



June 16, 2026

### Greetings!

It's Pride Month in June, and we at the library take great pride in our great programs.

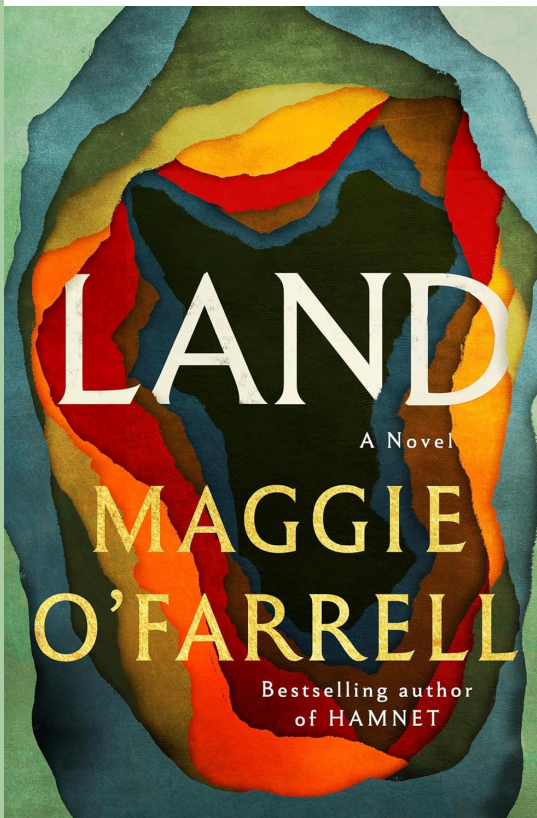
Later today we have "What the Declaration of Independence Offers U.S. Social Movements" at 5:30pm, talking about how the right to rebellion is ingrained in our country's DNA. On Thursday the 18th we have our "Book Discussion" for *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton, a wonderful meditation on caring for a life, and the nature of furry friends.

It's the month to be proud of who you are and living your most authentic life, and we hope to see each of your authentic selves here at the library.

### On the Librarian's Nightstand:

*Land*

by Maggie O'Farrell



### Outdoor Storytime



### Summer Reading Kick-off!

"A powerful epic. . . . *Land* is lushly written, atmospheric, and

heartbreaking—yet it is also a moving paean to perseverance, survival, and forgiveness. . . . A magnificent achievement.”  
—*The Christian Science Monitor*

**Summerland Cove**  
by Ellen Baker

**A Pair of Aces**  
by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murphy

**Unreasonable Women**  
by Justine van der Leun

**Road Trip**  
by Mary Kay Andrews

**The Windsor Affair**  
by Melanie Benjamin

**Blunt Instrument**  
by Amy Bloom



# Summer Reading Program Kick-Off!

Join in on the celebration of our S.R.P. Kick-off by signing up and enjoying the festivities! There will be a big bouncy house and free ices from the Kona Ice Truck!



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@ 4PM

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**Wednesday, June 24 @ 4:00PM**

## Baby Storytime



Starting Monday, June 29, come to an interactive summer storytime with Miss Jill!

**Mondays, June 29 - July 27 @ 10AM**

**DVD of the Week:**  
*Hamnet*

## This Week at the Library

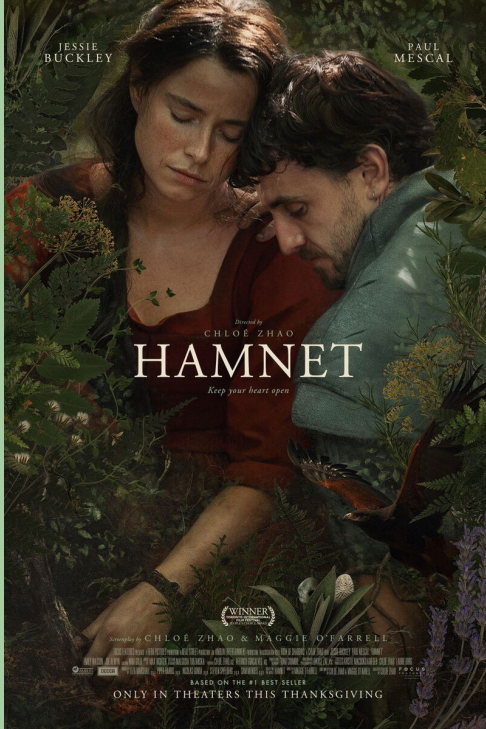
### Adults

#### 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



Based on the book by Maggie O'Farrell, it follows the life of the burgeoning William Shakespeare's wife and their children. Steeped in romance, tragedy, and wisdom, it is a wonderful film that opens the mind and stirs the heart.

