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GOODNOW NEWSLETTER

FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY /// NOVEMBER 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

Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11: Closed all day

Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 25: Closed at 12
Thursday, November 26: Closed all day
Friday, November 27: Closed all day

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

Goodnow Library's Historical Room



We are thrilled to announce the official reopening of the Goodnow Library's Historical Room! Built in 1895, this historic space has been rehabilitated to provide improved storage for certain unique documents, maps, and artifacts and to serve as a public reading room reserved for quiet work and study.

The completion of the Historical Room rehabilitation marks the culmination of the multi-year "Reimagining the Second Floor Project" begun in 2016. This project was funded through the generous support of the Goodnow Library Foundation and Community Preservation Act funds.

The community is invited to an official reopening of the Historical Room on Thursday, November 19 from 4:30-7:30 pm. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 4:45 PM followed by an open invitation to explore the space. Light refreshments will be served in an adjacent area. Following the grand reopening, the Historical Room will be open during library hours as a quiet work and study space.

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the book nook — GOODNOW LIBRARY

Book Nook Fall Book Sale

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 5–8 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 10 AM–4 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 10 AM–2 PM

Browse our selection of generously donated, gently used books—all in great condition and ready for a new home.

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Letter and Spirit: The Rants, Chants, and Coos of a Literary Musician

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 2–3 PM | REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

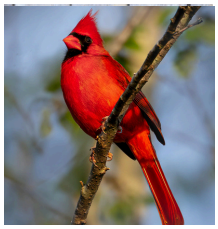
Come join the Inaugural Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Regie Gibson, for an afternoon of story, spoken word poetry and song. This will be an intelligent, thoughtful, bluesey, jazzy, touching exploration into what it means to live, laugh, and love as a human being.



Diwali Lantern Making Workshop

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 6:30–8 PM

Celebrate the Festival of Lights by creating your own beautiful, colorful lantern! Enjoy a fun, beginner-friendly experience, with all supplies provided.



Birding with Mike Perrin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 8–9 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Mike Perrin, local bird-enthusiast and SVT employee, for a walk around Wolbach Farm as he teaches you tips to identify birds by sight and sound.



Goodnow Library's Fall Concert Series with Matt York

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 2–3 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us as we welcome Matt York as he regales us with Johnny Cash - Songs & Stories!



Visible Mending Workshop

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 5-8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn the basics of visible mending with Catherine Karp who will teach basic stitches, which can be used to mend almost any textile.

ART SPOTLIGHT

NOVEMBER ART EXHIBIT



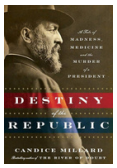
Photo by Saul Rothstein

Gateway Camera Club

NOVEMBER 2026 | McQUEEN GALLERY

The Goodnow Library is excited to announce the return of the Gateway Camera Club's premiere photo exhibit. The exhibit will open on Sunday, November 1 and extend through the end of the month. You are welcome to view the exhibit anytime during regular library hours.

BOOK GROUPS



Bookies

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard

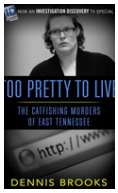


Goodnow Grub Club

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 12–1:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

I'll Bring the Apps by Marissa Mullin

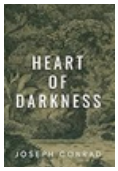


True Crime Book Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Too Pretty to Live by Dennis Brooks



Great American Read Book Club

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 7–8 PM

VIA ZOOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



Local History Office Hours

THURSDAY, NOV. 12 | 1–2:30 PM

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

Looking to learn more about your own family history?

Come drop in to our local history office hours, Thursday November 12th from 1pm - 2:30pm. You'll be able to connect with our local history librarian, explore our resources, and join others in their quest to uncover local history.

SARA SHERMAN NOW LAB HIGHLIGHTS

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Personalized Laser Cut Pumpkins
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 2–4 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Personalize a pumpkin decoraton to welcome friends and family to your home. You do not need to be trained to use the laser cutter to attend the class.



Basic Programming with Arduino Playground
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 3–4 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join us to learn the basics of block programming using Arduino Playground. With this programming language you can make your device light up, play music, & more.



Crafts, Crunchies, and Conversation
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 6–8 PM
Drop-in to the Sara Sherman NOW Lab anytime between 6-8 for an easy craft, some crunchy snacks, and convivial conversation. We'll be making autumnal paper wreaths.

