

Pittsfield Public Library



August Library News

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In the long dusks of summer, we walked the suburban streets through scents of maple and cut grass, waiting for something to happen...

The newsletter at a glance:

- Maine author **Margaret Jones** speaks on **Wednesday, August 7th** at 6PM
- Best-selling Maine author **Monica Wood** speaks on **Tuesday, August 20** at 6PM
- the library celebrates a **Telescope Star Party** on **Tuesday, August 13th** at 8:30PM (weather and skies permitting)
- Michael Albert's **Collage Workshop** returns **Wednesday, August 21st** at 3PM
- **KVCAP's Miss Jenny** returns **Wednesday, August 28th** at 11AM

Please note that the library is CLOSED on Saturdays from July 6th until September 7th.

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Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series Welcomes Best-selling Author Monica Wood August 20th

The Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series and the Pittsfield Public Library are proud to present an evening presentation by nationally known Maine author Monica Wood. She will share excerpts from her writing, talk about her writing process, and answer questions from the audience. Books will be available for sale and signing. This event is free and open to the public.

Monica Wood is a novelist, memoirist, and playwright, the recipient of the Carlson Prize for contributions to the public humanities in Maine, and the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance Distinguished Achievement Award for contributions to the literary arts.

Her new novel, *How to Read a Book*, has already secured translation rights in five countries. Her new play, *Saint Dad*, debuted in October 2023 at Portland Stage. Her previous novel, *The One-in-a-Million Boy*, was translated into 20 languages in over 30 countries. She lives in Portland, Maine.



Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series Welcomes Author Margaret Jones August 7th

The Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series and the Pittsfield Public Library are

proud to present at evening with storyteller extraordinaire Margaret Jones. Margaret will be sharing stories from her book *Walking Sacred Sites*, and transporting “us to places she has visited, from her search for ancestral sites in Wales and Scotland to sacred sites in England, Ireland and Jordan. She walks the land, listens deeply and hears the story...With compelling detail, Margaret narrates a lesser-known history of these sacred places by touching stones, kneeling before holy wells and sensing the more invisible forces around her. She hears the whispers of the ancestors who once lived there and weaves magic into their deeper stories.”

Join us for an evening of traveling in Margaret’s footsteps as she walks sacred spaces around the world and shares what she has learned by listening deeply to their wisdom. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing at the event, which is free and open to the public.



Stay up late for a Telescope Star Party!

Come learn about Maine's night sky with Northern Stars Planetarium

Join Northern Stars in using its telescopes to share the wonders of deep space! They have a 8” Celestron telescope that they will keep on interesting objects such as visible planets, galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae. There will also be smaller telescopes for participants to try out. You will be instructed in their use and then allowed to try your hand at finding some interesting night sky wonders. What a great way to spend some time under the night sky!

Families are welcome - this program is free and open to the public on **Tuesday, August 13th at 8:30PM. This program is weather dependent - a final decision will be made on Monday, August 12th and posted to the library website and on Facebook under the event listing.**

Come Celebrate (and Make!) Collage Art

with Michael Albert

Collage artist Michael Albert brings his popular collage program back to the library - if you missed him last time, be sure to sign up early for this event! Participants are limited to 40 so be sure to register and reserve your spot(s).

American Pop Artist Michael Albert is nationally known for making collage artworks from Cereal boxes & other printed cardboard consumer brand packages. His work has been described as a cross between Pop Art, Cubism & Recycling with a wide range of subjects he explores including many text-based works. He just calls it “Art”.

This summer he will be returning to Maine for a few special pop art programs including a return visit to the Pittsfield Public Library on **Wednesday August 21st from 3-5pm.** The “Modern Pop Art Experience” includes a **SHORT ARTIST TALK & PRESENTATION** -

where Mr. Albert introduces himself, shows examples of his works and tells the group about the project they are about to do; a HANDS-ON COLLAGE WORKSHOP where the participants get to create their own collages using the same materials he uses to create his works of art; and the program finishes with a FREE POSTER GIVEAWAY & SIGNING - Mr. Albert brings about 21 different prints for each participant to choose from as a special gift for coming to the event.



Pittsfield PARENT AND PLAYGROUP
Bring your kiddos and join us!

Where:
Pittsfield Public Library
110 Library Street
Pittsfield

When:
FOURTH Wednesday
of each month
11:00am - 12:00pm.

What:
Playtime!
Art, movement, stories
& sensory play

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KVCAP
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Join KVCAP's Miss Jenny for her monthly playgroup!

KVCAP's Miss Jenny will return Wednesday, August 28 at 11 AM for her monthly playgroup! Enjoy stories, crafts, sensory play and movement appropriate for ages birth to five. All are welcome!

The library would like to thank all of our patrons who have helped keep the Community Pantry stocked.

For those wishing to donate personal care items to those in need, we have an Amazon wish list of items:

[Library Wish List](#)

thank you!



Don't worry - the library has received its new 2024 Maine State Park pass! Patrons may check out the pass for three days; there is a \$5/day late fee. The pass must be checked out and returned in person and cannot be returned through the drop box.



The library also has a day pass to the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. It is valid for free, general admission for up to four patrons. The signed and dated form must be picked up from the library and presented at the museum.

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How about some award winners?

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Time to find a new author?

Want to know who writes like Colleen Hoover, James Patterson, or maybe Stephen King? Try the Literature Map tool and explore authors that other readers think write just like they do.

[Literature Map](#)

Or check out the Children's Book Review and Library Journal websites for more recommendations.

[Library Journal](#)

[Children's Book Review](#)

Discover the Maine Discovery Museum or Maine's state parks with the library's passes

Please note that the State Park Pass is not accepted at Acadia National Park, Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park, Maine Wildlife Park, Peacock Beach, Penobscot Narrows Observatory, Penobscot River Corridor, Scarborough Beach, Songo Lock, or Swan Island.

Please call the library for more information or to reserve either of the passes: 487-5880.

August Events

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Maine Author Margaret Jones
Warren Community Rm at 6PM

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Story Time Celebrates Vinyl Records
With Mr. Wes at 10:30AM

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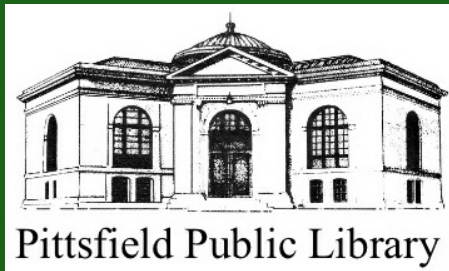
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With Northern Stars Planetarium at 8:30PM

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