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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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NOVEMBER  
2023

## CAPE ELIZABETH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS

### The Sinking of the USS Eagle 56

with maritime historian **Paul Lawton**

**Tuesday, November 14**  
**6:30 - 8:00 pm**



The longest and most deadly and destructive naval battle in history raged across the Atlantic Ocean for more than five years, from 1939 through May of 1945, with the loss of more than 3,000 Allied and Axis merchant ships, warships and submarines, and more than 80,000 lives. The very last chapter of the epic Battle of the Atlantic took place just off the Cape Elizabeth coast, resulting in the loss of the last U.S. Navy warship, the last German U-boat, and the last American flagged merchant ship to be lost in the Eastern Sea Frontier during the war.

Join us as we welcome maritime historian Paul Lawton, who will discuss the secret history behind the sinking of the USS Eagle 56, including how his research resulted in the belated issuance of 51 Purple Heart medals, 49 posthumously, to the officers and crewmen killed and injured aboard the ship off the Cape Elizabeth coast in 1945.

*All are welcome!*



## Town of Cape Elizabeth Climate Action Workshop

*Get involved with climate action  
in Cape Elizabeth!*

All those who live, work, go to school, own a business or property in town are encouraged to participate!

**Thursday, November 30**  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

### At this workshop:

- Learn how climate change is impacting the people and places in Cape Elizabeth
- Have your concerns, priorities, experiences, and ideas heard as part of a **Climate Action Plan** process that's being convened by the Town of Cape Elizabeth
- Know what opportunities exist to stayinvolved in the future

### What is a Climate Action Plan?

A plan to address impacts from climate change and build a more sustainable Cape Elizabeth. The Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) has been contracted to lead the Town of Cape Elizabeth through a Climate Action Planning process, providing support, guidance, and technical assistance to create a plan that is aligned with the State of Maine's "Maine Won't Wait" Climate Action Plan.

*Please join us to learn how you  
can make a difference in shaping  
the future of Cape Elizabeth!*

## THE AMAZING WILDLIFE OF ECUADOR THE ANDES, THE AMAZON, AND THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

with **Ed Robinson**

**Tuesday, November 28**  
**6:30 - 8:00 pm**



Enjoy this photographic tour of the lofty Andes mountains, mid-elevation cloud forests, the Amazon Basin, and the storied Galapagos Islands. The talk chronicles a three-week trip to some of the most diverse and unspoiled habitats on Earth, opening the door to the vast array of wild creatures that live there. Writer and photographer Ed Robinson of Orr's Island, Maine is a widely traveled naturalist and will share his knowledge of the region and its beautiful creatures. The presentation will entertain and educate using 150 stunning photos, biological facts, and stories with a Q&A session to follow.

### THIS MONTH IN THE STIER FAMILY GALLERY

### My Climate Future: High-Schoolers Picture Their World To Come

*Photographs by CEHPS students*

November 1 - 30, 2023

## 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)

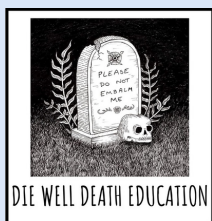
### Death Education Series

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

### Death Café

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

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



## TALKING ABOUT DEATH

two monthly programs led by  
**Leona Oceania of**  
**Die Well Death Education**

*No registration necessary--  
visit our website  
for more informaton!*

### Death Education Series: Session Two Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In this second session we'll be watching and discussing a film that addresses the normal dying process, from months before death through the actual moment of death. (It is not necessary to have attended the first session.)

### Pond Cove Death Café

**Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

A monthly group-directed conversation about death with no agenda, objectives, or themes - with cake! (not a grief support or counseling session)

## CAPE ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

### Edible Landscape Design with Barbara Emerson



**Thursday, November 16**  
**6:30 - 8:00 pm**  
*In-person*

Starting with a brief history of food gardening, Barbara will cover the concepts to consider when integrating edible plants in your ornamental garden, or edible flowers into your vegetable garden. She will show how the height, shape, texture, fragrance and color of edibles can make your garden look and taste wonderful next summer. Short on space? Barbara will show how creative container combinations can help anyone with a patch of sun grow their own delicious food and have a beautiful space at the same time.

*All are welcome!*



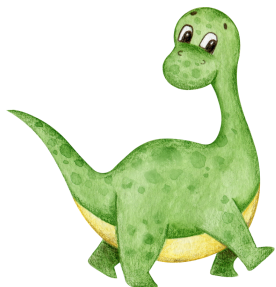
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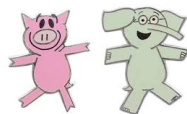
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## CHARACTER OF THE MONTH



It's DINOvember at the library and we're planning a RARWsome good time. We'll have fun activities throughout the month of November, like our popular scavenger hunt!



## ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY!

Friday, November 10  
10:30 - 11:00 am

Join us for a special story time starring Mo Willems' characters Elephant and Piggie! We'll read stories, sing songs, and make a special craft.

## DINOvEMBER STORY STOMP!

Friday, November 18: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Stomp, roar, and chomp along with us while we read some dino-mite stories and crafts! In case you're asking, "What is 'DINOvember'?" It's a month-long celebration of dinosaurs and the children (and adults) who are obsessed with them! It was inspired by Refe and Susan Tume, authors of the *What the Dinosaurs Did* picture book series and instigators of this "month-long imagination invasion"!



## SEWING ADVENTURES:

### MINI ANIMALS & PET TOYS

Saturday, November 18

1:00-2:30 pm

For ages 8-14



Sew your own pet toy or miniature animal. In this workshop, sewists will design a miniature animal and sew it to life with fabric, felt and stitches. No prior experience necessary\* but complete beginners must be accompanied by their adult to work one-on-one in learning basic skills. All materials provided! Registration required, sign up on our website.



## D&D SOCIAL

Ages 10 - 13

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

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

**November 6:** *Ember and the Ice Dragons*, by Heather Fawcett

GRADES 7 & 8

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

**November 27:** *The Last Hope in Hope Town*, by Maria Tureaud



## #LIBRARYSQUAD

Ages 11 - 13

First Friday of each month

November 3: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Want to join this fun tween advisory group? Ask for an application!



## 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!

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## 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, November 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.



### 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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