



THOMAS
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NEWS & EVENTS

FOR ADULTS

OCTOBER
2024

CAPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY
PRESENTS:



RALPH GOULD'S RARE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COLLECTION

Tuesday, October 8
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Jim Rowe will discuss one of Cape Elizabeth's most revered citizens, **Ralph T. Gould** (1900-1994). Special focus will be on the 62-year round-trip voyage -- out of Cape Elizabeth and back again -- of his remarkable collection of rare and ancient musical instruments and other stories, photographs, and artifacts from this interesting man's life!

It is most fitting that in 1986, the Town named its **Outstanding Citizen Award** for Ralph T. Gould, and made him the first recipient. Come find out why!

THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF STARS

with Ara Jerahian



Tuesday, October 15
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an exciting journey through the life cycle of stars! This presentation by our local amateur astronomer, **Ara Jerahian**, will explore the awe-inspiring processes behind the birth, evolution, and eventual death of stars. Discover how these cosmic giants are formed from clouds of gas and dust, shine brightly for millions or billions of years, and finally, how they meet their spectacular end—whether through a peaceful fading or a dramatic supernova. Perfect for anyone curious about the wonders of the universe and our place among the stars.

CAPE ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS:



Thursday, October 17
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Brent McHale, Program Manager for **Gardens Aglow** at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, will speak about the history, planning process, people power, installation, maintenance, sculpture creation, take down and storage, and fun new additions in 2024.



FILM SCHOOL

with Sasha

Do you love watching movies? Have you ever secretly wished you had gone to film school? Here's your chance! Join Community Engagement Librarian and former film student **Sasha Kohan** each month as we watch a movie followed by a wide-ranging discussion, covering everything from costume design to lighting to star power (maybe with just a touch of film theory, as a treat).

MURDER IN THE MANSION

A MYSTERY GAME
FOR ADULTS

with Sully McCarthy

Register
on our
website!



Saturday, October 19
3:00 - 5:00 pm

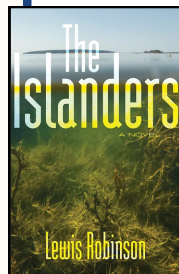
You are invited to attend a grand soiree for the celebration of All Hallows Eve. In honor of this spectacular event, there will be an evening of snacks, shenanigans, and slaying. Upon arrival at the estate, you will be transported to 1923 and enter a battle of wits. The premise: Eleanor Sinclair is hosting a dinner party at Goddard Mansion to make a formal announcement and has invited undisclosed guests to her estate. Upon the guests' arrival, Eleanor is discovered dead. Your goal as an attendee is to find the real murderer, clear your name from suspicion, and protect your secrets.

1920s-themed costumes encouraged!

RECOVERY IN MAINE: SHORT FILM SCREENINGS & DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 22
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of showcasing urgently important local film from *Recovery in Maine*, a project committed to using documentary film and community discussion to confront the opioid crisis. This program will present three short films which feature both queer and youth voices from around the state and spark discussions about substance use disorder, the recovery process, and our collective response to the opioid epidemic. No registration necessary.



AUTHOR TALK WITH LEWIS ROBINSON

Thursday, October 24
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

A mysterious program on an island in Maine, class conflict, secrets, and danger...

Lewis Robinson's new novel *The Islanders* features all this and more. Join us for an evening with the author as he shares the inspirations for the book and how it came to be, reads an excerpt, and answers audience questions about the writing process. Don't miss this chance to hear directly from the author about this exciting new book, which Monica Wood describes as enthralling, "from first page to last." No registration required!



SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 29
5:00 - 8:00 pm

For our first screening, we will be showing Alfred Hitchcock's thrilling classic *Rear Window*. Come just for the movie and popcorn, or stay for the conversation afterward too!

To stay up to date on future Film School screenings and to receive post-movie suggested reading, sign up for the Film School mailing list. No registration required to see the movies!

Open to all from movie buffs to casual viewers, and everyone in between.

MORE ON THE
OTHER SIDE!



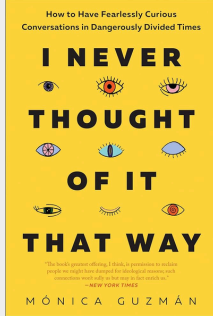
ADULTS: JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!

Thursday, October 31: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

in the library's Community Room

Yes, we'll have fun activities for kids earlier in the day, but as the sun sets, we'll let grown-ups have some Halloween fun!

- Tarot readings
- Adult crafts: make a sugar skull doll or your own mini nicho picture frame (bring your own photo)
- Enjoy mocktails made by a professional mixologist
- Relax, socialize, and enjoy the classic 1931 film *Frankenstein*



Learn How to Have Conversations with People "on the Other Side."

Saturday, October 5
3:00 - 4:30 pm
(in-person)

Register on our website to attend, and/or to receive a free copy of the book!

MONTHLY GROUPS

Death Café

1st Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Talk, share, or just listen to what neighbors, friends, and members of our community have to say about their experiences.

Songwriting Workshop, with Jud Caswell

1st Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Whether you are a new writer, experienced writer, or want-to-be-a-writer, we hope you'll join us to bring in your work and get expert advice from an award-winning songwriter. Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome! Please register on the library's website.

Afternoon Book Group



3rd Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm (in-person & via Zoom)

Our adult book group is led by Access Services Librarian **Kevin Goody**. Book selections are chosen by the group each month for the following meeting, and alternate between fiction and nonfiction titles.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Older adults are invited to join us each week for an opportunity to connect with others, participate in informational sessions and workshops, and share stories from their own lives.

