

GOODNOW NEWSLETTER

FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY /// OCTOBER 2026



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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon – Thurs: 9 AM–9 PM

Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM–5 PM

Sunday: 1 PM–5 PM

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Indigenous People's Day

Monday, October 12 – Closed All Day

Staff Training Day

Friday, October 23 – Closed all day



Scan the QR code to
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all library events,
including registrations

Celebrating the Freedom to Read

October 4-10 is Banned Books Week, an annual celebration of the freedom to read. Begun in 1982, this important initiative spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools, and highlights the value of free and open access to information. This October, the Goodnow Library will be observing Banned Books Week with a variety of book displays, booklists within our catalog, and book group discussions.



Libraries are places where people encounter new ideas, ask difficult questions, and learn why all perspectives are important. While attempts to restrict access through book bans are on the rise both locally and nationally, libraries here in Massachusetts are now able to benefit from new legislation protecting intellectual freedom in the Commonwealth.

On August 10, 2026, Governor Maura Healey signed the Freedom to Read Act, reinforcing a longstanding Massachusetts value: people should be free to read, learn, explore ideas, and decide for themselves what is right for their families. At a time when book challenges and censorship efforts are increasing, Massachusetts has chosen to reaffirm its commitment to free expression and the freedom to read.

Here at the Goodnow Library our mission is to improve lives through the power of information, ideas, and innovation and we are proud to support and celebrate your right to read every day of the year.

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Spooky Tours (Adult & Teen, Ages 14+)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 6–7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a journey through Wadsworth Cemetery to learn the stories the ghosts of these gravestones tell.

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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PROGRAMS



Boston Opera and Zarzuela presents: Hispanic Lyric Songs: A Hispanic Heritage Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 3–4 PM | [REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED](#)

Experience the passion, poetry, and vibrant musical traditions of the Hispanic world in a captivating concert celebrating classical lyric repertoire from Spain and the Americas.



Goodnow Library's Fall Concert Series with Lucas Kamon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 3–4 PM | [REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED](#)

Join us as we welcome back Lucas Kamon for an uplifting afternoon of classical piano! He will play pieces by a variety of composers from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic Eras.



Coffee & Coloring

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 & 21 | 10–11:30 AM

Come and enjoy a mid-week break to unwind and unplug while we share a cup of coffee and color!



Witch Wreaths & Practical Magic

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 6:30–8:15 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Design your own enchanted witch wreath while watching Practical Magic!



The Magic of Mulling Spices

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 6:30–7:30 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Come and explore the world of fragrant and tasty spices and create a mulling spice mixture to make your own mulled cider.



Day of the Dead Skull Planters

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 6:30–8:30 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Design your own Day of the Dead skull planter and garnish with a funky succulent!

ART SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER ART EXHIBIT



Dave McCormick Woodworking

OCTOBER 2026 | McQUEEN GALLERY

Dave is a lifelong woodworker, having started his hobby in his high school's woodshop. Dave has helped Paul Shultz teach the Adult Education woodworking class at L-S for years, but does most of his own work in the woodshop in his basement. These days, Dave finds woodworking to be a great retirement hobby.

BOOK GROUPS

Bookies

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

The Infamous Gilberts by Angela Tomaski



Goodnow Grub Club

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 12–1:30 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

The Scone Queen Bakes by Danielle Sepsy



True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

The Reporter Who Knew Too Much by Mark Shaw



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez



UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Art from the Archives

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 15, & 29
10 AM–12 PM

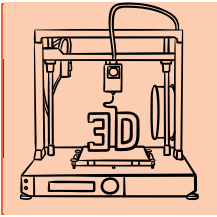
[REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED](#)

Celebrate National Archives Month! Join us on Thursdays in

October to create art inspired by local history artifacts. Not free to join on Thursday mornings? We'll be posting each week on social media the story behind that week's historic object. Make your own art at home, or drop by any of the NOW Lab open hours to work on your project on your own time. Artwork will be displayed in the library throughout November.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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Intermediate 3D Design

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 11 AM–12 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This class is for people who have some experience with 3D printing design. Learn to create designs in Onshape, to produce a file that can be printed with our 3D printer.



Laser Cut Halloween Frame

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 6–7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Make a Halloween frame to showcase your favorite spooky memories. You do not need to be trained to use the laser cutter to attend the class.



Creepy Crafts

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

Drop in and make some creepy crafts using some of the tools and machines in the makerspace. Great for last minute decorating!

NOW Lab hours vary. Scan QR code for up-to-date Open Hours.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Stuffie Surgery

SCAN QR CODE FOR DATES AND TIMES

Drop off a stuffed animal in need of repair and our stuffie surgeon will get it ready to be loved anew.

