



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

April 2024 Newsletter

[www.lithgowlibrary.org](http://www.lithgowlibrary.org)

## Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

(207)- 626 - 2415

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Lithgow Library will be closed on  
Monday, April 15th  
in observance of Patriots' Day.



## Library of Things!

Thanks to the generous support of The Friends of Lithgow Library, we now have a Library of Things!

A Library of Things allows you to borrow non-traditional library items such as snowshoes or a sewing machine. More than a "try before you buy" opportunity, the Library of Things aligns with the mission of our library — to offer a collection of materials that meets the needs, interests, and abilities of our diverse community. A Library of Things promotes sharing with community members, sustainability, and trying new things.

[Visit our Library of Things website page to learn more.](#)



# Antique Appraisal Fair

Benefiting The Friends of Lithgow Library

Curious how much your antique vase is worth?

Think your family heirloom is priceless?

Bring your treasured items to the Library for valuation by expert appraisers from the Thomaston Place Auction Galleries. A donation to the Friends of Lithgow Library is required for each appraisal, and we ask that you bring no more than 5 items, and no glass or china unless it is Tiffany.

Thursday, May 2nd from 1 to 4 p.m.

## The Friends of Lithgow Public Library Museum and Park Pass Program



Lithgow Library's popular pass program, sponsored by the Friends of Lithgow Library, is back! All of the passes offered last year will be available, and we are excited to announce that two new passes will also be offered: the Maine Maritime Museum and the Southworth Planetarium. An updated brochure is available with full details on each pass. FYI: to borrow a pass, you must have a valid, unexpired library card and owe no fines or fees.

**Listed below are all of the passes that will be offered:**

Maine Maritime Museum-NEW!

Southworth Planetarium-NEW!

Children's Museum and Theater of Maine

Portland Museum of Art

Boothbay Railway Village

Maine State Parks

Maine Wildlife Park

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

Farnsworth Museum



## Understanding Symbolism on Maine's Early Gravestones Presented by Ron Romano

Saturday,  
April 20th  
10 a.m.



Maine's cemeteries are rich with folk art. Beautifully hand-carved gravestones created by local stonecutters are readily found as you stroll the burial places from the Colonial period through the end of the 1800s. But what do the gravestone symbols - rising suns, skulls & cross bones, pointing fingers - really mean? In this heavily illustrated presentation, cemetery historian and author Ron Romano, will describe the "anatomy" of a gravestone, discuss the types of materials found in our burial grounds, and explain the meanings of dozens of gravestone images. We'll explore this topic with some additional context regarding how our cemetery landscapes have evolved over time. Is there a difference between a cemetery and a graveyard? We'll answer that question in this program!



# Vacation Week Programs

## Smokey Bear Story Time

Wednesday, April 17th from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Come learn about fire safety from an expert, and meet a special guest! Suited for children ages 10 and under and their caregivers.

## Story Pots with Maple Lane Pottery

Wednesday, April 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a pottery workshop where you can make your own story pot. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required and space is limited.

To register, visit the Children's Room or call us at 626-2415.

## Digital Literacy Classes

The National Digital Equity Center, a non-profit organization which provides Digital Literacy classes, is offering a class in April which will take place in the Library.

**Registration is required.**

**Please call or visit the Reference Desk to register.**

### iPhone Basics:

Thursday, April 11th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

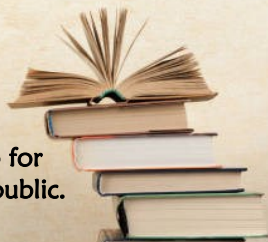
Thursday, April 25th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.



## Lithgow Book Club

A monthly book discussion group for adults that is free and open to the public.

Reserve your copy today!



### The Wishing Game

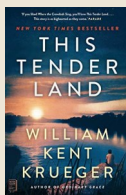
by Meg Shaffer

Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

### This Tender Land

by William Kent Krueger

Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.



## Lithgow Library Board of Trustees

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## Food for Thought

We'll discuss food-themed books, enjoy a snack, and complete a fun, book-related activity.

For children 3 to 8 (with a caregiver).

For more information, contact Kate in the Youth Services department.



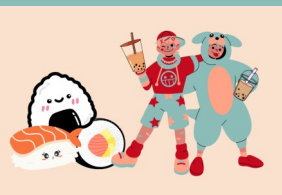
**Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 p.m.**

## Celebrate National Pajama Day!

**For Teens only!**

Celebrate National Pajama Day by coming to the library in your pajamas! We'll serve bubble tea, candy sushi, and have the TV available in the teen room.

**Come get cozy with us!**



**Tuesday, April 16th from 3 to 5 p.m.**



## Tween Scene: Fly Me to the Moon

Are you fascinated by space? Did you know that man first landed on the moon 55 years ago and that NASA plans the next moon landing for 2025? Join us as we learn about past and future space missions, try out some cool NASA activities, and even build our own moon habitat!

**Wednesday, April 17th at 6 p.m.**

For youth ages 8 to 12.

**Registration is necessary:**

Please call: 626-2415, or email Kathy at [Lithgowtweens@gmail.com](mailto:Lithgowtweens@gmail.com)

## Gardening Webinar Series:

### Harvesting Hidden Gems:

Practical Insights for Growing Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes

**Tuesday, April 2nd from 6 to 7:15 p.m.**

### Backyard Blueberry Growing Tips

**Tuesday, April 9th from 6 to 7:15 p.m.**

Classes are free, but space is limited. Call 626-2415 and ask for the Reference Desk to register.

**This Webinar Series is sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.**