

GOODNOW NEWSLETTER

FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY /// APRIL 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

Easter

Sunday, Apr. 5 – Closed all day

Patriots' Day

Monday, Apr. 20 – Closed all day



Scan the QR code to get full details for all library events, including registrations

Goodnow Neighbors

Next time you visit the library, be sure to check out *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, a beautiful new community collage on the main staircase landing. This artwork was created during the library's Good Neighbor Day on September 27, 2025, and was funded by a Sudbury Cultural Council grant.



Attendees of all ages collaborated using mixed media to create a group collage celebrating the Sudbury community. The project was led by Sudbury residents Bethany Shaw and Anna Ryan of BNA Makery and provided a meaningful opportunity for community connection. The library is thrilled to showcase this new addition!

Historical Room Renovations

Starting Tuesday, April 21, the Goodnow Library's 1895 Historical Room will be closed to the public for renovations for approximately two months. This project is the final phase of the library's multi-year "Reimagining the Second Floor" project and will add custom storage for unique documents, archival materials, maps, and artifacts while preserving the original character of the space.

The rehabilitation of the Historical Room is funded by the Goodnow Library Foundation and Sudbury Community Preservation Act funds.

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Out of ideas for April vacation?

Goodnow Library offers passes to a variety of local museums and attractions at discounted rates. You can view available dates and reserve passes directly online. Passes may be reserved up to eight weeks before the date of use.

To explore our offerings, or to reserve a pass, please visit our [Museum Pass](#) page.

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Goodnow Library's Spring Concert Series with Richard Donohue

SUNDAY, APR. 12 | 3-4 PM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

In a time when secular music was discouraged as an “extravagance and dissipation,” the fledgling composers of the American Colonies found fiery inspiration in the culture of Liberty. This forty-minute program features a collection of “New Songs” and Hymns published in Connecticut during the American Revolution. [Richard Franklin Donohue](#), Tenor & Harpsichord, will explore this fiery repertoire that, in the words of John Adams, “cultivated the sensations of Freedom.”



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Acrylic Painting Workshop

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8 | 6–8 PM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Learn how to create beautiful and colorful acrylic paintings! In this class you will be introduced to painting with acrylic, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition.



Take Charge Campaign

SATURDAY, APR. 18 | 11 AM–12 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Navigating healthcare is rarely simple, but a little preparation goes a long way. Join us for a practical, empowering session where you'll walk away with five clear steps to improve healthcare for you and your family.



Saving the Planet, One Garden at a Time

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22 | 6:30–7:30 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Come hear what you can do in your own backyard (and front yard) to address climate change and make your landscape come alive. We will talk trees and shrubs and perennials. We'll discuss water and soil.



Read Between the Strides

FRIDAY, APR. 24 | 10–11 AM

Do you love listening to audiobooks? Do they get you moving? Join us for the first ever silent audiobook walking group, Read Between the Strides!

Have your latest listen downloaded and ready for a group walk through Sudbury's [Memorial Forest](#).



ART SPOTLIGHT

APRIL ART EXHIBIT



Solantophile by Cristina Farrer

APRIL 2026 | McQUEEN GALLERY

A solantophile is someone who is irresistibly in love with sunflowers. Sunflower is a globally recognized symbol used in hidden disabilities, for people with non-visible conditions, including dementia and Alzheimer's disease. *Solantophile* is a homage to all who were touched by the cruel disease of Alzheimer's and dementia.

BOOK GROUPS



Bookies

MONDAY, APR. 6 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin.



True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, APR. 15 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Blood & Ink by Joe Pompeo.



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, APR. 16 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson.

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Footsteps of History: Walking Tours of Sudbury

Co-sponsored by Sudbury
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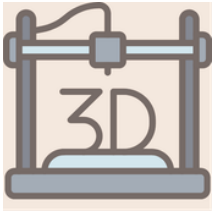
WEDNESDAY, APR. 22 | 1–2 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUESTED](#)

In April, the Goodnow Library and Sudbury Historical Society are joined by Brittney Peauwe Wunnepog Walley, Nipmuc artist and historian. On our walk we'll grapple with long held beliefs of colonizer narratives, and discuss new ways to understand the history of King Philip's War and the way in which this conflict still impacts the community of Sudbury and its environment. Walkers should plan to meet in the library lobby. Drop-ins are welcome, but the group will plan to leave the assigned meet up location promptly at 1 pm.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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Introduction to 3D Printing

SATURDAY, APR. 4 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED CLASS FULL

Learn how to manipulate shapes in Tinkercad, a 3D design software, to create a file that can be printed with our 3D printer.



