

SAWYER NEWS

August 2026



Summer Reading 2026!

Sawyer Free Library is proud to offer summer reading fun for all ages- Kids, Teens, and Adults! Join us for fun programs and amazing prizes for all readers.

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Share Your Art. Support Your Library.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: 2026 SAWYER FREE LIBRARY ART AUCTION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

SILENT AUCTION WITH
REFRESHMENTS &

LIVE MUSIC: 6 - 7 PM

LIVE AUCTION: 7 PM



Photo by Leigh Chodos

One Night. Extraordinary Art. Lasting Impact.

We hope you'll be part of it!

For more information about donating artwork,
sponsorship opportunities, or attending the event.

learn more ➔

Community Connections

Mah Jongg Meet Up Just Drop In!

Tuesdays
1:30 - 3:30 PM



Chess Club Just Drop In!

Tuesdays
4:00 - 5:30 PM



Chair Yoga

Fridays
10:45 - 11:45 AM

[Register](#)



Page to Screen Book Group

Book: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Thursday, August 20

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Small Business Workshop:

National Grid

Monday, August 3

8:15 - 9:45 AM

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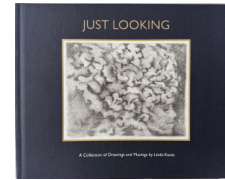


Just Looking: Drawings & Musings by Linda Kauss

Thursday, August 6

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Ten Pound Island: A Journey Through History, Mystery, and Art

Friday, August 7

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Gloucester History Exchange Discussion Group: Early Tourism and Summer Hotels of East Gloucester

Thursday, August 13

5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Register](#)



Residential Utility Assistance: Homeowners, Renters, Landlords

Thursday, August 20

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Virginia Lee Burton: A Sense of Place Documentary Screening

Friday, August 28

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

[Register](#)



10 Steps for Reaching the History of Your House in Gloucester

Saturday, August 29

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

[Register](#)



Virtual Author Talks

Our monthly virtual author talk series features bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. In August, delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child, explore the ways that trees are intertwined with Black history and culture with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery, and prepare

to be thrilled by acclaimed author Lucy Foley and her brand new Miss Marple mystery.

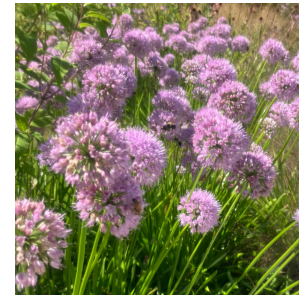
[Learn more and register](#)



Library Grounds Native Landscape

Curious about the Library's native landscape?

Stroll through the Library's native gardens and experience sustainable landscaping in action. The gardens feature native drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and perennials, including pollinators designed to provide a food source for butterflies, native bees and moths. A plant guide is available online: [Library Grounds](#).



Pick Up Lockers



We are excited to announce our new 24/7 hold lockers, giving you the freedom to pick up your requested items even when the library is closed! Simply select the lockers as your pickup location when placing a hold, and wait for your ready notification. Just remember to bring your library card with you to access your items anytime!

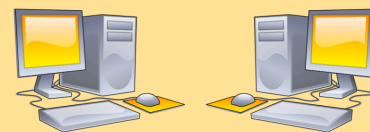
Digital Services

The Digital Learning Lab at SFL now has two high-powered computer workstations loaded with the entire suite of Adobe creative apps!

- Edit photos in Lightroom and Photoshop!
- Trim and edit video in Premiere!
- Arrange and add effects to a song in Audition!

2 x Digital Creation Stations!

Work on images, illustrations, photos, video and more at one of our high powered, digital media workstations!



Book Time in the Lab!

Mobile Printing

SFL is happy to announce that we have a new mobile printing solution at the Library - Princh! Just scan the QR code at the main circulation desk, or send documents to sflmain-bw@ewprints.com, and you are

ready to easily print from your own device,
or from home!

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For information: SawyerFreeLibrary.org or 978-325-5500

Matz Gallery Exhibition *RESONANCE* A Contemporary Response to *Avery, Gottlieb, Rothko: By the Sea*



50 works of art by local artists of the
New England Experimental Art Group
July 2 - August 28, 2026

Teen & Tween

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, August 3

4:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Planting Workshop

Tuesday, August 4

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



Flower Pressing Crafts w/ Grow Studio

Saturday, August 8

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



Kokedama w/ New England Botanic Garden

Monday, August 10

1:00 - 3:00 PM

[Register](#)



Homeschool Takeover

Wednesday, August 12

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Teen Room Art Project Grand Unveiling

Thursday, August 13

4:00 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



End of Summer Reading Pizza Party

Raffle drawing, karaoke, and more!

Friday, August 14

2:00 - 4:00 PM

[Learn More & Register](#)



Children

Toddler Tunes & Tales

Music, movement, and hands-on early literacy fun For ages 18-36 months.

Mondays from 10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Learn More](#)



Babies, Books, and Bubbles

For ages 0-12 months

Tuesday August 4, 18, and 25

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)

Garden Storytime

For ages 1-5

Thursdays from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Musical Storytime: Beach and Ocean

Wednesday, August 5

11:00 - 11:45 AM

[Learn More](#)



Meet Therapy Dog Dash!

Friday, August 7

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Drop-In](#)



Read to Dash

Read to a Therapy Dog!

August 14, 21, and 28

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



Ms. Frizzle: Plant a Seed... READ!

Saturday, August 8

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



MISTER G Special Musical Storytime

Tuesday, August 11

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



Seed Art & Mosaics

Tuesday, August 11

2:30 - 3:30 PM

[Register](#)



Magician Mike Bent

Tuesday, August 18

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime with Strega Mama

Wednesday, August 19

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



Gloucester Counts Down to Kindergarten

Thursday, August 20

5:00 - 6:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Lego Fun

For grades K-5

Friday, August 21

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Please note that our summer Saturday hours are 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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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