

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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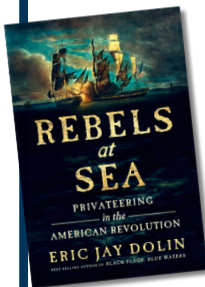
Upcoming Holidays/Closings

**Indigenous Peoples'/
Columbus Day**
Monday, October 12

Staff Meeting
Closing at 4pm on
Wednesday,
October 28

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

Meet Eric Jay Dolin author of *Rebels at Sea*



Author of *Black Flags*,
Blue Waters

**Monday, October 5
6:30pm**

Missing from most maritime histories about the Revolution is the story of a ragtag fleet of private vessels that fought against the British. 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 both sides of the Atlantic. Abounding with tales of daring maneuvers and deadly encounters, *Rebels at Sea* presents the American Revolution as we have rarely seen it before.

Fall Open House at the Lakeville Public Library



**Thursday
October 8
5:00-7:00pm**

Visit the Lakeville Public Library for our Fall Open House and. . .

- enjoy fall treats in the Great Ponds Gallery;
- learn what's new at the Library;
- explore the renovated spaces inside the Library;
- take our community survey to help us plan for the next five years (and beyond!);
- get recommendations for your next read;
- and find out more about the Lakeville Public Library's upcoming events!

Please email jjones@sailsinc.org for more information or with questions. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeville Public Library.

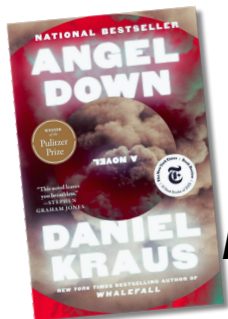


We need your help with our strategic plan! Scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/EXU5o6xB3tvXWcyY7> to take a short survey about the Library as we plan for the next five years. You don't need to be a Lakeville resident and parents can fill out this survey on behalf of their children. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Library. Thank you!

BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

Winner of the 2026
Pulitzer Prize for
Fiction

All Lakeville Library Book Clubs are open to newcomers.



The WEIRD Book Club

Monday, Oct 26
6:30pm

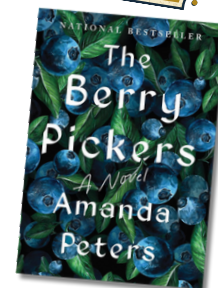
Meets bimonthly



Novel Teas Book Club

Tuesday, Oct 27
6:30pm

Meets monthly



Angel Down: A Novel by Daniel Kraus

Angel Down plunges readers into the nightmarish battlefields of the First World War. PFC Cyril Bagger, a low-ranked soldier assigned to gravedigging, is left behind by his troop with four other unlucky soldiers to euthanize a gravely injured man somewhere out in the dark. They instead come upon an injured angel that may be able to end the war. . .if they can cooperate with each other. Often brutal and deeply unsettling, this unforgettable novel questions humanity's ability to work together for the greater good even in the most life-or-death situations.

The Berry Pickers: A Novel by Amanda Peters

In the summer of 1962, Ruthie, a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl from Nova Scotia, goes missing as her family works in the blueberry fields of Maine. Her devastated family, especially her brother Joe, are distraught by her disappearance for years.

Years later, Norma, the child of an affluent Maine family grows up with unusual visions she cannot understand. Is her family hiding something from her and how can she find out the truth behind these memories?

Trending Topics Nonfiction Book Club will meet again in November.

Copies for our book clubs and the Center for Active Living Book Club are available at the Library's Main Desk.

Genealogy Club Saturday, October 17

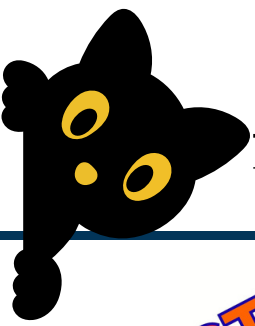
11:00am: Meet and Greet

12:00pm: Virtual presentation with Senia
Foster Kirk: The 1926 Census of Ireland

The 1926 Census of Ireland was released in April of this year. It is the first census of Ireland since the Civil War and separation of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland more than 100 years ago. This webinar will discuss the historical events leading up to the 1926 Census, current events when the census was taken, where you can find the records, and how it can help you with your Irish ancestry research.

Senia is an Accredited Genealogist in Irish research with a foundation in history and classical languages. She holds a Master of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Languages from Utah State University. She holds a Certificate in Family History Research from BYU-Idaho and is a Research Specialist at Family Search. No RSVP is necessary to attend monthly meetings. All levels are welcome, from novice to experienced. 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 **October**



Fall Storyhour **Mondays, Tuesdays, &** **Thursdays through Nov. 19**

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



Fall Music Time **Wednesdays at 10:30** **through November 18**

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

Held INSIDE the Great Ponds Gallery

BOOKWORMS

for first & second graders & their caregiver

Thursday,
October 1
6:30pm

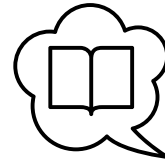


Bookworms is a monthly book club for kids and their caregivers to meet to discuss a book, do activities, bond, and talk. In October, we will discuss *Pig the Monster* by Aaron Blabey. Copies are available in the children's room.

CHAPTER CHAT **NEW**

for third, fourth, and fifth graders

Thursday,
October 15
6:30pm



Come talk about books with Ms. Teresa! Chapter Chat gives upper elementary kids their own monthly book club. On October 15, they should come ready to talk about any book they've enjoyed.

S.T.E.A.M. Afternoons
Wednesdays at 1:00pm
October 7 through
November 18



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.

Breastfeeding Support Group

in Children's Activity Room
with Brooke Ferris, BSN, RN, IBCLC
Little Nest Lactation



Tuesdays at 2:00pm
through November 17
(No meeting October 6)

Come with or without baby and get support you need to successfully breastfeed.



