



April 21, 2026

Greetings!

The weather has fashioned itself as an indecisive beast and as the temperature changes so too do changes come to the library, our schedule anyway.

Tomorrow the 22nd at 4pm we will have "Reawaken Your Joy," bringing you some tools and advice for finding joy in spite of it all. Then on Friday the 24th, the "Books in Bloom Reception" will be at 12:30pm, revealing the winners of the contest and offering one final chance to see the entries and be sure to stop in and vote on your favorite "Books in Bloom" arrangements.

As it is the last full week of April, feel free to check out our [May Calendar](#) as spring is just beginning and there will be even more fun to come before summer.

It's National Library Week!

And this year's theme is "Create your Joy." As such, we encourage everyone to participate in our week-long fine forgiveness event so make sure to stop by and have your dues done with! We will also be celebrating all week with "Touch a Truck" at 10:30am for the kiddos, and "Custom Magnets" from 10am-4pm for the teens.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of the Library for their generous gift of fresh flowers in honor of National Library Worker's Day, spreading loveliness from all corners of the building. We wanted to give back too, so for today only if you can name 5 library staff you can win yourself a prize!

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

The Infinite Sadness of Small

Appliances

by Glenn Dixon

Thursday Gilford's Golden Guardians Program



The
**INFINITE
SADNESS
OF SMALL
APPLIANCES**

"Quaint, wistful, and profound... A deeply satisfying read at exactly the right time."

—SIERRA GREER, award-winning author of *Annie Bot*



A NOVEL

**GLENN
DIXON**

"The plot is tender and suspenseful as Scout begins to grasp love, grief, and resistance. Readers who enjoy stories that mix an intimate domestic setting with big questions about AI and control will find this both moving and surprisingly hopeful."

—**Booklist**

Love By The Book
by Jessica George

The Book Witch
by Meg Schaffer

That's What Friends Are For
by Wade Rouse

American Fantasy
by Emma Straub

A Bad, Bad Place
by Frances Crawford

Yesteryear
by Caro Claire Burke



Sing-a-long with Susan

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April 28th @ 11:00



Join Susan Galeckas for a fun afternoon of singing some of your favorite country and old fashion music!

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Tuesday, April 28 @ 11:00AM

Mrs. Hayes Art Day



Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, come make your own kaleidoscope & decorate it!

DVD of the Week:
Rental Family



A struggling actor finds themselves an unusual job at a Japanese “rental family” agency, playing a variety of familial roles for people in need. They learn to connect in myriad ways and find new purpose in their life going forward. Heartfelt and amusing, it’s a fun watch for anybody.

Links of the Week

[Late May Begins Concert Season, Check Out Who's Coming to Town!](#)

[100 Doorstopper Books to Level Up Your Spring Reading](#)

[Check out New Hampshire's Free Weekly Dog Walking Group](#)

Children's Corner

It’s raining, it’s pouring, it’s time to harvest! Here are some rainwater harvesting projects to do with you and the kiddos! [Rainwater-Harvesting Projects for Kids](#) Also, here is a short video of a boy explaining

This Week at the Library

Adults

National Library Worker's Day

Today, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Come in and try our challenge, see if you can name 5 staff members to receive a prize.

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.

Line Dancing

Today, 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
Lower intermediate class with Bonnie Deutch.

Friends Meeting

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

Geri Fit

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Please bring your own 2-3 pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water.

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.

Reawaken Your Joy

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Join Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron for fun reconnecting to your joy!

Senior Sculpt

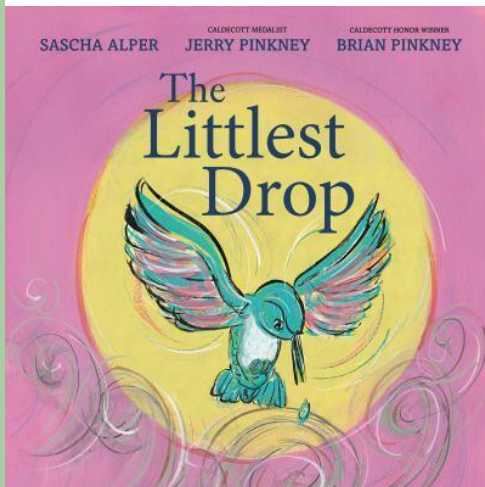
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

French Club

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

rainwater harvesting: [Learning About Water from Kids: Rainwater Harvesting](#). Want to learn more about rain? We have books here at the library!

