



May 26, 2026

Greetings!

After a reflective and relaxing Memorial Day weekend, we're ready to get back to business here at the library.

In just a few hours we have "Discover Live: Athens, Greece" at 11am, giving you a street-level look at the historic city with the aid of a tour guide. Monday the 1st, we have "Bits & Bytes" at 11am going over different varieties of digital video and streaming services, and "Writing Wizards" at 4pm, a place to share and show off your own literary works.

June is shaping up to be a great month and we hope to see you around.

On the Librarian's Nightstand:

Enormous wings
by Laurie Frankel



Plants Provided by the Belknap County Conservation District



Discover Live - Athens, Greece

"Frankel blends humor and gravitas in her portrait of an expectant mother

who's also facing her own mortality. Fans of the author's quirky family stories about hot-button issues will find much to enjoy."

—*Publishers Weekly*

Five

by Ilona Bannister

Liberty Island

by Virginia Hume

Summer State Of Mind

by Kristy Woodson Harvey

Good Joy, Bad Joy

by Mikki Brammer

Mother Tongue

by Sara Novic

The Fourth Option

by Jack Carr and M.P. Woodward

Discover Live – Athens, Greece

May 26th @ 11:00



Discover a side of Athens beyond the ancient ruins!



Discover a side of Athens beyond the ancient ruins!

Tuesday, May 26 @ 11:00AM

Painting and Poetry



Join Miss Linda in a unique special program for children, painting poetry!

Thursday, June 4 @ 3:30PM

Book of the Week:
Love and Other Monsters
by Emily Franklin

This Week at the Library

Adults

Feel Good Fitness With Dottie

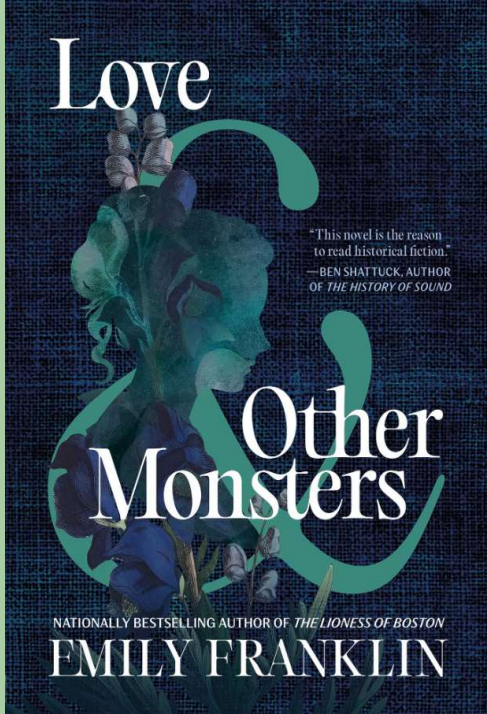
Today, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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.



The oft-forgot sister of Frankenstein author Mary Shelley, takes center stage in this book about love, writing, and early celebrity. Always in her sister's shadow, Claire engages in an illicit affair, and attempts to maneuver into a better life from underneath the weight of her sister's name. Scandalous and engaging, this is a delightful historical fiction read.

Links of the Week

[If You Missed Our Pollinators And Plants Program, You Can Watch It Back Here!](#)

[112 \(Very Literal\) Escapist Reads to Sweep You Away This Summer](#)

[Meet the Oxford Library Cat Who's Purr-fectly Content Being the Unofficial College Mascot](#)

Children's Corner

[Summer camping](#) at Gunstock and it is pet friendly! Take the whole family out camping this summer and enjoy the lovely weather coming our way! Need camping books? We have them here at the library for you to check out.

Discover Live: Athens Greece

Today, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Discover a side of Athens beyond the ancient ruins.

Beginner Line Dancing

Today, 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Dance 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 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, 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.

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.

