



TWISTING A CLASSIC AN ALL-AGES WRITING WORKSHOP

with Kalee Gwarjanski



Saturday, January 4
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Have you ever thought about adapting a classic story into something entirely your own? Join Kalee Gwarjanski, author of *Miss MacDonald Had a Farm*, as she walks you through this exciting process! This creative writing class will study picture books that have taken a classic story and twisted it into something new. The program will dive deep into multiple examples to study how to do it. Then with writing prompts and a special worksheet, participants will work in the moment to try out their own ideas. This practice can be used for any creative writing genre!

Please register on our website!

ECOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN WOODS A CLOSER LOOK AT MAINE

with Chris Lewey

Thursday, January 9
6:30 - 8:00 pm



Join us for an ecological journey through the seasons of Northern New England, beginning on the breathtaking coast of Maine. This seashore, stretching over 3,500 miles, boasts thousands of inlets, bays, and peninsulas, as well as over 2,000 islands—the densest concentration in the world. Our adventure will take us through various habitats of the state including rocky shores, sandy beaches, marshlands, islands, and dense forests. We'll take a closer look at some of the wildlife that calls New England home and marvel at the region's spectacular fall colors.

Discover the survival strategies that birds, mammals, and plants adopt to withstand New England's dramatic seasonal changes. We'll examine how these organisms are shaped by the northern environment. Maine's stunning landscapes serve as the backdrop for this captivating ecological study of Northern New England.



BIG CONVERSATIONS IN 10 SHORT MINUTES



Thursday, January 9
6:30 - 7:30 pm
via Zoom

Three conversations in an hour with other people in Maine. The prompts are simple. The conversations are non-political. What might you learn about (or from) your fellow humans? Let's find out!

Register on our website!

This program is part of **MECollab**, a collaborative programming partnership between libraries throughout the state of Maine.



TINY ART CHILL ZONE

Tuesday, January 21
6:30 - 8:00 pm



Join us for another evening of low key music, candlelight, and art-making! This time, we will offer supplies for you to make your own piece of tiny art to be included in February's **Tiny Art Show** (see reverse for details!) Open to all ages, the **Tiny Art Show** is a wonderful opportunity to share your creativity with the community.

Drop by and make something cool with us!



LEARN THE BASICS OF MENDING

with Sara Linhart

Saturday, January 11
2:00 - 4:00 p,

Learn basic mending techniques so you can keep your favorite clothes in rotation! Bring your own clothes to mend or use the materials provided in class. We will have time to practice and ask questions. Beginner focused. Ages 18+.

Please register on our website!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

THE NUTS & BOLTS OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITING

with Elisa Boxer

Saturday, January 18
2:00 - 3:30 pm



Join us for the first in a new series of programs featuring Cape Elizabeth High School alumni as we hear about their journeys beyond Cape and what led them to where they are now. Kicking off this exciting new series is **Elisa Boxer**, Emmy Award-winning journalist and author of 11 books for young people. Elisa will tell us how she got her start, where her career has taken her, and what she hopes life holds for her in the future. Want to write a children's book, but aren't sure where to start? After Elisa's talk, she will lead us through an hour-long writing program! Zero experience necessary. All ages welcome!

CAPE ELIZABETH AUTHOR TALK

DICK CASS & KEVIN ST. JARRE

Thursday, January 30
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Are you curious about the process of completing and publishing a book? Don't miss this event featuring two of our town's very own published authors! Cape Elizabeth's **Kevin St. Jarre** and **Richard Cass** will be here to interview each other, talk about their most recent books, and read short excerpts from them. They will cover everything from the writing process, their paths to publication, and the current state of the book world. Books will be available for sale and signing and a Q&A session will follow.



WINTER SUGAR COOKIE DECORATING

with Kaite Thayer

Thursday, January 16
6:30 - 8:00 pm
via Zoom



Learn how to bake perfectly delicious sugar cookies and decorate them with royal icing in this online workshop with Kaite Thayer! In this class we will go over cookie tips and tricks and how to get perfect consistency in our icing to achieve beautiful results.

Please register on our website!

