



**April 8, 2025**

It's National Library Week! A celebration of public libraries and all the wonderful resources that they provide for the communities they serve.

We are excited to have our beloved, annual "Touch-A-Truck" program back all week, each day at 10:30am, with vehicles from our town departments for kids to explore and learn about. We're also doing a little "Community Art Project" on Tuesday and Thursday at 11am, making watercolor bookpage butterflies to beautify our building. As a last little hint to all you naughty bookworms out there, we'll be doing fine forgiveness all week long for any of those pesky late fees that may have accrued on your account.

We at the library want to thank all of you for patronizing the library and making it a great place to be and are happy to be celebrating with you.

**On the Librarian's  
Nightstand:  
*The Library Of Lost  
Dollhouses*  
by Elise Hooper**

**Start of a great Touch-a-Truck  
Week!**



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**"Modified" Local Author Visit**

A secret history. A surprising discovery.  
A chance to start over.



## The LIBRARY of LOST DOLLHOUSES



ELISE HOOPER



"Spellbinding...Constructing a narrative as finely detailed as these dollhouses, Hooper builds a world of brave women, complex artistry, and long-buried family secrets."  
— Shelf Awareness

### **The Keeper**

by Charles Martin

### **The Trouble Up North**

by Travis Mulhauser

### **The Jackal's Mistress**

by Chris Bohjalian

### **The Maid's Secret**

by Nita Prose

### **The Painter's Daughters**

by Emily Howes

### **Greenteeth**

by Molly O'Neill

### **Four Red Sweaters**

by Lucy Adlington

# Modified

Local Author Visit

Tuesday, April 15 @ 5:30PM

Hear from local author, Gladys Clausen, about her experience with being BRCA positive and her memoir "Modified-The Journey to My New Normal: A Memoir of Being BRCA Positive."



## MODIFIED

The Journey to  
My New Normal

A Memoir of Being BRCA Positive



GLADYS CLAUSEN

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## 30 Minute Meals



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A Dietitian's Guide to  
Healthy In A Hurry

**Wednesday, April 16 @ 10:30AM**

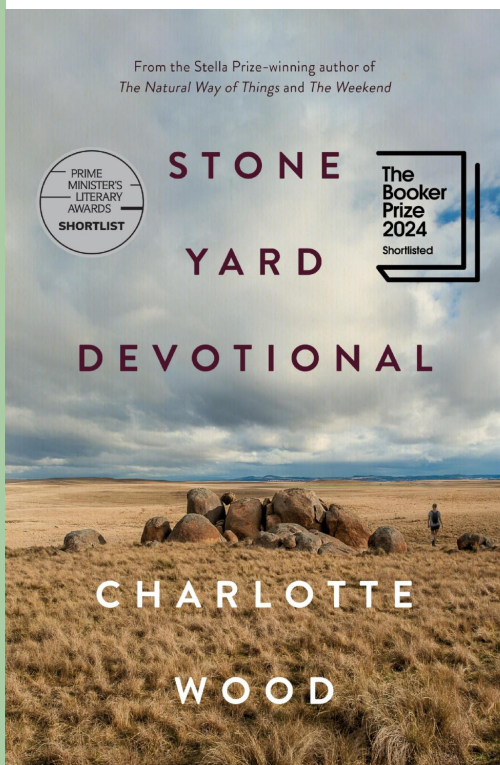
Learn from a Hannaford Dietitian how to fill your freezer, pack your pantry, and scope the shelves for foods that make meal prep quick and easy without skimping on your health goals.



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**Wednesday, April 16 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Book of the Week:  
Stone Yard Devotional  
by Charlotte Wood**



A middle-aged woman retreats from her home and returns to the small religious community in which she grew up. Though she has no religiosity to speak of, the quiet seclusion bodes well for her. In the wake of her coming, strange visitations begin to occur in the community, shaking it to its core. It's a telling read about grief and forgiveness that you shouldn't miss.

**Links of the Week**

[Exective Order Regarding IMLS and How It Affects NH Libraries](#)

[EveryLibrary Petition for IMLS Funding](#)

[Bookriot's Best Books of April 2025](#)

[Libby's Most Anticipated April Releases](#)

[The Most Read Books on](#)

**This Week at the Library**

**Adults**

**Geri Fit**

Today, 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.

**Senior Sculpt**

Today, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Exercise for 55+. Bring 2 -3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water.

**Community Art Project**

Today, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Come watercolor bookpage butterflies! When finished, the project will be displayed at the library.

**Intermediate Line Dancing**

Today, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Line Dancing class with Bonnie.

**Senior Stretch Yogaaah!**

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Lani Voivod will lead us through stretches. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Library Trustee Meeting**

Wednesday, 10:00 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  
Need basic technology help? Swing by for a session with our expert.