Laser Cut Rubber Stamp

TUESDAY, APR. 14 | 6–8 PM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Make a rubber stamp using the software Cuttle xyz and our laser cutter. Everyone will have the opportunity to design and take home a one word rubber stamp. You do not need to be certified to use the laser cutter to participate. Ages 14 to adult.



Crafts, Crunchies, and Conversation

TUESDAY, APR. 28 | 6–8 PM

Drop-in to the Sara Sherman NOW Lab for an easy beading craft, some crunchy snacks, and convivial conversation. We'll be making bag charms based on a Creativebug class. Stay as little or as long as you like, just come and have fun.

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Stuffie Surgery

SCAN QR CODE FOR DATES AND TIMES

Introduction to Sewing Machines

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8 | 2–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Just Bead It! Wire Wrapped Earrings

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8 & 22 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Led by Sue from Mystic Moon Beads. This month we will be making wire wrapped earrings.

Beadstro

WEDNESDAY, APR. 15 & 29 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Work on your own projects with help from a beading professional.

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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Pocket Poetry (Gr. 6-12)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 1 | 4–5 PM

Poems/art supplies provided to decorate pocket poems for National Poetry Month. More in the teen area all April!



Fused Glass (Pendants & Magnets) (Gr. 7-12)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22 | 3–4:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Come create your own fused glass piece with artist Deenie Pacik Giuliano in this fun, hands-on workshop!



Mystery at Magnolia Gardens (Gr. 8-12)

THURSDAY, APR. 23 | 7–8:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Try out a mystery box and uncover the truth about the poisoning at Magnolia Gardens!



Teen Talent: Unplugged (Gr. 9-12)

THURSDAY, APR. 29 | 7-8:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR PERFORMERS

Celebrate the creativity of local teens with an acoustic performance event featuring student musicians.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Teen Writers Group (Gr. 8–12)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8 | 6:30-7:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

Teen Advisory Board (Gr. 9–12)

TUESDAY, APR. 28 | 7–8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meet monthly to help plan activities at the library.

A.R.T. Lab (Art, Relax, Try!) (Gr. 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 15 | 4-5 PM

First A.R.T. Lab! Work on craft projects while hanging out with other creative teens.

Teen Movie Night (Gr. 6–12)

TUESDAY, APR. 21 | 6–8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Bring your friends, have some snacks, and watch The Lorax!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Chess Club (Gr. K–5)

THURSDAY, APR. 2, 16 & 30 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the members of the LS High School Chess Club to learn and play chess!



Lego Club

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8 | 3–4 PM

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

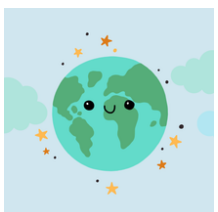


1st Year of Life Support Group

THURSDAY, APR. 9 | 9:30-11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

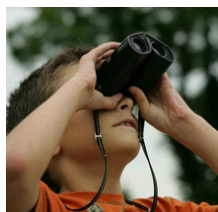
A support group for new parents in partnership with First Connections.



Drop-in Earth Day Craft (Ages 3 & up)

TUESDAY, APR. 21 | 2–4 PM

Drop-in to make a craft using various recycled objects and materials.



Hands on Nature (Ages 4 & up)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22 | 3–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Discover the local birds in your yard and make a simple bird feeder craft.



"Drive-in Movie" (All ages)

THURSDAY, APR. 23 | 1:30–4:30 PM

From 1:30-2:30 PM build a car out of cardboard, and at 2:30 watch our feature film, Cars!



Playful Engineers (Ages 5 & up)

FRIDAY, APR. 24 | 3–4:30 PM

Drop in for a chain reaction and creative contraption demonstration. Then make and break your very own creations in this creative workshop.



Read to Rico (Gr. K–5)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 29 | 12:30–2:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Kids in grades K–5 are invited to read to Rico, a fully trained service dog that works for the Sudbury Police Department.

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 (Gr. 4 & 5)

MONDAY, MAR. 23 | 4:00-4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

How to Talk to Your Succulent by Zoe Persico.



Next Chapter (Gr. 2 & 3)

TUESDAY, MAR. 24 | 4:00-4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Frindle by Andrew Clements.



Book Buddies (Gr. 1)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25 | 4:00-4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World by Jacqueline Davies.

Home Alone Staying Safe Training (Gr 4-6)

SATURDAY, APR. 25 | 10:30 AM–1 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This dynamic and interactive class will prepare your child to handle most situations, from an unexpected knock on the door to an emergency 911 phone call.

They will learn self-protection techniques, verbal assertiveness, kitchen & food safety (to include choking prevention), fire safety, and basic first aid. Class includes a booklet and certificate of completion. Participants are asked to bring a nut-free snack to have during class break. This program is generously sponsored by the Goodnow Library Foundation.

