



February 11, 2025

With the chill in the air and the anticipation of amorous encounters come Valentine's Day, we are excited to have a few Valentine themed library programs this week!

Along with the usual bevy of exercise, art, and language programs we're offering Valentine's crafts. On Wednesday, February 12 at 1pm, t(w)eens are invited to make a craft for their special someone (or just for fun). Then at 1:30pm, there's "Valentine Gift Making" for elementary age kids.

As a reminder, the library will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's day. We will re-open the following day for more library fun.

**On the Librarian's
Nightstand:
How To Share An Egg
by Bonny Reichert**

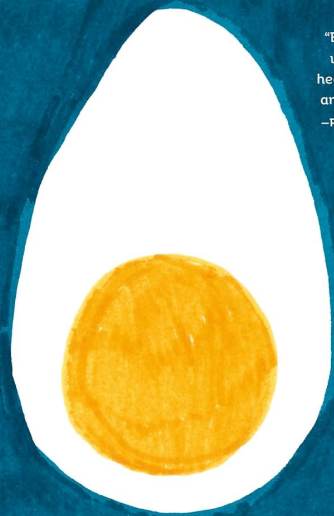
Ready for storytime!



**Emergency Prep: Outdoor
Survival**

HOW TO SHARE AN EGG

A TRUE STORY OF HUNGER,
LOVE, AND PLENTY



"Beautifully
written...
heartbreaking
and hopeful."
—RUTH REICHL

BONNY REICHERT

"This often harrowing but ultimately life-affirming tale of family bonds, food, and love will touch even the most hardened of readers."

—*Booklist*, starred review

Grey Bees

by Andrey Kurkov

Cross My Heart

by Megan Collins

We Are Watching

by Alison Gaylin

First Lie Wins

by Ashley Elston

The Queen Of Fives

by Alex Hay

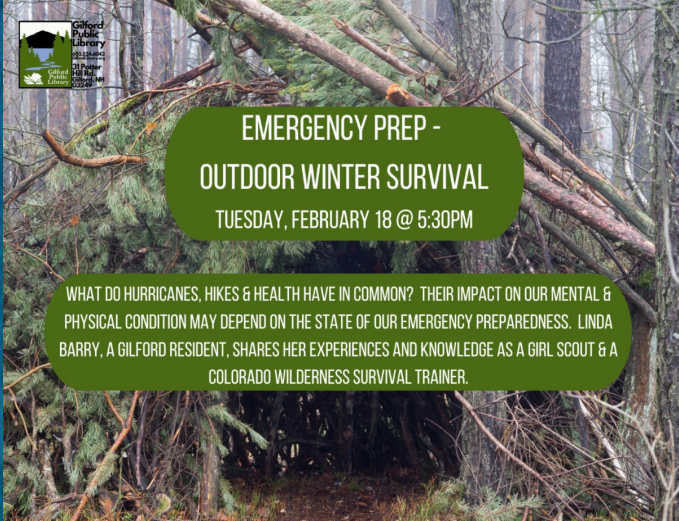
To Save The Man

by John Sayles

Not In My Book

by Katie Holt

Book of the Week:
Sister Snake
by Amanda Lee Koe



EMERGENCY PREP - OUTDOOR WINTER SURVIVAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 5:30PM

WHAT DO HURRICANES, HIKES & HEALTH HAVE IN COMMON? THEIR IMPACT ON OUR MENTAL & PHYSICAL CONDITION MAY DEPEND ON THE STATE OF OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. LINDA BARRY, A GILFORD RESIDENT, SHARES HER EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE AS A GIRL SCOUT & A COLORADO WILDERNESS SURVIVAL TRAINER.

Linda Barry, a Gilford resident, shares her experiences and knowledge as a Girl Scout & a Colorado wilderness survival trainer.

Tuesday, February 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

Family Movie: Encanto



BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

FAMILY MOVIE SHOWING OF ENCANTO!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH @ 1:30PM

Watch a wonderful family movie with friends!
Light refreshments will be included.

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Tuesday, February 25 @ 1:30 p.m.

This Week at the Library

SISTER SNAKE



In this re-imagining of the Chinese fable 'The Legend of White Snake' we follow the lives of two sisters that reconnect and hopefully reconcile after years apart. A story full of dark comedy and treatise on how to live as your authentic self, it's a delightful read for just about anybody.

Links of the Week

[Book Riot's Best New Book Releases in February 2025](#)

[The Most Read Books on Goodreads This Week](#)

[Winter Warmth: Cozy Recipes To Bring Comfort to Your Kitchen This Season](#)

Children's Corner

Love is in the air!

