

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holidays/ Closings

Closed
Independence
Day
Saturday, July 4



Library Hours

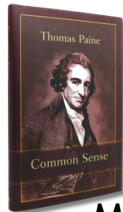
Mon, Tue, Thu: 10-8
Wed: 10-6
Sat: 10-2
Closed Fri & Sun

Adult and Teen
(16+) Craft Night
Book Flowers
Thursday, July 9
6:00pm

Class is full!



1776 America's 250th 2026



Book Discussion: *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine

Monday, July 20
6:30pm

Join us for book discussions related to the founding of the United States of America! Adults will discuss *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine. Conversation will be moderated by Lakeville Library Director, Jennifer Jones.

There will also be book discussions for kids. Please visit the Youth pages for additional details.

Bookworms Grades 1-2: July 9,
6:30pm

Magic Tree House's *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*

Grades 3-5: July 30, 6:30pm
I Survived The American Revolution, 1776

Grades 4-6: August 3, 6:30pm
History Smashers: The American Revolution

Grades 6-12: August 4, 6:30pm
Rebellion 1776

Please register to give us an estimated head count. The first 10 people to register will also get a copy of the discussion book thanks to funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Registration is online via our calendar of events.

Local author of *Black Flags, Blue Waters*
Eric Jay Dolin
Rebels at Sea



Note
date
change!



Monday, October 5
6:30pm

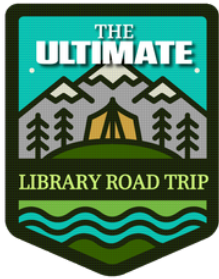
The founding of the U.S. Navy during the Revolution has been told before, yet missing from most maritime histories is the ragtag fleet of private vessels, from 20-foot whaleboats to 40-cannon men-of-war, that truly revealed the new nation's character—its ambition and entrepreneurial ethos. In *Rebels at Sea*, author Eric Jay Dolin corrects that significant omission and contends that privateers, seen as profiteers at best and pirates at worst, were in fact critical to the Revolution's outcome.

Armed with cannons, swivel guns, muskets, and pikes (as well as government documents granting them the right to seize enemy ships), thousands of privateers tormented the British on the Atlantic, in bays and harbors on both sides of the ocean. Abounding with tales of daring maneuvers and deadly encounters, *Rebels at Sea* presents the American Revolution as we have rarely seen it before.

Adult Summer Reading Bingo!



Adult Summer Reading Bingo has returned! Pick up a Bingo sheet at the Library and play along. Everyone who gets BINGO is entered to win a prize! Ends August 6; return Bingo sheet by August 8 to be entered into the prize drawing.



Join The SAILS Ultimate Library Road Trip this summer!

Spend your summer visiting your neighboring SAILS libraries! This Road Trip spans three counties in Southeastern Massachusetts. As you stop by each member library, check-in at the front desk and stamp your passport to track your progress. Passports are available at the Library.

Book Clubs for Adults

All three Library Book Clubs will be taking a short break this summer. Book choices will be announced in the August newsletter.

THE WEIRD BOOK CLUB

Returns Monday, September 21
6:30pm

Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club

TRENDING TOPICS

Returns Monday, August 24
6:30pm

Novel Teas Monthly Book Club



Lively Discussion and Hot Tea

Returns Tuesday, August 25
6:30pm

Newcomers are always welcome to our book clubs! Copies for our book clubs and the town's Council on Aging Book Club are available for checkout at the Main Desk. Lakeville's COA Book Club will not meet in July or August.

Genealogy Club

SAVE THE DATE: Margaret "Marti" Bobertz, will hold individualized workshops, 4:30-6:30pm on Tuesday, August 4, for those interested in applying to the Mayflower Society. Marti is the former Director of Genealogy and Research Services for the Mayflower Society. **Please register online via our Events Calendar; registration opens one month prior. Space is limited.**

The Genealogy Club will take a break in July and August but returns in September. September 19th's meeting will include a virtual presentation by David Allen Lambert titled "Deciphering Old Handwriting". This online lecture will provide practical strategies for approaching handwritten documents from different time periods. David is the Chief Genealogist of American Ancestors/NEHGS and is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history.

No RSVP is necessary to attend monthly meetings. Contact csouza@sailsinc.org to be added to the Club's email list.

Genealogy Resources: Need help researching your family tree? Cynthia Souza, our resident expert on genealogy research, can help you navigate Ancestry.com Library Edition, American Ancestors, FamilySearch, and the resources available in the newly reorganized Brian H. Reynolds Local History Room. **Drop-in hours for assistance are Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm.**



What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this **JULY**



JOIN OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAMS!

PLANT A SEED, READ



PLANT A SEED, READ (FOR KIDS)

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a necklace and brag tag and earn beads for reading! Reading days 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, & 51 earn you special beads and entry into a prize drawing. Participating in the Summer Reading Program also gets you entered into a statewide raffle for prizes from the Boston Bruins!

PLANT A SEED, READ

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Stop by the Library to pick up a reading log and check out the **newly renovated Young Adult Room** for grades 6-12! Every 10 DAYS of reading earns you a small prize, leading up to the chance to win bigger prizes. Participating also gets you entered into a statewide raffle for prizes from the Boston Bruins!

SUMMER READING ENDS THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Plant A Seed, Read, the Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program, is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Lakeville Public Library, the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



Summer Storyhour Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

3 year olds and under: 10:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
4 years and up: 1:00pm on Thursdays



Summer Music Time Wednesdays in July at 10:30

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

Will be held INSIDE the Gallery.

