



July 14, 2026

Greetings!

Venturing forth into the annals of our country's history is a task undertaken in myriad ways. This week, let the library show you at least two of the paths you can take.

The NH Society of Genealogists brings "Three Men and a One Shilling Knife" at 4pm on Wednesday the 15th, a genealogical case study of a 1788 murder in Durham, NH. Then on Thursday the 16th, come discuss what you have discovered from reading any biography of founding father Benjamin Franklin at the "Book Discussion" at 5:30pm.

We have all this and [much more](#) in store for you this week and even this month!

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

June Baby

by Shannon Garvey



So much fun to be had at the beach with Miss Jill!



Comics Camp with Marek Bennett

"An old-fashioned love letter to summer romance, sun-fueled creativity and long rides on rusty bikes (the only kind to have at the beach) . . . *June Baby* is [an] outsider's story, but it unfolds in the voice of an insider—assured, with a hint of mystery."

—*The New York Times Book Review*, "Summer's Best Beach Reads"

The Shampoo Effect

by Jenny Jackson

How To Be Okay When Nothing Is Okay

by Jenny Lawson

Teach The Torches To Burn

by Christina Dodd

The Kingdom Will Not Kill Me

by Ilona Andrews

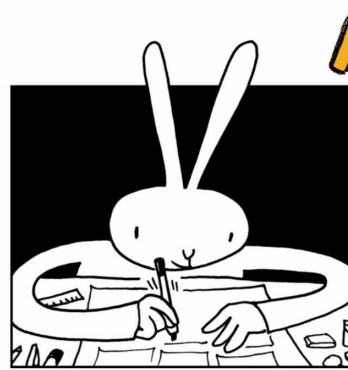
The Housewife

by Natalie Barelli

Retro

by Jessica M. Goldstein

COMICS CANE



JULY 16TH
1 - 3 PM

JOIN SPECIAL GUEST
AND PROFESSIONAL
CARTOONIST MAREK
BENNETT AS HE
TEACHES YOU HOW
TO MAKE YOUR OWN
COMIC!
OPEN TO ALL AGES!

Join special guest Marek Bennett for an event full of doodling and fun where you can make your very own comic! All ages welcome.

Thursday, July 16 @ 1:00PM

Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream



Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream will teach us in this fun educational presentation how to make ice cream and you get to try it too! All ages welcome.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 4:00PM

DVD of the Week: *Dracula*

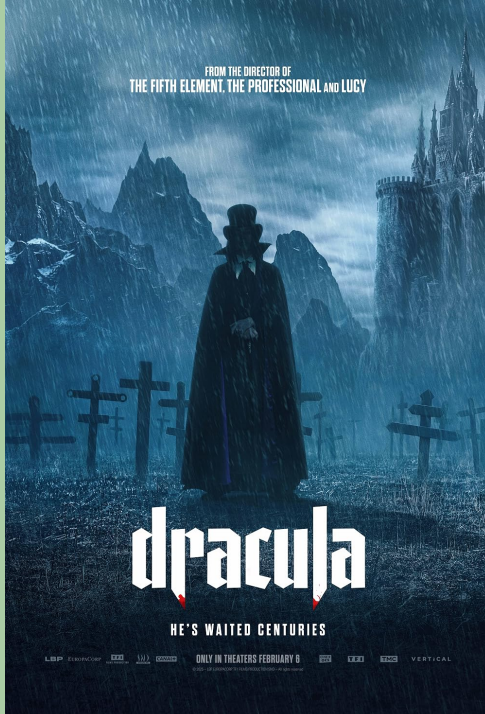
This Week at the Library

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.



A prince that has scorned the heavens is beset by an eternal curse. Sentenced to wander this land for all of time, his one hope is to be reunited with his lost love. Stunning to look at, both heartbreaking and terrifying it's a wonderful rendition of the classic tale. Starring Caleb Landry Jones, Zoe Bleu, Christoph Waltz and more.

Links of the Week

[Rare 1776 Declaration of Independence Discovered by National Archives in UK—One of Only 11 Known to Survive](#)

[I Love the... '90s! A Throwback Reading List for the Decade](#)

[Drop Into this Live Exhibit of New England's Caterpillars at the Caterpillar Lab!](#)

Children's Corner

Check out live animal cameras on Explore.org! Currently, Brooks Falls is live with Brown Bears catching fish. In addition, there's several other live animal cameras to choose from. Let us know which live camera is your favorite on Facebook or Instagram!

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.

Join others for a few rounds.

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 Yogaaah!

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

Join Lani Voivod for a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class designed specifically for seniors!

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.

