

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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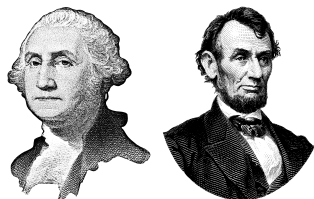
Upcoming Holidays/Closings

**Closing Early
Staff Development
Meeting**

Wednesday, February
11 closing at 4:00pm

**Closed Presidents'
Day**

Monday, February 16



Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu: 10-8

Wed: 10-6

Sat: 10-2

Closed Fri & Sun

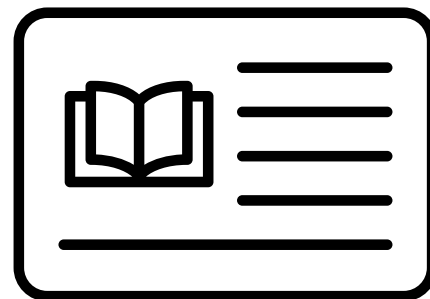
**Local Author Series:
Marie Dion, *Returning
What's Sacred*
Thursday, February 12
6:30pm**



Local author Marie Dion will discuss her latest book, *Returning What's Sacred*, which details a ten-year journey to bring a Native sacred object back to its rightful home out west. She will recount how walking a path of deep healing, faith, and interconnectedness changed her forever.

"This book is needed now because courage is needed now." —Sandi Isgro, President, American Society of Dowzers

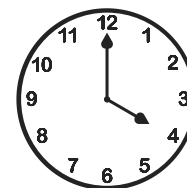
"You have healed all of us in different ways, and for that, every piece of my soul thanks you. Kuttabotomish." —Willow Daly, Nipmuc Tribal citizen



Beginning March 1, 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.

Closing Early for Staff Development

The Library will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 11 for a Staff Development Meeting.



The Beginner Macrame Class on February 5 is FULL. If you are signed up but can no longer attend, please cancel your registration so that someone on the waitlist can attend in your place.

APRIL

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The Lakeville Library will have IRS forms 1040, 1040SR, and MA Resident Booklets (while supplies last). A table is set up in the Library's lobby for your convenience.

Genealogy Club
Saturday, February 21
11am: Meet and Greet
12pm: Zoom presentation

10th Annual Ancestors Day


Every year, several members from the "Bristol Chapter" volunteer to share interesting stories and research anecdotes about their families. Members will enlighten attendees with their triumphs, journeys, family stories, and roadblocks in their quest to find their ancestors.

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

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**

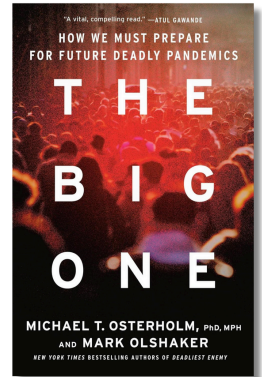
Two Monthly Book Clubs

Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club



Monday, February 23
6:30pm

***The Big One: How We Must Prepare for Future Deadly Pandemics* by Michael T. Osterholm & Mark Olshaker**



Written by the founding director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy Michael T. Osterholm and author Mark Olshaker, *The Big One: How We Must Prepare for Future Deadly Pandemics* looks at how scientists and society might approach an even worse pandemic than Covid-19. Using what was learned during the last pandemic, the book exposes mistakes that were made and how to be better prepared when the next one hits.

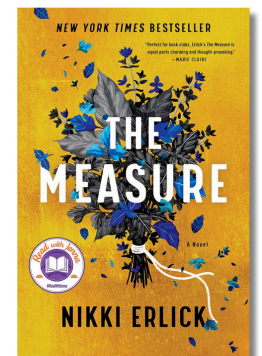
Novel Teas Monthly Book Club



Tuesday, February 24
6:30pm

***The Measure* by Nikki Erlick**

How would you live your life if you knew when it would end? And, given the choice, would you want to know?



Please pick up a copy of *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick at the Library and read before we meet so that we can discuss this interesting and thought-provoking novel.

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 **February**



STORYHOUR

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

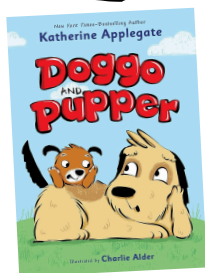
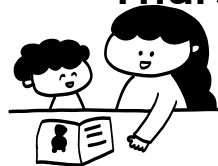
3 year olds and under: 10:30am on Mondays,
Tuesdays, and Thursdays
4 years and up: 1:00pm on Thursdays
Held INSIDE the Great Ponds Gallery

BOOKWORMS

Thursday, February 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 *Doggo and Pupper* by Katherine Applegate at the Children's Room desk to read before we meet.



PLAYING with Purpose

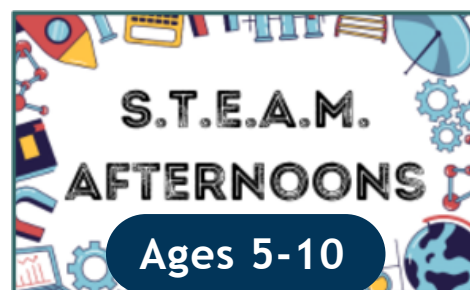
Ages 0-5

Playing with Purpose (ages 0-5)
Wednesdays at 10:30am
February 4 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
February 4 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.