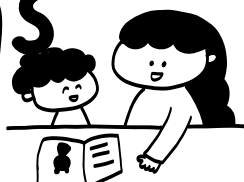


1000 Books Before Kindergarten

See Ms. Teresa for more information about signing up for this program!

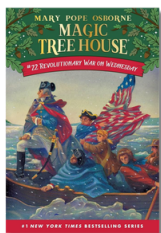
BOOKWORMS

Thursday, July 9
6:30pm



for first & second graders & their caregiver

Let's read and discuss Magic Tree House's *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*. Copies of the book are available for checkout in the Children's Room.



DROP-IN PLAYTIMES

LEGO FREE BUILD

Monday, July 6

1:00-4:00pm

Play with DUPLO and LEGO BRICKS in the Gallery!



OPEN VIDEO GAME PLAY



Monday, July 13

4:00-7:00pm

Open game play with Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, XBOX and VR with Oculus Quest!



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

WEDNESDAY MATINEE MOVIES



Encanto Sing-A-Long
July 1, 1:00pm



Hamilton Sing-A-Long
July 8, 1:00pm

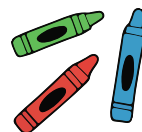


The Little Mermaid Sing-A-Long
July 15, 1:00pm

Wicked Sing-A-Long
July 29, 1:00pm



Concerts & Coloring



Tuesdays, July 7 & 14
6:00-7:30pm

While supplies last

Join us by the gazebo for a relaxing night of listening to live music while coloring during the Summer Concert Series!

BUBBLE DANCE PARTIES



Thursday, July 16 at 6:00pm and
Wednesday, August 5 at 10:30am

Takes place outside by Center Stage.

MASS CAPOEIRA PERFORMANCE*

Brazilian Martial Arts Meets Music

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00pm



Capoeira is a lively and energetic art form that incorporates elements of martial arts, dance, music, acrobatics, and Afro-Brazilian culture. During the performance, there will be plenty of chances to try out the exciting art of Capoeira! This event will be held outside by Center Stage, weather permitting.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover!



Our annual favorite: a stuffed animal! Their special plushie or lovey gets a chance to experience the Library **after hours!** Lots of photos will be shared so your child can see all the fun.

Drop off: Tuesday, July 21
between 10:00am-5:00pm

Pick up: Wednesday, July 22
between 10am-5:00pm

250th Anniversary Book Discussions



Registration Required

Join us for book discussions related to the founding of the United States of America! Discussions are grouped by age, and the first 10 people to register will get a free copy of the book thanks to funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York!

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Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop*

Monday, July 20, 2:00pm
Ages 13-18

Registration Required



Learn to stamp images, words and textures into metal to create a truly unique bookmark that will stand the test of time.

You'll learn proper hammer techniques and how to patina your bookmark.

Tween & Teen Book Bedazzling**

Thursday, July 23, 6:00pm
Grades 4-12

Registration Required



Give your books a glow-up in this book bedazzling program! Bring in your own book (or buy one from our Friends' Book Nook), and we'll supply the glue and gems to dress up your book covers with sparkles and fun details.

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

** Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Library.

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.

All discussions start at 6:30 pm and registration is online via our calendar of events.



In the Great Ponds Gallery

America's 250th Anniversary July in the Gallery

Sponsored by the Lakeville Historical Commission, Lakeville's 250th Anniversary Celebration commemorates the country's 250th birthday with art, letters, and other ephemera from Lakeville's history. Stop by the Great Ponds Gallery during regular Library hours to view the collection.



**Coming in August:
Book, Art & Blooms VII**
Public Reception & Silent Auction:
Thursday, August 6
6:00-8:00pm




Participate in the silent auction to win one of the custom floral arrangements designed by the Lakeville Garden Club and displayed with each book & work of art.

This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Lakeville Arts Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join the 2026 Reading Challenge!

Coming later this summer and fall. . .

 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

July's prompt is to read "a book found in the Library's Book Nook, a yard sale, or used bookseller". The Library's display will feature books pulled from our "pay-what-you-can" Book Nook which is run by the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library. Please donate any amount to take a book home with you.

Sign up for the challenge at mareadingchallenge.org

Tween & Teen Ice Cream Sundae Party*
Monday, August 10, 6:00pm



Matt York Band: Songs of Johnny Cash**
Tuesday, August 11, 6:00pm



Toe Jam Puppet Band***
Thursday, August 13, 6:00pm

Pop-Up Art School (Adults)
Mexican Tin Art* **
Monday, August 31



Intro to Quilling (two sessions, pick one!)*
Two Thursdays, September 3 or 10, 6:00pm

**Registration Required*

***Sponsored by Lakeville Arts Council*

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WE WOULDN'T HAVE . . .
THE BOOK NOOK STORE INDOOR MINI GOLF
VOX AND WONDERBOOKS TEEN PROGRAMS
GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS
ADULTS ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES
MUSEUM PASS GUEST SPEAKERS
REFRESHMENTS AT LIBRARY EVENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT KIDS' PROGRAMS
MOVIE MATINEES NOON YEAR'S EVE
SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

. . .WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



Our next monthly meeting will be in September. Enjoy summer!

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.



Get ready for this year's
Summer Concert Series
 at Center Stage
 by Lakeville Arts Council

All concerts are on Tuesdays
 at 6:00pm
(rain dates are the Thursday of that week)

July 7: Otto's Underground
 July 14: PanNeubean Steel*
 July 21: Terraplane Lane
 July 28: Georgia Johnson Band

**sponsored by Lakeville Arts Council & Lakeville Public Library*

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

ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

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

Cribbage Club

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

Digital Resources

Use your Library card for access to resources such as

kanopy

Films that matter
 free with your
 Lakeville Library card!

With access now to the entire Kanopy catalog!