



April 30, 2024

It's finally feeling like spring outside and it's time to get your gardens ready and planted!

If you've never tried gardening at home before, we encourage everyone to give it a try. Whether it's in a yard or in a pot on your deck, plants can grow anywhere! If you're not sure where to start, our Seed Library will be open on Mondays, May 6 and 13 to peruse our selection. Stop by with your library card and pick up three seed packets for free. We also have plenty of gardening books for first-timers.

Last week we featured a program on buying a home in this market and today we have "Home Seller Beware" at 5pm helping guide you when selling your home. Also at 5pm is "Open Reading Stories," an opportunity to hear the published poetry of Michael Czarnecki, or share your own works. Thursday brings "Thirteen Days in October" at 5:30pm with authors Michael Tougias and Casey Sherman.

May is full of so many great programs for all ages. Come and check them out!

**On the Librarian's
Nightstand:
Lucky
by Jane Smiley**

**Mrs. Hayes' Art Day Puppet
Monsters!**



Meet the Artists: Wings of Wonder

Lucky JANE SMILEY

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF A THOUSAND ACRES



a novel

"Spellbinding . . . Smiley neatly reverses the usual story of a 1970s singer [and then] orchestrates a seismic twist of staggering magnitude . . . Every novel by Smiley is a surprise."

—Donna Seaman,
Booklist (starred)

The Women
by Kristin Hannah

Funny Story
by Emily Henry

The Demon Of Unrest
By Eric Larson

Next Of Kin
by Samantha Jayne Allen

Clear
by Carys Davies

Just For The Summer
by Abby Jimenez

DVD of the Week:
Poor Things

MEET THE ARTISTS *Wings of Wonder*

THURSDAY, MAY 9 @ 4:30PM

MEET THE ARTISTS THAT HAVE BROUGHT YOU THIS MONTH'S *WINGS OF WONDER* DISPLAY FEATURED IN THE EXHIBIT AREA, READING ROOM AND DOWNSTAIRS HALLWAY.



Meet the artists that have brought you this month's *Wings of Wonder* display featured in the Exhibit Area, Reading Room and downstairs hallway. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, May 9 @ 4:30 p.m.

Breeding Season Backyard Birds



Steve Hale offers an engaging and interactive presentation featuring common and likely breeding season birds in New England, offering identification and feeding tips.

Thursday, May 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

**This Week at the
Library**



A whimsical and twisted tale of a young woman learning what it means to be human. Brought back to life by an eccentric scientist the heroine rapidly develops the complex range one needs to navigate the adult world. A delightful watch though harrowing at times. Starring Emma Stone, Willem Defoe, Mark Ruffalo, Ramy Youssef, Christopher Abbott and Jerrod Carmichael.

Links of the Week

[**Book Riot's New Releases Tuesday: The Best Books Out This Week**](#)

[**Publishers Weekly This Week's Bestsellers: April 22, 2024**](#)

[**ALA Releases Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2023**](#)

[**Listen to Taylor Swift's The Tortured Poets Department, Then Read These Books**](#)

[**NH's Best Places: The Best Gardens to Explore in NH**](#)

Children's Corner

Adults

Senior Sculpt

Today, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

Geri Fit

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Please bring your own 2-3 pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water to drink during the workout.

Intermediate Line Dancing

Today, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lower intermediate dance class with Bonnie Deutch.

Home Seller Beware

Today, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Learn what is important to know when selling a home here or out of state.

Open Reading Series

Today, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Enjoy listening to the poetry of Michael Czarnecki. You may share your work as well.

Senior Stretch Yogaaah

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lani Voivod will lead us through a series of gentle stretches that can be done from a chair. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, no cost.

Card Games

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Play a few rounds of "Pay Me".

Check Out An Expert

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Need basic technology help? Swing by for a 20 minute session with our expert.

Talk About Grief

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Brenda Wentworth, MA, ordained minister and bereavement provider, will help break the silence and stigma of grief.

Chess Group for Beginners and Up

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Chess for all levels; come learn or play a game with others.

Paint Group

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bring your supplies to work on your

Squam Lakes Science

Center and other museum passes we offer are opening May 1st!

All of our library passes are discounted or free admission. Check out our website for more information or come in to reserve a library pass today!

Featured book: *Bug-opedia* by Darlyne Murawski



Word of the Week

Acquisitive
adjective

uh-KWIZ-uh-tiv

Having a strong desire to own or acquire more things.

"The game aims to teach middle schoolers to balance their acquisitive instincts with a consideration of what will benefit society as a whole."

Upcoming May Programs

art with other artists!

Geri Fit

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Please bring your own 2-3 pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water to drink during the workout.

Pick A Craft

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Come choose one of our crafts from the past year. We will provide all of the materials. Sign up required.

French Club

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Join the library's ongoing Conversational French Group.

Thirteen Days In October: The Untold Story of the Cuban Missile

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Using declassified intelligence and interviews with pilots, M. Tougias and C. Sherman's new book, *Above and Beyond*, covers many aspects of this historical incident.

