



February 10, 2026

Is that simply the icy gales of winter in the air? Nay, it is love.

Valentine's Day is this Saturday and we hope that everyone is able to spend it with the ones they care about. We have you covered here at the library to help you spread the day's cheer, perhaps a romantic comedy dvd, or a page-turner of a romance novel might help! And you'll have plenty of time to enjoy your loved ones and your romance media as the library will be closed on Monday the 16th for President's Day.

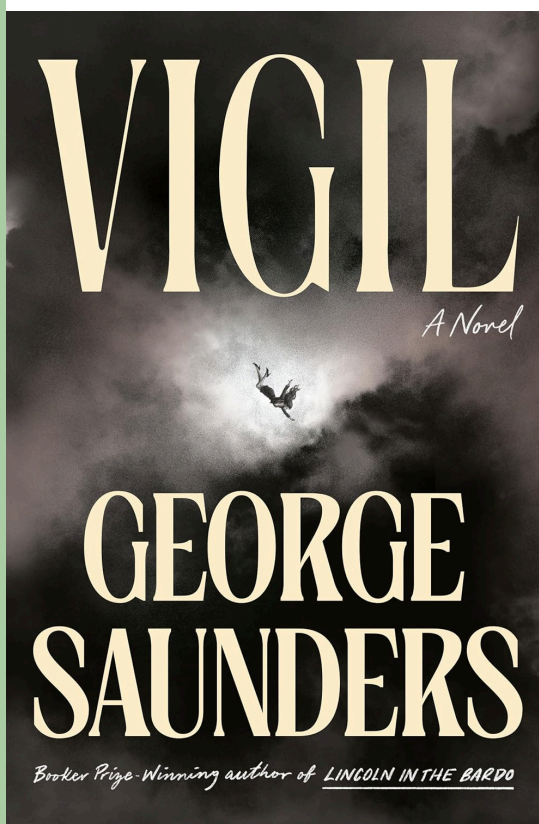
While love persists and suffuses our lives all year long, we hope you experience that little something extra this week.

With love, from the Library.

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

Vigil

by George Saunders



Creating worlds at Graphic Novel Newbies!



Book Discussion

"In this cartoony, ping-ponging mix of pratfalls, philosophy, psychological nuance, and environmental laments, Saunders once again imagines the afterlife. In this purposeful, funny, and lacerating variation on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, Saunders ponders suffering and repentance in a wily indictment of greed, greenwashing, and planetary devastation."

—**Booklist**, starred review

Missing Sam

by Thrity Umrigar

Crux

by Gabriel Tallent

The Dogs Of Venice

by Steven Rowley

All The Little Houses

by May Cobb

Year Of The Water Horse

by Janice Page

The Favorites

by Layne Fargo

The Healing Power Of Resilience

by Tara Narula

The Poet Empress

by Shen Tao

DVD of the Week:

Roofman

This Week at the Library

The library will be closed on Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day.

Adults

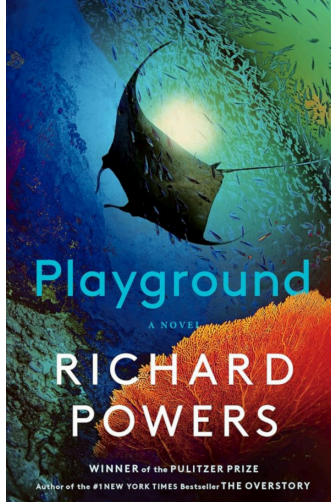
Book Discussion

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

5:30-6:30PM

Led by Katherine. Copies are available at the front desk. Get yours today!



