

Lakeville Public Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Holidays/Closings

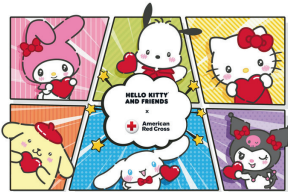
Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, 9/5 and
Monday, 9/7

Indigenous Peoples'/
Columbus Day
Monday, October 12

Staff Meeting
Closing 4pm, October 28

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

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, Sept. 8 1:00-6:00pm



You could save a life! Reserve a donation time at:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Donors will receive a Red Cross/Hello Kitty collectible plush mascot clip and sticker pack, while supplies last.

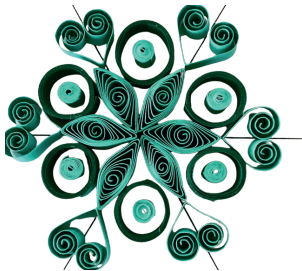
Craft Night: Quilling (Adults & Teens 16+)

Pick a date:
Beginner -

Thursday, September 3

Intermediate -
Thursday, September 10

Both begin at 6:00pm



Practice the colorful craft of paper quilling, at a level that is best for you! Taught by Library staff.

Beginners will master basic shapes and techniques as they create a quilled paper mandala.

Intermediate quillers will learn new techniques to take their quilling to the next level.

Registration required.

Learn to Play the Ukulele* (Adults & Teens 14+)

Thursday
September 24
6:00pm



Learn the basics of ukulele with instructor Julie Stepanek! This class is for teens ages 14+ and adults who are new to this instrument and want to try it out.

Please bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the instructor's collection.

Registration required.

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

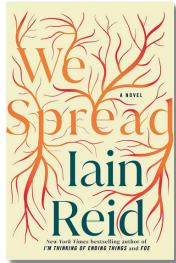
BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS



All Lakeville Library Book Clubs are open to newcomers.

The Weird Book Club

Monday, Sept 21
6:30pm
Meets bimonthly



We Spread: A Novel by Iain Reid

88-year-old Penny has been forced into a long-term-care residence where she questions everything. . . even her own mind. Is something sinister going on or is it all in her head?

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

Trending Topics Book Club

Monday, Sept 28
6:30pm
Meets bimonthly



Nonfiction discussion

Milk! A 10,000-Year Food Fracas by Mark Kurlansky

Take a deep dive into the interesting cultural, economic, and culinary impact of milk on society over the past 10,000 years.

Novel Teas Book Club

Tuesday, Sept 29
6:30pm
Meets monthly



The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

Historical fiction about two Iranian friends whose paths are forced apart and then brought back together again during a time of radical change in their country.

Genealogy Club Saturday, September 19

11:00am: Meet and Greet
12:00pm: Zoom presentation
with David Allen Lambert,
“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.**



American Ancestors



FamilySearch



What's Coming Up for Kids and Teens this

September



Fall Storyhour begins September 14! 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



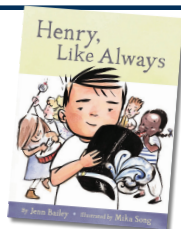
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

BOOKWORMS

for first & second graders & their caregiver

**Thursday,
September 10
6:30pm**

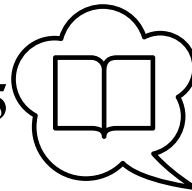


Bookworms is a monthly book club for kids and their caregivers to meet to discuss a book, do activities, bond, and talk. In September, we will discuss *Henry, Like Always* by Jenn Bailey. Copies are available in the children's room.

CHAPTER CHAT

for third, fourth, and fifth graders

**Thursday,
October 15
6:30pm**



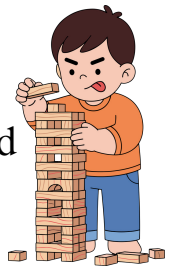
Come talk about books with Ms. Teresa! Chapter Chat gives upper elementary kids their own monthly book club. On October 15, they should come ready to talk about any book they've enjoyed.

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

S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT BUILDERNOON

Tuesday
September 15
4:00-7:00pm
All ages!

No registration necessary!
Bring the kids to this all-ages,
open-play, S.T.E.A.M.-themed
building event in the Great
Ponds Gallery.



NEW
TWEEN & TEEN NIGHT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:00PM
(GRADES 4-12)

A *NEW* monthly gathering for tweens and teens! We will make crafts, eat snacks, and talk about important topics such as “*What is the best Manga series?*”.

For our first gathering, we will be making a fall-themed craft. Registration opens Monday, August 24.

TEENS: LOOKING FOR STUDY SPACE? OUR NEW Y.A. ROOM IS OPEN! (GRADES 6-12 ONLY)



The newly renovated Young Adult Room is now open, **exclusively for teens** in grades 6-12! There are tables, bean bag chairs, and loungers, just for teens!

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

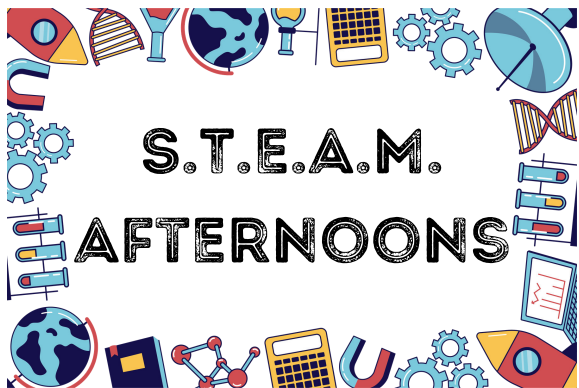
Read to Stella



Starting back later in September! 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 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.



Coming soon: S.T.E.A.M. Afternoons Wednesdays at 1:00 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). We will be making moon landers, coding, making and using Rube Goldberg machines. . .and much more! For more information, please see Ms. Teresa in the Children's Room.

We are looking for Halloween costumes for a free Halloween costume shop this fall. Please only donate items in a condition that you'd give it to a friend.



Weaving by Leslie Metzler

In the Great Ponds Gallery

August 31-October 29, 2026:

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

Public Reception: Monday, September 14
5:30-7:30pm

The Great Ponds Gallery hosts “Imagination through Fabric and Fiber,” 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.



Quilts by Cindy Benard

Meet the artists at the public reception on September 14 from 5:30-7:30!

Coming to the Gallery in November/December:

Dan Cooney, Acrylics: 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

September's prompt is to read “a book about a journey”. 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



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*, 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, 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.

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



Friends
of the
Lakeville
Public
Library

**The next monthly meeting:
September 14 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.



**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!**



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.



New Resources

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



**Free with your
Lakeville Library card!**

*Join the Friends
for Tea in the
Great Ponds
Gallery*



Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00pm

\$30 per person

Tickets for this Library fundraiser will go on
sale soon. Details to come.