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Another Walk Around the Sun

Hello Laura,

Glad to see we have come back to spring and have said goodbye to winter. We often look forward to annual events, like the first robin, May Day, and Mothers Day. And don't forget Memorial Day - the unofficial start to summer!

We continue our annual tradition hosting a Mothers Day Tea. This is a wonderful multi-generational program, and an easy way to celebrate your mom, grandmother, or yourself, because the library has done all the work. So please join us for tea and treats, flowers you can take home and enjoy, and a little recognition for all that mothers do to make the world a better place.

We also have a gift for everyone, thanks to our Friends group. Read on to find out...

Have a good day,

Laura

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Special Event: Mothers Day Tea

Saturday, May 10th 11am

Mothers, Grandmothers, and Children of all ages are invited to our annual party!

Enjoy refreshments
Activities for everyone
Flowers for Mom
Crafts for Kids

Kids: bring your own tea set and Doll/Stuffie for pretend play

Please RSVP (seats are limited) Call 603-869-2409

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Tech for Seniors

Friday, May 9th 11:30am

In this session, you'll learn things you didn't know you could do with your phone!
Please bring your cell phones to the program.

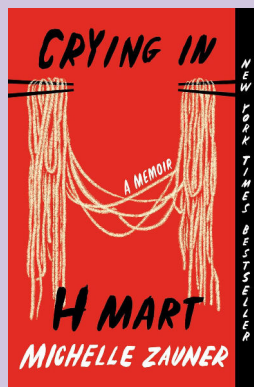


Let's Talk

Fridays 10:15-11:15am

An informal conversation with a different topic/theme each week. A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

5/2 May Day Traditions
5/9 Maternal Figures
5/16 Neighbors, then vs. now
5/23 Road Trips
5/30 Anxiety & You



Readers Cafe Book Discussion

*Thursday, May 15th 1:30pm
and Saturday, May 17th 9am*



Virtual Reality

Wednesday, May 21st 6pm

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner
[See the 2025 list here](#)

Try our VR goggles in a safe environment. For age 16+.

Sign up to reserve a 30-minute spot.



A Graceful Ending

Program series on end-of-life issues

Beginning Friday, May 30th 11:30am

A new program series, hosted by the library and WREN

End-of-Life Doula *Friday, May 30th 11:30am at the Library*

Jocelyn Nute Curell will talk about the important work she does as an End-of-Life Doula. Doulas gives support in the planning processes as well as at the end, helping to make possible death with dignity.

Upcoming programs:

End-of-Life Directives *Friday June 13th, 11:30am at WREN*

Chelsi McMahan from ServiceLink will speak on end-of-life directives, such as a Living Will and a Healthcare Power of Attorney.

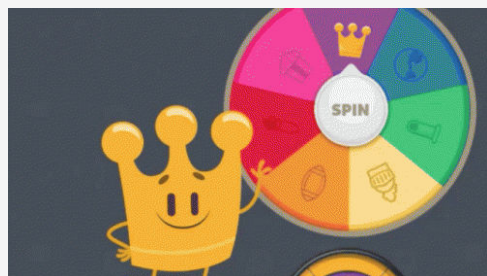
Green Burials *Friday June 27th, 11:30am at the Library*

Emma Crews from Phaneuf Funeral Home will give an overview of the different types of non-traditional funerals/green burials and the options in New England.

Wills and Estate Planning *Friday July 11th, 11:30am at WREN*

Speaker TBD regarding wills and estate planning.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

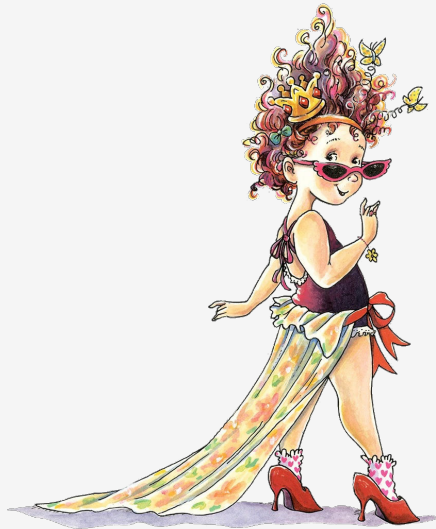


Trivia Night

Thursday, May 29th 6pm

Join us for a fun-filled night of connection and trivia.
All ages welcome!

KIDS PROGRAMS EVERY WEEK



Monday Fun-Days *Mondays 2:45pm*

For kids 5-12

5/5 Knitting & Crocheting

5/12 Ocean crafts

5/19 Legos

5/26 Closed, no program

6/2 Outdoor Fun Fest

Preschool Story Time *Tuesdays 11am*

For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

5/6 Fancy Nancy

5/13 Dinosaurs & Volcanoes

5/20 World Bee Day

5/27 Hawaii Beach Luau

6/3 At the Beach

Virtual Reality Games *Thursdays 2:45pm*

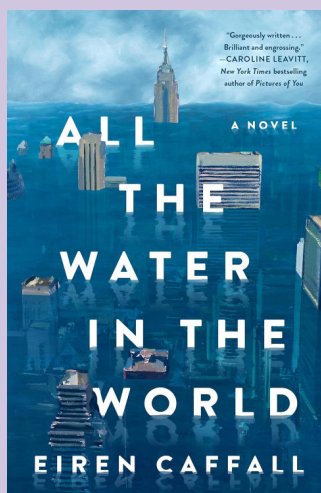
For ages 8 and up

Use our VR goggles to play age-appropriate games.

