

SAWYER NEWS

October 2026

Sawyer Free Library Tech Expo A Day of Digital Discovery



Join us for a full-day interactive journey and experience firsthand how technology is transforming our library. Step inside our Digital Learning Lab, try out our new 24/7 pick-up lockers, check out our take-home digital devices, explore a showcase of innovative community technologies, take a nostalgic stroll through our vintage tech display, and lots more. Fun for all ages!

SFL Technology Expo 2026

Saturday, October 17

10 AM - 4 PM

Visit [SFL Tech Expo](#) for the full schedule of events.

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

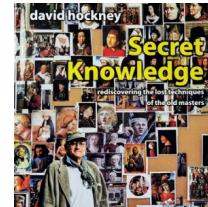
[Register](#)

Page to Screen Book Group
Book: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Thursday, October 22
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Register](#)



Adult

Manship Artist Residency: Secret Knowledge with Bing McGilvray
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
2:00 - 4:00 PM
[Register](#)



Gloucester History Exchange: The "Old Timer" Revisits Gloucester of 1840 in the Gloucester Daily Times of 1900
Thursday, October 8, 2026
5:00 - 6:00 PM
[Register](#)



Technology on the Horizon: Cape Ann Weather with Chris Spittle
Thursday, October 15
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Register](#)



The Enduring Legacy of the Rockaway Hotel: 1850 through Today
Friday, October 16
3:00 - 4:30 PM
[Register](#)



Author Talk: Nathan Guardian - Sinners of Salem
Wednesday, October 21
4:30 - 5:30 PM
[Register](#)



Local History Sharing: The Hesperus and Oceanside Hotels
Saturday, October 24
2:00 - 3:00 PM
[Register](#)



MATZ GALLERY

Welcome to Organic Radiance



5 Local Artists' Voices Exploring the Intersection of Nature, Color & Life
Sept 29–Nov 13, 2026

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This exhibition celebrates five distinct artistic voices exploring the intersection of nature, color and life: Miranda Aisling, Constance Festo Lafond, Kathy Roberts, Susan Hedman, and Betty Wiberg.

Thursday, October 15th, 5:00–6:30 p.m.
Opening Reception & Meet the Artists

Digital Services

Sound Artist in Residence

Memo to Demo Audio Production Series
with Liam Anastasia-Murphy.

Session 1: Thursday, October 8 at 4 PM
Session 2: Thursday, October 15 at 4 PM
Session 3: Monday, October 19 at 4 PM

[Learn More and Register!](#)

Tech On The Horizon



As part of our Tech on the Horizon series, join Chris Spittle (founder of Cape Ann Weather) for an engaging look at how modern technology powers local weather forecasting.

Tech on the Horizon - Chris Spittle

Thursday, October 15

5 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

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**Gloucester Lyceum
SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, November 14, 1 PM**

AI's Promise and Peril

What does artificial intelligence mean for how we work, create and even understand ourselves? Join us for this panel discussion featuring three leading voices on AI's impact:

Dr. Roopika Risam, author of *Data Empire: The Power of Information to Organize, Control and Dominate*

Dr. Nir Eisikovits, UMass Boston research exploring how engaging with AI reshapes our sense of self

Dr. Hilary Robinson, Northeastern University researcher examining AI's real-world effects on law, work and daily life.

Registration opens Monday, October 19.

Schooner Scratchboard Art Exhibit Courtesy of Gloucester's 5th Graders



Schooner Scratchboard Art Exhibit 2nd Floor Atrium & Program Room Throughout October

All are welcome to view Scratchboard Schooner Art projects made by over 200 Gloucester fifth grade students during district-wide field trips in early September.

In addition to visiting the Schooner Lannon, students explored the library on class visits, participating in a scavenger hunt and a STEM/STEAM project using scratchboard art to carve schooners and other nautical elements into original art.

Teen & Tween

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, October 3

12:30 - 2:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Ghost Painting

Tuesday, October 6

2:30 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Traveling Mystery Room: Monster Mash!

For ages 7-16

Thursday, October 15

1:00 - 2:30pm

K-8 Early Release Day!

[Register](#)



Lego Robotics STEM Workshop

For Grades 3-8

Saturday, October 31

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



Children

Harvest Story Time w/Backyard Growers

For ages 1-5

Thursdays on October 1, 8, 15, and 22

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Babies, Books, and Bubbles

For ages 0-12 months

Tuesdays on October 6, 13, 20, and 27

10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



Story Time and Craft

For ages 2+

Wednesdays on October 7, 14, and 28

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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Halloween Drop In Craft

Friday, October 16

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



SFL Tech Expo: CD Rainbow Fish and Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 17

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Lego Fun

For grades K-5

Friday, October 23

3:15 - 4:15 PM

[Register](#)



Board Game Bonanza

For ages 6-10

Saturday, October 24

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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Halloween Musical Storytime with Ruthanne Paulson!

Friday, October 30

11:00 - 11:45 AM

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The library will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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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