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! Gemstone Bracelet
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 & 18 | 10–11 AM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Laser Cutting Certification
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 2–4 PM

You Choose, You Learn
SAT., NOV. 14 | 10:30–11:30 AM *or* 11:30 AM–12:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meet the Makerspace: The Beadstro
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | 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 Power Hour *(Gr. 6–12)*
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | 4–5 PM
Snacks + Homework + Library = More time to relax at home! Join us in the Teen Area to finish up some homework before heading home for the evening!



Edward Gorey Envelope Art *(Gr. 6–12)*
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
In the spirit of Edward Gorey, we'll create work to enter in the 2026 Gorey Envelope Art Contest.



ACT Practice Test *(Gr. 9-12)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 12–3 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The practice exam gives students the chance to experience the format and timing of the ACT.



Mobile Whinnies: Meet & Greet *(Gr. 6–12)*
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 2–3:30 PM
At this meet and greet event, participants will learn facts about miniature horses, and everyone will get a chance to pet one of the ponies!

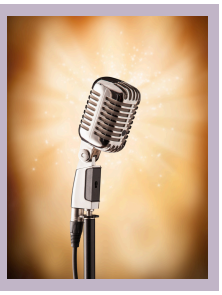
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Teen Book + Movie *(Gr. 8–12)*
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 6–8:15 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED
Special edition! Read and watch *City of Bones (Shadowhunters)* by Cassandra Clare.

Teen Advisory Board *(Gr. 9–12)*
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 7–8 PM
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED
Help shape what happens in the Teen Department!

Teen Writer's Group *(Gr. 8–12)*
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 5:30–6:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join us for a chill meeting of fellow creative writers.

Open Mic Night *(Gr. 9-12)*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 7–8:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FOR PERFORMERS
Celebrate the creativity of local teens with an acoustic performance event featuring student musicians.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Read to Rico *(Grades K–5)*
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 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 Club *(Ages 4 & up)*
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 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.



Chess Club *(Grades K & up)*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 & 19 | 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.



Drop-In Diwali Craft *(Grades K & up)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
We'll be making a variety of crafts to celebrate the Diwali festival of lights! This event is best for children in grades K & up with a caregiver.



Lego Creator Club *(Grades 2–5)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 2–3 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.



Mini-Makers: Laminated Bookmarks *(Ages 8+)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 2–3 PM
Drop-in on Saturday, November 14th to make a laminated bookmark with our new laminating machine from the Sara Sherman NOW Lab.



Family Board Game Fun! *(All Ages)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM
Unplug and reconnect with us for a morning full of fun & friendly competition! To create the most connected experience, we ask that cellphones be valeted at the door. *This is a Reconnect Sudbury event



Drop-In STEM: Snap Circuits *(Ages 6 & up)*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 2–4 PM
Experience designing and building models of working electrical circuits using Snap Circuit Jr. kits! This is a drop-in event best for ages 6 & up with a caregiver.



Pajama Storytime *(Ages 3 & up)*
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 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

Baby Ballroom
FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 6, 13, & 20 | 11:30 AM–12:15 PM

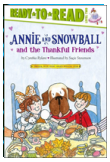
Book Clubs



Page Turners Book Club *(Gr. 4 & 5)*
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The Sherlock Society by James Ponti



Next Chapter Book Club *(Gr. 2 & 3)*
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citra

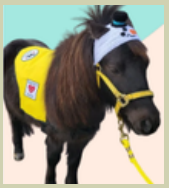


Book Buddies Book Club *(Grade 1)*
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 4–4:45 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Annie and Snowball and The Thankful Friends by Cynthia Rylant



Music at the Blissful *(Ages 0-8)*
SAT., NOV. 14 | 10:30–11:15 AM
Join national touring musician, Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller) for a high energy, fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music experience for the whole family!

Mobile Whinnies



Read to a Pony
WED., NOV. 18 | 2-3:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Mobile Whinnies will be trotting to the Goodnow Library and we can't wait! Children, tweens, and teens can register for 10 minute time slots and will be able to pet the pony at the end of their reading session.



Pony Meet & Greet
WED., NOV. 18 | 2-3:30 PM
At this meet and greet event with the ponies from Mobile Whinnies, participants will learn facts about miniature horses, and everyone will get a chance to pet a pony. While you wait for your turn, you can create a mini-horse-inspired craft!