



THOMAS  
MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY

# NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

MAY  
2024



CAPE ELIZABETH RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS



## INTRO TO PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

with Jess Proctor, Stephanie Austin,  
and Kara Lavender Law

Thursday, May 9  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

The library is excited to partner with the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee and community members as the pilot drop-off location for the Town's effort to keep 1,000 pounds of plastic film from the waste stream. Come learn about this effort, and how to identify what can and can't be recycled. You'll also have a chance to learn about other recycling efforts and some volunteer opportunities at the library that will help our community further its sustainability goals. No registration required!

## FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND/OR BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING

with the Cape Elizabeth  
Fire/Rescue Department

Wednesday, May 22  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

We are pleased to be able to partner with CE Fire/Rescue to offer this free monthly screening opportunity, which will take place on the last Wednesday of every month in the library's Community Room. Please register in advance on our website. Drop-ins are also welcome!

## THE MAKING OF A GRAPHIC NOVEL

with Andrés Vera Martínez

Tuesday, May 28  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Andrés will discuss his work as a comics artist and illustrator, the process of turning ideas into images, working with an author's words to create a shared vision, and the long journey to publication for a graphic novel. Anyone interested in the publication process, graphic novels, or creativity in general will appreciate this opportunity!

## PAPER FLOWERS LEARN-ALONG WORKSHOP

with Marie Ahearn & Rachel Davis

Saturday, May 11  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join local artist Marie Ahearn and Library Director Rachel Davis for a workshop in which we all learn and experiment together in different techniques for making flowers and plants out of paper. Participants are also invited to share their own tips and experiences with this art form, so if this is something you have done, please come along and help us learn!

Please register on our website.



CAPE ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

## DAZZLING DAYLILIES

with Tina White

Thursday, May 16  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in person



Tina White from Tina's Daylilies in Jefferson, ME, will share insights and recommendations about the care and prolongation of daylilies in Maine. Tina's garden is an official display garden for the American Daylily Society and a designated historical garden. Tina's Daylilies is also a member of the Maine Landscape and Nursery Association. All are welcome!

## FROM LAWNS TO LANDSCAPES

Save Time, Money,  
and Have a Great Yard

with Ali Clift,  
from the Cumberland County  
Soil & Water Conservation District

Thursday, May 23  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Are you enjoying your yard as much as you'd like too? This workshop will provide you with ways to reduce your lawn and associated maintenance by swapping it for pollinator gardens, edible landscapes, rain gardens, vegetative buffers, groundcovers, wildflower meadows, and other natural landscapes you can pick and choose from to make your yard work for you.

Please register on our website.

CAPE ELIZABETH HISTORICAL  
PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS

## WHEN THE FORT WAS STILL A FORT

A Cape Veteran's Story of  
Fort Williams, 1946- 1948

with Cliff Eaton

Tuesday, May 14  
6:30 - 8:00 pm



This month, CEHPS welcomes 96-year-old Cliff Eaton to the library. Cliff will share memories of his life as an 18-year-old Army enlistee, whose only station during his military service was at Fort Williams between 1946 and 1948. Cliff's interesting story is told with clarity, humor, and perhaps best of all, with original pics that he took (and processed) while exercising his new-found hobby in photography. You will be among the very first members of the public to see these marvelous shots from when The Fort was still a fort! All are welcome!

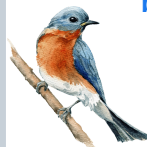
CAPE ELIZABETH LAND TRUST PRESENTS

## BIRDING ID SKILLS

Learn How to Identify Birds  
by Sight and Sound

with Carrie Gray

Thursday, May 30  
6:30 - 8:30 pm



Are you looking for a challenging new hobby to get you outdoors or just curious about what types of birds are singing in your backyard? During this two-hour program,

Cape resident and National Audubon Society scientist, Carrie Gray, will teach you techniques to identify bird species you may encounter around town. Birds come in all shapes, sizes, and colors and we will discuss strategies for differentiating birds based on their physical appearance, as well as by the habitat they occur in, their behavior, and the time of year you see them. We will also cover simple songs and calls that will allow you to identify some birds without even seeing them!

MORE ON THE  
OTHER SIDE!



