



August 19, 2025

It's time to pack up the car and head out on an adventure, the only destination being fun.

Just before we make it to Old Home Day festivities we're going to take one detour. On Thursday the 21st we have our "Book Discussion" at 4:30pm, featuring Georgia Hunter's *We Were the Lucky Ones*. This is followed by "New Hampshire's Kancamagus Highway" at 5:30pm, a look at the history, legacy and details of the storied path through the NH mountains with author Glenn Knoblock.

Then the main event arrives on Friday the 22nd, bringing the beginnings of our Old Home Day fun with the "Pie and Ice Cream Sale" and our "Book Sale" both starting at 3pm, where you can get good eats and good reads for a trifle. Then the fun continues on Saturday the 23rd at 9am for both, with the pie and ice cream wrapping up around 12pm, and the book sale continuing til 2pm.

It's going to be a fun end of the week and an appropriate send-off to the summer.

**On the Librarian's
Nightstand:
Too Old For This
by Samantha Downing**

Eugene's 4th Birthday party!



Bats and Bombs



"Wryly funny and clever..."

Downing's impressive ability to have readers rooting for her anti-heroes is on full display in this propulsive cat-and-mouse thriller."

—*Library Journal*

The Ghostwriter

by Julie Clark

The Other Side Of Now

by Paige Harbison

Dogs

by C. Mallon

The Magician Of Tiger Castle

by Louis Sachar

The Incredible Kindness Of Paper

by Evelyn Skye

Vera Wong's Guide To Snooping On A Dead Man

by Jesse Q. Sutanto

The Feather Detective

Bats and Bombs

August 27th @ 4:00



Join naturalist Susie Spikol to hear the unbelievable story of how the US military planned to use the Mexican free-tailed bat as a secret weapon in World War II.

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Wednesday, August 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

Boost Your Brain & Memory

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Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25

1-3 pm

Join Kate Bruchacova from UNH Extension for an stimulating and interactive 4 week program!

Learn New Practices to:

- Remember things better.
- Be more organized.
- Pay closer attention.
- Reduce Stress
- Reduce risk of dementia

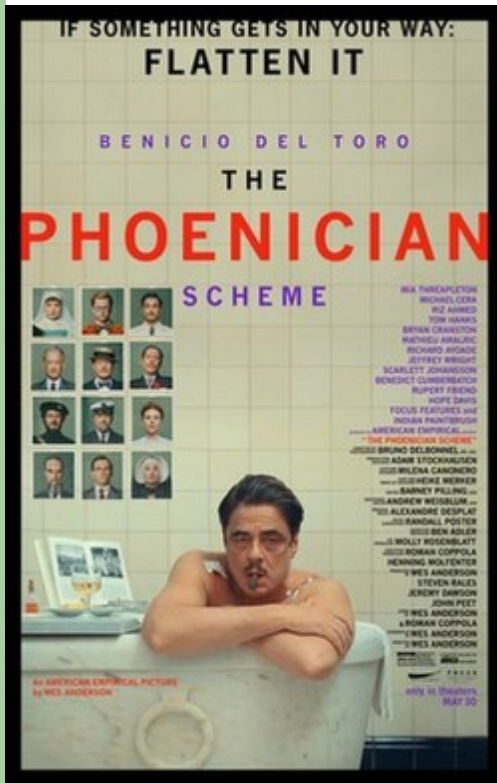
Sign up required.



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Thursdays in September @ 1:00 p.m.

DVD of the Week:
The Phoenician
Scheme



The latest offering from legendary director Wes Anderson takes us on a globe-spanning dark comedy about an international arms dealer attempting to mend fences with his estranged daughter, and bilk several people out of funds to overhaul the infrastructure of Phoenicia. With Anderson's typical wit and presentation this is a delightful watch. Starring Benicio del Toro, Mia Threapleton, Michael Cera and more.

Links of the Week

[The Most Read Books on Goodreads This Week](#)

[Bookriot's Best New Book Releases Out August 12, 2025](#)

[Great Scots! NH Highland](#)

This Week at the Library

Adults

Geri Fit

Today, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Please bring your own 2-3 pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water to drink during the workout.

Senior Sculpt

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

Bridge

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Play a hand or two of bridge.

Intermediate Line Dancing

Today, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Line Dancing class with Bonnie.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Today, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Senior Stretch Yogaaah!

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lani Voivod will lead us through stretches. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Card Games

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00
Play a few rounds of "Pay Me".

Check Out An Expert

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00
Receive help with your computer or all things electronic.

Paint Group

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bring your supplies to work on your projects with other artists.

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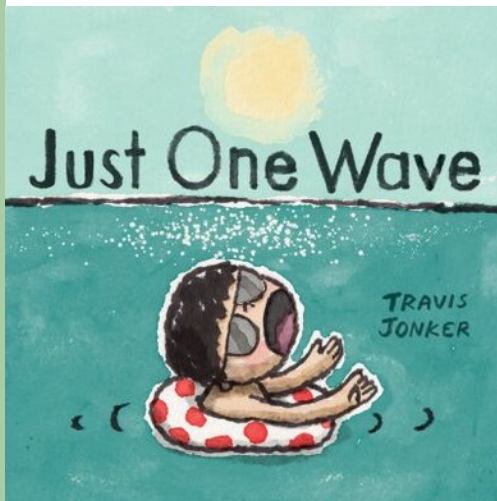
Fun and Fitness With Joyce

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Children's Corner

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that will help develop important pre-reading skills and award your child along the way with a prize for every 100 books! Did you know that 75% of a child's brain is already developed from birth to 5 years old? With this in mind, sign-up your kiddos in *September* and make a life changing difference for them!

