



THE GOODWIN LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Operating Hours: Monday 10-5 / Tuesday 1-7 / Wednesday: CLOSED / Thursday 11-5 / Friday 10-5 / Saturday 10-2 / Sunday: CLOSED

December 2025

The Library will be closed December 24-26 for Christmas



Patron Appreciation Week

December 8 – 12

Thank you, patrons! Drop in all week for special treats as a thank you from the library for a wonderful year!

Virtual Gingerbread House

Contest - December 1-15

registration now closed

Kits can be picked up starting 12/1 for those registered. Build your house and email a photo by 12/7. Voting begins 12/8 and winners will be announced 12/15



Holiday Story Time

Saturday, December 6 at 10:30

Join us for our annual Holiday Story Time! We'll read festive stories, sing carols, and enjoy cookies and cocoa. Don't forget

to pick up a craft at the end of the program!

Ornament Night

Tuesday, December 9 from 4:30-6:30

Join us for a night of ornament crafts! Go from station to station creating different, festive ornaments. Open to all ages, children through adult.



Adult Programs



Wreath Making

Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30PM

Create your own wreath! All supplies are provided. This program is for adult crafters.

But It's a Really Nice Box!

Monday, December 8 at 1:00

Do you hold on to boxes because "it's a really nice box?" Do you have empty boxes you just don't know what to do with? Bring them to our Box Swap! Maybe there is another box that you have a use for. Maybe someone else can use your box! Unused boxes will be repurposed for crafts, or humanely recycled.



Caregiver Café

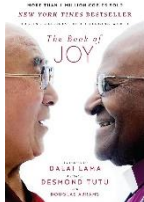
Friday, December 12 at 1:00

Join Cornerstone VNA for an informative support group. Meet other caregivers from the community while enjoying light refreshments.

The Bookies

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00

This month we're reading *The Book of Joy* by Dalai Llama. The Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu come together to give the gift of joy. Come sit with their words as they discuss as friends how to find joy even through life's suffering. Join us in discussing this heartwarming read in person or on Zoom. Contact acornwell@goodwinlibrary.org for the Zoom link.



For Children & Families

Tween Activity Group – Christmas Gift Crafts

Thursday, December 11 at 3:00

'Tis the season for festive crafting! Craft a gift for someone special.

All supplies will be provided, for ages 10-14.



Holiday Houses

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30

Decorate a beautiful holiday miniature house! Supplies will be provided. Open to ages 6+

Movie Matinee –

The Polar Express

Saturday, December 20 at 11:00

Bring the whole family and watch this holiday favorite with us! Popcorn will be provided.

Rating: PG Run Time: 1 hour 40 min



Santa Clause Movie Marathon

Tuesday, December 23 at 1:30

Binge watch the Santa Clause movies with us!

Cardboard Construction

Tuesday, December 30

from 3:00-5:00

Drop in to free build with cardboard! Make your own creation or add to our box fort!



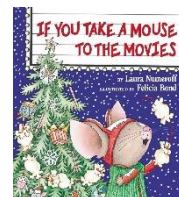
Lego Club

Saturdays, 10:00– 1:30

Try a Lego Challenge or free build with our Lego collection.

Story Trail

Walk along and read *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies!* This story is sponsored by the Farmington Woman's Club. This story will be up through December.

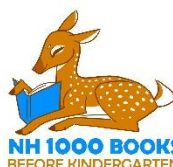


The Story Trail is located at the McCarthy Trail, next to the Public Safety Complex at 160 NH-153.

We are currently seeking donations for the 2026 story trail season. If you are interested in sponsoring a story, email Kayla at kmorin@goodwinlibrary.org

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a statewide early literacy initiative. It's easier than you think to read 1000 books before kindergarten.




500 Books Before Middle School

We created a reading challenge for students in grades K-6. Sign up today!



100 Books Before Graduation


Challenge yourself to read 100 books before you graduate high school. Open to grades 7-12.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Now Live!

Visit our website to register! Children under the age of 5 who live in Farmington are eligible to participate. This program mails a brand-new book every month to each child age 0-5 enrolled in the program. We are still accepting donations to sustain this program for years to come. A donation of \$32 funds books for one child for one year, \$155 funds five years of books for one child. Email Kayla at kmorin@goodwinlibrary.org for information about donating.




New! Lendable Radon Detector

We now have a radon detector available for checkout. Ask at the circulation desk for more information about borrowing the detector. Radon is a hazardous gas that often goes undetected in homes and buildings. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. Find out what your risk level is by checking out a detector today! More information about radon resources is available at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/>

Friends Meeting

Thursday, January 8 at 6:30

The Friends fund our museum passes as well as special performers. Come to the next meeting to learn how you can help support the library!



WIC

The Library is excited to be hosting Strafford County WIC for their monthly clinics in our community room. Visit dhhs.nh.gov or call 603-332-4358 for more info.

Museum Passes

Our museum passes allow patrons and residents free or discounted admission. Call or stop into the library to reserve a pass.

Current passes: Bedrock Gardens, Castle in the Clouds, Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum, Libby Museum, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, NH Farm Museum, NH State Parks, Portland Children's Museum, Portland Museum of Art, Seacoast Science Center, Wright Museum



Upcoming Events

January 1 – CLOSED New Year's Day

January 5 – Yoga Story Time 10:30

January 5 – Craft & Chat 7:00

January 8 – Friends Meeting 6:30

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Gingerbread kit pick up week	2 Wreath Making 5:30	3	4	5	6 Holiday Story Time 10:30 *gingerbread photos due 12/7
8 It's a Really Nice Box 1:00 *gingerbread voting opens*	9 Ornament Night 4:30-6:30	10	11 WIC 9-4 Tween Activity Holiday Crafts – 3:00	12 Caregiver Café 1:00	13 Holiday House Craft 10:30
15	16 Bookies <i>The Book of Joy</i> 6:00	17	18	19	20 Movie Matinee – Polar Express 11:00
22	23 Santa Clause 1 & 2 1:30	24	25 CLOSED CHRISTMAS	26 CLOSED CHRISTMAS	27 Legos all day
29	30 Cardboard Free Build 3:00	31	1 CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3