

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holidays/ Closings

Closed Patriots' Day

Monday, April 20



Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu: 10-8

Wed: 10-6

Sat: 10-2

Closed Fri & Sun

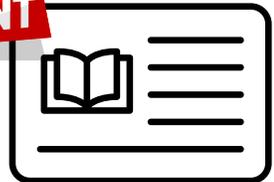


Retire with Joy* with Roberta Gregoire Monday, March 16 6:00pm



Money is an important part of retiring comfortably but not the only factor to consider. Local life coach Roberta Gregoire will talk about the nonfinancial aspects of retirement planning, why they are important, and what you can start doing now to plan for your own retirement.

Gregoire is the owner of One Degree Turns, a company founded to help people navigate transitions in the second half of life. After a long career in financial services, Roberta trained as a life coach and started the company as part of her own third act.

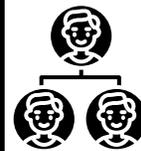


Anyone picking up materials for someone else **must have the patron's card, or a copy of their card**, to check out items for privacy reasons.



Registration for the Adult and Teen (16+) Craft Program for Thursday, April 9 will open on **March 9**.

We will be making a decorative succulent gardens from felt.



There will be **TWO** genealogy programs this month!

See page 2 for details. . .

We have IRS forms 1040, 1040SR, and MA Resident Booklets on a table in the lobby, available while supplies last. Please take only what you need as we have limited copies.

**Funded through State Aid to Public Libraries as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners*

Genealogy Club: Two Dates!

RootsTech by Family Search

Thursday, March 5, 10am-5pm and
Saturday, March 7, 11am-1:30pm

Join us to watch virtual presentations from the RootsTech Family History Conference in Salt Lake City. Relax in the Brian H. Reynolds Local History Room for an hour or longer! Please contact Cynthia Souza (see below) for a schedule of presentations being aired.

Light refreshments will be provided both days. Please feel free to bring a bag lunch if you would like.

Creating an Ancestor Sketch by Thomas MacEntee (rescheduled) Saturday, March 21, 11am

Most genealogists never get around to publishing a family history book.

Learn how to combine a cover, photos, facts, family stories, source citations, and more into a short three-to-five page sketch that can be compiled into one book.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Souza at csouza@sailsinc.org. All are welcome to attend.

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: Newcomers Welcome!

Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club*



Monday, March 23

6:30pm

The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers by Elizabeth Cobbs



In 1918, the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France at General Pershing's explicit request. These women were all masters of the latest technology: the telephone switchboard. While suffragettes picketed the White House and President Wilson struggled to persuade a segregationist Congress to give women of all races the vote, these courageous young women swore the army oath and settled into their new roles. Elizabeth Cobbs reveals the challenges they faced in a war zone where male soldiers wooed, mocked, and, ultimately, celebrated them.

**Since both January and February's meetings were both canceled due to snow, we will discuss January, February, AND March's books at the March meeting.*

Novel Teas Monthly Book Club (2x!)

Monday, March 9, 6:30pm

The Measure

by Nikki Erlick

Rescheduled from February 24 which was canceled due to snowstorm.



Tuesday, March 31, 6:30pm

Her Last Flight: A Novel

by Beatriz Williams

Beloved author Beatriz Williams returns with a remarkable novel of raw suspense and lyric beauty — the story of a lost pilot and a wartime photographer that will leave its mark on your soul.

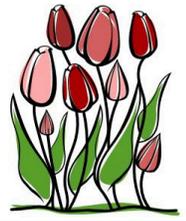


Newcomers are always welcome to our book clubs!

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.



What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this



Winter/Spring Storyhour Mondays, Tuesday, & Thursdays through May 14

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



Music Time is Back! Wednesdays starting March 25 through April 29, 10:30am

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



PLAYING with Purpose

Ages 0-5

Playing with Purpose (ages 0-5) Wednesdays at 10:30am through March 11

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, through April 29

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.



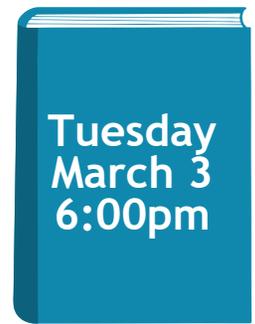
Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm, by appointment only

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.



Book Tasting for kids in K-3 AND their parent/caregiver

"Sample" books from a variety of genres!



Does the thought of helping your child pick out a book make you nervous? Do you get overwhelmed in the Library? Are you having trouble finding a book your child actually wants to read?

