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GOODNOW NEWSLETTER

FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY /// DECEMBER 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

Christmas

Thursday, December 24: Closed at 12 pm
Friday, December 25: Closed all day
Saturday, December 26: Closed all day

New Year's

Thursday, December 31: Closed at 12 pm
Friday, January 1: Closed all day

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

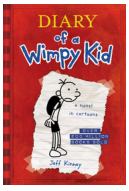
Most Borrowed Books of 2026

Another year of reading is wrapping up and we wanted to shared the most-borrowed adult titles of 2026!



1. The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
2. Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke
3. We Solve Murders by Richard Osman
4. The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
5. My Friends by Fredrik Backman
6. Sandwich by Catherine Newman
7. The Academy by Elin Hilderbrand and Shelby Cunningham
8. Nightshade by Michael Connelly
9. Whistler by Ann Patchett
10. The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett

Wondering about the most borrowed children's titles? Titles from Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid series claimed all top ten spots this year. A perennial favorite!



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Sudbury Holiday Village

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 11 AM–2 PM

All ages are invited to Sudbury's annual Holiday Village event at Fairbank Community Center. This family favorite tradition will include a storytime and craft from the Goodnow Library, a gift market, a food hall and lots of winter fun. You won't want to miss it!

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SCAN FOR MORE ADULT PROGRAMS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7–8:30 PM | REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Join us for the rescheduled date as we invite the Boston Opera and Zarzuela to take us on an intimate musical journey across continents and generations. This special program brings together beloved Spanish art songs, and Latin American lyrical works, showcasing music shaped by the diverse cultures, rhythms, and stories of the Spanish-speaking world.



Coffee + Coloring

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 & 16 | 10 AM–11:30 AM

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



Fixit Clinic Resident Fixer Open Hours

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10, & 17 | 6:30–8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sudbury residents are welcome to bring household items in need of repair and consult with a resident fixer about how to get them working again.



Makers & Mocktails: Holiday Edition

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 6:30-8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us as we make a holiday craft out of upcycled books while sipping on a festive mocktail!



Goodnow Library's Fall Concert Series with Becky and the Swingin' Bards

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 2–3 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Join us as we welcome Becky and the Swingin' Bards! Playing both hits and little-known gems from artists spanning decades, this will be a concert you won't want to miss!

BOOK GROUP SPOTLIGHT



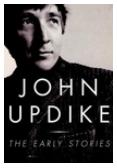
Lives in Conversation

JANUARY 9, 2027 | 10:30–11:30 AM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Introducing Lives in Conversation, a new Saturday morning book group that will read one memoir a month and meet to enjoy a morning of tea and lively conversation. For the first month we will dive into *A Different Kind of Power* by former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. You can pick up your copy now at the circulation desk or download it on Libby!

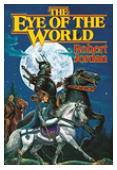
BOOK GROUPS



Bookies

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

The Early Stories, 1953-1975 by John Updike



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Eye of the World by Robert Jordan



Goodnow Grub Club

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 12–1:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Grub Club will not be reading any specific cookbook this month, instead they will meet for a holiday cookie or recipe swap!



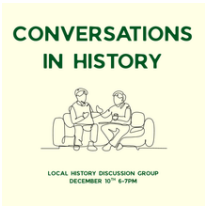
True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Thirteen Perfect Fugitives: The True Story of the Mob, Murder, and the World's Largest Art Heist by Geoffrey Kelly

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Conversations in History—Local History Discussion Group

THURSDAY, DEC. 10 | 6–7 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Conversations in History is an informal group for anyone interested in learning more about the history of Sudbury or the work of history-telling more broadly.

In December, we'll take a tour of some of the library's artwork and learn of some of the artists, well known or not, who have called Sudbury home. Following a tour and brief lecture we will open up for a broader discussion on local history and historical research.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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Personalized Laser Cut Ornament Charm Boxes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 6–8 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 2–4 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Use the laser cutter to make a box decoration with personalized oranments as a thoughtful gift.



Sew Felt Cookies

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 2–4 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 9:30–10:30 AM

Drop in and sew some felt cookies you can use as toys or decorations. We will use basic sewing stitches to make faux-felt food.



Gift Envelopes and Tags

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 10:30AM–12:30PM

Did you know the NOW Lab has a Sizzix thin-cut die machine? Drop in and learn how to use it to make personalized tags and envelopes perfect for adding a special touch to your presents.

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! Glass Bead Earrings



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 Book Swap *(Grades 6-12)*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1–SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Leave a book, take a book! A little something to give, a new story to enjoy. Stop by the teen area to share a book and pick a new-to-you read!