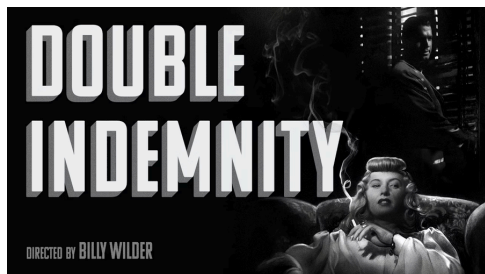
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FILM SCHOOL

with *Sasha Kohan*
Community Engagement Librarian



SCREENING & DISCUSSION

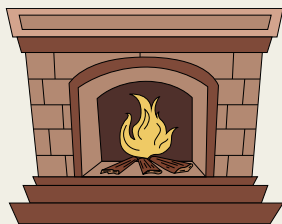
Tuesday, January 21
5:00 - 8:00 pm

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're following up our study of screwball comedy with the genre's twisted sister—film noir. Was it an accident? No! Was it suicide? No! It was murder!

Join us for our screening and discussion of Billy Wilder's quintessential film noir, **Double Indemnity**. We'll talk about conventions of the genre, many of which were established in this classic 1944 movie, along with some discussion of its many permutations over time.

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.

No registration necessary!

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

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

January 8: Red Gallagher Concert!

A true one-man band, Red Gallagher plays guitar, harmonica, piano and sings. The songs include jazz, blues, folk, country, rock and roll and many beloved pop tunes. In addition, his original songs, humorous tunes and parodies poke fun at everyday life. Spontaneity, audience participation and fun are what make him special. Join us for this very special Senior Social Hour concert!

January 15: Coffee & Conversation

January 22: Coffee & Conversation

January 29: Coffee & Conversation

Coming in February
in the Stier Family Gallery



TINY ART SHOW

Get ready for
Tiny Art Month at TML!

Decorate a miniature canvas and return it to the library for our small--but mighty--art show!

Open to artists of all ages.

Here's How It Works

- **Grab:** Pick up a tiny canvas during regular library hours **beginning January 6** (available while supplies last.)
- **Go:** Bring your canvas home and create your masterpiece! You can also attend our **Tiny Art Chill Zone on Tuesday, January 21**, where supplies will be available and you can make art alongside your community.
- **Return:** Return your completed art by **Friday, January 31.**

We will display everyone's submissions in a miniature art show in our gallery downstairs during the month of February!

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.

ZOOM
EVENT

Afternoon Book Group

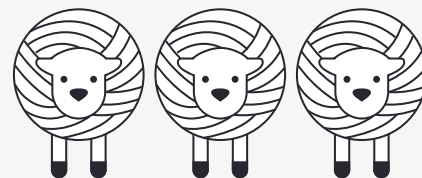
3rd Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

(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.

KNITTING GROUP

Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
in the library's Community Room



Join a lively community of knitters to hang out with while you work on your own projects! Swap tips and patterns and enjoy camaraderie, coffee, and conversation!

No registration necessary, but you can visit our website to sign up for email notices for storm and holiday closures and other occasional notifications (such as news about new library knitting resources!)



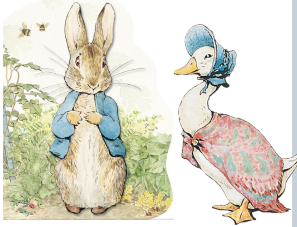


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NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

JANUARY
2025

CHARACTER OF THE MONTH PETER RABBIT



January's character of the month is Peter Rabbit, the classic tale from Beatrix Potter. Find all five pictures of Peter and Friends hiding in the children's room and visit the desk for a prize!

WELCOME WEEK 2025

January 13 - January 18

Whether you've been to the library one time or one thousand times, come celebrate TML with us in the new year. Take a library tour, get to know our staff, and learn more about library programs and resources.

- Take a library tour!
- Complete a staff mix & match game!
- Go on a library scavenger hunt!
- Sign up for Winter Reading!

Find a full list of weekly events on the library website.

SPECIAL STORYTIME WITH LOCAL AUTHOR AUTHOR, ELISA BOXER

Saturday, January 11
11:15 - 11:45 pm

Recommended for ages 4+.