Featured Book: *Just One Wave* by Travis Jonker



Word of the Week

Immutable
adjective

Unable to be changed.

ih-MYOO-tuh-bul

"That the library is excited to host the Friends of the Library Book, Pie and Ice Cream Sale is immutable."

Upcoming Events

Enjoy exercising with others.

French Club

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Book Discussion: We Were The Lucky Ones

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Rhett will lead the discussion of this month's book by Georgia Hunter.

New Hampshire's Kancamagus Highway

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Historian and author Glenn Knoblock will detail the development and year round offerings of this New Hampshire treasure.

Senior Sculpt

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

Radiant Summer Flow A 7-week Chair Yoga Journey.

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25
August 8, 15, 22, 29
Cost: \$55.00; Led by Lani Voivod, preregistration is required. **Class is full.**

Bridge

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Play a hand or two of bridge.

Hand and Foot

Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Come play a few rounds of this fun card game.

Happy Crafters

Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
All crafters welcome!

Advanced German

Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Join our weekly class for advanced conversational German.

Friends Of The Library Book and Pie Sale

Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Support the Friends with a piece of pie with ice cream and a book!

Fun and Fitness With Joyce

Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Enjoy exercising with others.

Old Home Day 2025

Book Sale

Friday 8/22

3-6pm

Saturday 8/23

9am - 2pm



Pie & Ice Cream Sale

Friday 8/22

3-6pm

Saturday 8/23

9am - whenever

Old Home Day is Almost Here!

The Friends of the Library are hosting their annual Book and Pie Sale and would love your help!

If you would like to volunteer at the book sale, you can [sign up here](#).

If you would like to bake a pie or two for the sale, [click here](#).

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Friday, August 22 from 3-6PM

Saturday, August 23 from 9AM-2PM

Tai Chi Practice

Monday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Know basic tai chi moves? Come to this weekly program to practice.

Mahjong

Monday, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Children

Kindergarten Social

Today, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30

Event at Gilford Elementary School, 76 Belknap Mountain Rd, for incoming kindergarteners. We'll be there giving out books!

T(w)eens

T(w)een Event: Make Your Own Stickers

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in and create stickers with your own artwork.

Nature Corner: Dynamic Duos - Dragonflies & Damselflies - Part 2

by Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

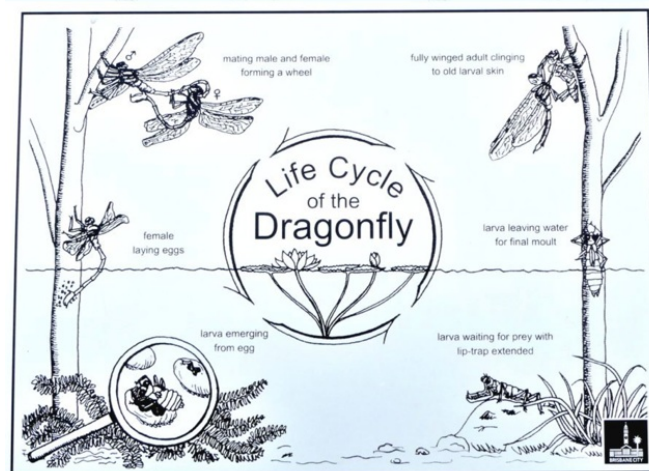
Dragonflies and damselflies are animals that have an unusual life cycle which begins and ends in the water.

Stage1: Eggs

After mating, which in itself, is an extraordinary process (*), the eggs are laid in or near the water. The egg laying can take place over a few days up to weeks. Some eggs (Endophytic eggs) are elongated shaped and are laid in plant material in or near the water surface water. The others, (Exophytic) are round and are in jelly like substances or loosely deposited. The hatching time depends on the species and can range from 2-5 weeks or in the following spring.

Stage 2: Larvae

Dragonflies and Damselflies spend most of their lives in a larval stage. Like adults, they have six legs, and a powerful, extendable jaw. Skilled hunters, they prey on insect larvae, crustaceans, worms, snails, leeches, tadpoles and small fish. Depending on the species, this animal will molt 5-14 times and the



stage can last from 2-3 months to more than five years.

Stage 3: Emergence

Unlike butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies do not form a pupa (chrysalis) and transition straight into the adult form. They begin the stage in shallow water, where they begin to breathe air. After a few days, they climb out of the water onto a secure support, where they transform into an adult by pushing the thorax, head, legs and wings out of the larval skin. After a short break and once the legs have hardened, the wings, and abdomen harden. Damselflies take about an hour for this process, while the dragonflies can take up to three hours. You can sometimes find the shell (exuvial) on plants.

Once in the air, dragonflies and damselflies do not live long, usually no more than a week or two, but occasionally up to 8 weeks.

To discover more:

Life Cycle: [Life Cycle And Biology](#) *

*Mating Process: [Good Natured: Dragonfly and Damselfly Mating Rituals](#)

Did you know...about our Gilford Old Home Day events? Old Home Day is a joyous occasion every year and we are always excited to share it with everyone in town. If you're looking for something to do we have a Pie and Ice Cream Sale and a Book Sale on Friday from 3pm-6pm, and Saturday from 9am-12pm and 9am-2pm respectively. In addition, if you'd like to help out with these events be sure to check out the sign-up sheets at the front desk as we could always use more volunteers.

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