Three Men and a One-Shilling Knife: A Genealogical Look at Local History

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

The NH Society of Genealogists will use a true dramatic killing from 1788 to show how they uncover stories from the past.

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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

French Club

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

Join the ongoing conversational French Group.

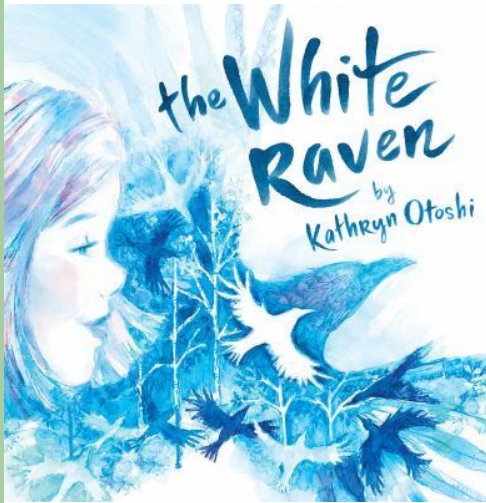
Book Discussion: Any Biography on Benjamin Franklin

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

Rhetta will lead the discussion.

Choose any book on Benjamin Franklin. Front desk has a list of choices.

Featured Book: *The White Raven*
by Kathryn Otoshi



Word of the Week

Augur
verb

To show or suggest, especially from omens, that something might happen in the future.

AW-gur

"Interest in the library's summer reading program augurs well for its success!"

Mini Canvas Contest



Create a mini masterpiece and hand it in by July 31, then come vote on your favorite August 3-12. Winners will be announced at the finale on August 12! Come get your kit today.

Upcoming Events

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.

Bridge

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Join others for a few rounds.

Beach Party Chair Yoga

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Have a little beach magic at the library!
Sign-up and fee required.

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.

Beginner Line Dancing

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

Beginner Line Dancing

Saturday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Beginner 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)eens

Comics Week

Tuesday thru Thursday 10-4pm.
Come any day to make Superhero Fortune Tellers then join us on Friday for colorful popcorn!



Better For You, BBQ!

Join us for fun ways to serve up more nutrition at your next backyard bbq. Presented by Hannafords.

**Wednesday, July 22
@ 11:30AM**



Reiki Sharing

Enjoy a peaceful pause and receive a 10-15 minute Chair Reiki session with Lani Voivod, Carol Wallace, and fellow Reiki practitioners.

**Wednesday, July 22
@ 4:00PM**



Covered Bridges of NH

Author and photographer, Kim Varney Chandler shares an overview of covered bridges in the Granite State.

Comics Camp with Marek Bennett

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

Professional comic, Marek Bennett will teach you how to make your own comic!

Colorful Popcorn

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

Celebrate the end of Comics Week.

Camp Week

Monday 7/20 - Friday, 7/24

Monday - Thursday, 10-4pm

Come make a friendship bracelet

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

We're making s'mores!

Children

Summer Camp Storytime

Today 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join the summer camp crew with stories with Miss Linda.

Storytime at the Beach

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come to the Gilford beach for storytime and snacks.

(Gilford residents only)

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Sensory Play

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

Explore the wonders of our five senses through this interactive playful program!

Drop-In Craft

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

Create a unique picture using beans!

Baby Storytime

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

Join in the interactive storytime with Miss Jill.

Nature Corner: Loonlets

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

Last week, while observing and photographing a loon parent with two tiny chicks riding on its back, I became concerned when one of the loonlets suddenly disappeared beneath the water. Minutes passed, and to my dismay, it still hadn't resurfaced.

The second loonlet remained resting quietly on its parent's back, but then I noticed the loon seemed just a bit "lopsided." About ten minutes later, the missing loonlet emerged from beneath its parent's wing and climbed back onto its back. I quickly realized it hadn't disappeared at all—it had simply been snuggled safely under its parent's wing.



Curious about this behavior, I did a little research and learned that young loonlets frequently climb onto their parents' backs and tuck beneath their wings to receive essential warmth and protection from harsh weather and predators such as large fish, snapping turtles, and eagles.

For the first two to three weeks of their lives, loonlets spend much of their time riding this way. It's one more remarkable reminder of the devotion these parents show as they protect and nurture their young during those vulnerable early days.

Did you know...our "Check Out an Expert" program offers more than just tech help? If you're in need of tech help, then our weekly program on Wednesdays at 10am can be just the source of aid to quell your tech troubles. In addition, if you have a handwritten note or paper that you would like typed up in a more timely fashion than perhaps your own ability, our expert would be more than happy to accommodate.

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