



May 12, 2026

### Greetings!

Did you know that the peregrine falcon hunts by flying at speeds sometimes exceeding 200 miles per hour and balling their talon into a 'fist' and stunning their prey? Well, the only thing faster is going to be how quick I get you through these announcements.

Later today we have "Pollinators and Plants" giving you the rundown on all the ways that pollinators interact with our environment and how lost we'd be without them. This Friday is Early Release for the Middle and High School, as such we are handing out "Dirt Cups" to 5th Grade and up from 1pm to 2pm.

Then on Saturday at 12pm, we have the follow up session of "Honoring Loss" giving you the tools to cope with a loss of any kind.

And just like that you're all done catching up, now be free and enjoy the boons of seasons change.

### On the Librarian's Nightstand:

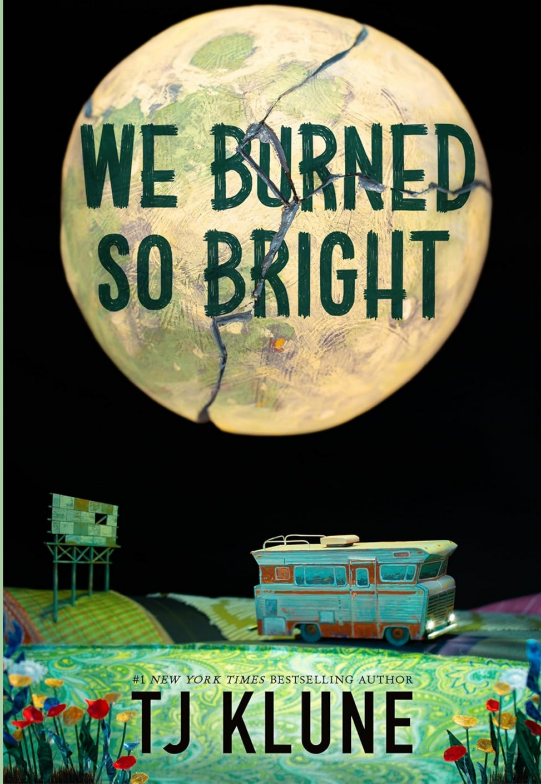
*We Burned So Bright*  
by TJ Klune

### May 1st Maypole Celebration



Book Discussion: *Loot*

Where will the end of the world take you?



"It would be no exaggeration to call this bold and unflinching book the ultimate road trip . . . Terrible and beautiful, haunting and humane: a masterpiece in miniature." —*Daily Mail*

**Ghost Town**

by Tom Perrotta

**How To Cheat Your Own Death**

by Kristen Perrin

**Night Night Fawn**

by Jordy Rosenberg

**The Caretaker**

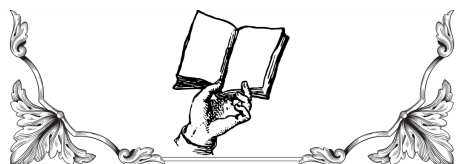
by Marcus Kliewer

**A Deadly Episode**

by Anthony Horowitz

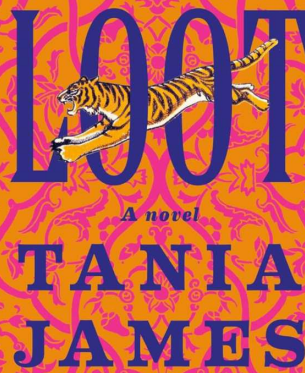
**Death By Chocolate Ladyfingers**

by Sarah Graves



**Book of the Week:**  
*Transcription*

"Loot held me spellbound from the first page. This is an expertly plotted, deeply affecting novel about war, displacement, emigration, and an elusive mechanical tiger."  
—MAGGIE O'FARRELL



**Book Discussion**

**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 21, 2026**  
**5:30-6:30PM**

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



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**Thursday, May 21 @ 5:30PM**

**Listening to New England**

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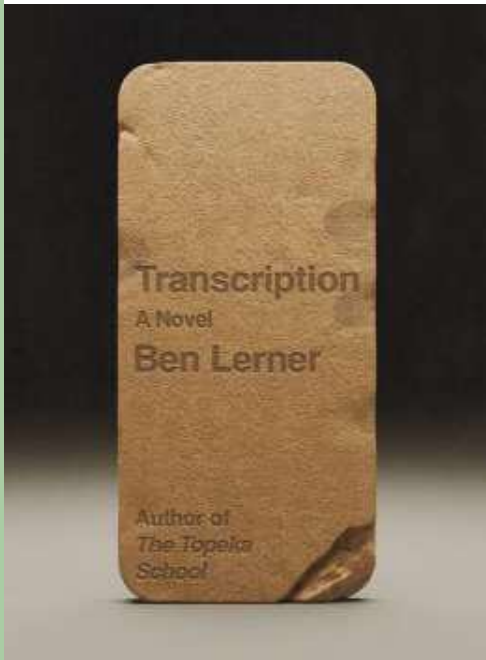
A talk by Mel Allen, drawing from his nearly half-century of reporting and writing about the unique people and places of New England for Yankee Magazine.



