

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holidays/ Closings

Closed Memorial Day Weekend
Saturday, May 23 and
Monday, May 25



Library Hours

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

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



**Thursday
May 7
6:00pm**



Consent to Cure by Dr. Judy Magalhaes, PharmD, is a reader-friendly, evidence-informed book that helps individuals better understand chronic symptoms, disease prevention, and whole-person health.

The Founder & CEO of Holistic Options & Personal Empowerment, LLC, Dr. Judy has over 30 years in healthcare, most recently in the functional medicine space where she advocates for the power of nutrition and lifestyle to restore health naturally.



Retire with Joy* with Roberta Gregoire



**Thursday
May 14
6:00pm**

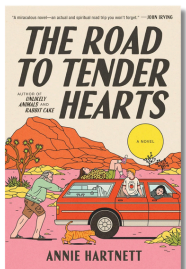
Money is an important part of retiring comfortably but not the *only* factor to consider. Local life coach Roberta Gregoire will talk about the nonfinancial aspects of retirement planning, why they are important, and what you can start doing now to plan for retirement.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

Local Author Annie Hartnett *The Road to Tender Hearts*



**Tuesday
June 2
6:00pm**

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

Genealogy Club

Jewish-American Heritage Month

Saturday, May 16, 11:00am

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

Join us as member Sean Murray shares his personal journey to uncover his Jewish roots. Since beginning his research in 2018, Sean has explored family records, immigration histories, and online archives, most recently diving into Jewish genealogy with JewishGen.

This informal session will highlight the discoveries, surprises, and lessons learned along the way. All are welcome.

Genealogy Resources



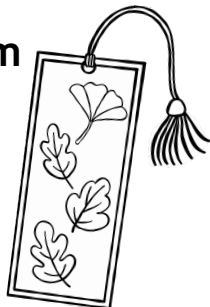
Genealogy research is available at the Library using Ancestry.com Library Edition and American Ancestors on our public computers with a library card. Family Search can also be accessed at home after registering for a free account. In-person genealogy support will be available again later this summer.

Adult and Teen (16+) Craft Night Intro to Decoupage: Bookmarks & More!

Thursday, June 4, 6:00pm

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

Registration opens May 4.



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

Book Clubs for Adults

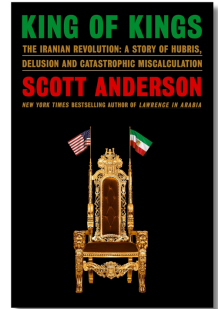
Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club



Monday, May 18

6:30pm

King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution: A Story of Hubris, Delusion and Catastrophic Miscalculation
by Scott Anderson



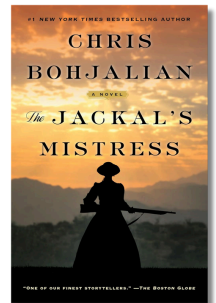
The incredible story of how Iran went from a Cold War ally to bitter enemy in the late 70's, setting the stage for relations that continue to this day.

Novel Teas Monthly Book Club

Tuesday, May 26

6:30pm

The Jackal's Mistress: A Novel
by Chris Bohjalian



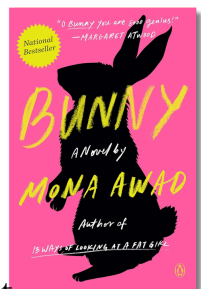
The Jackal's Mistress: A Novel by Chris Bohjalian is a Civil War love story that tells of the wife of a missing Virginian Confederate soldier who struggles to decide the fate of a wounded Yankee officer from Vermont. This novel was inspired by a real-life friendship that crossed enemy lines.

NEW!

THE WEIRD BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 6:30PM

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*.



Newcomers are always welcome to our book clubs! Copies for our book clubs and the Lakeville's Council on Aging Book Club are available for checkout at the Main Desk.



What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this

MAY



Winter/Spring Storyhour through May 14

Summer Storyhour June 15 through August 6

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

Summer Session will run
Wednesdays at 10:30
July 1st - July 29th
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 Wednesdays

June 3 - June 24, 10:30am

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.