Just Bead It! Cute Wire Rings!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 & 21 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meet the Makerspace: The Beadstro

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & 28 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Art Journaling: Pick a Prompt

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 2–4 PM

You Choose, You Learn

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 2–3 PM or 3–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Sara Sherman NOW Lab is available for general use during Open Hours. Bring your projects and use our tools and space. Or just drop by and see the possibilities that await your creativity.

NOW Lab use is for ages 11–adult. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an attentive adult.

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Board, Not Bored (Grades 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 6–8:00 PM

Bring your friends, discover new games, and enjoy an evening of friendly competition, snacks, and good times. So many games to choose from!



Cute Felted Black Cats (Grades 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

It's spooky season! Join us in the NOW Lab to create cute, quirky felted cats for Halloween!



Spooky Tours (Grades 9+)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 6–7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a journey through Wadsworth Cemetery to learn the stories the ghosts of these gravestones tell.



Teen Witch Hunt (Salem 1692) (Grades 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 4–5:30 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Accusations and suspicions abound as you discover the true identities of your friends and enemies in this game of teamwork, deception, and betrayal.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Teen Book Club (Grades 8–12)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 6:15–7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This month: Ellen Poe, The Forgotten Lore. An eerie mystery with secrets, ciphers, and suspense.

Teen Writer's Group (Grades 8–12)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 4–5 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a chill meeting of fellow creative writers.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9–12)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 7–8 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Help shape what happens in the Teen Department!

Banned Book Week—Teen

Movie (Grades 6–12)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 4–6:15 PM

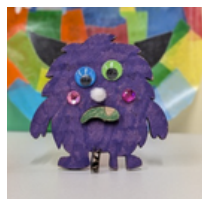
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Celebrate the freedom to read with a story of courage and resistance: The Hunger Games.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

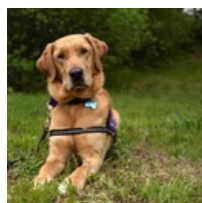
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Mini Makers: DIY Monsters

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 2–4 PM

Drop-in to make your very own monster using materials from the Sara Sherman NOW Lab.

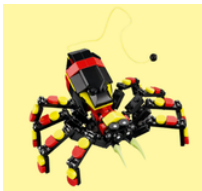


Read to Rico (Grades K–5)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 12:30–2:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (7 sessions)

Kids in grades K–5 are invited to read to Rico, a trained service dog that works for the Sudbury Police Dep't.



Lego Creator Club (Grades 2–5)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 3–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Each participant will have the chance to build a LEGO Creator Kit to be put on display in the Children's Room.



1st Year of Life Support Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 9:30–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A support group for new parents in partnership with First Connections.



Chess Club (Grades K & up)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 & 22 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the members of the LS High School Chess Club to learn and play chess! Best for K-5th graders.

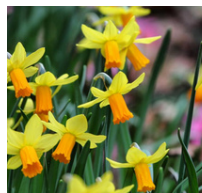


Mini-Makers and Mocktails

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 5–6 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

While the kids make monsters, adults will make refreshing apple ginger fizzes!



Daffodil Planting with the Thursday Garden Club (Ages 5–12)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 4–5:15 PM | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Plant your very own bulb, and watch it grow next spring in the library's beautiful garden!



Lego Club (Ages 4 & up)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 3–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Kids 4 & up are invited to join us for LEGO club! Each participant will use an individual box of assorted LEGO to build a creation to be displayed in the Children's Room.



Pajama Storytime (Ages 3 & up)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 6:30–7:15 PM

Drop-in for an evening storytime! Come in your pajamas if you'd like and make sure to stay afterwards for a fun craft.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Music Makers! (Ages 0–5)

MONDAYS | 10:30–11 AM

TICKET REQUIRED

Tales for Tots (Ages 1–2)

TUESDAYS | 10:30–11:15 AM

Wee Reads (Ages 0–12 months)

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30–11 AM

Tales for Three & Up (Ages 3–5)

THURSDAYS | 10:30–11:15 AM

Book Clubs



Page Turners Book Club (Gr. 4 & 5)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Nightmare on Nightmare Street by R.L. Stine



Next Chapter Book Club (Gr. 2 & 3)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Bunnica: The Graphic Novel by James Howe

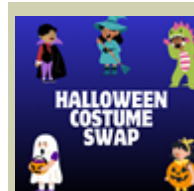


Book Buddies Book Club (Grade 1)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

School of Monsters: Bat-boy Tim Says Boo! by Sally Rippin



Halloween Costume Swap

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 17 & 24
11 AM–4 PM

Visit and select a “new-to-you” Halloween costume! The costume swap is free and open to all kids, teens and their families!

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Rockabye Beats

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
10:30–11:15 AM

Join us for an energetic and engaging music experience full of singing and dancing with Rockabye Beats!



Halloween Storytime and Pumpkin Parade

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 10 OR 11 AM

Children are invited to dress-up in costumes and come to the library for a Halloween Storytime & Pumpkin Parade!