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**Thursday, May 21 @ 5:30PM**

by Ben Lerner



An interviewer travels to Rhode Island to take down the final interview with a world-renowned artist. After dropping their recording device in the hotel sink, what ensues is some mild hijinks and a deep look at the bonds that bind and build us.

### Links of the Week

[Goodreads Readers' Most Anticipated Books for May](#)

[A Cool Website to See Just What Happened Through History on any Given Day](#)

[Get Fantastical at the New Hampshire Renaissance Faire](#)

### Children's Corner

This [map](#) has amazing fishing hot spots to check out that are local. Let us know which spot worked best for you and share a picture on Facebook or Instagram! Don't forget that we have a variety of fishing books here at the library!

**Featured Book:** *Call Me Moby*  
by Lars Kenseth

## 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.

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

#### Beginner Line Dancing

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

Dance class with Bonnie Deutch.

#### Pollinators and Plants - NH Audubon

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

Discover what will happen if pollinator population continues to decline, and learn how we can help them.

#### 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!

#### Trustee Meeting

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

#### 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

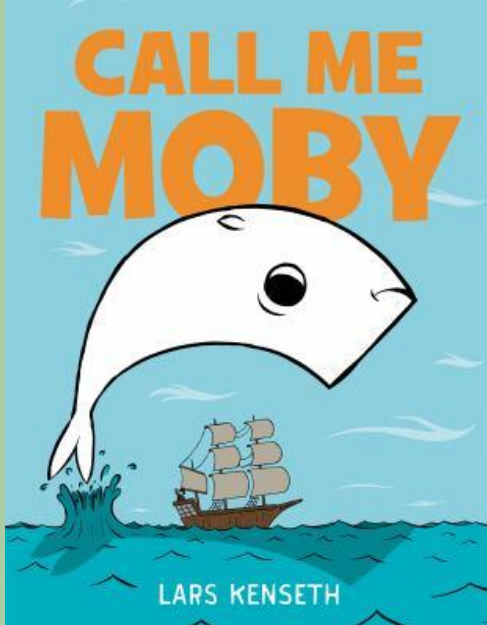
Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bring your supplies to work on your projects with other artists.

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### Word of the Week

#### Autoantonym

*noun*

A word with two opposite meanings depending on context.

aw-tow-an-tow-nim

An example of autoantonym is "cleave": He cleaved to his new family; disappointed he cleaved from his past.

### Upcoming Events



#### Baby Storytime

Join other parents and babies for a special storytime!  
**Mondays May 4-June 8**  
**@ 10:00AM**

#### 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.

#### Gerri 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.  
Line dancing class with Bonnie Deutch.

#### Honoring Loss

Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Join Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron present a supportive space to honor loss and create space for healing.

#### 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.



### **Garden Rock Painting**

A cute and easy craft to add a little whimsy to your plants!

**Thursday, May 21  
@ 3:00PM**

### **Discover Live - Athens, Greece**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00**



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**Tuesday, May 26  
@ 11:00AM**



### **Explode a Watermelon**

How many rubber bands will it take to explode a watermelon?

**Thursday, May 28  
@ 3:00PM**

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

## **T(w)een**

### **Home School Group**

Today, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet with other home schoolers for some fun.

### **Tween Early Release**

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

Come enjoy delicious dirt cups!

## **Children**

### **Preschool Storytime**

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

Join Miss Erika for spring stories and silly crafts!

### **Homeschool Lego Club**

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Connect, collaborate and create with other kids ages 5 - 12.

### **Painting & Poetry**

Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join Miss Linda for a special program painting poetry.

### **Preschool Storytime**

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

Connect with other kids at Miss Erika's storytime.

### **Baby Storytime**

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

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

## **Nature Corner: Whispers of Spring Part 1 - The Fleeting Beauty of Early Ephemerals**

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

Although this year's colder temperatures seemed to delay the unfolding of spring, the forest floor is now coming alive with fleeting beauty. On recent walks through the woods, we were delighted to discover early spring ephemerals beginning their brief but lovely blooms.



Spring ephemerals are woodland wildflowers that appear early in spring, bloom quickly, and then produce seeds before fading away. Their growing strategy is unique. They emerge during a very small window of time- before the trees leaf out overhead- allowing them to capture precious sunlight reaching the forest floor.

These delicate wildflowers play a vitally important role in the ecosystem for many reasons. As spring awakens and food sources remain limited, ephemerals provide critical nourishment for early pollinators such as bees and butterflies. They also help prevent soil erosion from spring rains, recycle nutrients back into the earth, and support a healthy woodland soil ecosystem. As the plants die back, they enrich the soil with organic matter, helping nourish the forest for the growing season ahead.

Though their blooms are fleeting, their importance to the forest is lasting. Please enjoy these woodland treasures gently- photograph them, admire them, but leave them rooted where they belong so they may continue to return each spring. Part 2 will explore the fascinating relationship between spring ephemerals and ants. To discover more check out [Edge of the Woods Nursery's](#) article and the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's](#) page.



**Did you know...**we offer tech help every Wednesday? If you're having trouble with your phone, tablet, or home PC then look no further than the library. While some of the more technical problems may be beyond our expertise, we can guide you through many of the common problems that plague tech users. On Wednesday from 10am to 12pm you can find dedicated time to sit down with our staff and find resolutions to your problems.

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