Playground

RICHARD POWERS

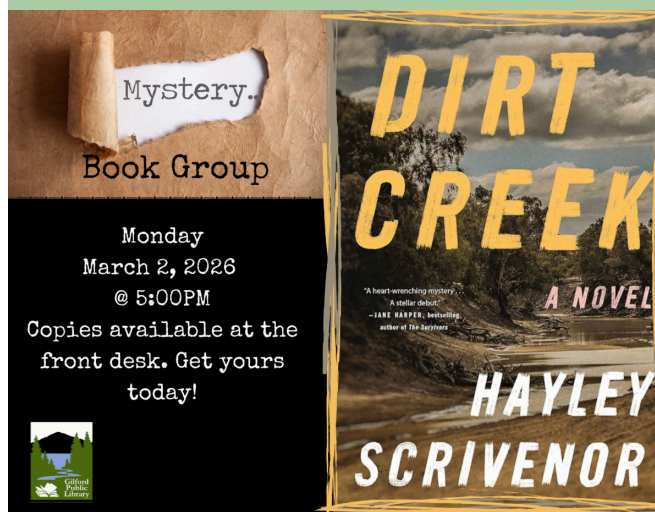
WINNER of the PULITZER PRIZE

Author of the #1 NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller THE OVERSTORY

This month's book is *Playground* by Richard Powers. Led by Katherine; books are available at the front desk.

Thursday, February 19 @ 5:30PM

Mystery Book Group



Mystery.

Book Group

Monday

March 2, 2026

@ 5:00PM

Copies available at the front desk. Get yours today!



Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of *Dirt Creek* by Hayley Scrivenor. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Monday, March 2 @ 5:00PM



Following the exploits of a criminal who robbed McDonald's restaurants and has the law closing down on him, he hides out on the roof of a Toys "R" Us. Hijinks, comedy, and romance ensue and serves as a delightful watch with a unique story. Based on the real-life story of Jeffrey Manchester.

Links of the Week

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

[Libraries Have 820 Million Digital Borrowers in 2025](#)

[The Best Events Happening in February in NH](#)

[Valentine's Day Crafts from Martha Stewart](#)

Children's Corner

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is celebrated from countries all around the world. The [history](#) of Valentine's Day is interesting and has evolved throughout time. Today, all kinds of love can be celebrated from friendships to family members. Happy Valentine's Day from Gilford Public Library!

Feel Good Fitness With Dottie

Today, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

A fun hour of stretching, toning and balance for all levels. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Senior Sculpt

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

Bring a 2 - 3 lb. dumbbell, stretch band and water. For ages 55+

Beginner Line Dancing

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

Beginner line dancing with Bonnie Deutch.

Geri Fit

Wednesday, 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 Stretch Yogaaah!

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

Lani Voivod will lead us through stretches. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Trustee Meeting

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

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 and all things technology.

Paint Group

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring your supplies to work on your projects with other artists.

Senior Sculpt

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

Fun and Fitness With Joyce

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

Enjoy exercising with others. Space is limited.

French Club

Thursday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join the ongoing conversational French Group.

Geri Fit

**Featured Book: *Chicka Chicka
I Love You* by Bill Martin**



Word of the Week

Hornswoggle
verb

To trick or deceive.

HORN-swah-gul

"We would never hornswoggle you, that book is fantastic!"

Upcoming Events



Tabletop Pinball

Get competitive in Tabletop
Pinball! Grades 5+.
Thursday, February 19
@ 3:00PM

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

A workout for 55+. Bring a 2 - 3 lb.
dumbbell, stretch band and water.

The Wintering Body: A Chair Yoga Journey of Strength, Stillness and Soulfire

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

Join Lani Voivod for 6 weeks of joyful,
cozy practices to stretch, breathe and
shine! Sign up required.

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.

Beginner Line Dancing

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

Class with Bonnie Deutch.

Beginner Line Dancing

Saturday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Class with Bonnie Deutch.

Children

Preschool Storytime

Today, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Fantastic stories and crafts!

Little Math Wiz

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30

Fun math stories and activities.

Ages 3 - 6.