Senior Sculpt

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Exercise for 55+. Please bring your own dumbbell, stretch band and water.

Chair Yoga!

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Embark on a wellness journey with Chair Yoga led by Lani Voivod. \$5 per class or 5 for \$20.

Hand and Foot

Friday, 12:30 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 for advanced conversational German speakers.

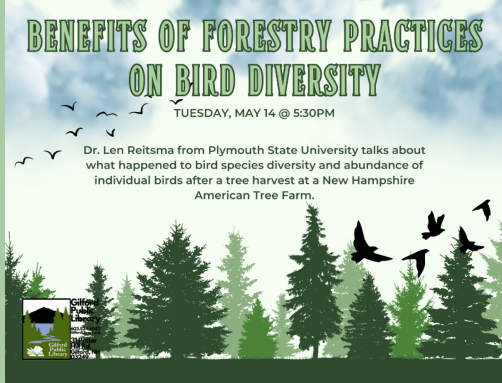
Beginner Line Dancing

Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dancing Class with Bonnie Deutch.

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Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Fun and Fitness With Joyce



Benefits of Forestry Practices on Bird Diversity
 With PSU's Dr. Len Reitsma
Tuesday, May 14 @ 5:30 p.m.



Book Discussion
The Collected Regrets of Clover by Mikki Brammer
Thursday, May 16 @ 5:30 p.m.



Bird Walk
 With Bird Enthusiasts Wendy Oellers and Chris Agurkis.
 Sign up required.
Saturday, May 18 @ 7:30 a.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 The focus of this class is movement of the body - warmup, stretching, toning, weight training, balance, endurance and relaxing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Powerful Tools For Caregivers
 Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 This six week program will help family caregivers learn to take care of themselves. Sign up.

Seed Library
 Monday, all day
 Come pick up three free seed packets and try your hand at home gardening - inside or out!

Mahjong
 Monday, 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Know how to play? Join these mahjong players every Monday!

Writing Wizards
 Monday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Calling all writers to read and share your work.

Mystery Book Group
 Monday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Betty Tidd will lead a discussion of *The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths.

Children

Preschool Storytime
 Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Listen to stories and make crafts with Miss Linda.

Little Math Whiz
 Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Fun stories and educational games. Ages 3 - 5.

Wonder Wings: Nature Detectives
 Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Explore the outdoors to learn more about birds!

Preschool Storytime
 Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Storytime fun with Miss Jill!

Baby Storytime
 Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Join other families for a fun storytime.

GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
COOKBOOK CLUB:
MEDITERRANEAN
EDITION
 MAY 21ST- 5:30PM

GRAB A COPY OF 5 INGREDIENTS MEDITERRANEAN OR THE MEDITERRANEAN DISH AT THE FRONT DESK!

MAKE A DISH FROM EITHER BOOK AND BRING IT TO OUR BIMONTHLY POTLUCK!

Cookbook Club

Cook Mediterranean! This month's books are *The Mediterranean Dish* by Suzy Karadsheh or *5 Ingredients Mediterranean* by Jamie Oliver.

Tuesday, May 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

The Power of Meditation
 Tuesday, May 28 @ 10AM

Discover the wonderful benefits of meditation from Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

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Tuesday, May 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

T(w)eens

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Today, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Come play with Dungeon Master, Hayden.

T(w)een After-School Club

Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Hayden will facilitate this weekly fun group.

Home School Game Club

Thursday, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Come hang out with Hayden and other home school kids to play games, eat - whatever we decide!

T(w)een Crafter School Club

Thursday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Come see what craft Hayden is cooking up today.

Nature Corner: Ducks Who Prefer Tree Cavities to Nests

by Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

When observing a Hooded Merganser and his mate recently, we were surprised to learn that they join a small number of cavity nesters including Wood Ducks (perching ducks), Common Mergansers and Common Golden Eyes (Dabbling ducks). It seems strange to consider these heavy bottomed, webbed footed birds to have nests in tree cavities. They can't build their own cavities, so will take over cavities that other birds have built.



Fun facts:

1. The tree nester ducks also have long toes with claws that help them perch in trees.
2. Although they prefer nests closer to the water, sometimes these nests can be up to a mile away and up to 50 feet high.
3. Cavity nesting ducks will sometimes lay their eggs in the nests of others....which can lead to a massive amount of eggs in one nest. i.e. Hooded Mergansers usually lay about 13 eggs, but scientists have discovered up to 44 eggs. This behavior is called brood parasitism.
4. The ducklings leave their nest cavity within 24 hours of hatching. They have specially designed tiny claws that allow them to climb up out of the cavity. Mama duck will make sure the ground is safe and then call to her babies, who sometimes have to jump 50 or more feet to the ground. These little fluff balls are so light that the fall to the ground doesn't hurt them. They then follow the mama duck to the nearest body of water which can be up to a half-mile away.

For More Information:

[Hooded Merganser](#)

[Brave Wood Ducklings Take 30-Foot Leap of Faith](#)

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