

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holidays/ Closings

Closing at 4pm
Wednesday, June 10

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



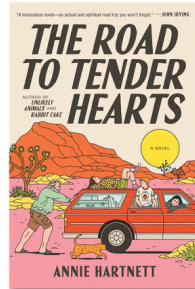
Waitlist
open

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

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*.



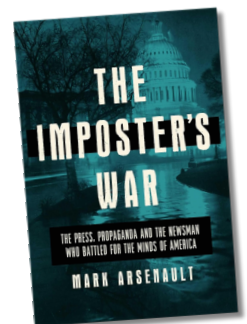
Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club

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.



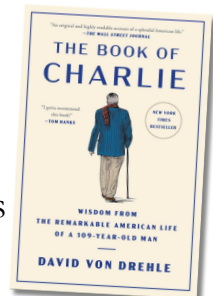
Novel Teas Monthly Book Club

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.

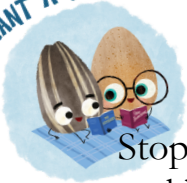


What's Coming Up
for Kids and Teens this



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!



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

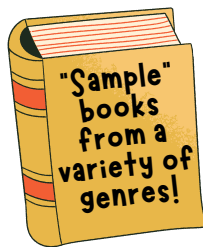


Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm, by appointment only

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), 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**

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

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

Sign up for the challenge at 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 250th 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**

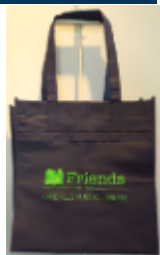
. . .WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



**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



USS Constitution Museum



Cahoon Museum of American Art

ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

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



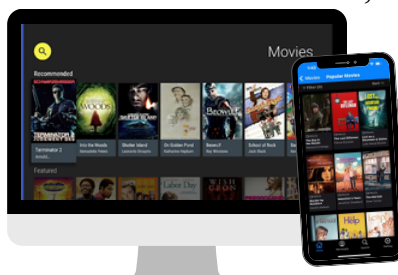
Cribbage Club

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



Digital Resources

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!