Join local author Elisa Boxer for a special family story time! Listen to Elisa read her stories *Full Circle* and *The Different Tree*, sing some of our usual songs, and stay afterward for a bookmark-making craft! Of course, there will still be bubbles.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 13 - March 15

For ages 0-17, no registration required.

Cozy up with a good book! Pick up a bingo challenge card at the Children's Desk or in the Teen Center, and complete the challenge to win a book of your choice. Keep getting bingo for more chances to win one of three grand prizes!



CREATE YOUR OWN SENSORY TUBE

Tuesday, January 14
5:00 - 6:00 pm

For ages 5-10, registration recommended.



Sensory tubes are helpful to calm anxiety, integrate the senses, and to learn and explore concepts in physics. Drop in and fill a plastic bottle with glitter, beads, feathers and other items to make your own unique creation to take home! One bottle per child. Caregiver supervision required. Come early for the best selection of supplies!

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

Visit the Children's Room to cut or color your very own snowflake creation.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursday, January 16
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Come play one of our many board games, including giant Jenga, Uno, Poetry for Neanderthals, and more! Bring a friend or the whole family. Snacks will be provided.



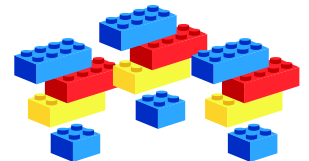
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ThomasMemorialFoundation.org

LEGO CLUB

For ages 5 - 12.

Children 10 and under must have an adult present.



Meets **first Tuesday** of each month. Coming up:

Tuesday, January 7
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.

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

Join us when everyone is healthy again.





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Saturday Matinée



January 25
3:00 - 5:00 pm
A rat who can cook makes an unusual alliance with a young kitchen worker at a famous Paris restaurant.

We'll make the popcorn! Outside snacks welcome.

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE
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**DID YOU KNOW? TML IS A
FAMILY PLACE LIBRARY!**



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning

"The Family Place Libraries™ initiative promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents and caregivers. Based on research about the importance of early brain development, the Family Place Library supports the essential role of parents as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health and educational services providers, the Family Place model aims to ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn and positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community."

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NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

We look forward to resuming regular weekly 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.



Children in grades K - 6, especially reluctant readers, may 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 for more information.

YOUTH DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS SERIES WITH THOM THE TABLETOP GUY

February 8
February 22
March 8



1:00 - 4:30 pm

For ages 8 - 10. Registration required. Space is limited, attendance will be capped at 6 players.



Join us for our very own Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Dungeons & Dragons is a role-playing game (RPG) where players form a party and explore fantasy worlds together as they embark on epic quests and fight epic battles! This campaign will be guided by a local game master and tabletop roleplaying game enthusiast, Thom the Tabletop Guy. This program is for all levels of players (beginner, advanced, and/or master). **Caregivers please note, you must stay in the library while your child attends the program.**

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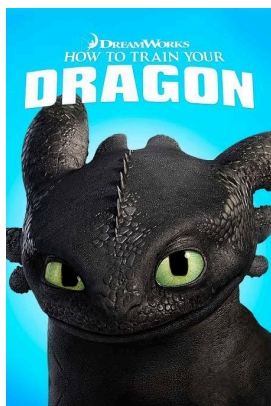
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Craft your own paper lantern for our upcoming Lantern Festival in February!

After-Hours Teen Movie Night

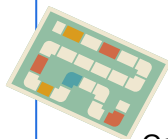
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A hapless young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons becomes the unlikely friend of a young dragon himself, and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed. Popcorn provided.

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TWEENS AND TEENS TOUR

Friday, January 17
3:00 - 3:30 pm



Gather around the circulation desk and come see what the library has to offer!

TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Begins February 6
7-session campaign
2:45 - 4:45 pm



For ages 14-18. Registration required. Space is limited, attendance will be capped at 5 players.



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Want to write a children's book, but aren't sure where to start? This is the workshop for you! Elisa will walk you step-by-step through the basics. You'll learn how every great story starts with a big emotion. From there, embark on adventures in character, setting, and plot, and come away with ideas for your very own children's book - the one that only you can write! Zero experience necessary. All ages welcome.



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#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: January 3, February 7



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: January 2 Next month: February 6



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