

Lyman Allyn Book of the Month

Sunshine & Shorelines

This month our art project will be one less permanent than your typical one. Instead of creating artwork on paper your canvas will be nature. If you're on the beach, an open field, or a walk in the woods you will be able to find the materials and space to create your own design.

Using only objects already found loose on the ground construct your own design. If you are on the beach, consider using your finger or a stick to add a drawn element. Seaweed, shells or small pieces of driftwood can be your added elements. Use fallen leaves or flowers to become an outfit or part of the landscape. Your art may be more graphic, using your found materials to create a pattern. By using these unconventional art materials, you will be challenged to create in a new, and very temporary way.

While you're out looking for your creative opportunity, remember to respect your surroundings and leave no trace. We always want to be kind to plants that are still growing, rocks that may be the home to insects, and of course only walk in areas that are designated for people.

Be sure to capture a photo of your artwork as they are meant to be temporary. Share your creations with us on socials using #LymanAllynAtHome!













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Adult readers will dive into a classic beach read inspired by something many of us know well, a Mystic summer. Inspired by her own time spent in the area, Hannah McKinnon has written a classic beach read, ready to pull you in with romance and leaning into life's uncertainty. Locals will find familiarity and be reminded of their own summers in Mystic.



Our children's book pick will also spark some nostalgia, the joy of seeking a perfect summer day. Author Renée Watson's lyrically written words will remind children that a string of small, simple joys can unite to create the best memories. Illustrator Bea Jackson provides bold and colorful images making you wish you could jump into the pages to experience them for yourself.