



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

April 2026 Newsletter

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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The library will be closed on Monday, April 20th in observance of Patriots' Day.



April Break Programs in Youth Services

Crafternoon

Tuesday, April 21st, 2-3:30 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Drop in to the Community Meeting Room and get crafty! This time we're making beautiful spring flowers out of cupcake liners.

Recommended for children ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

No registration required.



Bug Creations with Maple Lane Pottery

Wednesday, April 22nd, 11a.m. - 1 p.m.
Youth Services Program Room

Join us for a pottery workshop where you can make your own creepy crawler. For kids ages 7 to 12.

Registration is required and space is limited. Registration opens on April 1st. To register, visit the Children's Room or call us at 207-626-2415.



Intro to 3D Printing for Tweens

Two dates!

Thursday, April 23rd, 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24th, 2-3:30 p.m.

Board Room



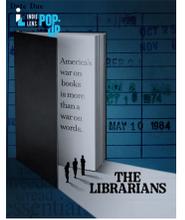
Tweens ages 10-13 are invited to join us for a 3D printer workshop where they'll see the printer at work, get a bit of experience at Tinkercad, and design their own project. Each participant will get the chance to submit one item for printing (to be picked up at a later date).

Participating tweens should be comfortable navigating a PC and using a mouse (or a laptop mouse pad). Prior experience with Tinkercad or 3D printing is not required.

Registration is required and space is limited to 4 participants each session. To register, please call the Library at 626-2415 or stop by the Children's Room.

Film Screening of "The Librarians"

Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:30 p.m.



Indie Lens Pop-Up, presented by ITVS, INDEPENDENT LENS, and the Lithgow Library will host a special screening of "The Librarians," featuring a discussion after the screening. The documentary follows a courageous network of besieged librarians as they unite to examine how book restriction policies are shaping library collections.

From Oscar-nominated Director and Producer Kim A. Snyder ("Death By Numbers," "Newtown," "Us Kids") and Executive Producer Sarah Jessica Parker, "The Librarians" takes viewers from Texas to Florida and beyond, where local libraries have become unexpected battlegrounds in a national struggle over parental control, intellectual freedom, and democracy itself. The film captures the courage and resilience of the everyday heroes, librarians, as well as concerned parents and students flanking them, who have become first responders in the fight for the freedom to read, standing defiantly against censorship at all costs.

Dismantling Democracy: 53 Days in Nazi Germany

Presented by the Holocaust and Human Rights Center
Monday, April 13th at 5 p.m.

This program explores the critical weeks following Hitler's appointment as chancellor in 1933, when the Nazi Party legally and systematically dismantled the democratic foundations of the Weimar Republic. Grounded in primary sources and historical context, the program offers an opportunity to learn about this pivotal moment in history—one that reminds us how quickly democratic institutions can erode. At the HHRC, staff work to promote Holocaust education, confront antisemitism and bias, and strengthen a more informed and compassionate civic culture across our state. One way they pursue that mission is through educational programs that invite communities to examine history in ways that deepen understanding and inspire civic engagement.



This program is free but requires registration. Scan the QR code to register or visit our calendar.



Foraging for Edible Mushrooms

Starting with a Foolproof Few for your Area

Presented by Greg Marley

Thursday, April 16th from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Collecting and eating wild mushrooms is an intimidating prospect for the beginner. There are so many different mushrooms, and some of them are devilishly difficult to tell apart. Some of them are poisonous, a few dangerously toxic. But there are a number of common mushrooms that are great edibles, easily identified and without toxic look-a-likes. These foolproof mushrooms may provide you with all the mushrooms you ever want! Join mushrooming author and teacher Greg Marley for a talk devoted to some common "foolproof" mushrooms found in the Northeastern US. This talk will be especially valuable for someone who is just starting out or wants to learn mushrooming.



Donations for the annual Lithgow Book Sale will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in April. The sale will be held August 13th - 15th. See flyer for more details.

Food for Thought

A monthly group to discuss food-themed books, enjoy a snack, and complete a fun, book-related activity. For children 3 to 8 (with a caregiver). To sign up, stop by the Children's Room or call us at 626-2415.



Registration is recommended.

Wednesday, April 1st at 6 p.m.

Concerts in April!



VentiCordi Chamber Music

Thursday, April 23rd at 4 p.m.

Elvis in Concert!

Thursday, April 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Both concerts are free and open to the public for all ages.



Try Mahjong!



Mahjong is a popular tile game that originated in China in the 19th century. It requires both skill and luck. A volunteer instructor will be on hand to teach the game and answer any questions.

Friday, April 10th at 2 p.m.

Fabric Swap and Share

Saturday, April 18th 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Participants will be able to trade fabric, sewing needles, buttons, zippers, patterns, books, and other sewing notions. Items may be dropped off the week before at the Circulation Desk, or the morning of.

Tween Scene: Jump Into the Shark Tank

Wednesday, April 15th at 6 p.m.

Do you ever dream of starting your own company? Come learn more about what it takes to go from idea to reality with a mini "Shark Tank Jr." workshop led by local teen Aahana Bhatt of Aspira, a youth-led organization promoting financial literacy and leadership skills for students.



For tweens ages 8 to 12

Call 207-626-2415, email Kathy at lithgowtweens@gmail.com, or stop by the Children's Room to reserve a spot.

Teen Poetry Contest



Teens living in or attending school in Kennebec County are invited to submit their poetry to us! Please keep poems shorter than 36 lines, including line breaks. Review the rest of our rules on our website at <https://www.lithgowlibrary.org/for-teens/>.

Ending April 30th!

Lithgow Book Club

A monthly book discussion group for adults that is free and open to the public. Reserve your copy today!



Raising Hare

by Chloe Dalton
Wed., April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The Bright Years

by Sarah Damoff
Wed., May 13th at 6:30 p.m.



NEW! Genre Book Club

This month's genre: **Climate Fiction**
The Great Transition

by Nick Fuller Googins

Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Have you been interested in different book genres, but don't know where to start? We've got you covered with our monthly adult genre book club!

Each month, we will explore a different genre – science fiction, romance, horror, mystery, fantasy, etc. – by reading a recent standout example of the genre and discussing the title specifically and the genre generally.



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