Winter Sock Gnomes *(Grades 6–12)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

It's time for winter crafts! Join us in the NOW Lab to make your very own winter sock gnomes.



DIY Soapmaking *(Grades 6–12)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 4–5 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Make perfectly scented soap for some rest and relaxation in December.



K-Pop Party! *(Grades K–8)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 3–4 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Get ready for a K-Pop party! We'll have crafts, dancing, karaoke, and of course a character meet & greet and performance. Join us in celebrating all things Huntrix!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Teen Book Club *(Gr. 8–12)*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 6:30–7:30 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Explore the enchanting world of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*. Snacks provided!

Teen Advisory Board *(Gr. 9–12)*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 7–8 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Help shape what happens in the Teen Department!

Teen Writer's Group *(Gr. 8–12)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5:30–6:30 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Join us for a chill meeting of fellow creative writers.

Cookie Swap + Home Alone *(Gr. 6–12)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 3–5 PM

Bring cookies (or not!) to share (homemade, store-bought, or both) and leave with a container of assorted treats.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Great Goodnow Gingerbread Challenge *(Ages 1-11)*

RESERVATIONS for house bases begin Tue Dec 1, 9 AM
DROP-IN CRAFTING WORKSHOPS (All times PM, except as noted):
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4–8; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12–4;
SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 10 AM–4; WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4–8;
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10 AM–4; SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10 AM–4

Kids ages 1–11 are invited to participate in the 5th annual Great Goodnow Gingerbread Challenge! Have an idea for an amazing house? What about the inside? We provide the unfinished wooden gingerbread house base, you provide the creativity! New contest categories for 2026: Woodland Forest, Winter Wonderland, and At the Beach.



Read to Rico *(Grades K–5)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 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.



Rise Up! Art and Activism *(Ages 6–11)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 2–4 PM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Calling young readers ready to use their voice for change! We'll discuss *Rise Up! Powerful Protests in American History* by Rachel Katz, discover what we're passionate about, then create artwork to be displayed in the library.



Chess Club *(Grades K & up)*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 & 17 | 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.



Chanukah Family Story Time *(All Ages)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 10:30 AM–11:15 AM

Join us to learn about Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Light, at this special family storytime with Rabbi Josh Breindel from Congregation Beth El. Best for children in grades K & up with a caregiver.



Lego Club *(Ages 4 & up)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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.



Crafting in a Winter Wonderland *(Ages 2 & up)*

SATURDAY, DEC. 19 & MONDAY, DEC. 21 | 12–2 PM

Join us for an afternoon of winter crafting! Best for children ages 2+ and their caregivers.



Pajama Storytime *(Ages 3 & up)*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 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. This family program is perfect for children ages 3 and up.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Music Makers! *(Ages 0–5)*
MONDAYS | 10:30–11 AM
TICKET REQUIRED

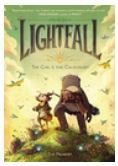
Tales for Tots *(Ages 1–2)*
TUESDAYS | 10:30–11:15 AM

Wee Reads *(Ages 0–12 months)*
WEDNESDAYS | 10:30–11 AM

Tales for Three & Up *(Ages 3–5)*
THURSDAYS | 10:30–11:15 AM

Baby Ballroom
FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 4 & 18 | 11:30 AM–12:15 PM

Book Clubs



Page Turners Book Club *(Gr. 4 & 5)*
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Lightfall: The Girl and the Galdurian by Tim Probert



Next Chapter Book Club *(Gr. 2 & 3)*
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Science Comics: Polar Bear Survival on the Ice by Jason Viola



Book Buddies Book Club *(Grade 1)*
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The Gingerbread Man: Buttons on the Loose by Laura Murray



The Amazing Flea Circus *(Ages 3 & up)*
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 3–4 PM
Ed Popielarczyk's flea circus is coming to the Goodnow Library! This is a show from days gone by, consisting of a big top circus in miniature. All will be thrilled and amazed by Ed's trained fleas!! Some of the kids will help during the show by holding a flea while it does a stunt!



K-Pop Party! *(Gr. K-8)*
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 3–4 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Get ready for a K-Pop party! We'll have crafts, dancing, karaoke, and of course a character meet & greet and performance! Join us in celebrating all things Huntrix.



New Year's Eve Storytime! *(All ages)*
THURSDAY, DEC. 31 | 10:30–11:30 AM
Ring in the New Year at our special New Year's Eve Storytime! We'll lead a fun-filled storytime in the Community Room followed by a fun countdown and craft!