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1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT

Coffee and Cards

10:30am-Noon

Now meeting **EVERY** Tuesday!

Meetup with folks at the library for coffee, conversation, and cards - a great opportunity to socialize and keep those card playing skills sharp. Open to anyone, but especially looking to connect with seniors.



Money Mentor Workshop

With Doug Emery

Tuesday, April 1

6:30-7:30pm

Would you like to understand better how to prepare for retirement?

- Learn how to estimate retirement expenses
- Identify saving and planning strategies to maximize savings at any age
- Compare the types of retirement plans available to you
- Set goals for your own retirement savings

Retirement

Money Mentor Workshop presented by M&T Bank.



Menopause "Monthlies"

First meeting: April 16

7:00-8:30pm

Come one, come all to talk about (hush) **menopause!**



Just kidding - we are not keeping quiet about this important topic! Hoping to make this a **monthly series**- come to this first organizational meeting, where we will also talk about some of the new books in the collection on this topic - from informative to hilarious. We will brainstorm at this meeting about future topics, presenters, and even plan a "moth" style program. Bring a friend and come chat - no matter your stage of life!

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK | APRIL 6-12 2025

"Stories and art draw us together, inspiring all of us to discover our own unique talents. Libraries are essential to that process—now more than ever!"

HONORARY CHAIR
RAINA TELGEMEIER
Award-winning author and illustrator

HONORARY CHAIR
SCOTT MCCLLOUD
Cartoonist and comic theorist

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

Wed., April 30

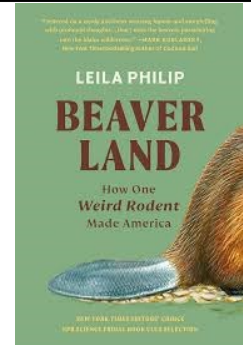
7:00-8:00 pm

Beaver Land

By: **Leila Philip**

NPR Science Friday Book Club Selection

An intimate and revelatory dive into the world of the beaver—the wonderfully weird rodent that has surprisingly shaped American history and may save its ecological future.



A masterful work of narrative science writing, a book that highlights, though history and contemporary storytelling, how this weird rodent plays an oversized role in American history and its future. She follows fur trappers who lead her through waist high water, fur traders and fur auctioneers, as well as wildlife managers, PETA activists, Native American environmental vigilantes, scientists, engineers, and the colorful group of activists known as beaver believers.

Beginning with the early trans-Atlantic trade in North America, Leila Philip traces the beaver's profound influence on our nation's early economy and feverish western expansion, its first corporations and multi-millionaires. In her pursuit of this weird and wonderful animal.

What emerges is a startling portrait of the secretive world of the contemporary fur trade, and an engrossing ecological and historical investigation of these heroic animals who, once trapped to the point of extinction, have returned to the landscape as one of the greatest conservation stories of the 20th century. Beautifully written and impeccably researched, *Beaverland* reveals the profound ways in which one odd creature and the trade surrounding it has shaped history, culture, and our environment.

Available in Print at the library. There is no audiobook available for this title. The ebook is limited use on Libby.

Early Literacy Storytime - All ages welcome! Thursdays at **11:25am** in the Library

4/3/25: Theme: Rainbows

4/10/25: Theme: Baby Animals

4/17/25: Theme: Eggs

4/24/25: Theme: Spring

We sing songs, read stories, move and do crafts! No sign up needed, all ages are welcome.

NOTE THE NEW TIME - 11:25 - TO ACCOMMODATE WES PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

April Library Events

- April 1 Coffee and Cards 10:30-noon**
April 1 Retirement Planning 6:30-7:30pm
April 3 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm
April 5 - Saturday Storytime 10:30-11:30
April 6-12 - National Library Week!
April 8 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-noon
April 9 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
April 10 - Writer's Group 6:30-8pm
April 11 - D.E.A.R. Reading Party 4-5pm
April 15 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
April 16 - Menopause "Monthlies" 6:30-8pm, talking about books and planning future talks
April 19 - Egg Hunt on the Common 10am
April 19 - Easter Crafts and Fun in Library 10:15-11:30am
April 22 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
April 23 - Drop in and Play - 3-6pm
April 25 - Shakespeare Group Part I - Hamlet 2-3pm
April 29 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-noon
April 30 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm, discussing Beaverland

Storytime Thursdays 11:25 in the Library

Get creative at the library!

Maker's Group Meets at the library the First Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. All types of crafters are welcome to attend. Bring projects to show off, share expertise, and enjoy each others' company.



Writers' Group meets the Second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8pm.

Facilitated by J Bruscini
My best intention for the group would open itself to writers in the area of any genre, style, and level of experience. I have been part of writing groups and workshops fairly frequently since college and have more than a handful of strategies and exercises to offer as a facilitator when needed. I would like to encourage experimenting with style and open time for feedback for anyone wanting it. Come if interested in any type of writing.



Shakespeare Group - Hamlet
First meeting: April 25 from 2-3pm
Second Meeting: May 23 from 2-3pm

This group will study a Shakespearean play for two months - **First meeting:** Read some of the play out loud, discuss, and maybe watch a portion of a classic performance. **Second meeting:** Discuss the entire play and pick then next play to discuss. All materials will be provided. To read or not to read?

Come join a new group that is interested in learning and enjoying the written word. No need to be a scholar - the Bard wrote for everyone!



Saturday Story Time! April 5 from 10:30-11:30!

First Saturday of every month. There will also be elements of Spanish to the songs, stories and crafts.



Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day is April 11! Let's celebrate by reading - with snacks! Kids can ride the bus to the library afterschool for a special hour of reading from 4-

5pm. Sign up at the library (email or phone) and let the school know if you will be riding the bus here. All ages welcome to read!

Easter Egg Hunt on the Common Saturday, April 19 at 10am SHARP
After the Hunt:

Hop on over to the library for crafts and more fun from 10:15-11:30am. This is a great time to socialize with all your "peeps".



Got bored kids over April vacation? Want to play with friends, but don't want to clean your house? Meet up at the library for an April vacation playdate! And we'll



even make it easy on you:

Drop by and Play Day
Wednesday, April 23 from 3-6pm

This is not a drop off event. Play with the library's Keva planks, LEGOS, building toys and more! We'll have snacks and art supplies too! Make a plan to meet up with your friends and play! Come for an hour, or stay the whole time. Just get out of the house and connect with your kids and adult friends too! No sign up or RSVP needed.

Save the Date: Welcome Baby Tea
Saturday, May 10 from 10:30-Noon



We are celebrating all children born from **April 2024-March 2025**. If your child was born in Westford, you will receive an invite in the mail. **If you have moved into town and your child fits into that age category - you are invited too!** Please contact the library with your child's info. We can't wait to celebrate our littlest patrons!