Early Release: Valentine's Gift Making

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

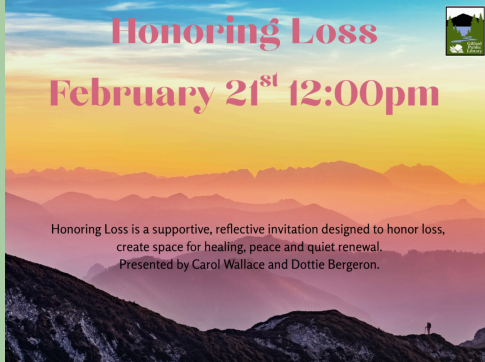
Make a gift for someone you love!

Graphic Novel Newbies: Write Your World

Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join Miss Erika to create and share your
own colorful world.

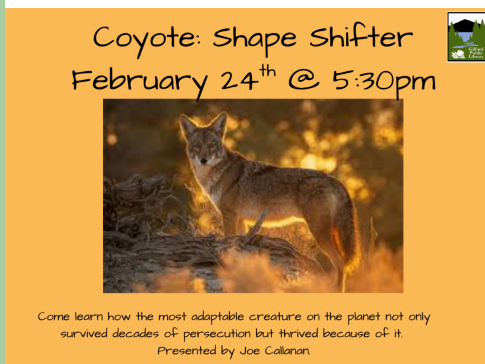
Preschool Storytime



Honoring Loss

Come to a supportive, reflective session designed to honor loss, create space for healing, peace and quiet renewal with Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron.

Saturday, February 21 @ 12:00PM



Coyote: Shape Shifter

Joe Callanan tells how the most adaptable creature on the planet not only survived decades of persecution but thrived because of it.

Tuesday, February 24 @ 5:30PM

Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Seasonal stories and crafts.

T(w)eens

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join our every other Tuesday group.

Costumes encouraged!

Teen Early release: Nacho Bar

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come to the highly requested Nacho Bar!

Cookie Decorating

Friday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in and decorate a sweet edible treat!

Nature Corner: Surviving Severe Winter Weather - Part 3: Featuring the Fox

by Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

As we bundle up in our coats, and/or hunker down in the warmth of our homes, we can wonder how wildlife survives the bitter cold weather, blizzards and deep snow.

Red Foxes have adaptations, both behavioral and physical, that help them be active all winter long and survive harsh winters.



Physical:

1. Foxes grow a thick winter coat that helps them keep warm. It even extends to the pads of their feet. Fun fact: Young foxes will keep their fur coats longer!
2. While resting, foxes use their bushy tails to wrap around themselves to keep warm. Whether in their dens, or while sunbathing, the tail provides extra warmth and

- protection from the cold.
3. The ears, legs and neck are fairly small, ensuring less heat loss from exposed areas.
 4. Like other animals, foxes build up fat in the fall. This provides critical energy reserves and insulation.
 5. Foxes have a unique circulatory system that allows the cooler blood coming from their feet to be warmed up.
 6. They have excellent hearing, allowing these predators to hear prey, even if the prey is underneath the snow.
 7. Foxes have lighter, thinner bones which facilitate agility, speed, and specialized hunting techniques like pouncing on prey underneath the snow.

Behavioral:

1. While foxes are omnivores (diet of both plants and animals), in the winter, they hunt small mammals: rodents, rabbits and squirrels.
2. Foxes will cache (store) food for later use.
3. Living in the deciduous forests offers both shelter and multiple sources of prey.

To discover more:

[Red Foxes](#)

[How Do Red Foxes Survive In The Winter? - Ecosystem Essentials](#)

Did you know...we've started digitizing some of our local historical materials? Much of our NH Room collection is fragile or one-of-a-kind and therefore cannot leave the library. As we live in a digital age, we're making some resources available through our website for those with a penchant for local history. Under the "Reference & Research" tab there is an option for "[Local History](#)" and there you will find the materials we've uploaded thus far. We hope you enjoy!

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