



June 23, 2026

Greetings!

It is finally that time of year, the most wondrous time of swimming and out of school fun, so let me climb atop my soap box to pronounce the wonders of this year's "Summer Reading Kickoff."

On Wednesday the 24th at 4pm, you should join us for some romp and revelry with a large bouncy house for the kids, and refreshing free icies from the Kona ice truck for everyone. While you here you can sign up for Summer Reading, which involves filling out a faux passport with badges earned from reading and various activities. The passport will take you all across town, and prompt getting out of your comfort zone for a little family fun. Like years past you'll be able to earn prizes, using your badges earned as your currency. However, the prizes will not be redeemable until the last week of the program, so read and explore diligently so you'll be ready when the doors open.

This Summer Reading program is shaping up to be one of the greats, and we hope you'll be a part of it.

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

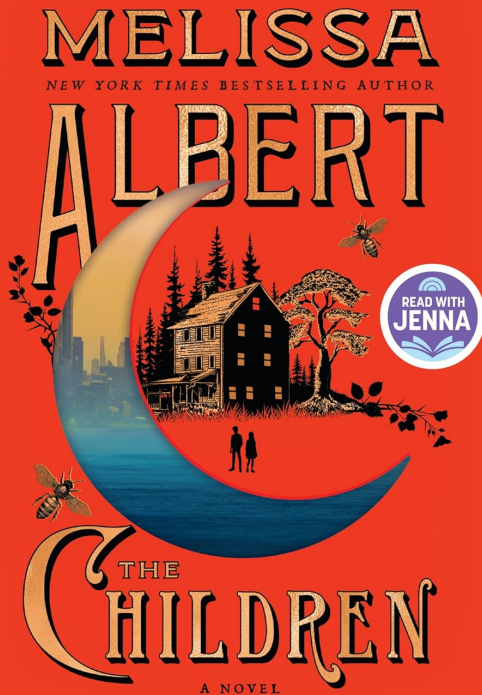
The Children
by Melissa Albert

This Month's Art Exhibit with Featured Work of James Cryan



Flight of Remembrance Part 2

"A page-turner full of magical language, *The Children* reminded me of Ray Bradbury at his best." —STEPHEN KING



"[*The Children*] explores grief, legacy, and the complicated inheritance of art, asking what it means to belong to a story that has shaped countless lives. Using glimpses of the past intermingled with the present-day narrative, Albert, in her adult debut, creates a haunting, dream-like story that pulls readers through open doorways and past dark rooms into the glittering Ninth City. For fans of Alix E. Harrow, Erin Morgenstern, and Naomi Novik." - **Booklist** (starred review

The Heirs
by Faridah Abike Lyimide

Villa Coco
by Andrew Sean Greer

A River Red With Blood
by John Connolly

Yesteryear
by Caro Claire Burke

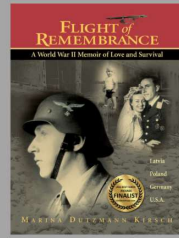
The Midnight Train
by Matt Haig

Before I Knew I Loved You
by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Book of the Week:

Flight of Remembrance Part II

June 30th @ 5:30



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Tuesday, June 30 @ 5:30PM

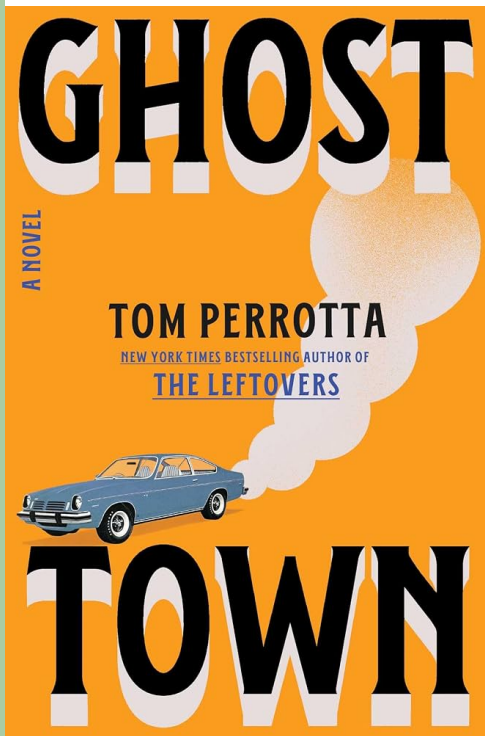
Storytime at the Beach



Come to the Gilford town beach for an exciting storytime and snacks! (Limited to Gilford residents.)

Wednesdays in July @ 12PM

"Ghost Town" by Tom Perrotta



Reflecting on a youth mispent, a literary turned commercial author muses on being torn between the worlds beyond and the harsh realities of life in the now. An interesting rumination on the how the past never remains there, and how our experiences shape us.

