

SAWYER NEWS

April 2026

Poetry Without Paper: Find Your Joy!

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Sawyer Free Library presents the 2026 Poetry Without Paper contest!

This is a poetry contest for all children in grades K-12 who live in Gloucester or attend Gloucester schools, we want to hear your voice. All poems must be submitted through the form on the library's website by April 30, 2026.

This year, we invite you to explore our theme: *Find Your Joy*. Put it into words and share it with your community!

POETRY
without
PAPER

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New!

Local History Newsletter

Past / Present

Past / Present shares stories and research from the Local History Center, exploring Gloucester and Cape Ann's past and its connection to today.

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Page to Screen Book Group

April Book: Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Thursday, April 30

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Community

Seed Library Seasonal Grand Opening
"Give a Seed, Take a Seed, Plant a Seed!"

[Learn More](#)



Family Martial Movement

For ages 8-16 and their parents/guardians

Fridays: April 3, April 10, and April 17

1:00 - 2:00 PM

[Register](#)



Adult

Tree Talk with Jack Montgomery: Helping Trees in the Urban Landscape

Thursday, April 2

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



A Stroll Through History - Main Street

Part 1, Saturday, April 4

Part 2, Saturday, April 25

2:00 - 3:00 PM

[Register for Part 1](#)

[Register for Part 2](#)



Gloucester History Exchange: Local History Discussion Group

Thursday, April 9

5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Register](#)



Mushroom Talk with Jonathan Krantz

Thursday, April 9

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Popular Music & Veterans

Saturday, April 11

2:00 - 3:00 PM

[Register](#)



Timeline: Cape Ann - Rockport Murder Mystery, Part 1

Friday, April 10

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



We Were There: Gloucester Women of the Revolution

Thursday, April 16

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

The Librarians Film Screening

Friday, April 17

3:00 - 4:30 PM

[Register](#)



Revolutionary Library Crawl Begins!

Please join us!

Tuesday, April 21 - Saturday, May 9

[Learn More!](#)



National Poetry Month with Jill Carter and Marion Hall

Tuesday, April 21

4:00 - 5:00 PM

[Register](#)

Earth Day Exploration: Book Display, Film Screening of The Lorax (1972 classic), and Seeds

Wednesday, April 22

12:30 - 2:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Trailbound: Hiking In New England

Thursday, April 23

5:30 - 6:30 PM

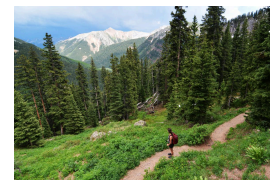
[Register](#)

Gloucester Genealogy Group Hidden in Plain Sight: Researching Your Female Ancestors

Saturday, April 25

10:30 am - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



Author Coach Confidential

Thursday, April 30

5:00 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Virtual Author Talks

Secure your spot to hear from some of the biggest names in literature, poetry, and scientific history. Our April lineup features essential discussions with Smithsonian Curator Valerie Neal, acclaimed author Brad Taylor, award-winning and bestselling author Miranda Cowley Heller, and bestselling author and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Jason Reynolds.



Digital Learning

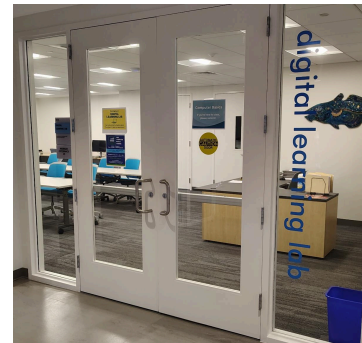
New! Digital Learning Lab Orientations

Discover what the Digital Learning Lab has to offer! In this orientation, you will:

- Tour the space
- Explore the digitization and media creation computers and software
- Learn how to reserve a lab workstation

Whether you're a maker, a designer, or just curious, this session is the perfect first step!

[Learn More and Register!!](#)



Device Advice

April 2, 9, and 16

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

30-minute one-on-one appointments

Questions? Contact us at

deviceadvice@sawyerfreelibrary.org



Computer Basics Course

Join us for our free computer basics course! This class is designed for people with little to no computer experience. It includes a free Chromebook and WiFi hotspot with a 1 year internet service plan upon successful completion.

Questions?

Email computerbasics@sawyerfreelibrary.org or call 978-325-5545

Questions? Contact the Digital Learning Lab at digitalservices@sawyerfreelibrary.org or call: 978-325-5545



**Matz Gallery Spring Exhibit:
Maybe the Dream is the Reality**



The Dream, Triptych, Oil on Canvas, 4' x 9'

“Maybe the Dream is the Reality”

a Solo Painting Exhibition by Loren Doucette



Teen & Tween

Teen Room Art Project w/ Inkwell Arts

Every Thursday, March-May

3:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)

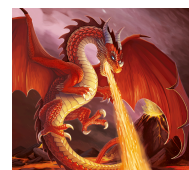


Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, April 4

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Register](#)



Make Clay Pacman Tic Tac Toe

Saturday, April 4

2:30 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Fighting Words Poetry Workshop

Monday, April 6

4:00 - 5:30 PM

[Register](#)



Homeschool Takeover

Wednesday, April 15

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Watercolor Mountain Painting

Tuesday, April 21

12:00 - 1:30 PM

[Register](#)



Board Game Bonanza

Wednesday, April 22

3:00 - 4:30 PM

[Learn More](#)

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, April 23

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Learn More](#)

Find Your Joy Poetry Workshop

Friday, April 24

1:00 - 2:30 PM

[Register](#)



Children

Passover Story & Craft

With Alex Marques from

Temple Ahavat Achim

All ages welcome.

Registration encouraged, drop-ins welcomed.

Friday, April 3rd

10:30 AM

[Register](#)



Art Explorers

Friday, April 3rd

3:30 PM

For ages 5 & up

[Learn More](#)



Spring Egg Decorating

Saturday, April 4th

10:30 AM

All ages welcome. Registration required.

[Register](#)



Babies, Books, and Bubbles

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

For ages 0-12 months

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Musical Story Time

Friday, April 10th

11 AM

All ages welcome

[Learn More](#)



Toddler Tunes & Tales

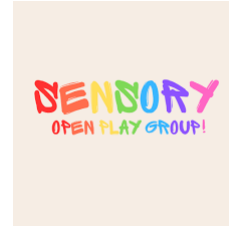
Music, movement, and hands-on early literacy fun. For ages 18-36 months.
Mondays at 10 AM
Starting April 13th
Registration required.
[Register](#)



Story Time with Tricia
Movement, Singing, Stories & Play
Wednesdays, April 15th and 29th
11 AM
[Learn More](#)



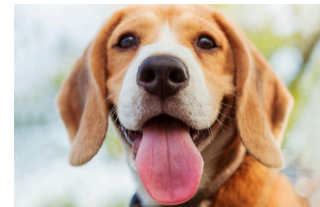
Sensory Open Play
All ages welcome, with active caregiver supervision
Friday, April 17th
10:30 AM
[Learn More](#)



Lego Fun
For grades K-5
Friday, April 17th
3 PM
[Register](#)



Puppy Paw-ty with Cape Ann Animal Aid
For ages 6 & up
Saturday, April 18th
11 AM and 11:30 AM
[Register](#)



Bluey Storytime with Strega Mama
All ages welcome.
Wednesday, April 22nd
10:30 AM
[Learn More](#)



Family Bingo
For ages 5 & up and their families.
Friday, April 24th
2:30 PM
Registration required.
[Register](#)



Programs are held at 2 Dale Avenue unless otherwise noted. Programs are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all.

To request an accommodation, contact the Library at 978-325-5500.

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