**NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

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**MOSSY MARCH THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE WORKSHOPS**

with Laura Simonds-Rumpf & Colleen E. Griffin

Thursday, March 7  
Thursday, March 21  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
in person

Join us as we welcome back two local registered horticultural therapists, who will lead us in making kokedama, an ancient Japanese horticultural technique. All are welcome, but attendance is limited.

Registration required.

**DON’T BE A VICTIM SCAMS AND FRAUD PREVENTION**

with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department

Tuesday, March 19  
2:30 - 3:30pm  
in person

Have you ever gotten one of those unsettling phone calls, emails, or knocks at the door that you think might be a scam but aren’t sure? Learn more about how to protect yourself at this talk with Officers Darin Estes and Ben Davis from the Cape Elizabeth Police Department. This discussion will include information about different types of scams, how to not become a victim, and what to do if you do become a victim. All are welcome!

**CAPE ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS FROM GARbage TO GARDEN**

Thursday, March 21  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in person

Annika Schmidt from Garbage to Garden will speak about the issues of food waste, organisms in our waste stream, and the solutions provided by composting.

**CAPE ELIZABETH LAND TRUST PRESENTS MAINE’S BIG NIGHT!**

Thursday, March 28  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in person

Greg LeClaire will discuss this Citizen Science initiative to protect amphibians, and share how you can be involved this year!

**EDISON AND THE ECLIPSE THAT ENLIGHTENED AMERICA**

Wednesday, March 13  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
via Zoom

With the total solar eclipse of 2024 rapidly approaching, author David Baron shares a pertinent tale from the distant past. In the summer of 1878, a similar eclipse traversed America’s Wild West, darkening the frontier while rousing the ambitions of an entire nation. The event lured to the Rocky Mountains many of the era’s great minds—including Vassar College astronomer Maria Mitchell, who headed an all-female expedition to Denver, and a young Thomas Edison, who after observing the eclipse in Wyoming soon lit the world with his most famous invention. Baron recounts the tale of this historic event in his book American Eclipse, which the Wall Street Journal praised as “a sweeping, compelling portrait of the scientific and social aspirations of Gilded Age Americans.” Please register to join us via Zoom.

**TML NIGHT AT THE PLANETARIUM**

Tuesday, March 26  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
at the Southworth Planetarium

Before you venture out to observe April’s total solar eclipse, come see Totality! with TML at the Southworth Planetarium! The planetarium, at 70 Falmouth St, Portland, will be open for TML patrons only tonight for a showing of their new solar eclipse how. How do solar eclipses happen? Why are they so rare? What will we see? This show explores all of these questions and delves into the dynamics of solar eclipses. Please register in advance!

**CAPE ELIZABETH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS SEA RESCUES: PRESENT AND PAST**

Tuesday, March 12  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in person

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society and Cape Rescue Team members will present this program on sea rescues past and present that have taken place in our region of Maine. The WETeam will talk about their most recent rescues and CEHPS volunteers will explore the history of sea rescues at the Two Lights Lifesaving Station. We invite you to join TML and CEHPS for this informative presentation and to bring your stories to share as well! All are welcome!

**THE TROUBLED HISTORY OF MALAGA ISLAND**

with Maine State Archivist Kate McBrien

Tuesday, March 19  
6:30 - 7:30  
via Zoom

In 1912, the State of Maine evicted a community of African American and white residents from their homes on Malaga Island, just off the coast of Phippsburg, ME. Learn about this important story that was hidden for so many years.

**BEYOND THE HUMAN VIEW EXPERIENCE THE WORLD LIKE OTHER SPECIES**

with Annie Novak

Wednesday, March 20  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
via Zoom

What would happen if we all stopped to smell the roses like an aphid, or took an actual bird’s-eye view? Come explore what it might be like to experience the world through the sense systems of non-human species.

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND/OR BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

with the Cape Elizabeth Fire/Rescue Department

Wednesday, March 27  
2:30 - 4:30 pm  

Drop in--no appointment necessary!

**RECURRING EVENTS**

Find details about our regularly occurring events on the other side of this page.
Fireside Reading
Tuesdays
5:30 - 6:30 pm
You could sit at home and write, but will you? You could sit at home and read, but there are dishes to wash and the TV on the wall... Fireside Writing gives you the space and opportunity to work alongside fellow writers and reach your writing goals. Fireside Reading gives you the chance to settle in among other readers and spend some quality time reading. Join us by the fire for tea and quiet time among your fellow human. No registration necessary!

