

# Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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## Upcoming Holidays/ Closings

Closed to observe  
Juneteenth

Saturday, June 20

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  
Intro to Decoupage  
Thursday, June 4  
6:00pm**



**Spots still  
available!**

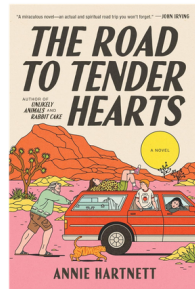
Learn how to decoupage in this no-stress, all-fun crafting class taught by library staff.

**Registration required**

<https://lakeville-ma.whoji.com/calendar/event/405972>

## Local Author Series Annie Hartnett *The Road to Tender Hearts*

Tuesday  
June 2  
6:30pm



*National bestseller and NPR and LIT  
HUB Best Book of the Year!*

Local bestselling author Annie Hartnett will be here to discuss her acclaimed novel, *The Road to Tender Hearts* which won the 2025 New England Book Award for fiction. Combining humor and tragedy, this book follows a dysfunctional blended family (and one clairvoyant cat) on a chaotic cross-country road trip. With plenty of Lakeville, aka “Pondville”, references, Annie’s book is “*a beautiful reminder that the world is full of tragedy, but life-changing joy and connection might be just around the corner.*”—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

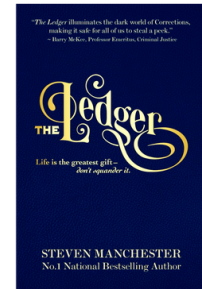
She is also the author of two other books: *Unlikely Animals* (2022) and *Rabbit Cake* (2017). She lives locally with her family and rescue dogs.



## Local Author Series Steven Manchester *The Ledger*

the companion novel to *The Menu*

Monday  
June 22  
6:00pm



*This new release comes out on May 26!*

The Library welcomes back Steven Manchester, this time to discuss his second installment in his *Menu* Series, *The Ledger*. Set in a Massachusetts medium-security penitentiary in the mid-1990s, *The Ledger* is a faith-based story that shines a light into the darkness, allowing the reader to discover a brutally foreign world. Told from three alternating perspectives—officer, inmate, and sergeant—all asking: *Can goodness be found in the shadows? What about forgiveness, redemption, and grace? And if the code is 'loyalty above all things except honor,' when should an officer cross the blue line to police one of his or her own?*

Steven, a former Gulf War Veteran, now enjoys time writing and spending time with family.

# Genealogy Club

## How to Apply to the Mayflower Society

Saturday, June 6, 11:00am

In-person presentation followed by Q&A/member sharing

Margaret “Marti” Bobertz will explain *How to Apply to the Mayflower Society*. Marti is the former Director of Genealogy and Research Services and a member of the Mayflower Society and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She is affiliated with Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred, Alden Kindred, The Warren Cousins, and Mayflower Societies in North and South Dakotas and Australia.

Lakeville resident Nancy Ratner will present *Researching Your Mayflower Ancestry Using the Silver Books*. Nancy has proven lineage to nine Pilgrims and is a member of the Mayflower Society, Jamestowne Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Daughters of the War of 1812, The Warren Cousins, and The Stetson Kindred of America.

All are welcome.

Please note that the Genealogy Club will be taking a break for July and August but will return in September.

## Genealogy Resources

 Ancestry library edition  AmericanAncestors  FamilySearch

Genealogy research is available at the Library using Ancestry.com Library Edition and American Ancestors on our public computers with a library card. Family Search can also be accessed at home after registering for a free account. In-person genealogy support will be available again later this summer.

# Book Clubs for Adults

NEW!

## THE WEIRD BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 6:30PM

**BUNNY: A NOVEL BY MONA AWAD**

Like to read books that are a bit oddball, a bit shocking, a bit *what the heck did I just read?* Join this new quarterly book club and let's talk about weird books! Our first book will be Mona Awad's bestseller *Bunny: A Novel*.



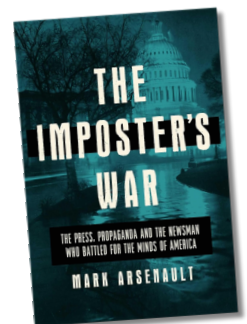
## Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club

Monday, June 22

6:30pm

***The Imposter's War: The Press, Propaganda, and the Newsman who Battled for the Minds of America* by Mark Arsenault**

An incredible tale of intrigue and espionage led by a conman named John Rathom who helped push a reluctant United States into World War I using propaganda and lies.



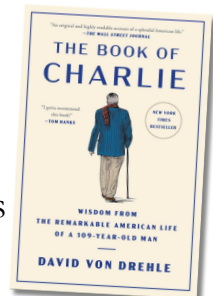
## Novel Teas Monthly Book Club

Tuesday, June 30

6:30pm

***The Book of Charlie* by David Von Drehle**

*Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man* subtiles this book about a remarkable man born before the radio who lived long enough to use a smart phone!



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.



What's Coming Up  
for Kids and Teens this



# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 17!

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!

## 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!

PLANT  
A SEED,  
READ

### 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 Starts June 15!

**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.*

## BOOKWORMS



Thursday, June 4  
6:30pm



for first & second graders & their caregiver

Bookworms is a monthly book club for kids and their caregivers to meet to discuss a book, do activities, bond, and talk. In June, we will discuss *Bink & Gollie*. Copies are available in the children's room.

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



PLAYING  
with Purpose

Ages 0-5

Wednesdays  
June 3 - June 24  
10:30am

Gain a better understanding of the importance of play and learn how to be an active participant in this important activity with your child! 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 also given relevant information on how to continue to build on these concepts at home.