# DO YOU WANT TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?

## ATTEND ONE OF OUR RECURRING GROUPS!

### 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.

### 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.

Thank you to TMLF for helping to make our programs and events possible! Scan the code below to learn more about them, or visit their website at [ThomasMemorialFoundation.org](http://ThomasMemorialFoundation.org)



## WRITING HIVE

Thursdays  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

*You could sit at home and write, but will you?*  
**Writing Hive** (formerly **Fireside Writing**) gives you the space and opportunity to work alongside fellow writers and reach your writing goals. Join us by the fire or in the garden for tea and quiet time among your fellow humans.

*No registration necessary!*

## WILD WONDERS OF THE WOODS WRITING CONTEST

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*Happy writing!*

**DROP OFF YOUR PLASTIC FILM AT THE LIBRARY!**

# NextTrex®

## Plastic Film Recycling Program



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### What Can Be Recycled



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

### DO NOT RECYCLE

- Frozen food bags
- Candy bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Net or mesh produce bags
- Pet food bags
- Degradable/compostable bags or packaging
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- Six-pack rings
- PPE: Gloves, masks, or protective wear
- Pool covers
- Lamination film
- Silage and hay bags
- Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- Bedding or linen packaging
- Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap
- Backyard ice rinks



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# NEWS & EVENTS

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES



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## WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES

### 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.

### 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.

## ALL ABOARD!

A MODEL TRAIN LOOK-AND-LEARN AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, May 30  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



We are thrilled to have the **Maine3Railers Model Train Club** return with their fabulous display to transform the meeting room into THE destination for train lovers, young and old!

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

*Join us when everyone is healthy again.*



## CHARACTER OF THE MONTH



In May we're celebrating Eric Carle's **Very Hungry Caterpillar!** We'll have a scavenger hunt for the caterpillar's favorite foods, and you can try your hand at drawing your caterpillar or butterfly and sharing your drawing with the TML librarians, who will put it on display!



**KIDS LITERARY MAGAZINE**  
FROM THOMAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We are excited to introduce **Scribble Kids**: a brand new literary and art magazines to be published beginning in the fall of 2024. Featuring creative writing and visual work from artists 5 - 11 years old, **Scribble Kids** presents a perfect opportunity for kids to follow their creative ambitions and show off their craft. Visit our website for complete details and to submit your work!

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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.

Check in 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. This month:

**Tuesday, May 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.



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## CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Are you a young writer looking for a way to practice your craft? Our writing groups focus on exploring the imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction.

Visit our website for more information!



Ages 10 - 12

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

This month: **May 2**  
Next month: **June 7**

Ages 13+

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

This month: **May 11**  
Next month: **June 8**



## #LIBRARYSQUAD

Ages 11 - 13

**First Friday** of each month  
**May 3: 2:45 - 3:45 pm**

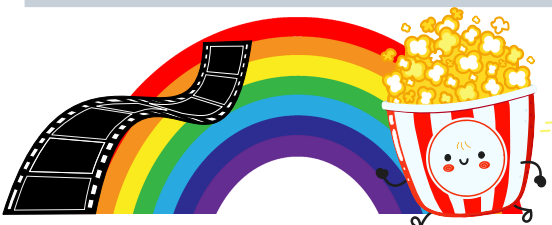
Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas, and help form the foundation of our programming.

Library Squad meets after school on the first Friday of each month from 2:45 - 3:45



## TEEN LITERARY MAGAZINE FROM THOMAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## LGBTQ+ TEEN MOVIE NIGHT AND CAREGIVERS' SOCIAL

with partners from *OUT Maine*,  
*Cumberland County Public Health*,  
and *Portland Public Health*

**Friday, May 31**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us for a social gathering for parents/caregivers to connect with and enjoy the company of others, while providing their LGBTQ+ youth, ages 12 – 18, with a safe and affirming place to connect with and support other queer youth. While adults attend an OUTMaine-facilitated discussion, youth are invited to attend a free movie night with pizza, popcorn, and drinks. Movie night will be co-hosted with Cape Elizabeth High School's GSTA Club and library staff. Register on the library's website to reserve your spot!

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## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CAMPAIGN

**Every Other Thursday**  
**3:00 - 5:00 pm**  
This month: **May 9, May 23**

Calling all wizards, warlocks, rangers and rogues! TML's Dungeons and Dragons campaign is open to teens and tweens who want to explore their character through interactive storytelling. You can join anytime! *Stop by or sign up on our website.*



## TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

**Last Friday** of Each Month  
**2:45-3:45 pm**  
This month: **May 31**

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a group of young people who want to take a more active role in our library community.

Monthly meetings include snacks, social time, and fun. If you're interested in joining, stop by the downstairs desk and ask for an application!



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