

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 31st
and
Closed Thursday,
January 1st, 2026

Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19th

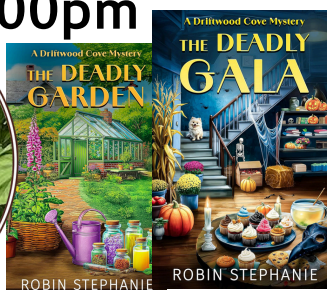
Closed Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16th

Library Hours

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

Local Author Series: Robin Stephanie & her Driftwood Cove Mystery Series Tuesday, January 6th 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.

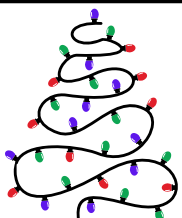
Lifting Heavy: The Why, the How, and the When with Colleen Sutcliffe Tuesday, January 27th 6:30pm



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.

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



Beginning March 1st, 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 17th
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. 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 or call 508-947-9028.

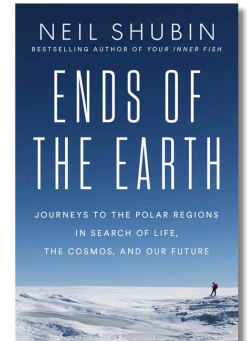
 **ancestry**
library edition **in-library use only**

Two Monthly Book Clubs

Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club

Monday, January 26th
6:30pm

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



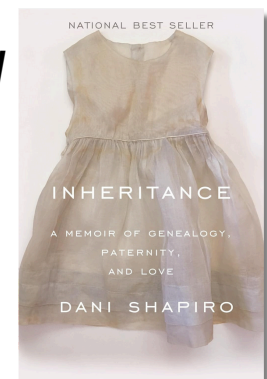
Read the stories of renowned scientist Neil Shubin who traveled from pole to pole to lead scientific expeditions that are as thrilling as they are educational. *Ends of the Earth* combines travel writing, science, and history to illustrate how much scientists and explorers have learned . . . and how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

Novel Teas Monthly Book Club

Tuesday, January 27th
6:30pm

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

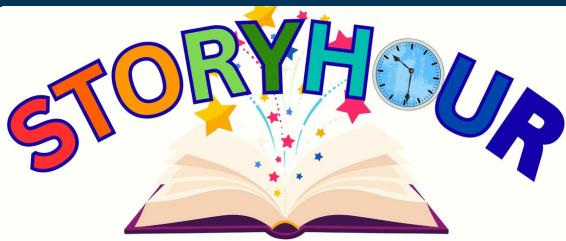
Follow novelist and memoirist Dani Shapiro as she uncovers the truth of her genealogy after a DNA test reveals a shocking secret. Learn how she comes to terms with her “new” background and identity without losing those closest to her.



Newcomers are always welcome.

Copies for the Library Book Clubs and the Town of Lakeville'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



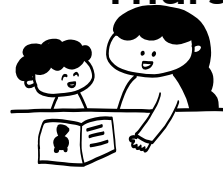
Winter/Spring Storyhour Monday, February 2nd through Thursday, May 14th

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 8th

6:30pm



for 1st & 2nd graders &
their parents/caregivers

Choose
Your Own
Adventure
Group
Read!

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 4th through March 11th

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 4th through April 29th

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), 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

Coding with Dash
4th grade and up!**
Tuesday, January 13th
6:00pm



Registration required!

During this workshop, **kids in 4th 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 22nd
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 24th
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 29th, 6:00pm

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



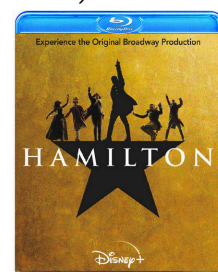
Registration is required via the link on our Events Calendar: <https://lakeville-ma.whofi.com/calendar/event/388284>

February Vacation Activities!

Dinner & a Movie: Hamilton* (PG-13)
 Tuesday, February 17th, 5:00pm
 We will provide pizza and snacks.

Magic by Scott Martell
 Wednesday, February 18th, 2:00pm

Buildernoon (drop in)
 Thursday, February 19th, 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 3rd, 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!

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Library

**This program is made possible by the Library Board of Trustees through generous financial support received from the "Savas Fund"

In the Great Ponds Gallery

Deanne Joy, Quilts *Patriots Heart: American Story* January 5th - February 19th



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

*For the genre wheel, visit massbook.org/genre-wheel or spin the wheel at the Library! Join the challenge at massbook.org/readingchallenge-2

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

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

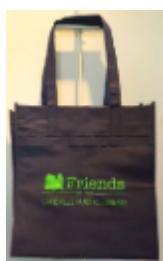
...WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



Join our next monthly meeting:
Monday, January 5th

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!



Coming later in 2026

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft:

Beginner Macrame*

Thursday, February 5th, 6:00pm

Local Author Series: Marie Dion's

Returning What's Sacred

Thursday, February 12th, 6:30pm

Local Author Series: Dell Bridge's *Never*

Let Go of Christ: A True Story about Self-Harm, Bullying, and Salvation

Monday, March 9th, 6:30pm

Local Author Series: Barry Ench's *Pulse*

of Becoming: The Path of Infinite Transformation book of poetry

Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30pm

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft: TBD*

Thursday, April 9th, 6:00pm

*Registration required; opens one month prior

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



NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM



HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS



The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River



USS Constitution Museum



Cahoon Museum of American Art

ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

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



Cribbage Club

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



Digital Resources

Visit the **Digital Resources** page on the **Library** website to view all that a library card can offer!



MANGO
language learning



free audio and ebooks



CR Consumer Reports
online magazine

creativebug
arts & craft instruction
and much more!