



March 24, 2026

Greetings!

March is marching along, very marchily.

Later today “WACS, WASPS, & Rosies” will be presented at 5:30pm, by the NH Aviation Museum, where you can take a look back at some of the amazing women of New Hampshire that made the war effort of WWII possible.

Then on Saturday the 28th “Honoring Loss” is happening at 12pm, an exploration of the feeling of loss, whether it be grief, large life changes, or simply losing that favorite pair of socks, brought to you by Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron.

As a final note, be sure to check out all the details for “Books in Bloom” below.

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

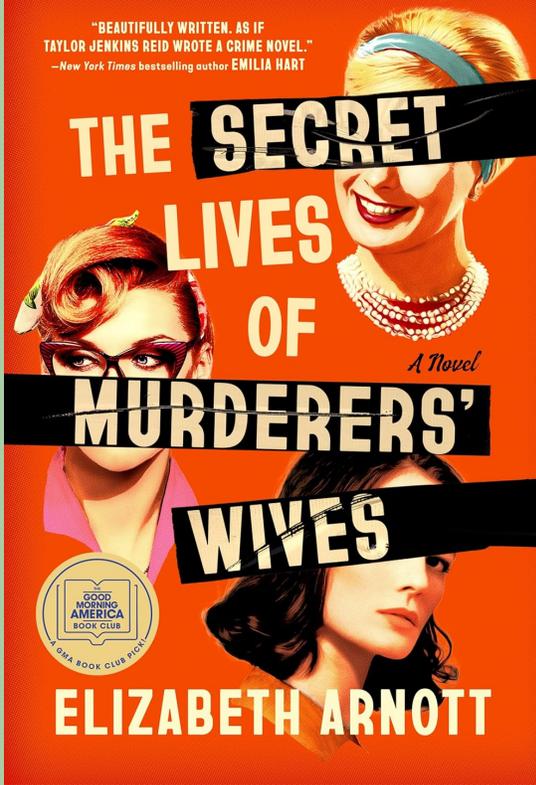
***The Secret Lives Of
Murderers' Wives***
by Elizabeth Arnott

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Books in Bloom

"BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN. AS IF
TAYLOR JENKINS REID WROTE A CRIME NOVEL."
—New York Times bestselling author EMILIA HART



Arnott plays scrupulously fair with readers, seeding the narrative with well-disguised clues, but the novel's real appeal lies in its convincing evocation of the '60s and its tender depiction of the bond between its leads. It's a winner."

—*Publishers Weekly*

A Far-Flung Life
by M. L. Stedman

Wait For Me
by Amy Jo Burns

Strangers In The Villa
by Robyn Harding

The Bookstore Diaries
by Susan Mallery

**A Sociopath's Guide To A
Successful Marriage**
by M. K. Oliver

Eradication
by Jonathan Miles

Evil Genius
by Claire Oshetsky

Laws Of Love And Logic
by Debra Curtis

Books in Bloom

April 17th - 25th

Sign up for our event, "Books in Bloom," coming to the Gilford Public Library during National Library Week in April! Sign up forms are located at the front desk.



During this year's National Library Week, you are invited to participate in an event that combines literature and floral artistry. Pick up your application at the Front Desk today! Applications are due April 10 and the arrangements will be displayed April 20-25. Don't want to participate? Come that week and vote on your favorite instead! Voting ends 12pm April 24, winner announced at 12:30pm - Refreshments served.

Spring into Exercise Social



Stop by the meeting room to socialize with all your exercise buddies and enjoy some light refreshments.

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Thursday, March 26 @ 11:30AM

DVD of the Week:
"Fackham Hall"



This period piece takes aim at the likes of dramas such as Downton Abbey and apes the stories and characters typically found within. With slapstick and witty dialogue this is a fun film for fans of period dramas or newcomers to the period.

Links of the Week

[Congress Increases Federal Funding for Libraries in FY 2026](#)

[Track a Wild Animal with these Bracelets and Get to Know Their Stories](#)

[A Dark & Twisty Spring: The Biggest Mysteries, Thrillers & Horror Novels](#)

[ALA Approved Resources to Starting Your Own Home Library](#)

[Penguin Random House's Indies Choice Book Awards Shortlisters](#)

Children's Corner

This Week at the Library

Adults

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.

Friends Meeting

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

WACs, WASPs & Rosies: The Women Who Served NH During WWII

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

Learn about the surprising roles women played in the war effort.

Geri Fit

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

Please bring your own 2-3 pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water.

Senior Stretch Yogaah!

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

Dottie Bergeron will lead a relaxing and stretching class designed for seniors.