**Book Tasting for kids in K-3 AND their parent/caregiver**  
**Tuesday, June 23. 6:00 pm**  
**"Sample" books from a variety of genres!**



*Does the thought of helping your child pick out a book make you nervous? 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 June 23!** 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!



**Magic by Skip Daniels!**  
**Thursday June 25**  
**6:00pm**

Prepare to be amazed and delighted by the family-friendly magic of Skip Daniels! A family performer for more than three decades, Skip will have kids and grownups laughing and gasping as he runs through an hour of tricks and routines.



This event is free and open to all ages.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Library*

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten starts in July, with more information to come!**



## Read to Stella

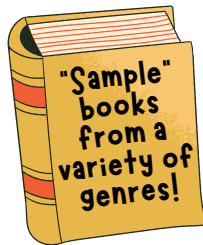


**Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm, by appointment only**

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 a certified therapy dog. Stella is the perfect reading buddy for children who could use extra practice reading out loud or who are a little timid around dogs.

To sign up to Read to Stella, 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.

**TWEEN & TEEN BOOK BUFFET**  
**GRADES 4-12**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 29, 6:00PM**



*Is your taste in books changing? Not sure if you should stay in the Children's Room or is it time to try out the Young Adult Room?*

The Tween & Teen Book Buffet is the place to find your next favorite book! You'll be able to sample a little mystery, try out some historical fiction, see that there's more to science fiction than just aliens, dip your toes into thrillers full of suspense, and much more.



**JUST FOR TEENS!**  
**(GRADES 6-12)**

The newly renovated Young Adult Room is now open, **exclusively for teens** in grades 6-12 to use!

Study, read, relax, or socialize in a space that is designed with teens in mind!

*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.*

# In Remembrance: Brian H Reynolds


May 31, 1944 ~  
May 6, 2026



The Lakeville Public Library extends our condolences to the family of Brian H. Reynolds who was a longtime friend and supporter of the Library and who endeavored to preserve the history of Lakeville.

In 2009, the Library's Local History Room was dedicated to him as a permanent reminder of his work and commitment. He will be missed.

## Join the 2026 Reading Challenge!

 **Massachusetts Center for the Book  
2026 Reading Challenge**

<b>JANUARY</b> A book about or set in winter	<b>FEBRUARY</b> A book outside your usual genres or spin the genre wheel	<b>MARCH</b> A book featuring an unlikely friendship	<b>APRIL</b> A short story or essay collection
<b>MAY</b> A book set in Massachusetts	<b>JUNE</b> A book with a sympathetic villain	<b>JULY</b> A book found in our Book Nook, a yard sale, or used bookstore	<b>AUGUST</b> A book that could be considered taboo
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> A book about a journey	<b>OCTOBER</b> A mystery, thriller, or ghost story	<b>NOVEMBER</b> An adult classic you've never read	<b>DECEMBER</b> A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity

June's prompt is to read "a book with a sympathetic villain". Find a list of potential books at [www.massbook.org/readingchallenge](http://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge), or stop by the Library's display of books.

Sign up for the challenge at [mareadingchallenge.org](http://mareadingchallenge.org)

## Adult Summer Reading Bingo!



Adult Summer Reading Bingo is returning on **June 17!** Pick up a bingo card at the Library and play along all summer. Everyone who gets BINGO is entered to win a prize!

## America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This summer, the Lakeville Public Library and other community organizations will celebrate the "Semiquincentennial" or 250th Anniversary of the United States with book discussions, a reenactor, musical guest, and other programs for all ages.

Please watch for more information in upcoming editions of the newsletter or pick up an event flyer at the Library's front desk.



## In the Great Ponds Gallery

### Middle School Art Exhibit

Monday, June 1 - Saturday, June 6

Opening Reception

Monday, June 1  
5:00-7:00pm



The Freetown Lakeville Middle School artists in grades 6-8 will display their artwork in the Great Ponds Gallery. Parents, students and the public are invited to an Opening Reception on Monday, June 1.

**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**

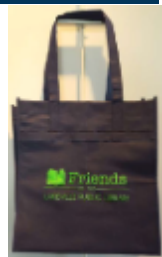


**. . .WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS**

**Join our next monthly meeting:  
Monday, June 1 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.



**Upcoming Events to Note**

Semi & Annual Town Meeting at Apponequet Regional High School  
Monday, June 8, 6:30pm

“Once Upon a Generation” in the Great Ponds Gallery  
Thursday, June 11, 5:30pm

Adult (16+) Craft Night at the Library:  
Flower arrangement made from book\*  
Thursday, July 9, 6:00pm

Summer Concert Series at Center Stage by Lakeville Arts Council  
Tuesdays at 6:00pm (rain date: Thursday)  
July 7: Otto's Underground  
July 14: PanNeubean Steel\*\*  
July 21: Terraplane Lane  
July 28: Georgia Johnson Band

*\*registration opens one month early*

*\*\*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*



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**ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP**

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



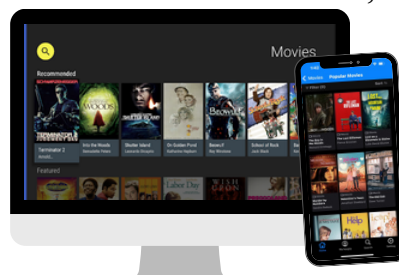
**Cribbage Club**

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



**Digital Resources**

Use your Library card for access to resources such as Hoopla for eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, comic books, and more!



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free with your  
Lakeville Library card!