## Links of the Week

[Count to 10: Books with Numerical Titles](#)

[Bee a Friend to Bees with Beeswarmed for Fast, Bee-Friendly Relocation.](#)

[This Weekend Race the Cog and Experience a True Test of Your Endurance Alongside Mt Washington Views](#)

[Tomorrow Watch the Moon Occult Venus in the Daytime for North America](#)

## Children's Corner

[Gilford Town Beach](#) is open and at 12pm we have Storytime at the Beach on Wednesdays for the month of July! We have several amazing beach books for all ages to check out and Libby provides many ebooks/audiobooks about

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.

### Beginner Line Dancing

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

### Friends Meeting

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

### What The Declaration Of Independence Offer U.W. Social Movements

Today, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
We'll consider how the language of the Declaration guides social movements, across the political spectrum, to institute a government that seems most likely to protect each other's unalienable rights.

### 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  
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, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 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

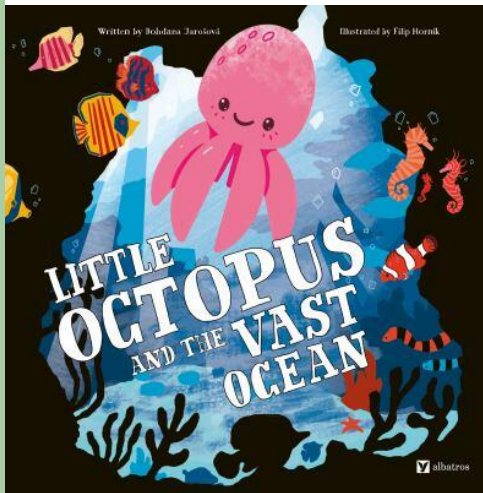
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Enjoy exercising with others. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### French Club

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

swimming for our beginner learners.

**Featured Book:** *Little Octopus and the Vast Ocean* by Bohdana Jarošová



### Word of the Week

**Aleatory**  
*adjective*

From accidental causes or chance.

ey-lee-uh-tawr-ee

"The financial markets are often aleatory, their outcome dependent upon unpredictable global events."

### Upcoming Events



#### Grade 5+: Garden Week

All week long you can drop into the Teen Room for fun activities, but make sure to come back Friday at 10:00am to enjoy a dirt cup!

**June 29 - July 2nd**

Join the ongoing conversational French Group.

#### Book Discussion: Raising Hare

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

This month's book by Chloe Dalton, will be led by Katherine and Betty

#### 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.

#### Rooted & Rising Chair Yoga

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

Spring chair yoga activation series, 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.

#### 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.

Lower intermediate 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!

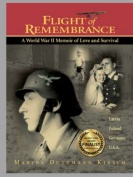
#### T(w)een

#### Water Balloon Battle

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

## Flight of Remembrance Part II

June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30



The author of *Flight of Remembrance*, Marina Kirsch, will present Part 2 of her family's story of resilience and new beginnings.

### Flight of Remembrance Part 2

Author Marina Kirsch will present Part 2 of her family's story. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

**Tuesday, June 30  
@ 5:30PM**

Beat the heat with a water balloon battle

## Children

### Summer Camp Storytime

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

Join the summer camp crew with stories with Miss Linda

### Drop-In Father's Day Craft

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

Make a popcorn craft for you favorite pop!

## Nature Corner: Another Amazing Avian Architect

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

Last week, while participating in an outdoor watercolor painting class, we became fascinated by a tiny bird repeatedly flitting back and forth overhead between two evergreen trees draped with Old Man's Beard lichen (*Usnea*), also known as Grandfather's Beard. Curiosity soon revealed the source of her activity- a female Northern Parula hard at work building her nest.



Northern Parulas are tiny, colorful warblers that spend much of their lives high in the forest canopy. In the northeastern part of their range, they are dependent on *Usnea* lichen, which thrives in mature, moist woodlands and swamps. Their choice of nesting material is remarkably clever.

Why build with lichen?

- Excellent camouflage: The woven lichen blends almost perfectly with the surrounding branches, making the nest extremely difficult to detect.
- A flexible design: Like an oriole's nest, the hanging structure can sway with the wind while helping protect eggs and nestlings.
- Protection from predators: By nesting high in trees and deep within hanging vegetation, Northern Parulas reduce the risk of predators finding their young.
- Efficient construction: Rather than building an entirely new structure from scratch, the female often incorporates existing clumps of lichen into the nest, weaving and shaping them into a secure pouch.

Building the nest may take up to four days. After gathering strands of lichen, the female carefully weaves them together, forming a small, hanging, pouch-like nest with a side entrance. She then lines the interior with softer materials such as fine grasses, pine needles, moss, and animal hair to create a warm, protected nursery for her future family.

To learn more about these tiny wood warblers check out the [Cornell Lab's article!](#)

**Did you know...**next week is the Summer Reading Kickoff? That's right, the long awaited return of the Summer Reading program is on its way. We're doing things a little differently this year with a custom passport for you to fill out and explore with. On the day of the kickoff we'll have a bouncy house for the kiddos and some refreshing icies from the Kona Ice Truck. We hope to see you there and all summer long for some reading fun.

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