

Pittsfield Public Library



May Library News

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"Sweet May hath come to love us. Flowers, trees, their blossoms don..."

TL;DR CliffsNotes version of the newsletter...

- the Ann B. McGowan Writers Series kicks off with Matt Cost on May 16th
- the adult seminar series brings HealthySV to the library on May 8
- Culture Club celebrates Cinco de Mayo, while KVCAP brings stories, sensory play and fun
- the author of *Neeps and Tattie* brings Neeps the tortoise on May 23
- help us build our children's programming by taking a quick survey

Please note that the library will return to opening at 10 AM on Fridays beginning in June. We did not see enough patronage to continue offering earlier Friday morning hours.

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Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series Welcomes Author Matt Cost on May 16!

Matt Cost is the highly acclaimed, award-winning author of the Mainely Mystery series. The first book, *Mainely Power*, was selected as the Maine Humanities Council Read ME Fiction Book of 2020. His Clay Wolfe/Port Essex Mysteries include *Wolfe Trap*, *Mind Trap*, *Mouse Trap*, *Cosmic Trap*, and now, *Pirate Trap*.

Cost will discuss the craft of writing and the evolution of *Pirate Trap* beginning at 6PM on Thursday, May 16. Join us in the Warren Community Room for what promises to be an enjoyable evening exploring the mystery of how a new book comes to life. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is free and open to the public.

Cost lives in Brunswick, Maine, with his wife, Harper. There are four grown children: Brittany, Pearson, Miranda, and Ryan. A chocolate Lab and a basset hound round out the mix. He now spends his days at the computer, writing.



Happy 120th birthday to us!

The library turns 120 years old on Sunday, May 19, and really, it doesn't look a day over 100. Join us for a birthday celebration on Tuesday, May 21 from 2-4 - come enjoy cake and conversation with other friends of the library. We'll have activities all month to celebrate our milestone, including a scavenger hunt for the top 120 items circulated so far in 2024!

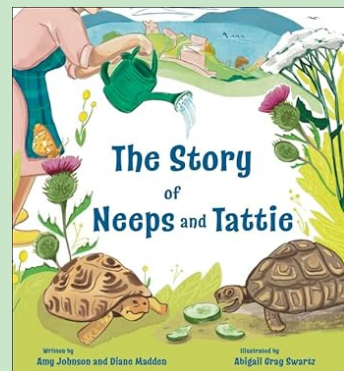
Children's Programming Survey

Do your kids love coming to the library? We want to hear from you as we plan more children's programming. Please take this quick online survey to help us move forward.

Children's Programming Survey

Meet Neeps the tortoise!

Join us on Thursday, May 23 at 3:30PM when Diane Madden, author of *The Story of Neeps and Tattie*, will read her book and share some great tortoise crafts! She's also bringing her tortoise Neeps and will teach us all about proper tortoise care. This should be an exciting program - books will be available for purchase from the author.



Adult Seminar Series

On May 8 at 11AM, join Melissa as she delivers an overview of the many classes offered by HealthySV for living with lifelong conditions like diabetes and chronic pain.

Then on June 12, come join other interested parties to help form a walking club (or clubs!) Walking is one of the easiest and safest ways to get and stay fit, and we'd like to help like-minded folks find friends to walk with. Let's see what we can pull together!



Family Board Game Night will be Wednesday,

May 29th

One Wednesday night a month is **Family Contemporary Board Game Night!** In May it will be held on the 29th from 6-8 PM. Family Game Night is open to 12 and older - bring a family favorite game or come ready to learn a new one. We are also offering Adult Contemporary Board Game Night all other Wednesday nights to those 18+.



Culture Club Celebrates Cinco de Mayo!

What does the Cinco de Mayo celebrate, and who celebrates it? Join us on May 15 for stories, crafts and fun as we find out!

Join us on June 19 as we learn about King Kamehameha, and for a family fun day on July 17th! Don't forget to bring your Culture Club passport with you each time to get it stamped!

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

Activities designed for ages birth to 5; siblings and ALL are welcome!

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Find us on Facebook
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Funding for the prevention councils is provided by DHHS/OCFS and supported by Maine Children's Trust

The logo for KVCAP (Kennebec Valley Child Abuse Prevention) is located at the bottom right of the flyer. It features the letters 'KVCAP' in a bold, blue font with a red heart symbol above the 'V'. Below the logo is the tagline 'Helping Families. Changing Lives.'

Join KVCAP's Miss Jenny for her monthly playgroup!

KVCAP's Miss Jenny will return Wednesday, May 22 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.

Need some more reading options?

If we don't have a title you want, we can InterLibrary Loan it for you from a participating library, free of charge.

[New York Times Bestseller List](#)

[Publishers Weekly Bestseller List](#)

[Nature Book Guide Quarterly](#)

How about some award winners?

Book Browse has lists of many award winners, from the Pulitzer Prize to the Edgar and everything in between.

[Book Browse Award Winners](#)

[Science Fiction Awards Database](#)

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.

May

1

Adult Contemporary Board Game Night (18+)

From 6-8 PM

May

2

Fun STEM Time Has a Day of Reason

Logic, brain teaser and puzzles! At 3:30PM

May

4

Story Time Celebrates National Beverage Day

With Mr . Wes at 3:30PM

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