



THE GOODWIN LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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

May 2026

The Library will be CLOSED Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

Trustee Meeting

Thurs., May 21 at 6:00

Learn about the new events at the library. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Book & Plant Sale

All Month Long!

Check out the Friends of the Library Book & Plant Sale! Buy one of the canvas bags and fill it with books for \$12.



There will also be a selection of plants for sale.

Adult Programs



Craft and Chat

Monday, May 4 at 7:00 on Zoom

Settle in with your current craft project and socialize with other crafters! This program is held on Zoom. Email Pam at pgroat@goodwinlibrary.org for the link.

Natural Burial in the Seacoast

Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30

Learn about ways you or a loved one can be buried naturally in harmony with nature. There will be discussion about green cemeteries and the functions of a death doula from a local death doula herself, Brittany.



Caregiver Café

Friday, May 8 at 1:00

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

Adult Craft – Flower Photo Frames

Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30

Celebrate spring by painting your own wooden flower picture frame. All supplies will be provided.



The Bookies

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00

This month the Bookies are reading *The Dream Hotel* by Laila Lalami. We have multiple copies available for check out, stop in to pick one up! This group meets in person and on Zoom. Email Joyce at jwhite@goodwinlibrary.org for the Zoom link.

For Children & Families

Tween Activity Group – Junk Journal

Tuesday, May 5 at 3:30

Create a special place to keep all the things you love! Start your first journal, or bring one to work on with us. For ages 10-14, all supplies will be provided.



Tween Activity Group – Perler Beads

Tuesday, May 19 at 3:30

Create a spring themed design with Perler beads! For ages 10-14, all supplies will be provided.

Family Movie – G.O.A.T.

Tuesday, May 26 at 4:00

Bring the whole family and watch a new movie with us! Popcorn will be provided.

Rating: PG

Run Time: 1 hour 40 min



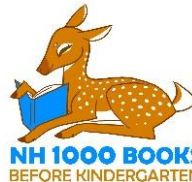
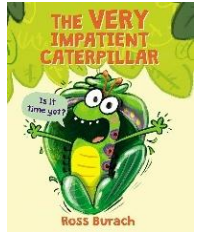
Lego Club

Saturdays, 10:00– 1:30

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

Story Trail

Walk along and read *The Very Impatient Caterpillar!* Thank you to an anonymous donor for sponsoring this story. The Story Trail is located at the McCarthy Trail, next to the Public Safety Complex at 160 NH-153.



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

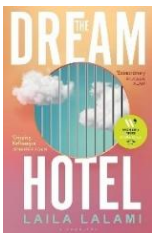
Challenge yourself to read 100 books before you graduate high school. Earn prizes for every 10 books read! Open to grades 7-12.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Sign-ups now open!

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.



Friends Meeting

Thursday, July 9 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. *Great for School Vacation Weeks!*

Current passes: Bedrock Gardens, Castle in the Clouds, Children’s Museum of NH, Currier Museum, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, NH Farm Museum, NH State Parks, Portland Children’s Museum, Portland Museum of Art, Seacoast Science Center, Squam Lakes Science Center, Strawberry Banke, Wright Museum

Closed for the Season: Libby Museum, Mt. Washington



Staff Picks



While Time Remains by Yeonmi Park

Written in 2023 by a woman who escaped from North Korea at 13 years old in 2007. In addition to learning what life is like in North Korea, the stuff they don’t want you to know, this book gives an interesting perspective about our own country.

Having escaped from a totalitarian regime that starves and tortures its inhabitants to death, Yeonmi loves the freedom America has. We are more free than we truly know. So it might be odd to hear her say that we are also in danger of becoming like the totalitarian regime she escaped from. How can this be? It’s not in the ways you would think.

Yeonmi explores her experiences here in America, and while you should take what she says with a grain of salt because she did escape at such a young age and had things happen to her here in America that lead to biases; it is an interesting argument to hear, and one that will make you open your eyes to some things.

How can going too far, even in ways we may think are good, open the door for totalitarianism? And what does China have to do with it? It's clear balance is key. A very exciting read that you won't be able to put down and will certainly lead to some interesting discussions in your future.

Upcoming Events

- June 1** – Craft & Chat 7:00
- June 2** – Tween Activity Group 3:30
- June 2** – Tick Borne Diseases Presentation 5:30
- June 9** – Adult Craft 5:30
- June 12** – Caregiver Café 1:00

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Giant Candy Land 10:30-1:30	28 Giant Candy Land 2:00-5:00	29	30	1	2 Legos all day
4 Craft & Chat – 7:00	5 Tween Activity Junk Journals 3:30	6	7	8 Caregiver Café 1:00	9 Legos all day
11	12 Adult Craft- Flower Photo Frame 5:30	13	14 WIC 9-4	15	16 Legos all day
18	19 Tween Activity Perler Beads 3:30 Bookies <i>The Dream Hotel</i> 6:00	20	21 Trustee Meeting 6:00	22	23 Legos all day
25 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	26 Family Movie GOAT 4:00	27	28	29	30 Legos all day