Fireside Writing
Thursdays
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Talking About Death
Death Education Series: Session Six
Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
This session we’ll discuss MAID: Medical Aid in Dying; focusing primarily on Maine’s Death with Dignity Act, and VSED: Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking, which is a legal option for any mentally capable, determined, well-informed person as a means to advance the time of their death. (It is not necessary to have attended previous sessions.)

Pond Cove Death Café
Tuesday, March 18, 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)

Fika (Coffee Break)
Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 am (via Zoom)
Come take a daily virtual coffee break with folks near and far to share thoughts and ideas, stories and laughter, and gain different perspectives.

Guerilla Poetry Whoop
2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (via Zoom)
Share our favorite poems and poets with one another in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Please bring 2-3 favorite poems that you’d like to share with the group.

Eldering Conversation Group
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (in-person & via Zoom)
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 (in-person)
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 award-winning songwriter, Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome!

Afternoon Book Group
3rd Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm (in-person & via Zoom)
Our adult book group is lead 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.

Pod Complex: A Podcast Listening Club
1st Thursday, 5:00 - 7:00 pm (via Zoom)
Explore a wide variety of podcasts on all different topics, in all different styles and then turn a critical eye on them as we discuss each month’s fresh selection. Listen on your own time at home, or join us for the first hour as we listen together, with a lively discussion to follow in the second hour.

Big Little Lit: Children’s Books for Grownups
3rd Wednesday of the month, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (in person AND via Zoom)
Library Director Rachel Davis was TML’s Children’s Librarian for 27 years. Join her at this monthly book group for adults, featuring outstanding literature written for children, but enjoyable at any age.

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Please register in advance!

**CALLING ALL WRITERS!**

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!

**Young Writers Group**

Ages 10 - 12
First **Thursday** of each month
3:30 - 4:30 pm

This month: March 8
Next month: April 4

**Teen Writers Group**

Ages 13+
Second **Saturday** of each month
2:00 - 3:00 pm

This month: March 9
Next month: April 13

**TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Last Friday of Each Month,
2:45-3:45 pm

**This month:** March 29

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a group of young people who want to take a more active role in our library community. TLC makes book and informational displays, provides feedback on the direction of the Teen Space within the library, and even gets the chance to design and lead special programs.

Monthly meetings include snacks, social time, and fun. If you’re interested in joining, email Megan Smith, msmith@thomas.lib.me.us, or stop by the downstairs desk and ask for an application!

**MAKE YOUR OWN ECLIPSE T-SHIRT**

**Friday, March 29**
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Ages 11+ Get ready for the total solar eclipse on April 8 by making a cool DIY t-shirt!

Register on our website.

**COMMON VIBES**

**Thursdays**
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Community, conversation, creativity. If you’re a teen looking for any of the above, join us at Common Vibes, a new weekly meeting at TML just for people like you!

Whether you’re in it for the crafts, the snacks, the experiences, or simply the chance to vent about whatever’s on your mind, Common Vibes is a place and time where you can be yourself.

Drop in on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm upstairs in the teen section to see what you can do at your local library!
CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

March is a “big” deal in the children’s room: We’re celebrating Portland (Maine!) illustrator Lincoln Peirce’s character, Big Nate!

FOREST BATHING at Fort Williams Park with Sierra

Saturday, March 16
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Connect with the natural life around us as we make friends with a plant, draw a nature scene, and explore our environment through a sound map. Kids ages 5-13 are invited to join us at the Children’s Garden at Fort Williams for a forest bathing experience. Registration required!

SEWING ADVENTURES BELT BAGS

Saturday, March 9
1:00 - 2:30 pm
For ages 8-14

Do you need to carry your stuff hands-free? Now you can! Join us as we design and make our own belt bags using hand stitching and machine sewing, and keep your essentials at your hip in style. Registration required!

TINKER TUESDAYS

For ages 7-12. Tinker, Create and Imagine! Join us twice a month in our Maker Lab and get your creativity on! We will have a designated project every Tuesday the program is held. Join your fellow tinkers and tinker away!

Tuesday, March 12th, 3:30 - 4:30
Fireworks in Oil & Water

Tuesday, March 26th, 3:30 - 4:30
Make A Simple Paper Kite!

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See reverse for more!

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.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturdays, 10:30 am (Ages 3+)
Join us for a special weekend edition of Story Time! It will feature all our favorites: 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 out the sign-up sheet in the children’s room for appointment availability and to “meet” our dogs, or call the children’s room for more information.

Currently, Pumba the Pug is here some Tuesdays, and Lark is here every Wednesday afternoon!

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, March 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.

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

Join us when everyone is healthy again.

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May 3
June 7
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August 2
September 6
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November 1
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