Featured Book: *The Littlest Drop* by Sascha Alper



Word of the Week

Paean

noun

A song of joy, praise, or victory OR a tribute for a work that praises or honors its subject.

PEE-un

"Critics considered the movie both a thrilling Western and a paean to the natural beauty of the Rockies."

Upcoming Events



Maypole

Celebrate the beautiful weather by weaving colorful ribbon around the pole and decorating it with flowers!

**Friday, May 1
@ 2:00PM**

Join the ongoing conversational French Group.

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.

Books in Bloom Reception

Friday, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Stop in for refreshments and the announcement of the winner of the Books in Bloom contest.

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.

Line Dancing

Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lower intermediate class with Bonnie Deutch.

Beginner Line Dancing

Saturday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Class with Bonnie Deutch.

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 moves? Come to this weekly program to practice.

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!

T(w)een

National Library Week Magnets

Today through Friday
10:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Drop in to the Teen Room all week and create custom magnets to celebrate National Library Week.

Lakes Region Nature

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**Thursday, May 7
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Dungeons and Dragons

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

Join in the fun. Costumes encouraged.

Spring Time Slime

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

Celebrate the season with this fun messy craft.

Children

Touch-A-Truck Week

Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. -

11:30 a.m. Join us while the

professionals read stories and show off their vehicles.

Monday - Police

Tuesday - Fire

Wednesday - DPW

Thursday - School Bus

Friday - DPW

Nature Corner: Signs of Spring #5: Where Birdsong and Peepers Welcome Spring

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

A phenomena occurs this time of year, with sounds that fill the air and announce that spring is here. Both involve a chorus of song that is critical for both birds and small tree frogs, also known as spring peepers (*Pseudacris crucifer*).



Early morning brings a concert of bird songs, known as the Dawn Chorus

which starts as early as 4:30 AM and continues for several hours. It is a critical part of the birds' breeding season as it's primarily the males who sing to attract females and establish their territory.

Sound carries farther in the coolness and calm of dawn. Much like instruments joining into a symphony, there is an order to who sings first. Birds with larger eyes such as Robins, Blackbirds and Song Thrushes sing first, as their eye size allows them to see in lower light. Next to join the chorus are the Mourning Doves and Wrens then about a half hour before sunrise the Warblers, Cardinals, and Finches will join in.

Despite their tiny size, Peepers can create a mighty chorus, congregating near bodies of water. This high-pitched peeping can occur up to 20 times a minute. The frog with the deepest voice starts the serenade, and then is joined by two others.

The faster and louder the peeping, the greater the chance of attracting a female. This chorus can be heard in early spring on warmer nights and during cloudy, or rainy days.

And finally, as the sun rises, species who need more light like Sparrows will enter the symphony. Around dawn, each species will begin to have enough light to see both competitors and predators. This chorus will continue at its highest volume until there is enough light to forage for food.



To discover more, check out the Cornell Lab's article "[Who Sings First During the Dawn Chorus—and Why?](#)"

Did you know... it's Volunteer Appreciation Week? While the stalwart workers of the library provide much of the front-facing service, the library would be nothing without the vast array of volunteers that offer up their time to making the library run as smoothly as possible. From shelving books, covering new additions, watering the plants, and countless other tasks the volunteers are always hard at work. In recognition for their efforts, all of our volunteers will be receiving a sweet treat as thanks for all that they do. And if you're interested in getting involved be sure to stop by the front desk and pick up a Volunteer Application Form so that you may join our ever-growing family.

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