Children's weekly programs go on hiatus June 6th as we prepare for Summer Reading!

What's New?

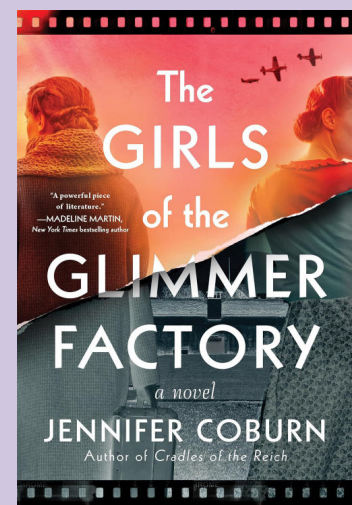
Click on cover to reserve, or save to your book bag



A literary thriller set partly on the roof of New York's Museum of Natural History in a flooded future. *All the Water in the*



Late autumn descends on the northern New Hampshire town of Sawyer's Grant, and a desperate search begins for a lost

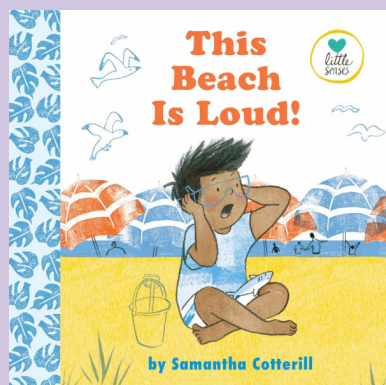


Hannah longs for the days when she used to be free, but now, she is a Jewish prisoner at Theresienstadt, a model ghetto

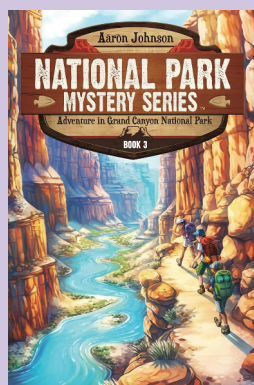
World is both a meditation on what we save from collapse and an adventure story with danger, storms, and a fight for survival.

10-year-old vacationer. A last option remains in an implausible savior, an 80-year-old man drawn back to the woods he refused to ever again enter.

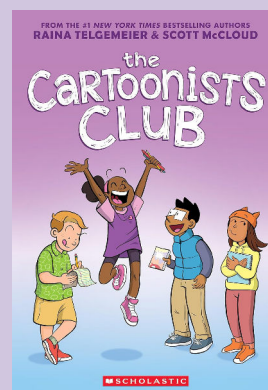
where the Nazis plan to make a propaganda film to convince the world that the Jewish people are living well in the camps. But Hannah will do anything to show the world the truth.



Patience, understanding, and a soothing exercise saves the beach day when excitement turns to sensory overload for this child on the Autism Spectrum. A perfect book for any child with sensory sensitivities. [Amazon]



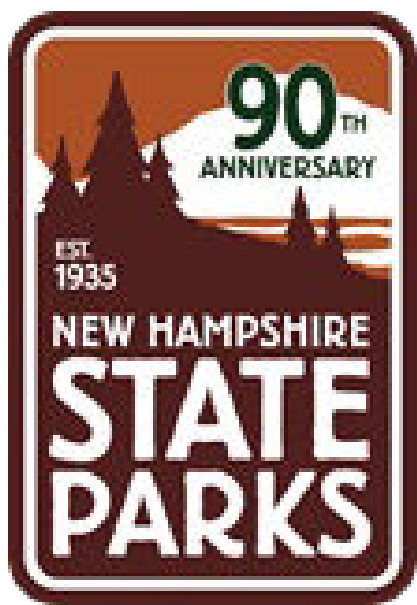
Jake, Amber, and Wes encounter new dangers and find their friendship tested as they follow the clues Jake's grandfather hid away in the old scrapbook. The three kids put their heads together to solve a puzzle that is perhaps hundreds of years in the making. We have the entire series!



Welcome to the club! Kids bursting with ideas come together to form The Cartoonists Club, where kids can learn about making comics and use their creativity and imagination for their own storytelling adventures! By popular graphic novelist Raina Telgemeier.

Synopses from Syndetics Unbound

**Thanks for reading to the end
Here's a bonus!**



We have Park Passes!

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL), the library has a park pass, good for 2 adults and up to 4 dependents to gain access at no additional charge to all day- use parks!

For more information, restrictions, and instructions on how to request the pass, [see our Park Pass website page](#).

Newsletter Sign Up

Don't miss out! Did someone forward this to you? You can sign up to receive our newsletters: this monthly general newsletter, and/or our new quarterly newsletter with information geared toward ages 2-5.

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