Read to Stella

Thursdays starting
October 1, 4:00-6:00pm
(by appointment only)

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

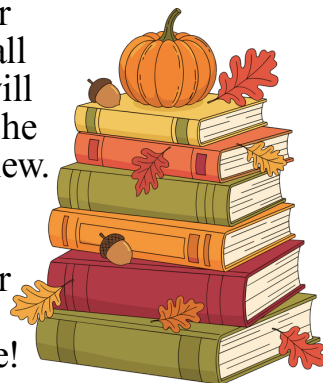
To sign up to Read to Stella, please talk to Ms. Teresa in person, via email (teemirra@sailsinc.org), a Facebook message, or call 508-947-9028. Space is limited.

Fall Open House

Thursday, October 8
5:00-7:00pm

See what's new at your Library during our Fall Open House! There will be snacks for all and the chance to see what's new.

You'll find more information about our Open House on this newsletter's front page!



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SHOP!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 10AM-1PM
(IN CHILDREN'S ROOM)



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 4PM-7PM
(IN GREAT PONDS GALLERY)



Before buying a new Halloween costume, check out our Halloween Costume Shop! Choose from gently-used costumes and accessories that have been donated. All are FREE of charge, while supplies last. (Costume donations accepted in Children's Room.)

TWEEN & TEEN NIGHT: CAKE POPS!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:00PM
(GRADES 4-12)



Join us as we make delicious cake pops! We will also be watching something spooky. . . but not *too* spooky!

Registration required via link on website calendar.

S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT

Tuesday, October 20
6:00pm

Best suited for ages 6+



Learn about camouflage and how it is used in nature to confuse predators and to stay safe.

No registration necessary.

LEGO Free Build
Thursday, October 22
4:00-7:00pm

Join us for open play with LEGO DUPLO and BRICKS in the Great Ponds Gallery!

ALL AGES!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading to your kids is such an important step to improving early literacy. See Ms. Teresa for more information about signing up for this program.

In the Great Ponds Gallery

Benard & Metzler Quilts & Weaving “Imagination Through Fabric and Fiber”

“Imagination through Fabric and Fiber” features the works of Lakeville residents and good friends Leslie Metzler, a weaver, and Cindy Benard, a quilter. A long-time quilter and crafter, Leslie started weaving once she moved to an old Lakeville farmhouse with a floor loom in the outbuilding. Cindy was always interested in fiber arts: sewing clothes, macrame, embroidery, batik, and weaving. She became immersed in quilting when the pandemic kept her inside, and she started creating both traditional and innovative art quilts.



Leslie Metzler & Cindy Benard
Exhibit on display through October 29

Coming to the Gallery in November/December:

Dan Cooney, Acrylics, “Faces & Places”: Public Reception on Thursday,
November 5, 5:30-7:30pm

 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

October's prompt is to read “a mystery, thriller, or ghost story”. Read any book that fits the prompt or visit our display of books in the Library.

Log your books on the Reading Challenge website for the chance to win prizes.

Sign up at mareadingchallenge.org

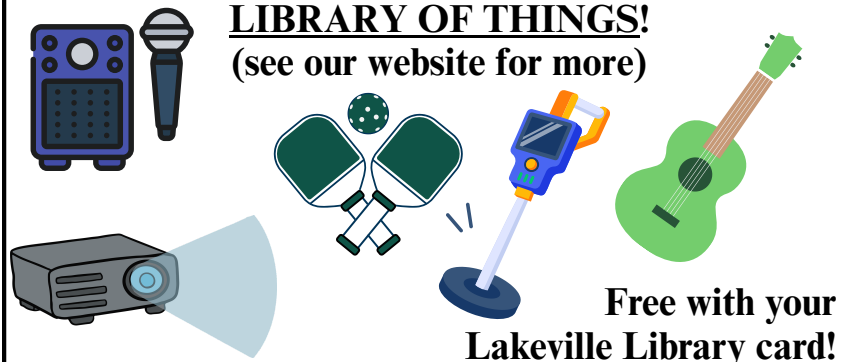
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

LAKEVILLE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 3, 10:00-4:00

TRUNK OR TREAT
Sunday, October 25
Sensory Sensitive: 3:30-4:00pm
Lights and Sounds: 4:00-6:00pm
(look for Ms. Teresa!)

New Resources

Use your Library card to access our new
LIBRARY OF THINGS!
(see our website for more)



Free with your
Lakeville Library card!

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**

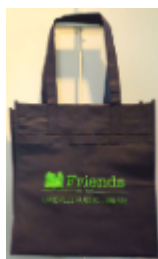
. . . WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS



**The next monthly meeting:
October 5 at 6:00pm**

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.



Join the Friends for Tea in the Great Ponds Gallery



Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00pm
\$30 per person (cash or check)

Ticket includes tea, sandwiches, baked goods, and desserts.

Tickets on sale in Library Lobby
(until sold out)

Saturday, October 3, 10:00-2:00

Monday, October 5, 2:00-5:00

Tuesday, October 6, 2:00-6:30

Wednesday, October 7, 3:30-5:30

Tuesday, October 13, 2:30-4:30
and 5:30-7:30

Wednesday, October 14, 3:30-5:30

Museum Passes—Reserve Online or Call the Library!



Museum of Science



BOSTON



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



Massachusetts



USS Constitution
Museum



Cahoon
Museum Art
OF AMERICAN

*Passes and coupons provided for you
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Lakeville Public Library*

ADULT KNITTERS' GROUP

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



Cribbage Club

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



American Mahjong Open Play

Monthly on the fourth Monday of the month
6:00-7:45pm

Some game experience required.
No formal lessons will be provided.
Bring your current card and Mahjong set.