Read to Stella



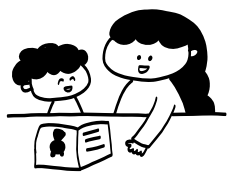
Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm, by appointment only

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.

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

BOOKWORMS



Thursday
May 7
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.

In May, we will discuss *Simon and Chester: Super Detectives* by Cale Atkinson. Copies are available in the children's room.



Tween & Teen Beaded Succulents
Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00
Grades 4-12

Do you love the idea of having plants, but can't quite remember to water them? We have the solution: beaded succulents! Join us for an evening of beading as we use our creativity to make maintenance free succulents!

Registration is open!

<https://lakeville-ma.whofi.com/calendar/event/414832>



Our Summer Reading Programs start Wednesday, June 17!

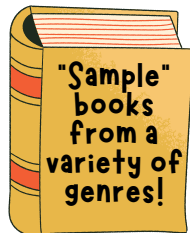


Magic by Skip Daniels!
Thursday
June 25
6:00pm



1000 Books Before Kindergarten
starts this summer with more information to come!

Tween & Teen Book Buffet
Grades 4-12
RESCHEDULED to summer



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! 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 learn about even more great books!



We've been hard at work creating a comfortable and inviting space **JUST FOR TEENS** (Grades 6-12)!



Keep an eye on *your* new space to see all the changes and stay tuned for the great unveiling happening soon!

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 the Great Ponds Gallery



Charles Wood Oil Pastels: Carousels, Creatures, & Coastlines April - May 2026



Local artist Charles Wood has been working in oil pastel for many years. A two-time graduate of the University of Connecticut (Art and Interior Design), he is an award-winning member of several art organizations and has won multiple “Best in Show” awards for his paintings from New England to Florida as well as internationally.

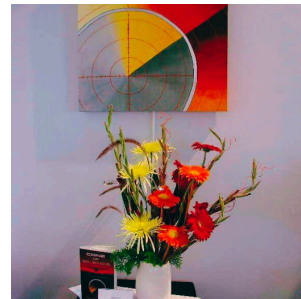
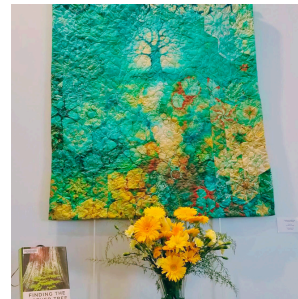
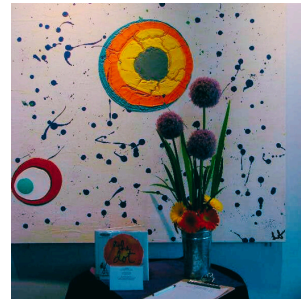
Call for Artists!


Book, Art, & Blooms VII, sponsored by the Lakeville Garden Club August 2026

Interested in participating in Book, Art, & Blooms VII? Pick up an application at the Library. All area artists are encouraged to participate, and artists do NOT need to be from Lakeville, a library patron, nor member of the Lakeville Garden Club.

Applications due Thursday, April 30.

Artists will be notified of their acceptance by Tuesday, May 5.





Massachusetts Center for the Book 2026 Reading Challenge

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| 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 |

Join the 2026 Reading Challenge!

It's not too late to join the Massachusetts Center for the Book's 2026 Reading Challenge!

May's prompt is to read “a book set in Massachusetts”. 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.

Sign up for the challenge at mareadingchallenge.org

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, May 4 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 to the Library and
 the Town**

Tea in the Library
Great Ponds Gallery
 (ticketed event by the Friends of the Library)
 Sunday, May 3, 1:00-3:00pm
*tickets on sale April 27-April 29 from 2:00-5:00
 or until sold out; \$30 per person, cash or check only*

4th Annual Lakeville Day
Ted Williams Camp
 Sunday, May 17, 11:00am-3:00pm

Reception for Middle School Art Show
Great Ponds Gallery
 Monday, June 1, 5:00-7:00pm

Once Upon a Generation
Great Ponds Gallery
 Thursday, June 11, 4:30pm

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 Creativebug, with thousands of on-demand, arts-and-crafts video classes!

creativebug

free with your
 Lakeville Library card!