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 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

Spring officially started on March 20th and we are thrilled to recognize the beginning of a new season with exciting programs for everyone! What's the reason behind our [seasons](#)? Well, we have many books for each season and we encourage everyone to come by today and find your favorite book!

Featured Book: *Is This... Spring?* by Helen Yoon



Word of the Week

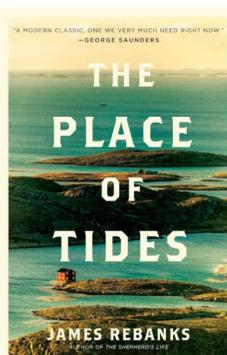
Diaphanous
adjective

Fabric of a texture so fine that one can see through it OR something characterized by extreme delicacy of form.

dye-AF-uh-nus

"The bride looked radiant in her floor-length gown and diaphanous veil."

Upcoming Events



Book Discussion

THURSDAY
MARCH 26, 2026
5:30-6:30PM

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



Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy exercising with others. Space is limited.

Spring Into the Exercise Social
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Socialize with your exercise buddies and enjoy some refreshments.

French Club
Thursday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Join the ongoing conversational French Group.

Book Discussion: The Place Of Tides
Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of this month's book by James Rebanks.

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

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.

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Saturday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
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Honoring Loss
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
This is a supportive space to honor loss and move toward healing, peace and renewal.

Fun and Fitness With Joyce
Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Enjoy exercising with others. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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

Book Discussion: Place of Tides

Led by Betty, get your copy at the Front Desk.

**Thursday, March 26
@5:30PM**



Bits and Bytes

This month join our Tech Expert while he talks about photo organization.

**Monday, April 6
@ 11:00AM**



Writing Wizards

Writers come join and share your work with other writers.

**Monday, April 6
@ 4:00PM**

Mahjong

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

If you know how to play this tile-based strategy game, come to the library and join in the fun!

Children

Preschool Storytime

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

Listen to fun stories and make cute crafts with Miss Linda!

Homeschool Lego Club

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Connect, collaborate and create with other kids!

Ages 5 - 12

Preschool Storytime

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

Connect with other kids in a fun-filled storytime with Miss Erika!

Baby Storytime

Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Join others for a special storytime with songs, rhymes and more!

T(w)een

Dungeons and Dragons

Today, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join our group every other Tuesday. Costumes encouraged!

Flock To It

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

The sheep got loose and are running wild! Get them back into their fold before times runs out!

Nature Corner: Signs and Scents of Spring

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

The weather lately has been on a rollercoaster, from unseasonably warm days to bitter cold, ice and snow. It leaves us wondering "when will winter be over?" But there are signs that the blooming season is definitely on its way!

This past week, I had a distinct whiff of spring, in the tell-tale scent of skunk. You might wonder, "why is this a sign of spring?"

Skunks, like bears, spend late summer and fall building up layers of fat. Skunks are not true hibernators, but go into a state of deep sleep, called torpor to conserve energy. They will spend the winters huddling up with other skunks to keep themselves warm, these winter communities are usually 6-12 females, but can reach up to 20 in a den. When spring finally arrives, they will seek new dens to raise their young, sometimes communal

ones. Though males are usually solitary animals, they will occasionally join a communal winter den. But when venturing out on a warmer day to look for food, males will continue to be solo travelers.

Spraying is a primary defense action for skunks. Skunks do not like to waste their spray and use it only when deemed necessary. Late February through March is their prime breeding time where males begin waking up and heading out to find a mate. They are polygamous, which means they look for multiple females. Two males, who encounter each other, after posturing (stamping feet and hissing) can get into a "stinky" situation to show dominance or defend their territory. If a female doesn't like the male, she will let him know by spraying in defense. Although a skunk's spray absolutely reeks, it actually is a "sweet" sign of spring.



Fun Fact: The scientific name for the striped skunk is *Mephitis mephitis*, meaning "bad odor." The word "skunk" itself is one of the few Algonquin Indian words to enter the English language.

To discover more check out the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife](#) and [Northern Woodlands](#)

Did you know...about personal library managers? If you're a big reader, staying organized and on top of what you've read, what you want to read, and perhaps how you felt about a particular book can be tricky. For those looking to get all your literary ducks in a row may we have a few suggestions. [GoodReads](#) and [StoryGraph](#) are useful for keeping track of your personal libraries and reading history. [FantasticFiction](#) can show you all an author's books, including upcoming, organized by series and release date. There are plenty out there and these are just the most used, so give it a little search and you may find your new favorite tool.

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