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Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM–2 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Labor Day

*Saturday, Sep. 5 – Closed all day**Sunday, Sep. 6 – Closed all day**Monday, Sep. 7 – Closed all day*

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ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Birding 101: Part 2 (Guided Bird Walk)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | 8–9 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Mike Perrin, local bird-enthusiast and Sudbury Valley Trustees employee, will act as your guide to the birds at Wolbach Farm in Sudbury. Mike will showcase the birds you can expect to see in your area and teach you tips for identifying them by sight and sound. Please bring binoculars if available and be aware of environmental conditions; consider bringing water, sunscreen, and long pants to prevent ticks.



Bird Carving (Adults & Teens)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 6–7:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn to carve wood in this hands-on class. Carving techniques, tool sharpening, new skills, and a fun time! In this class, we'll be making carved wooden birds.



Air Plant Terrariums

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | 11 AM–2:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Design your own air plant terrarium, embellishing with sea shells, sea glass, and maybe a gnome or two.



Lunchtime Yoga

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 | 1–2 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

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



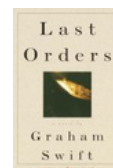
Felted Summer Scene

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | 6:30–8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Create a nautical summer scene and learn to paint with wool.

BOOK GROUPS



Bookies

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

Last Orders by Graham Swift.



Goodnow Grub Club

Goodnow Grub Club will be back in September.



True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Dig Me a Grave by Dick Harpootlian.



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Rebecca by Daphne duMaurier.



Read Between the Strides

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 | 10–11 AM

[REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED](#)

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

ART SPOTLIGHT

AUGUST ART EXHIBIT



Wayside Quilters Guild

AUGUST 2026 | McQUEEN GALLERY

The Goodnow Library is pleased to present an exhibit by the Wayside Quilters Guild, a group of approximately 60 people who share a love of quilts and quilting. Founded in 1985, the guild draws members from Sudbury and surrounding communities, with experience ranging from true beginners to accomplished quilters and instructors.

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Footsteps of History:

Walking Tours of Sudbury

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 | 1–2 PM

[REGISTRATION REQUESTED](#)

In August, we will explore Hop

Brook as it runs through the Sudbury Valley Trustees Memorial Forest. We'll explore its history, the properties which the creek intersects, and the history of the Hop Brook Protection Society.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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Vinyl Stickers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 6–7 PM OR
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | 2:30–3:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn how to design and cut vinyl name or monogram stickers using our Silhouette Cameo machine.



You Choose, You Learn

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 2–3 PM or 3–4 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 | 10:30–11:30 AM or 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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



Mini Memory Boxes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 | 2–4 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Turn your small summer souvenirs into a work of art by making a miniature keepsake box.

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code for up-to-date Open Hours.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Stuffie Surgery

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Just Bead It! Boho Earrings

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 & 19 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Sue, from Mystic Moon Beads, to learn new jewelry-making skills. This month: Boho Earrings.

Meet the Makerspace: The Beadstro

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 & 26 | 10–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Need help finishing a beading project? Bring your materials and get advice from Sue, owner of Mystic Moon Beads.

Laser Cutting Certification

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Sara Sherman NOW Lab is open during Open Hours for ages 11–adult. Bring a project, explore the tools, or discover new creative possibilities. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an attentive adult.

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Summer Sweets (Gr. 6–12)

MONDAYS, AUGUST 3 & 10 | 5–5:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Make delicious and creative no-bake sweet treats to enjoy and take home! This month features homemade ice cream sundaes and candy sushi.

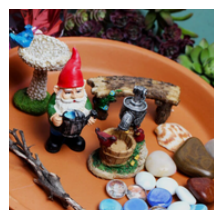


Bird Carving Workshop (Gr. 6–12)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 6–8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Grab a carving tool and discover the fun of transforming a simple block of wood into your own carved bird!



Thyme to Craft (Gr. 6–12)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

See our own summer gnome home display on the second floor and come create your own miniature gnome garden.



Paint 'n Sip (Gr. 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us in the NOW Lab for a teen paint 'n sip program, complete with smoothies! Grab a canvas, some fruit, and get creative!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

BYO Book Club (Gr. 6–12)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Discover new titles, chat about favorite characters and plot twists, and connect with other readers.

Teen Advisory Board (Gr. 9–12)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | 5:30–6:15 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Help plan for all things teen at Goodnow.



Flying High Dogs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 | 5–7 PM

Watch frisbee dogs soar while eating free ice cream at our end-of-summer celebration.

School Summer Reading!



Looking for your summer reading books? We've stocked middle and high school required reading titles for local students, and other great book recs.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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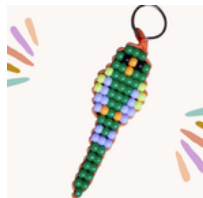


Summer Sweets *(Rising 4th-5th graders)*

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 & 10 | 4–4:45 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Every Monday, join us to grow your cooking skills to make fun and creative no-bake sweet treats to enjoy.

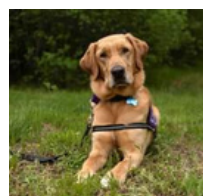


D.I.G.: Beaded Birds *(Rising 3rd-5th graders)*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 4–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This week, participants will learn how to make beaded bird keychains.



Read to Rico *(Grades K & up)*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 10 AM–12 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.



Summer Lego Club *(Ages 4 & up)*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4–4:45 pm

Each participant will use an individual box of assorted LEGO to build a creation to be displayed in the Children's Room.



Eyes on Owls *(Ages 8 & up)*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | 4–5:15 pm

Join Marcia and Mark Wilson from Eyes on Owls as they present their live owl program, highlighting owls' unique adaptations, habitats, and behaviors.



Discover, Investigate, Grow *(Rising 3-5th)*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 | 4:00–4:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This week, participants will use Mod Podge to decorate a box and then construct a sand-based Zen garden.



1st Year of Life Support Group

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 | 9:30–11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Music Makers! *(Ages 0–5)*

MONDAYS | 10:30–11 AM

TICKET REQUIRED

Tales for Tots *(Ages 1–2)*

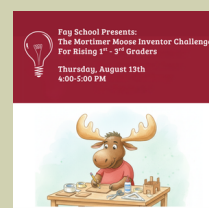
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Wee Reads *(Ages 0–12 months)*

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30–11 AM

Tales for Three & Up *(Ages 3–5)*

THURSDAYS | 10:30–11:15 AM



Fay School Presents: Mortimer Moose Inventor Challenge *(Rising 1st-3rd)*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 | 5-7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This 60-minute workshop gives young innovators an early start in Design Thinking, the methodology used by top universities and corporations. Students will partner up to tackle a real-world design challenge for the Fay School mascot, Mortimer Moose. Using premium structural materials, they will define a problem, and build a tangible, functioning prototype—all in one session.



Summer Reading Celebration: Flying High Dogs!

(All Ages)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 | 5-7 PM

Let's celebrate summer reading on the Goodnow Library front lawn with Flying High Dogs! Mike Piazza is a multiple world finalist and world record holder in K-9 Frisbee and the current #1 Professional K-9 frisbee performer in the world.

All ages are welcome and no registration is required!

Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on along with your appetite for ice cream afterwards!

*Please note that bringing your own dogs to this program is strongly discouraged for safety reasons.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
KEEP
READING
AND BEADING**

BEADS CAN BE REDEEMED
UNTIL AUGUST 31

Summer Reading @ Goodnow!

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

There's still time for reading this summer! Sign-ups are ongoing and reading and beading continues through the entire month of August!