Rooted & Rising Chair Yoga

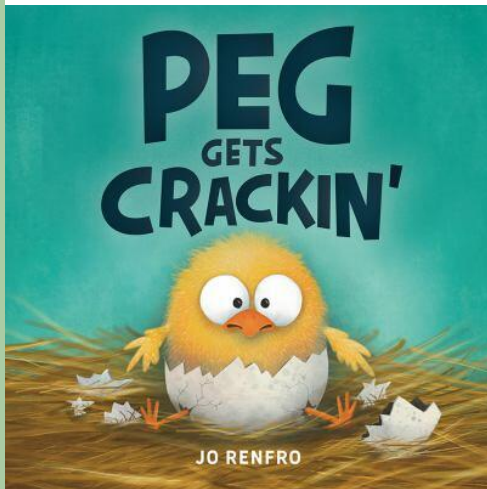
Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Spring chair yoga activation series, sign-up and fee required.

Hand and Foot

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

Featured Book: *Peg Gets Crackin'* by Jo Renfro



Word of the Week

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verb

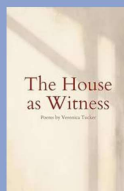
To howl, as a coyote or wolf, or to hoot, as an owl; to utter a loud, long, high-pitched, trilling sound that resembles a howl, especially to express grief or joy.

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"Crowds gathered at the hospital, cheering and ululating to celebrate."

Upcoming Events

The House As Witness
June 9th @ 5:30



The House as Witness is a lyric poetry chapbook by Veronica Tucker that explores the emotional architecture of home, family, and memory.

The House as Witness
Join Veronica Tucker as she discusses her book *The House as Witness*.
Tuesday June 9
@ 5:30PM

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.

Bits & Bytes

Monday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
We will cover various computer topics to help you use your PC.

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!

Writing Wizards

Monday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Join other writers to share your work.

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Home School Club

Today, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Join other home schoolers for some fun.

Explode A Watermelon

Thursday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
How many rubber bands does it take to explode a watermelon?

Children

Preschool Storytime

Navigating the Mental Health System in NH
June 10th @ 4:00



Come learn more about the different levels of mental health care available in New Hampshire.

Frisbie Memorial Hospital



Navigating the Mental Health System in NH

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**Wednesday, June 10
@ 4:00PM**

Big Watch Film
June 11th @ 5:30

US @250
NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANITIES

Come celebrate America's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence followed by a discussion.

Big Watch Film

Come celebrate America's 250th anniversary!

**Thursday, June 11
@ 5:30PM**

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

Join Miss Linda 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 a.m.

Join Miss Jill for fun stories, songs and rhymes.

Nature Corner: Nature's Architect

By Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

On a recent birding walk at Pickering Ponds Trail in Rochester, NH- we were delighted to witness Baltimore Orioles building their nest high up in branches of the tree.

The oriole's nest is unique among the nests of other American birds. Although it appears deceptively fragile, it is an astonishing feat of engineering. The nests make up hundreds of fibers intricately woven together in a durable structure which are able to withstand wind and weather.



The architect behind this wonder is the female Baltimore Oriole. Her nest building is an incredible process that can take up to two weeks. After choosing her site, usually high up in a tree, she begins by using her beak, in precise darting and poking motions, to secure long fibers and anchor the nest by creating knots and tangles. After it's secured, she'll

"weave" additional fibers to form an outer pouch, then proceed to softer, more flexible materials for the inner lining. Finally, she'll line the nest with feathers and other materials as a cushion for eggs and nestlings.

Her "building materials" can include grass, strips of grapevine bark, wool, and horsehair, as well as artificial fibers such as cellophane, twine, or fishing line. Although these nests are rarely used after a year, orioles will sometimes recycle materials from old nests. While the male may sometimes contribute nest building materials, the female is the true master architect for this amazing creation.

To discover more check out the [National Audubon Society](#), the [Cornell Lab](#), and this [short but sweet video](#).

Did you know...we have a suite of tech offerings to make your life easier? If you're looking to get a little work done or get your ducks in a row then look no further than the library. We have several public computer terminals for your use, all printer capable. In addition, an all-in-one copier, fax machine, and scanner is ready and waiting for your documents. When your tech fails you, head to the library and we've got you covered.

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