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Counting the Years

Hello Laura,

2025 - can you believe it? We are a quarter century since 2000, since Y2K. I saw a meme recently that said "Did you realize that 1980 and 2021 are just as far apart as 1939 and 1980?" Groan!

Perhaps you are reviewing your past year, the good and the not-so-good. At this time, there are the never-ending what's happened this year, who have we lost (RIP President Carter), best of the best lists, and resolution-making quandaries. I hope that one thing you will do in 2025 is visit the library!

In another end of the year/new year newsletter, I read the following poem. I'd like to share it with you.

The staff and I wish you the happiest of new years,

Laura

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Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

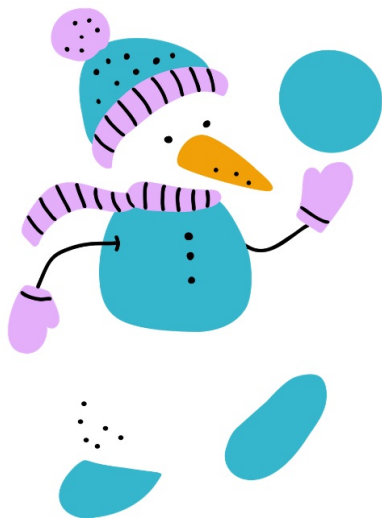
Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



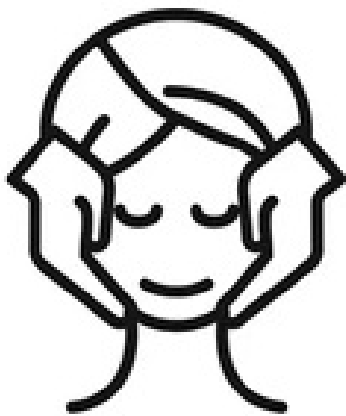
Special Event: Winter Fun Fest

Outdoor fun!

We'll have a sled hill out back (so bring your sled), as well as other fun activities: paint the snow, ice bubbles, forts, and winter crafts. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll still have indoor activities. Cocoa and cookies will be served.

Saturday January 25th 11am
For families with kids 3-8 yrs old

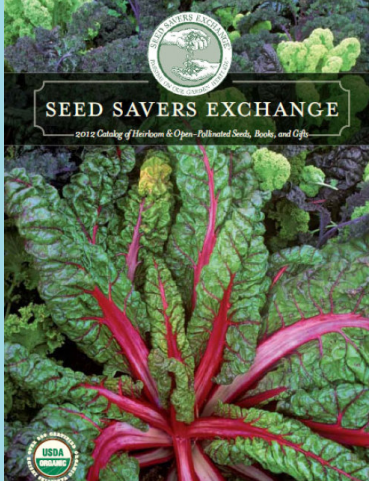
JANUARY PROGRAMS For Adults



Simple Living: Keeping Yourself Healthy

Learn how your lymph system cleans up unwanted particles, excess fluid, and toxins. Then learn how to perform manual lymphatic drainage on your own face and neck as part of a self-care program.

Friday, January 10th
11:30am



Simple Living: Seed Catalogs

How do you decipher seed descriptions? What will thrive in your garden? Who has the "best" seeds? Join the discussion and go home with several seed catalogs.

Friday, January 24th
11:30am



Classic Movie Matinee & Discussion

Join us for an oldie but a goodie! Then stay for a short discussion of the film afterward.
Popcorn provided!

Friday, January 31st
11:30am

More Programs

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

1/3 - What does it mean to be "Safe"?

1/10 - Positive Thinking - Good or Bad?

1/17 - If you could travel by train, where would you go and why?

1/24 - What does it mean to be "Happy"?

1/31 - Difference between being alone, solitude, or isolation

Thursday January 30th 6pm **Trivia Night**



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Readers Cafe Book Discussion

Two convenient times - same book

Thursday, January 16th Noon OR Saturday, January 18th 9am

For Kids



Monday Fun Days

Jan 6th Knitting & Crocheting

Jan 15th Sticker Club

Jan 20th (closed)

Jan 27th Legos

Mondays 2:45pm
For ages 6-12



Preschool Story Time

This month's themes:
Jan 7th Winter

Jan 14th Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan 21th Skiing

Jan 28th Candy

Tuesdays 11am
For ages 2-5



Virtual Reality Games

Use our VR goggles to play age-appropriate games.

Thursdays 2:45pm
For ages 8 and up

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***Holiday Closures Reminder:
Monday, January 1st
Monday, January 20th***



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