

LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

### Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

December 2025 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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#### **Library closures:**

Wednesday, December 24th:
CLOSING at 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 25th:
CLOSED for Christmas.
Wednesday, December 31st:
CLOSING at 5 p.m.
Thursday, January 1st:

CLOSED for New Year's Day.



### Vacation Week Programs in Youth Services

#### Crafternoon

Tuesday, December 30th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in to the Children's Room to make a celebratory wand for the New Year. Recommended for ages 4 and up.

#### Movie Day - Friday, January 2nd

Morning Movie for Littles - 10:30 a.m. Come for a 30-minute all-ages movie in the Community Meeting Room. Pajamas encouraged!

Family Movie Afternoon - 3 p.m. Join us for a viewing of Abominable in the Community Meeting Room. Popcorn will be provided. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

#### Help Keep the Little Free Pantry Stocked



Over a hundred people have used our Pantry since its installation in late September. Please consider donating tear pouches of tuna, pasta, jarred pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and things that only require water to make (i.e. instant potatoes and mac and cheese cups). They may be dropped off at the Main Desk.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### Gift Ideas That Also Support the Library!

Looking for a gift idea this holiday season that also helps support Lithgow Library? Stop at the Circulation Desk and check out our assortment of goodies. We have calendars, postcards & note cards (featuring the Florence Daly watercolor), ornaments, and Library membership gift certificates.



#### Classic Film for Older Adults





Tuesday,
December 2nd at 10 a.m.



Winthrop Area
Handbell Ringers
Concert

#### Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

The Winthrop Area Handbell Ringers return with new music for the holiday season. This year's concert will feature selections from "The Nutcracker," a rendition of "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" (from the movie "Frozen"), and a non-holiday piece called "Grazioso." There will also be some familiar favorites, including "O Holy Night."

### Holiday Gift Wrapping Workshop

Make a dent in your holiday wrapping by joining us for a chance to wrap up to three small to medium-sized gifts using a variety of materials that are being re-purposed/upcycled like paper bags, fabric, ribbon, donated decorations and some traditional wrapping paper.

We have lots of ideas for some creative wrapping by recycling, reusing, and upcycling items we already have on hand such as packaging materials. Come and enjoy a festive opportunity to be creative, and please feel free to bring materials you may like to use or donate.



Monday, December 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in anytime!

#### ASM Midweek Mingle - Tuesday, December 16th, 3 - 4 p.m.

Join us for Midweek Mingle at the Library, a welcoming and sensory-friendly playgroup for autistic children up to age 5 and their caregivers. Hosted by the Autism Society of Maine, this drop-in program provides a fun and supportive environment where kids can socialize, explore sensory toys, enjoy crafts, and more - while caregivers connect with one another. Enjoy a spacious, enclosed, and sensory-friendly space filled with natural light, designed to support comfort and engagement. No registration required - just drop in and join the fun!



### 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 207-626-2415.



Registration is recommended.

Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 p.m.

#### Tween Book Group

Kids ages 10-12 are invited to join us for a book discussion and hangout each month.

Pizza will be provided! This month, we'll be reading Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August.

Registration is required - please register by stopping by the Children's Room or calling us at 626-2415.



Tuesday, December 9th at 6 p.m.



# Therapy Dog Social Hour For Adults 18+



Are you an adult who enjoys the company of dogs?
Join us for a social hour with Golden Retriever Therapy Dog, Nugget.
Bring a book, make friends, or just stop by to say "hi" to Nugget.

Wednesday, December 10th at 11 a.m.

## Tween Scene:

**Holiday Iron Chef** 





#### Wednesday, December 17th at 6 p.m.

Holiday Iron Chef is returning for its Seventh Annual Competition! Does your team have what it takes to earn the title of Library Iron Chefs? Come and show off your culinary skills, but beware of the secret ingredient!

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



#### **NEW!** Genre Book Club

This month's genre: Cozy Mystery Wed., December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

#### Clammed Up by Barbara Ross

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



### Barks and Books

Barks and Books is a read to a dog program for children up to age 13.

#### Friday, December 12th at 3:15 p.m.

Each child will have 15 minutes to read aloud to a dog from a book of their choice (bring your own or use one of ours).

The dogs are trained, volunteer therapy dogs who love being read to.

There are limited time slots per program, so we encourage you to sign up in advance. To register, please contact Youth Services.



# Twilight Movie Marathon for Teens Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Meeting Room





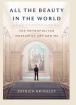
We'll be watching the entirety of the *Twilight* series from *Twilight* to *Breaking Dawn Part 2*! We'll have pizza, other refreshments, and some takeaways. Are you Team Edward or Team Jacob?

#### Lithgow Book Club

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

Reserve your copy today!





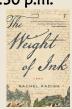
#### All the Beauty In the World

By Patrick Bringley

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

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish

Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m.



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