Each week will offer a different opportunities—from board games and puzzles to wellness workshops and storytelling—but the overall goal is to create an ongoing space for social connection, meaningful conversation, and useful information. No registration necessary, but you can sign up on our website to receive reminders.

October 2: Building Better Balance, with Northern Light Health

October 9: Senior Tax Relief Programs, with CE Tax Assessor Clinton Swett

October 16: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, with Amy Angelo from the Alzheimer's Association

October 23: Coffee, tea, optional board games, conversation.

October 30: Story sharing, coffee, tea, and, conversation.

NEW THIS MONTH:
TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR SENIORS
WITH THE NATIONAL DIGITAL EQUITY CENTER

The library is partnering with the Greater Portland Council of Governments to bring a variety of technology classes, open to anyone, but especially geared toward seniors. Please visit the library's website to learn more and to register for upcoming offerings!



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND/OR BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING

with the CE Fire/Rescue Department

Wednesday, October 23
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

We are pleased to be able to partner with CE Fire/Rescue to offer this free monthly screening opportunity, which takes place on the last Wednesday of every month in the library's Community Room. Please register in advance on our website if you can, but drop-ins are also welcome!



Scan the code to request your ballot today!

The Town Clerk's Office is anticipating a heavy voter turnout and is encouraging voters to request an absentee ballot, as a safe and convenient way to cast your vote.



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Saturday Matinée



Saturday, Oct 26
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for popcorn and Tim Burton's movie about young Victor Frankenstein, a boy who loses his beloved dog and uses his scientific knowledge to bring him back to life. Best suited for ages 10+. Snacks welcome!



#LIBRARYSQUAD

Ages 11 - 13

First Friday of each month

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas, and help form the foundation of our programming. Ask the children's desk for more info.

TLC

TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Teens 13 and up: Help shape the future of the teen space and...

- Earn volunteer hours
- Advise on library policies
- Design new programs

Meets the last Friday of the month
from 2:45 - 3:45 pm.
Register on our website!

Coming Up: October 4, November 1

Coming Up: October 25



VENTURE CLUB

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
(ages 14+)

Venture Club is a teen-led board/card game and D&D club, with an emphasis on board games. We'll try to play new games every week. No prior gaming experience is needed! Venture Club takes place every Wednesday afternoon in the library's Community Room. No registration is necessary, but if you'd like to sign up to receive notices or updates, please visit our website.



WRITING GROUP *For tweens & teens*

Exploring your imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Visit our website to register.

First Thursday of each month
3:30 - 4:30 pm

This month: October 4, Next month: November 7

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A MYSTERY GAME
FOR TEENS 13+

with Sully McCarthy

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D&D CAMPAIGN

Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
(ages 11+)

Set out on a fantastical quest with a magical crew of characters in this all levels D&D Campaign. Beginners welcome! Please visit the library's website to register.

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SLIGHTLY SPOOKY STORIES

Saturday, October 26
11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a special story time filled with slightly spooky stories and spine-chilling songs. Intended for ages 5 - 9 or anyone who enjoys a slight fright!

CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

Frog and Toad

Find these famous best friends from the books by Arnold Lobel in our scavenger hunt, and draw pictures of them to put on display!



SEWING ADVENTURES: RECYCLED SWEATER HATS



Saturday, October 19
1:00 - 2:30 pm

For ages 8 - 12

Wishing for a cozy new hat or a handmade gift for a loved one? Join us as we recycle and combine donated sweaters into new hats for fall and winter using simple patterns, machine or hand applique, and embroidery. Make a pom pom or tassel to top off your hat. If you have a certain shrunken sweater you'd like to turn into a hat, bring it along. Beginning sewists welcome! No prior experience is necessary, but beginners must be accompanied by their adult to work one-on-one to learn basic skills of threading a needle and tying a knot for their first few meetings. All materials provided.

Please register on the library's website.

Please stay home
if anyone in your
household is feeling sick!

Join us when everyone is
healthy again.



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JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!

Celebrate Halloween and Día De Los Muertos with crafts, snacks, and a movie!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Costumes welcome!!

WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES

MESSY MINIS

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:00 am (Ages 2 - 5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's color, cut, and paste together to make magic! For budding artists ages 2-5 or anyone who enjoys creative play.

DRESS UP AND DANCE

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am (Ages 2 - 5)

Join us for 30 minutes of stretching, moving and grooving to our favorite playlist in special dress-up costumes. For dancing enthusiasts ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

PLAY GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am (Ages 0 - 5)

Drop in for a 1-hour playtime session for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. The Community Room is open for exploration with special toys and stations while you visit with friends!

TODDLER STORY TIME

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am
(For toddlers 18 - 36 months)

This program is for children who are not ready for a traditional story time but who love to sing songs, move their bodies, and listen to stories. This gentle introduction to the routines and props of story time is great for curious, wandering wigglers ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am (Ages 3+)

Join us in the Community Room for songs, stories, and Belinda the Bear! Geared toward children ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

Note: There will be no story time on Saturday, October 12 and Saturday, October 19!



Children in grades K - 6, especially struggling or less-than-confident readers, are invited to sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog.

Check out the sign-up sheet in the children's room for appointment availability and pictures of our dogs, or call the children's room for more information.

Check in with the Children's room for more information!

LEGO CLUB

for ages 5 - 12



Children 10 and under must have an adult present.

Meets first Tuesday of each month. Coming up:

Tuesday, October 1
Tuesday, November 5
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Come free-build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meeting! No registration necessary.



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