

Pittsfield Public Library



November Library News

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**Fear not November's challenge bold—
We've books and friends,
And hearths that never can grow cold:
These make amends!**

The newsletter at a glance:

- The library will be closed **Monday, November 11th** in observance of **Veterans Day**, and on **Thursday and Friday, November 28-29th** in observance of the **Thanksgiving holiday**
- The library will be hosting **Tech Tuesday** on the first Tuesday of each month in partnership with the SEDC, beginning **November 5** from **1:30 to 3:30PM**
- The Ann B. McGowan Fund is proud to sponsor an afternoon with **Andrew Finn Magill exploring the fiddling traditions of Appalachia** and their connections to the Old World on **Tuesday, November 12th at 3PM**
- **Culture Club** celebrates **Diwali** on **Wednesday, November 20th at 3PM**
- **KVCAP's Miss Jenny** returns **Wednesday, November 20th at 11AM**
- **Miss Cassidy** will hold her **Craft Corner** on **Wednesday, November 27th from 3:30-4:30**
- **Mr. Wes** holds **Story Time** on **Mondays at 10:30AM** and **Fun STEM Time** on **Thursdays at 3:30PM**

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An Afternoon Exploring The Connections Between the Fiddling Traditions of Ireland, Scotland, and Appalachia

**Join Renowned Fiddler Andrew Finn Magill on
Tuesday, November 12 at 3PM in the Warren Community Room
Sponsored by the Ann B. McGowan Fund**

The traditional dance music of the Southern U.S. is inextricably linked with the music of Scotland and Ireland. Andrew Finn Magill was born in the Appalachian mountains into an Irish-American family that plays Irish music. Since his earliest memories, the fiddling traditions from both sides of the Atlantic have been ever present in his life and musical career.

In this interactive presentation, we will explore how the history of Scottish and Irish immigration has influenced the evolution of traditional Southern fiddling. Andrew will demonstrate various fiddle styles, bowing techniques and repertoires and the audience can ask questions. The performance is meant to be participatory and inspire larger conversations about immigration, identity, and Irish & Scottish music's place in the larger tapestry of Southern culture.

North Carolina-native violinist/fiddler Andrew Finn Magill grew up studying traditional Irish music, oldtime, bluegrass and swing every summer with the best fiddlers in the world at the Swannanoa Gathering. He is a Fulbright Fellow, South Arts Emerging Traditional Artist, North Carolina Arts Council Fellow, All-Ireland fiddle finalist, and signed to Ropeadope Records.

He has been featured on MTV-U, PBS, and multiple times on NPR. His 2016 album, "Roots" debuted at number #46 on the folk DJ charts, and he has performed with artists including Rising Appalachia and Grammy nominees John Doyle and Trio Brasileiro. Fascinated by the connections between the fiddling traditions of Ireland, Scotland, and Appalachia, in 2016 Finn began giving a lecture series "The connections between the fiddling traditions of

Ireland, Scotland and the U.S: An Immigration Story," which he has given at museums and universities throughout the Southeastern U.S.

Says legendary Americana artist & Grammy-winner Tim O'Brien: "I'm gonna keep listening for Finn Magill."

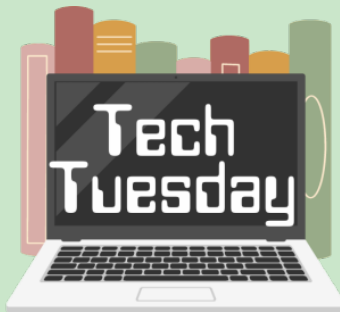
This presentation is free and open to the public.

Get Your Computer Questions Answered on Tech Tuesdays!

The library is partnering with the Somerset Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) to offer Tech Tuesdays on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30. Our first Tech Tuesday will be Election Day, November 5.

Come meet Scarlett, our SEDC Digital Navigator, and get help with

- how to use your smartphone
- how to navigate the web on your phone or computer
- how to sign up for Digital Literacy Classes to be held here at the library
- how to use common computer programs
- how to apply for reduced cost internet
- how to apply for free or reduced cost computers
- and anything else tech related that has been frustrating you!



Culture Club Celebrates Diwali

Culture Club will explore the traditions surrounding the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali, on November 20 at 3:30PM. Diwali symbolizes the triumph of light over dark and knowledge over ignorance - a great holiday for a library to celebrate! Come join us to learn more about this important holiday, some fun crafts, and a free book to take home.

Our final Culture Club of the year will explore Kwanzaa on December 18th.





Miss Cassidy's Craft Corner

Miss Cassidy will have Thanksgiving and autumn themed crafts for all ages during her craft corner on Wednesday, November 27th from 3:30-4:30. Come have some fall fun! Held in the Warren Community Room.

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!

FMI: Jenny 859-2521 or
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Find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/kvcapfec>

Funding for the prevention councils is provided by
DHHS/OCPFS and supported by Maine Children's
Trust.

KVCAP

Join KVCAP's Miss Jenny for her monthly playgroup!

KVCAP's Miss Jenny will return a little early on **Wednesday, November 20th at 11AM** for her monthly playgroup! Enjoy stories, crafts, sensory play and movement appropriate for ages birth to five. All are welcome!

A reminder to parents:

Our Safe Child policy specifically notes that “Responsibility for the welfare and the behavior of children using the library rests with the parent/guardian or an assigned chaperone. ***The Library staff does not take the place of a parent, act as a babysitter, or assume responsibility for unsupervised children.***”

While we absolutely love seeing children here, **no child under the age of 12 should be left unaccompanied at the library for longer than it takes to find and check out a book.** This is especially true as winter approaches and the library closes after dark. Parents are asked to use their judgement with older children.

The library is a shared public space that should be treated with respect by children and adults alike. Normal speaking voices are perfectly acceptable - no need to whisper! - but raised voices, yelling or screaming are not. Likewise, running is not permitted in the library. Shoes should be worn at all times. The elevator is here for the convenience of those that need it; it is not a toy.

Please note that any child behaving inappropriately or disruptively will be asked to leave until the following day; repeated infractions may result in a longer ban or loss of borrowing privileges.

The library would like to thank all of our patrons who help 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!



The library offers much more than just traditional print books - we also have large print formats, audio books, DVDs, a selection of video games, and digital access to newspapers, journals and much more through the Maine Digital Library.



We also offer meeting spaces, a children's play area, computer and WiFi access, and ongoing programming throughout the year. Come check us out!

Need some more reading options?

[New York Times Bestseller List](#)

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[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.

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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.

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LEGO Club with Mr. Wes
1-2PM

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Story Time with Mr. Wes: Unicorns
Warren Community Room from 10:30-11:30AM

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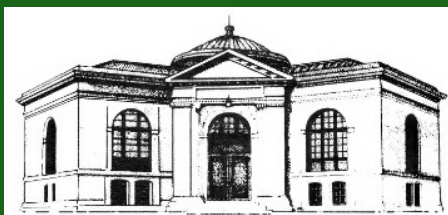
Tech Tuesday with Scarlett
in the Teen Room upstairs from 1:30-3:30PM

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Saturday 10-4

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and August

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