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



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

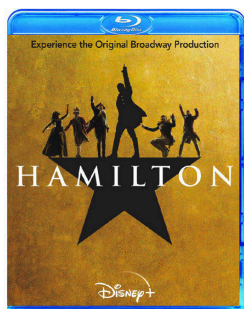
Turn Mornings into a Game:

Build a custom board game that gets your kid moving!

Tuesday, February 3, 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!

February Vacation Activities!



Dinner & a Movie:

*Hamilton** (PG-13)

Tuesday, February 17, 5:00pm

Includes pizza and snacks!



Magic Show

by Scott Martell**

Wednesday, February 18,

2:00pm



Buildernoon

(drop-in program)

Thursday, February 19,

4:00-7:00pm



Storyhour with Special Guest Bethany Arguin

Thursday, February 19, 1:00pm

Join us for a special guest story hour with Bethany Arguin, Kindergarten Teacher at Assawompset Elementary School and author of *Riley Reed Knows One Thing*! Enjoy a sweet story all about a mother's love, create a fun take-home craft, and help make a difference for families facing a serious diagnosis. A portion of the book proceeds will be donated to Swim Across America.

Save the Dates...

Book Tasting for K-3, Tuesday, March 3, 6:00pm (for parent/caregiver AND child)

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!** During the "tasting", you'll "sample" books from various genres (mystery, science fiction, historical fiction, etc.) spanning a variety of reading levels. Participants will move genre to genre discovering exciting new reads and will leave with a full to-read list!

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

Teen Fortnite Tournament, Thursday, March 19, 4:00pm

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Library

**Sponsored by the Arts Council Credit Line

Trying to clean up and find space for all those holiday presents? We want to help!

Ms. Teresa is collecting board games to be repurposed at the Turn Your Mornings into a Game workshop for adults on February 3.

She is also 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.

In the Great Ponds Gallery


Deanne Joy, Quilts *Patriots Heart: American Story* through February 19



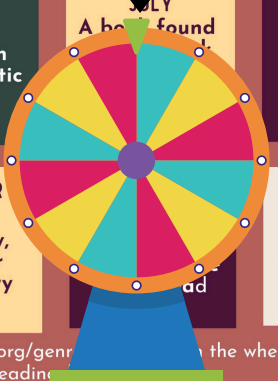
This stirring exhibition comes from the Cambridge-based, art-centered nonprofit Patriots Heart founded by American heritage story quilter Deanne Joy. Titled *Sacrifice: The Heart of the Military*, it pays tribute to the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of United States Military personnel across a century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

At the heart of the exhibit is the crafted quilt series by Deanne Joy with Elise Sopelle, 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.

Later this month: **Middle School Art Show Reception**
Saturday, February 28 from 11am-1pm

 **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 a library	AUGUST A book that could be considered taboo
SEPTEMBER A book about a journey	OCTOBER A mystery, thriller, or ghost story	NOVEMBER A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity	DECEMBER A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity



*For the genre wheel, visit massbook.org/genre-wheel to spin the wheel at the Library!
Join the challenge at massbook.org/reading-challenge

Read a book a month in 2026!

Join us for the Massachusetts Center for the Book's 2026 Reading Challenge. February's prompt is to read **"a book outside your usual genre or spin the genre wheel"**. We will have a wheel set up near the front desk with selections from the various genres: come spin and pick up something new to read!

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

Sign up for the challenge at
mareadingchallenge.org

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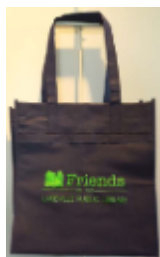
THE BOOK NOOK STORE INDOOR MINI GOLF
VOX AND WONDERBOOKS TEEN PROGRAMS
GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS
ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES
MUSEUM PASSES GUEST SPEAKERS
REFRESHMENTS AT LIBRARY EVENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT KIDS' PROGRAMS
MOVIE MATINEES NOON YEAR'S EVE
SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

. . . WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



Friends
of the
Lakeville
Public
Library

Join our next monthly meeting:
Monday, February 2



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 Soon

Genealogy Club: RootsTech Family
History Conference Livestream

Thursday, March 5, 10:00am-5:00pm and
Saturday, March 7, 11:00am-1:30pm

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

Monday, March 9, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft: TBD*

Thursday, April 9, 6:00pm

*Registration required; opens one month prior

Museum Passes—Reserve Online or Call the Library!



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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



New England
Aquarium



dcr
Massachusetts



USS Constitution
Museum



EASTWOOD PARK ZOO
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Cahoon
Museum
OF AMERICAN Art

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ADULT
KNITTERS'
GROUP

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



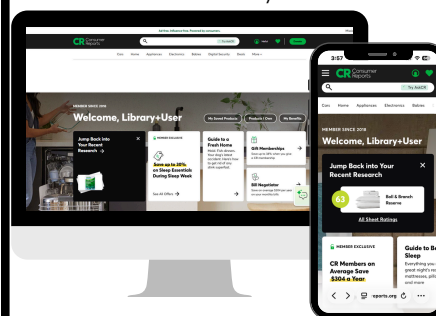
Cribbage
Club

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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ReportsTM
online magazine
free with your
Lakeville Library card!