**Paint Group**

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

**Geri Fit**

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
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**Healthy Steps For Older Adults**

## Goodreads This Week

### The Best Events Happening in April in NH

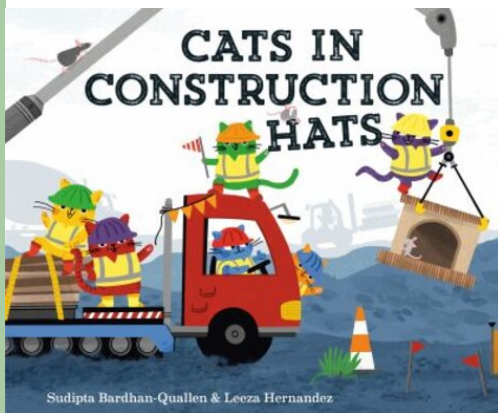
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#### Children's Corner

##### **It's raining, it's pouring,**

it's time to harvest! Here are some rainwater harvesting projects to do with you and the kiddos! [Rainwater-Harvesting Projects for Kids](#) Also, here is a short video of a boy explaining rainwater harvesting: [Learning About Water from Kids: Rainwater Harvesting](#). Want to learn more about rain? We have books here at the library!

**Featured Book:** *Cats in Construction Hats* by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen



#### Word(s) of the Week

##### **Cynosure**

*noun*

A person or thing that attracts a lot of attention or interest.

SYE-nuh-shur

"Amity Gaige's new book *Heartwood* was the cynosure of the new release book shelf."

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#### Upcoming Events

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Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
The comprehensive session focuses on managing fall risk. For adults 60 and over.

##### **Community Art Project**

Today, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Come watercolor bookpage butterflies! When finished, the project will be displayed at the library.

##### **French Club**

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

##### **Senior Sculpt**

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

##### **Heart 'n Soul Chair Yoga!**

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Embark on a wellness journey with Chair Yoga led by Lani Voivod.

##### **Bridge**

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

##### **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. - 3:20 p.m.  
Join our weekly class for advanced conversational German.

##### **Beginner Line Dancing**

Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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**

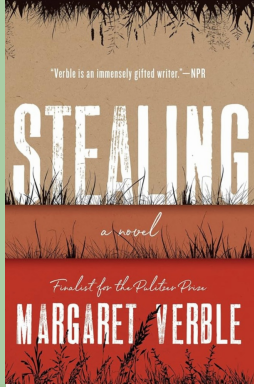
Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Appropriate for all fitness levels.

##### **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.



## Book Discussion

THURSDAY  
APRIL 17, 2025  
5:30-6:30PM

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



This month's discussion is led by Molly; books are available at the Front Desk.  
**Thursday, April 17 @ 5:30PM**



Come on by and socialize with your exercise buddies. Have some laughs and enjoy light refreshments.  
**Tuesday, April 22 @ 10:45AM**

## Effective Actions to Avoid Ticks



What works to prevent ticks from biting and infecting people? Find out in this informational session.  
**April 29 @ 5:30PM**

**Nature Corner: Part 1 - A Long-Legged Sign of Spring: Great Blue Herons**  
by Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

## Children

### Touch-A-Truck Week

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

Celebrate National Library Week with our popular Touch-a-Truck event!

Monday - Police

Tuesday DPW

Wednesday - Fire Truck

Thursday - DPW

Friday - School Bus

### Elementary Early Release

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pick a pattern and make a cute spring animal with pony beads!

### Bunny Hop Storywalk

Friday, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Easter with an adventurous storywalk.

Call (603) 527 4722 to register by March 27th.

For 4th graders and under.

## T(w)eens

### T(w)een Early Release: Make A Kite!

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

Make your own flying creation, bring it outside and let it fly!

### Home School Club

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

Come hang out with Hayden and other home school kids. Ages 11 - 18.

This past weekend, we ventured out to a local pond and discovered to our delight that it was a rookery for six Great Blue Herons, who have returned from their yearly migration south. These statuesque birds are the largest of the North American herons and are easily recognized with their long legs and neck, sharp bill and shaggy plumage.

Their ability to stand completely still, slow meandering stride and leisurely, undulating flight patterns seem to deny the fact that they are lightning fast when spotting prey, swiftly stabbing their prey with their dagger sharp beaks.

Males arrive first in the spring, choose nest sites usually in the trees, and then make the effort to attract later arriving females. The nest building is a joint effort, with the males gathering the nest material and giving them to the female. She then builds the cup-shaped nest and lines it with pine needles. This process can take from 3 days up to 3 weeks.

One interesting fact is that the shaggy plumage serves a purpose. These specialized feathers continually grow and fray. Using a specific fringed claw on their middle toes, they comb down feathers and remove oils and slime from fish as they preen.

Part 2 in next week's Nature Corner will explore more about these amazing birds.



**Did you know...**the IMLS funds our inter-library loan program? Through the funding provided by the IMLS we have been able to maintain a network of over 240 libraries that send and receive resources? Last year alone we collectively fulfilled over 176,000 requests. But, due to the powers that be, this program and many others are at risk. So if you're interested in making your voice heard be sure to contact your state reps, and sign the petition connected to one of the handouts we have at the library.

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