Valentine's Day is celebrated from countries all around the world. The history of [Valentine's Day](#) is interesting and has evolved throughout time. Today, all kinds of love can be celebrated from friendships

The library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day.

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.

Intermediate Line Dance

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.

Trustee Meeting

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

Card Games

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
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

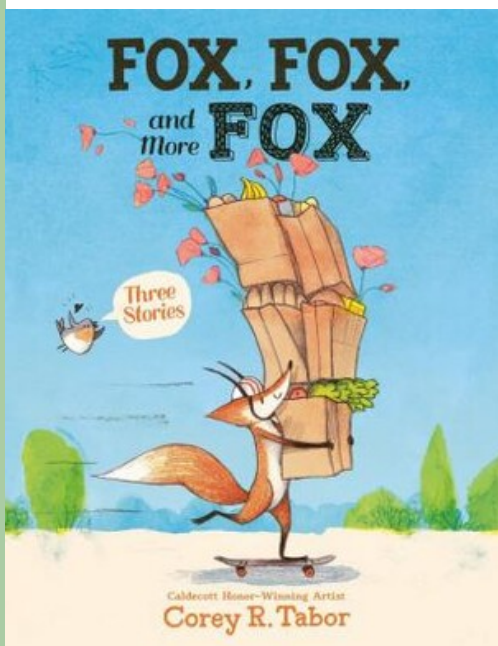
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Please bring your own 2 - 3 lb. dumbbell, a stretch band and water to drink during the workout.

Tai Chi

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis is a safe and interesting form of exercise and can be done seated or use of a chair. Sign up and \$30.00 for 8 weeks.

to family members. Happy Valentine's Day from Gilford Public Library!

Featured Book: *Fox, Fox, and More Fox* by Corey R. Tabor



Word of the Week

Zaftig
adjective

Having a full, rounded figure, or in other words, pleasingly plump.

ZAHF-tig

"Our snowman was looking exceptionally zaftig after the recent snowfall."

Upcoming Events

GREY BEES ANDREY KURKOV TRANSLATED BY CHRIS WEAVER	Book Discussion
	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2025 5:30-6:30PM Led by Molly. Copies are available at the front desk. Get yours today!

Book Discussion
This month's book is *The Grey Bees* by Andrey Kurkov. Led by Molly; books

Valentine Trees Craft

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Make a cute and easy Valentine tree with foam hearts. Sign-up required.

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 Conversational German

Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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.
Class with Bonnie Deutch.

Children

Preschool Storytime

Today, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Join Miss Linda for snowy stories and crafts!

Early Release Valentine's Gift Making

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Make a gift for someone you love.

Aspiring Artists Storytime

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Make a masterpiece after learning about an artist with Miss Jill.

are available at the front desk.

**Thursday, February 20
@ 5:30 p.m.**



**Mrs. Hayes Art Day:
Air Dry Clay Critters**

Let your imagination drive your creativity in making critters with clay! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

**Thursday, February 27
@ 2:00 p.m.**

Preschool Storytime

Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Join Miss Erika and other kids for a fun-filled storytime.

T(w)eens

T(w)een Early Release

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Got a special someone in your life or are you your own special someone? Come make a craft for Valentine's Day!

Home School Game Club

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Come hang out with Hayden and other homeschoolers, ages 11 - 18.

Nature Corner: Love Is In the Air...and NH Fields and Forests

By: Wendy Oellers-Fulmer

February's holiday this week, Valentine's Day, celebrates the love in our lives. But for a number of New Hampshire animals, there is "love in the air" as February is their mating season.

Actively seeking partners in February are bobcats, beavers, coyotes, foxes, opossums, raccoons, skunks, squirrels and the rarely seen lynx. Great Horned owls are also actively courting, the earliest of our NH owls to do so.



Mating this time of year is a behavioral adaptation so the young will be born later in the spring. This ensures their young to be born during an optimal time where food is more abundant and the temperatures warmer, ensuring higher rates of survival. Larger mammals have a longer gestation period, so the winter season gives the time needed for the babies be born in better conditions.

To discover more:
[New England Wildlife Tracking](#)

For kids:
[WildTimes for Kids: Winter Wildlife](#)

Did you know...about our Bits and Bytes program? On the first Wednesday every month at 10:15 a.m., Hayden will bring a micro-lesson on topics of your interest during our 'Check Out an Expert' block. Hayden will endeavor to address your broad tech concerns brought up in prior tech help sessions. If you're looking for more tech help, look no further than Wednesdays at 10am.

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