Links of the Week

[51 Popular New Young Adult Books to Read Right Now](#)

[Scientists Map Underground Fungal Networks and Find They Cover 62 Quadrillion Miles](#)

[Scouting for Bigfoot: A Family Forest Adventure at Charmingfare Farm](#)

[If you plan to catch up on reading this summer, start with these 3 books](#)

Children's Corner

We want to know which programs were your favorite this year so far! Post a picture of the

This Week at the Library

Summer Reading Program Kick-off!
Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For All Ages!

Join the celebration by signing up for the reading program. Festivities include a bouncy house and free icies from the Kona Ice Truck!
[Click here to sign up!](#)

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

Bridge

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Line Dancing

Today 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beginner class 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.

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

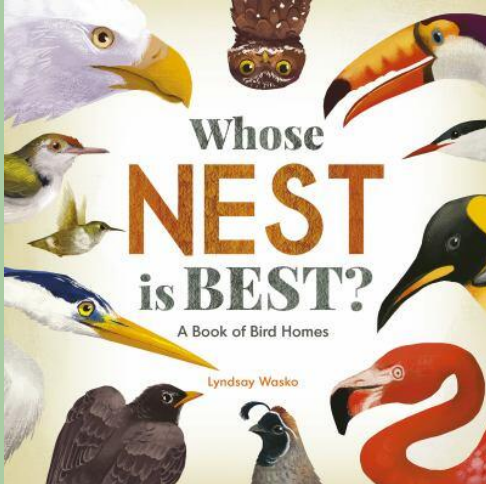
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00
Receive help with your computer and all things technology.

Paint Group

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring your supplies to work on your projects with other artists.

program or event on Facebook or Instagram and tag us. Don't have a picture? That's okay! Let us know the next time you come to the library and don't forget to share any program ideas that you would like to participate in the future.

Featured Book: *Whose Nest Is Best?* by Lyndsay Wasko



Word of the Week

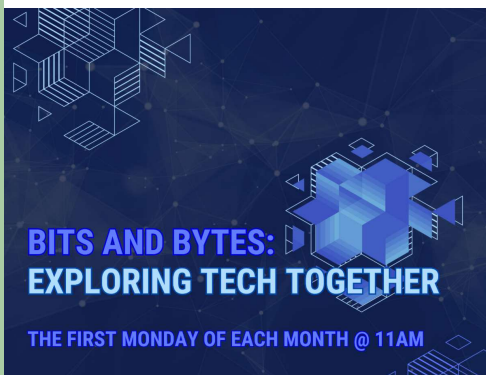
Perspicacious
adjective

Having understanding and discernment.

pur-spi-key-shuhs

"The perspicacious analyst immediately understood the complex data and its implications."

Upcoming Events



Bits and Bytes: Exploring Tech Together

If you find yourself harried by the complexity of your home PC then look no further than Bits

Books In Bloom Flower Vase - Adult Craft

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Celebrate our summer reading kick off by making a flower vase from a recycled book.

Sign up required. \$1.00

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.

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.

Strawberry Solstice Sound Bath

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Celebrate the threshold between summer solstice and the Strawberry moon with a special meditation experience created by Lani Voivod.
Registration 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.
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.

and Bytes. Pop in to brush up on your skills when you feel the need

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

A promotional poster for the 'Writing Wizards' event. The title 'WRITING WIZARDS' is at the top in a serif font. Below it is a photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a light-colored sweater, sitting in a wicker chair and writing in a notebook. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'First Monday of the Month @ 4pm' and 'Calling all writers to join us in reading and sharing our work with other wonderful writers!'. There is a small logo in the bottom right corner of the poster.

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

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

Garden Week

Monday Thru Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in to plant your own strawberries. And be sure to come on Thursday at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. to enjoy some dirt cups!

Children

Summer Camp Storytime

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

Join the summer camp crew with stories with Miss Linda

Baby Storytime

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

Join in the interactive storytime with Mill Jill.

Nature Corner: Finding Beauty in the Fog

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

On an early morning last week, I ventured out into the gray, misty quiet of Stonington, a small fishing village on the coast of Maine with a different intention. Rather than seeking dramatic vistas or brilliant colors, I looked for the softer gifts that often go unnoticed....a solitary boat fading into the mist, delicate wildflowers, a single water lily, and the peaceful stillness that only fog can bring. Sometimes nature reminds us that beauty doesn't always arrive with fanfare. Sometimes it whispers or like Carl Sandburg said, "comes in on little cat feet...and then moves on."



Did you know... hippos can't actually swim? Their bodies are too dense so they simply walk and hop along the waterbed. It is facts like these that make reading a wonderful endeavor. Each page has the possibility of containing a new fact or perspective that lends richness to our lives. If you're ever at a loss for what to read next, don't hesitate to consult the library staff as they can point you in any number of possible directions.

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