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Back to School, Back to Reading!

Hello Laura,

September at the library means several things: the return of weekly programs for children, the leaves on our maple out back start turning red, and it is Library Card Sign Up month.

A library is card is the best back-to-school item a child can own. Any Bethlehem child over six years old can get a card when they come in with a parent or guardian. If an adult lives, works, or owns property in Bethlehem, they too are eligible. This year, we are in a friendly competition with other libraries to get the most new cardholders. From now until September 30th, if you are a new cardholder, or a patron who updates their expired card, you have a chance to win a \$75 TicketMaster gift card. Tell your friends and neighbors to come to the library!

Have a good day,

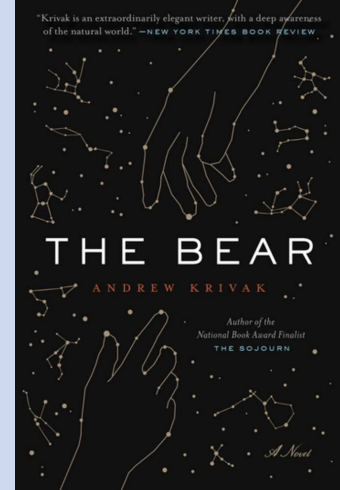
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The Big Read

Our library is participating in a state-wide read of *The Bear* by NH author Andrew Krivak. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, and is being coordinated by NH Humanities.

A cautionary tale of human fragility, of love and loss, *The Bear* is a stunning tribute to the beauty of nature's dominion and explores powerful themes about the importance of intergenerational storytelling, our complicated relationship with the environment, and how to prepare for an unknown future. Krivak lives in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, in the shadow of Mount Monadnock, which inspired much of the landscape in *The Bear*.



Be Part of the Big Read

1. Pick up your FREE copy of *The Bear* at the circulation desk (Yes, you get to keep it!)
2. Attend some or all of our FREE programs related to *The Bear*

Friday, September 8th 5pm - Post-apocalyptic Fiction in the American Century

NH Humanities will host Dr. Brett Ryan Bellamy for a discussion on how post-apocalyptic novels, like *The Bear*, use endings and the persistence of things to represent cultural conflicts and hopes for a better world. A virtual program in the Community Room.

Saturday, September 16th 9am – Book Discussion

This discussion will be facilitated by NH Humanities scholar Carrie Brown. This program will be held both live and virtually.

Pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Contact the library to sign up.

Thursday, October 12th 6pm - History of the Abenaki

Lucy Nell of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, will present the Abenaki's vibrant regional culture that reaches back nearly 13,000 years and continues today. She will discuss how animals sustain them and how they are an integral part of Abenaki culture. Artifacts will be part of this presentation.

Saturday, October 14th 2pm - Author Discussion with Andrew Krivak

NH Humanities will host Krivak for a public, live-streamed event to discuss how New Hampshire's landscape inspired the novel and how stories are essential for helping us understand our past, present, and future. A virtual program in the Community Room.

Friday, November 3rd 5pm - Finding Your Way, the Night Sky

NH Humanities will host Midge Goldberg, MFA, to discuss her book, *Outer Space: 100 Poems* to examine how poets have told stories about the night sky throughout human history. A virtual program in the Community Room.

Kids Programs Every Week!

Mondays 2:30-3:30 STEAM Club (starts 9/11)

Tuesdays 10:30-11 Preschool Story Time (starts 9/5)



Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 Arts & Crafts Club (starts 9/13)

[Click here for details](#)

Back to School Meet & Greet Picnic Saturday, September 23rd 11am-Noon

Perfect for preschoolers, homeschoolers, and new residents who want to meet other families.

Bring your blanket and lunch.

We'll bring dessert and outdoor toys.



More Programs

Fridays 10:15-11:30am **Let's Talk, Adult Discussion Group**

Tuesday September 26th 11am-3pm **Stay & Play: Barbies and Action Figures**

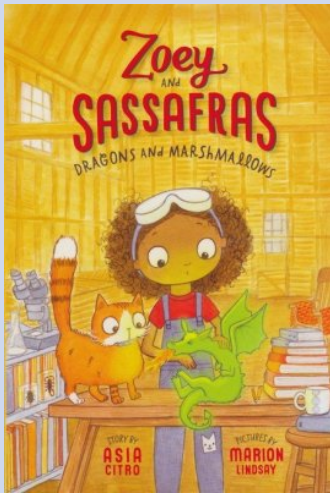
Thursday September 28th 6pm **Trivia Night**

With every book, you go back to school. You become a student. You become an investigative reporter. You spend a little time learning what it's like to live in someone else's shoes.

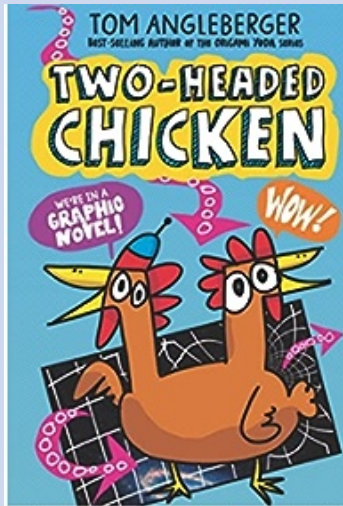
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New Releases!

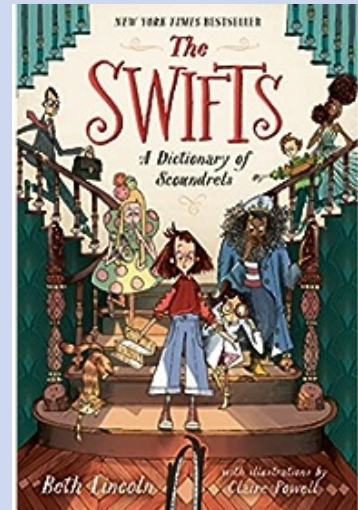
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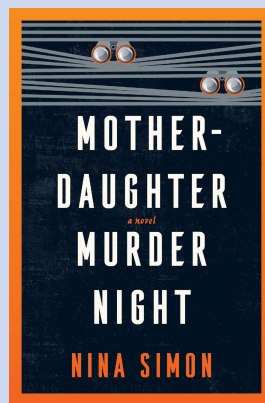
Graphic Novel for ages 7-10



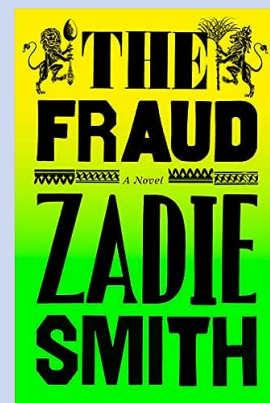
Meet Shenanigan Swift:
Little sister. Risk-taker.
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The return of beloved King character Holly Gibney



Nothing brings an estranged family together like a murder next door.



Historical fiction set against the legal trial that divided Victorian England



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