

GOODNOW NEWSLETTER

FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY /// SEPTEMBER 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

Staff Meeting

Thursday, Sep. 3 – Library Closes at 5 PM

Labor Day

Saturday, Sep. 5 – Closed all day

Sunday, Sep. 6 – Closed all day

Monday, Sep. 7 – Closed all day



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Get Carded at Goodnow!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and a perfect time to discover everything Goodnow has to offer! With a library card you can uncover a new author, download an audiobook, check out a museum pass, or find an item to help you tackle a home project. Whether you're a longtime library user or haven't visited us in years, there's always something new to discover. Best of all, a library card gives you the freedom to explore without breaking the bank. Already have a library card? Spread the word by encouraging friends and family members to give themselves the gift that keeps on giving...a library card!



Find Your People Fair, Sunday, September 27

Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day is an annual celebration of community and connection here in the Commonwealth. This year, Goodnow Library will be hosting a Find Your People Fair on Sunday, September 27 from 2-4 PM to highlight the wide variety of groups, clubs, and organizations available in Sudbury. Our goal is to help adults discover new hobbies and meet others with shared interests. Whether you're new to town, looking to try something different, or simply hoping to connect with others, be sure to stop by, say hello, and find your people!

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Regular hours begin September 8

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ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Goodnow Library's Fall Concert Series with the Alison Keslow Trio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 2–3:15 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Please join us for the first of Goodnow Library's Fall Concert Series featuring the Alison Keslow Trio.

Bassist Alison Keslow will be joined by Phil Sargent on guitar and Benny Benson on drums. The trio blends Jazz, Funk and Latin grooves all from the bass perspective. Instrumental classics and original compositions will be featured.



Grow Your Own Mushrooms (Adults & Teens)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 6:30–8:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Back by popular demand, Heather from Little Room Mushrooms will be teaching us about growing oyster mushrooms!



Lunchtime Yoga

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 1–2 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Take some time to relax and slow down by joining us in the Community Room during lunch for yoga. Perfect for squeezing into your busy workday!



More Than Blue Documentary Screening

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 6:30–8:30 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

More Than Blue is the first documentary on postpartum depression, featuring voices from First Connections' Emotional Wellbeing After Baby Support Group.



Leather Art (Adults & Teens)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 | 6:30–8 PM | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

This workshop blends ancient aesthetics with hands-on craftsmanship, inviting participants to transform the geometric patterns of Silk Road art and the symbolism of the Lunar Zodiac into personalized leather creations.

Goodnow Library and Reconnect Sudbury Present: Join or Die

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30 | 6:30–8:30 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED



Goodnow Library and Reconnect Sudbury present a special screening of the Emmy nominated documentary Join or Die. Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of Harvard professor Robert Putnam, whose legendary "Bowling Alone" research into American community decline may hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis.

To create the most connected experience, attendees will be asked to valet cellphones at the door.

BOOK GROUPS



Bookies

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

Dopamine Nation: Finding Balance in the Age of Indulgence by Dr. Anna Lembke



Goodnow Grub Club

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 12–1:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Complete Summer Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen



True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

The Reporter Who Knew Too Much by Mark Shaw.



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Moby-Dick by Herman Melville



Read Between the Strides

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Do you love listening to audiobooks? Join us for Goodnow's silent audiobook walking group.

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Footsteps of History:

Walking Tours of Sudbury

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 | 1–2 PM

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

We will explore the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. As we walk, we'll examine the impact that military and industry had on Sudbury's landscape and community after World War II.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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You Choose, You Learn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 2–3 PM or 3–4 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 5:30–6:30 PM or 6:30–7:30 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Receive personalized training on a NOW Lab machine of your choice. These classes are for ages 14 - adult.



Laser Cutting Certification

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 5:30–7:30 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

This class will train you to use our new Omtch Polar laser cutter and the Lightburn software that runs it. Everyone must be trained/certified on the new machine.



