit is the crafted quilt series, representing six major conflicts over the past 100 years. Through fabric, color, and texture, these story quilts offer a deeply personal and artistic lens into the lived experiences honoring veterans. Each piece invites viewers to reflect on the diverse aspects of military service. Complementing the quilts are a series of art posters that feature historical photos, poetry, and contextual information to deepen engagement and inspire dialogue.

There will not be a reception.



## Massachusetts Center for the Book 2026 Reading Challenge

### JANUARY

A book about or set in winter

### FEBRUARY

A book outside your usual genres or spin the genre wheel\*

### MARCH

A book featuring an unlikely friendship

### APRIL

A short story or essay collection

### MAY

A book set in Massachusetts

### JUNE

A book with a sympathetic villain

### JULY

A book found in our Book Nook, a yard sale, or used bookstore

### AUGUST

A book that could be considered taboo

### SEPTEMBER

A book about a journey

### OCTOBER

A mystery, thriller, or ghost story

### NOVEMBER

An adult classic you've never read

### DECEMBER

A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity

## Read a book a month in 2026!

Join us for the Massachusetts Center for the Book's 2026 Reading Challenge.

Each month, the Library will display books that fit the month's challenge or read your own pick. Record the books you read each month, and you could win even more books!

This is an easy and fun way to challenge yourself and maybe discover a brand new-to-you author!

**Sign up at**  
**[mareadingchallenge.org](http://mareadingchallenge.org)**

# WE WOULDN'T HAVE . . .

THE BOOK NOOK STORE INDOOR MINI GOLF  
VOX AND WONDERBOOKS TEEN PROGRAMS  
GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS  
ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES  
MUSEUM PASSES GUEST SPEAKERS  
REFRESHMENTS AT LIBRARY EVENTS  
TRUNK OR TREAT KIDS' PROGRAMS  
MOVIE MATINEES NOON YEAR'S EVE  
SUMMER READING PROGRAMS  
...WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



Join our next monthly meeting:  
Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**Friends Tote Bag: \$5.00**

Great for filling with items bought at the Book Nook, the pay-what-you-can bookstore whose proceeds help fund Library programs!



## Museum Passes—Reserve Online or Call the Library!



New England  
Aquarium



USS Constitution  
Museum



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

### ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

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



### Cribbage Club

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



## Coming later in 2026

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft:

Beginner Macrame\*

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Local Author Series: Marie Dion's  
*Returning What's Sacred*

Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Local Author Series: Dell Bridge's *Never  
Let Go of Christ: A True Story about Self-  
Harm, Bullying, and Salvation*

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Local Author Series: Barry Eneh's *Pulse  
of Becoming: The Path of Infinite  
Transformation* book of poetry

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft: TBD\*

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

\*Registration required; opens one month prior

### Digital Resources

Visit the [Digital Resources](#) page on the [Library](#) website to view all that a library card can offer!



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