



THOMAS  
MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY

# NEWS & EVENTS

FOR ADULTS

DECEMBER  
2024

CAPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
PRESENTS:

## STORIES OF THE FORT

with Chris Cutter

Tuesday, December 10  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us as we go behind the scenes at Fort Williams to hear about a day in the life of a Fort Williams Park Coordinator.



Chris Cutter was the Fort Williams Park Coordinator for five years. During his tenure he managed the daily logistics and operations of the Fort activities with a staff of rangers and greeters. Come hear his stories of operations at the Fort, from hosting the Beach to Beacon and dozens of weddings each year to managing the flow of visitor traffic at a park that sees close to 500,000 visitors annually. Enjoy a rare opportunity to peek behind the curtain of Fort Williams! *All are welcome!*

## FIRESIDE WRITING

Thursdays by the fireplace  
5:30 - 6:30 pm



Looking for a comfortable and cozy spot to join other writers? Come to TML's Fireside Writing program! Fireside Writing gives you the space and opportunity to work alongside fellow writers and reach your writing goals. Bring your laptop or your favorite notebook and join us by the fire for tea and quiet writing time! Meets weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm.

*No registration necessary!*

## FILM SCHOOL

with Sasha Kohan  
Community Engagement Librarian



### SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Thursday, December 19  
5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join Community Engagement Librarian and former film student **Sasha Kohan** each month as we watch a movie followed by a wide-ranging discussion. This month we'll be taking a look at screwball comedy with Howard Hawks' beloved classic **Bringing Up Baby**. We'll talk about conventions of the screwball genre and why the 1930s was a ripe time for an era of silly comedies. 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 receive post-discussion material, sign up for the Film School mailing list.

## EGGNOG & PAPERCRAFTS

with Julia Hoisington



Friday, December 13  
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join our own Julia Hoisington for an afternoon of Eggnog & Papercrafts! We will be making a variety of projects for fun holiday decorating. Our feature craft will be a 3D paper snowflake!

*Space is limited--please register on our website!*

## 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, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Whether you are a new writer, experienced writer, or want-to-be-a-writer 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. No registration necessary, but you can sign up on our website to receive reminders.

**December 3: Arthritis Management,**  
with Northern Light Health

**December 11: SMAA 101** Learn about all the resources and services available to older adults through the Southern Maine Agency on Aging

**December 18: Live Harp Music,** with Ezra Gabrielson

## UPCYCLED GIFT TAG STATION

Upstairs in the  
Mystery/Large Print Study Area

During the month of December you can stop by the library and make gift tags out of old holiday cards. Choose from a selection of donated holiday greeting cards, use our a tag-shaped paper punch, and add some twine to make unique and beautiful gift tags. Stop by any time the library is open to make your tags!



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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

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## CHARACTERS OF THE MONTH

### CHARLIE BROWN AND FRIENDS

Find Charlie Brown and all the Peanuts friends around the library in our monthly scavenger hunt!



## SEWING ADVENTURES: RECYCLED SWEATER MITTENS

Saturday, December 7  
1:00 - 2:30 pm



*For ages 8 - 12, beginners with caregivers welcome. Please register on the library's website.*

Join us as we cut up donated sweaters and embellish them with embroidery and tassels to make mittens. Make them for yourself, or trace a loved one's hand on paper to get their size and bring the paper along as the start to your pattern. All materials provided.

## MAKE A CARD AND FLEECE TOY FOR ANIMALS IN NEED



December 19 -  
January 4

Pick up your kit at the Children's Desk and brighten an animal's day with your act of kindness.

## THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

*Please stay home  
if anyone in your  
household is feeling sick.*

*Join us when everyone is  
healthy again.*



## PROGRAM BREAK:

WE WILL TAKE A BREAK FROM WEEKLY PROGRAMS FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING REGULAR PROGRAMMING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6.

## 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 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 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  
(Ages 18 - 36 months)

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

### FAMILY STORY TIME

Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am  
(Ages 3 - 5)

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.

## MAKE A SNOWFLAKE AND HELP US TURN THE LIBRARY INTO A WINTER WONDERLAND!

Visit the Children's Room to make your very own snowflake creation.

December 19 - ongoing

## JOIN US FOR A COZY WINTER STORY TIME



Celebrate the first day of Winter and warm up with some stories and hot chocolate!

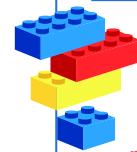
Recommended for ages 3 - 5.

Saturday, December 21  
10:30 - 11:00 am



Children in grades K - 6, especially reluctant 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, or call 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, December 3**  
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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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

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## Saturday Matinée



Saturday, Dec 21  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Cast a spell on your imagination and embark on an epic adventure with Belle, our brave and independent heroine, the Beast, who has the heart and soul of a prince, the music you'll never forget and all the fun characters you love.



## #LIBRARYSQUAD

For ages 11 - 13  
Meets the first Friday of the month  
2:45 - 3:45 pm

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

Coming up: December 6, January 3

## TLC TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

For ages 13 and up  
Help shape the future of the teen space and...

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

December 13\*  
2:45 - 3:45 pm

\*Usually meets the first Friday of the month, date changed for holiday

Register on our website!

## THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON:

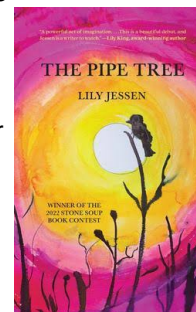
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## YOUTH WRITING WORKSHOP WITH LILY JESSEN

Friday, December 20  
3:30 - 4:30 pm



Are you a young writer looking to hone your craft, or simply learn more about what makes great writing? Join local teen Lily Jessen, author of *The Pipe Tree*, as she guides you through the secrets of using descriptive language in creative writing. This program is best suited to middle school writers. Register on our website to reserve your spot and secure your chance to learn from one of our own published teen writers! Please bring notebooks or writing utensils if you choose, and any of your own writing projects you'd like to work on during free write time.



Check out *The Pipe Tree* at the library today!

## 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

Explore 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: December 5 Next month: January 2



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