Junk Journaling: Pick a Prompt

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 2–4 PM
This month we will take our inspiration from one of three prompts from the book *A Year of Junk Journaling* by Martina Calvi. Pick between "Woven Stories", "Sticker Dump" or "Season's Changing".

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Stuffie Surgery

SCAN QR CODE FOR DATES AND TIMES

We'll mend your friend! Drop off a stuffed animal in need of repair and our stuffie surgeon will get it back in shape to be loved anew.

Introduction to 3d Printing: Pumpkins!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | 6:30–7:30 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Meet the Makerspace: The Beadstro

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 16 & 30 | 10–11 AM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Just Bead It! Fresh Flower Earrings

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 | 10–11 AM
[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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Teen BYO Book Club (Gr. 6–12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 6:30–7:15 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Discover new titles, chat about favorite characters and plot twists, and connect with other readers. Snacks and fun conversations included!



Learn to Play D&D (Gr. 7–12)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 1–4 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Ready for an epic adventure? Discover the world of Dungeons & Dragons!



Beaded Bag Charms (Gr. 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 4–5 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Create cool charms to hang from your backpack, use as keyrings, or put anywhere you want to add a little decoration!



The SAT, The ACT, and You (Gr. 9–12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 7–8 PM | ONLINE
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Open Door Education, a test preparation organization in Acton MA, will discuss all things SAT and ACT. Reduce stress by developing a strategic success plan!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board (Gr. 9–12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 7–8 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Help shape what happens in the Teen Department and make your voice heard!

Teen Writer's Group (Gr. 8–12)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 5:30–6:30 PM
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Join us for a chill meeting of fellow creative writers and we'll get to work.



NEW! Teen Board Game Night (Gr. 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 6–8 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Teen Game Night at the library! Bring your friends, discover new games, and enjoy an evening of friendly competition, snacks, and good times. All skill levels welcome!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

With the school year starting, it's the perfect time to give your child the most important school supply of all—a library card. Any child age 5 or older is eligible to get a library card.

A child's library card is a powerful tool for early learning, personal growth, and community connection.

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, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4:00-4:45 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Ink Girls by Marieke Nijkamp



Next Chapter Book Club (Gr. 2 & 3)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 4:00-4:45 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Doggo and Pupper Search for Cozy by Katherine Applegate



Book Buddies Book Club (Gr. 1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 4:00-4:45 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

The Pumpkin Patch by Margaret McNamara

Rosh Hashanah Storytime (All Ages)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 10–11 AM

Join us to celebrate and learn about Rosh Hashanah at this special storytime with Rabbi Josh Breindel from Congregation Beth El. Stay after storytime for a craft.

Baby Ballroom (Ages birth–18 months)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 18 & 25 | 11:30–12:15 PM

Have a new baby and looking for ways to get out and do something? Come to Baby Ballroom! Learn fun basics of ballroom in waltz, foxtrot and more!

1st Year of Life Support Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 9:30–11 AM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

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

BenAnna Band (Ages 3 & up)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 10:30–11:15 PM

The BenAnna Band is a high-energy musical duo that uses guitar and singing to jam out on pop and throwback covers for kids of all abilities and identities!

Lego Club (Ages 4 & up)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 3–4 PM

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.

Mini Makers: The Residents of Tiny Town

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 2-4 PM

Calling all mini-makers ages 4 & up! Tiny town building has begun, but it needs residents to live, work, and play there! Join us in populating the tiniest town in Sudbury.

Drop-In Craft: Perler Beads!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 2-3:45 PM

Kids ages 6+ are invited to drop-in and create Fall themed perler bead creations.

Library of Things Is for Everyone!

Did you know that Goodnow's Library of Things is not just technology and tools? We also have many family items, such as lawn games, a pop-up tent and a party speaker. Want to watch a movie outdoors? We have a portable projector and screen, too! Check out the [whole collection!](#)



Please note that patrons must be age 18 or older to borrow Library of Things items.