If you answered yes to any or all of these, we invite you and your child (grades K-3) to join us for a **Book Tasting on March 3!** During the "tasting", you'll "sample" books from various genres (mystery, science fiction, historical fiction, and more) spanning a variety of reading levels. We'll move genre to genre discovering exciting new reads and will leave with a full reading list!

BOOKWORMS

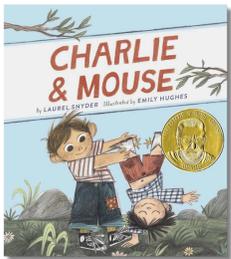


Thursday, March 5
6:30pm



for first & second graders
& their parents/caregivers

Bookworms is a monthly book club for kids and their caregivers to meet to discuss a book, do activities, bond, and talk. Pick up a copy of *Charlie & Mouse* at the Children's Room desk to read before we meet.



LEGO Free Build
Tuesday, March 10
from 4:00-7:00pm

Join us for LEGO Free Build in the Great Ponds Gallery! We have both DUPLO and LEGO bricks so kids of ANY age can play. This program is sponsored by YOU, our generous patrons and is free. NO registration is required. For more information, see Ms. Teresa in the Children's Room.



Teen Fortnite Tournament

Thursday, March 19
4:00-7:00pm

Attention all Teens join up with our friends from One Up Games for the Fortnite Tournament! Fourteen of you will compete for the title but only one will be victorious. This program is open to 6th through 12th graders.



Registration is required and can be done on the library's calendar of events at lakevillelibrary.org.

Foil Art *

Monday, March 23, 6:00pm

What do foam shapes, backgrounds, and foil in all sorts of colors and sparkles add up to? A night full of fun of course! Join us for Foil Art Fun and create an animal inspired scene that will dazzle and amaze! **This program is for kindergarten through third grade.**

Registration is required and can be done on the library's calendar of events at lakevillelibrary.org.

Ms. Teresa is looking for Halloween costumes for a free Halloween costume shop this fall. Please only donate items in a condition good enough that you'd give it to a friend.

**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

HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

March 2-26

Reception:
Saturday, March 7,
11:00am-1:00pm

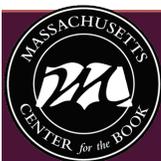


This annual all-student art show is a joint effort featuring mixed media artwork by students who attend Apponequet Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

During the March 7 reception, enjoy artwork from local high school students while listening to the ARHS Jazz Ensemble. All are invited to attend.

Above artwork from 2025 show: top left: Larissa Pereira/ARHS; top right: Themis Williams/OCHS; bottom left: Zero Kendrigan/OCHS; bottom right: Kobana Fontinha/ARHS

Also in March: Homeschool Art Show & Reception
Saturday, March 28, 10:00am-1:00 pm
View artwork from a local homeschooling group with students of all ages.



Massachusetts Center for the Book 2026 Reading Challenge

Read a book a month in 2026!

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

March's prompt is to read "a book featuring an unlikely friendship". Find a list of potential books at www.massbook.org/readingchallenge, or stop by the Library's display which will be set up for the month of March.

Sign up for the challenge at mareadingchallenge.org

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

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, March 2 at 6pm**

Friends Tote Bag: \$5.00

Purchase of a Friends Tote Bag supports Library programs! Use it to carry out Library books or purchased items from the Friends' Book Nook!



Coming Soon

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

Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm

Adult/Teen (16+) Craft: Felt Succulent Garden*

Thursday, April 9, 6:00pm

Mini Golf in the Library!

Sunday, April 12, 12:00-4:00pm

Transit 101 Presentation

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00-2:00pm

Tea Party by the Friends of the Library* (ticketed event)

Sunday, May 3, 1:00-3:00pm

Local Author Series: Dr. Judith Magalhaes's *Consent to Cure: Using Holistic Options and Personal Empowerment to Reclaim Health*

Thursday, May 7, 6:00pm

Local Author Series: Annie Hartnett's *The Road to Tender Hearts*

Tuesday, June 2, 6:30pm

*Registration required

Museum Passes—Reserve Online or Call the Library!



Museum of Science



BOSTON

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



New England Aquarium



Massachusetts



USS Constitution Museum



PLIMOTH PATUXET MUSEUMS



NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM



HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS



The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River



BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO



BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO



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](#) for 24/7 access to online products such as...



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audiobooks, ebooks, & emagazines

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Lakeville Library card!