



THOMAS  
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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

See reverse for Kids & Families

SEPTEMBER  
2023

## WALKING TOURS

Join us for a series of walking tours exploring Maine's history!  
Please register for each tour on the library's website.



### INDIA STREET: IMMIGRATION & INNOVATION

Saturday, September 9: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at intersection of Congress and India Streets in Portland

This tour through Portland's oldest neighborhood encompasses the full sweep of the city's fascinating history, focusing on the mid-19th to early 20th century, when it was home to a diverse population of Irish, Italian and Jewish immigrants and one of the nation's oldest free black communities – all living next to the wharves, train yards and factories that were the city's economic engine.



### HOMES OF PORTLAND'S GOLDEN AGE

Saturday, September 16: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at intersection of Spring and High Streets,  
across the street from the Portland Museum of Art

Explore the architecture and history of the Spring Street/State Street neighborhood. Once considered "the most beautiful neighborhood in Portland," this area was home to many of the city's wealthy and powerful in the 19th century. Hear stories about stately homes such as Victoria Mansion, Safford House, today's Cumberland Club, and their inhabitants.



### EASTERN CEMETERY TOUR

Saturday, September 23: TIME TBD

Meet at Eastern Cemetery on Congress Street in Portland

Volunteers from Spirits Alive, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation the Eastern Cemetery, will take us through the oldest historic landscape in Portland. Established in 1668, the cemetery is home to around 4,000 interred. We'll learn about the history and significance of this fascinating landmark.



### THEATERS OF PORTLAND'S PAST

Saturday, September 30: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at intersection of Congress Street and Park Street

Take a trip back in time to explore the numerous theaters that once dotted Portland's main street. With historic photos showing what used to be, we'll encounter the end of vaudeville and the proliferation of silent film, as well as the rise and fall of the studio system.

## BIG TREES OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND with Kevin Martin

Thursday, September 21  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

In-person & streamed  
simultaneously via Zoom



Kevin Martin is a wooden boat builder and the author of a new field guide to New England's big trees. He will share stories of big trees around the region, along with information about the history, management, and caretaking of these impressive living parts of our landscape. From old growth pine and hemlock forests, to a horse chestnut in Portsmouth that was planted by a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776!

## ecomaine "VIRTUAL" TOUR

with ecomaine and the  
Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Tuesday, September 19  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

In-person & streamed simultaneously via Zoom



Have you ever wondered what happens to your trash and recycling after you throw it in the bin? Join us for a "virtual" tour of ecomaine's Waste-to-Energy and Single-Sort Recycling facilities. Learn about how ecomaine implements the waste hierarchy in order to sustainably manage over a third of Maine's municipal solid waste and leave with the knowledge to be a more efficient and effective recycler. *This event is for all ages!*

## RECURRING EVENTS

### Fika (Coffee Break)

Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 am (via Zoom)

### Guerilla Poetry Whoop

2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

### Eldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (in-person & via Zoom)

### Songwriting Workshop, with Jud Caswell,

1st Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm (in-person)

### Afternoon Book Group

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

### Pod Complex: A Podcast Listening Club

1st Thursday, 5:00 - 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

### Big Little Lit: Children's Books for Grownups

3rd Wednesday of the month, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
(in person AND via Zoom)

For details and registration information  
for all of our programs, please visit our website:

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## BOTANICAL PRINTING: ART FROM YOUR OWN BACKYARD with Marie Ahearn & Rachel Davis

Second Session:

Saturday, September 30  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

In-person

Due to the tremendous popularity of this workshop in August, we are offering it again for those who were unable to attend! Please register in advance on our website.

## COLLECTING ROCKS & MINERALS



with  
Roland Charles

Saturday, September 23  
2:00 - 3:00 pm

In-person

Fall is a beautiful season in Maine and a great time to go rockhounding. Do you have a rock collection, or want to start one? Roland Charles, from the Mineralogical and Geological Society, will talk about the geology of Maine, the types of rocks and minerals you can find, where to find them, and how to go about collecting them responsibly. **This program is for adults, families, and kids!** Feel free to bring along rock specimens you wish to identify.



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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

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## CHARACTER OF THE MONTH



**Mercy Watson**

Stop by the children's room to celebrate a true Porcine Wonder: **Mercy Watson**! We'll have fun activities throughout the month of September, like our popular scavenger hunt.



## SEWING ADVENTURE: STUFFY & DOLL ACCESSORIES

for ages 8-12

Saturday, September 16: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Accessorize your favorite stuffy or doll with a backpack or a beret + more! Bring a favorite stuffy or doll to the workshop, and use fabrics, embroidery, applique, and simple patterning skills to make accessories for them. All materials provided. Registration required, sign up on our website!



## CUPCAKE WITH A COP!

Friday, September 22: 3:30pm

in the Community Room

Kids ages 5-9 and their families are invited to join members of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department to enjoying cupcakes, stories and craft projects. Please register on the library's website or by calling 799-1720 x 287.

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## #LIBRARYSQUAD

Ages 11 - 13

First Friday of each month  
September 1: 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 us for more information!



## D&D SOCIAL

Ages 10 - 13

Third Tuesday of Each Month  
September 21: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Looking for an adventure? Travel no further as your next journey awaits within the D&D Enthusiasts Club at the library! Meet other local players interested in this awesome role playing game: share experiences, inspire and encourage each other! Note: this is not a campaign, just a time to socialize and plan your own sessions with new friends!



## BOOK CLUBS

GRADES 5 & 6

First Monday of Each Month: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

**October 2:** Bring your own book! We discuss whatever we are currently reading and vote on our November book selection. Register on our website.

## GRADES 7 & 8

Last Monday of Each Month: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

**September 25:** Bring your own book! We discuss whatever we are currently reading and vote on our November book selection. Register on our website.



**YOUNG WRITERS GROUP**  
Ages 10 - 12

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



**TEEN WRITERS GROUP**  
Ages 13+

**Saturdays:**  
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Are you a young writer looking for a way to practice your craft? Our new groups will focus on exploring the imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Visit our website for more information!

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### MESSY MINIS

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

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's paint, color, cut, and paste together to make magic!

### DRESS UP AND DANCE

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

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes, and everybody's favorite bubble song.

### PLAY DATE @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays 10:30 - noon (Ages 0 - 5)

Drop-in play session for children and their caregivers. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends!

### READY FOR READING CLUB

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join Miss Martha to enjoy longer stories, fun with music, and a variety of simple early learning games and activities.

### TINY TUNES: JUST THE MUSIC, PLEASE!

Thursdays, 10:30 am (Ages 1-3)

Join us for a movement-based program that's a gentle introduction to the routines, songs, and props we use for story times, but without the books! Great for curious, wandering wigglers & their caregivers.

### TRADITIONAL STORY TIME

Fridays, 10:30 am (Ages 3+)

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



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 our website for appointment availability and to "meet" our dogs!

### LEGO CLUB

for ages 5 - 12

**Children 10 and under must have an adult present**

Usually meets first Tuesday of each month. This month:

**Tuesday, September 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.



### OPEN CHESS CLUB

Wednesdays: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Drop-in playing time for elementary-age children. Chess sets will be provided, or bring your own. **There is no registration required, but children 10 and under must have an adult present.**

**Please stay home if anyone in your household is feeling sick and join us when everyone is healthy again!**



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