



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

February 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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Check out the Special 130th Anniversary Newsletter listing special programs and information celebrating Lithgow Public Library's birthday!

The Library will be closed on
Monday, February 16th for
Presidents' Day.



Seeking Donations

We are seeking donations of shelf-stable pantry and snack items, and menstrual products for the different pantries we stock at the library. Food that can be made in a microwave, and lids not requiring a can opener are ideal. Donations may be dropped off at the Circulation Desk.



Thanks for caring for
the community.

Vacation Week Program:

Bug Creations with Maple Lane Pottery

Friday, February 20th, 2-4 p.m.

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 February 2nd. To register, visit the Children's Room or call us at 207-626-2415.

*Please note that this program will be offered again during April vacation week. First-time attendees will be given priority in April.



Barks and Books

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

Friday, February 13th 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.



Flower Photography 101

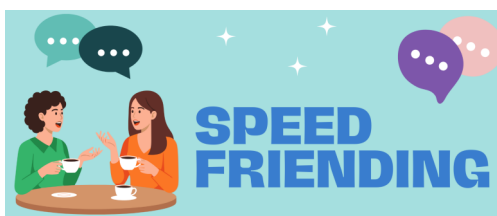
The Kennebec Valley Garden Club is happy to host Allen Cairns and Ella Hudson, members of the First Light Camera Club in Brunswick, who will be leading an informative discussion on the great pics you can take with your cell phone. The best camera for flower photography is usually the camera you have! There will be a discussion and time for questions about iPhone/Android, settings, and apps, followed by a Q&A.

The photo club will have information on how you can purchase some of their framed photographs displayed at the event. Photos will remain on display through the month of February.

For more information about their organization, please visit <https://www.firstlightcc.com/>.



Tuesday, February 3rd at 1 p.m.



Wednesday,
February 4th
5 p.m.

Have trouble making new friends? Have zero clue where to go to make said new friends? The library has you covered! We'll be offering an hour long event specifically made for people looking for new friendships. Participants will sit across from strangers and chat for about five minutes, and then switch to a new person. No idea where to start with the small talk? We'll have discussion prompts to help move things along.

This program is open to adults of all ages. Registration not required.



Heart Smart Habits:

Nutrition for a Strong, Healthy Heart

Presented by Kirsten Solomon,
registered dietitian with Spectrum Generations



Friday, February 13th at 11 a.m.

Discover easy, realistic nutrition tips to support heart health at any age. We'll cover how to build balanced meals, identify heart-healthy foods, and make small changes that support cholesterol, blood pressure, and overall heart health.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons: One-Session Campaign

Wednesday, February 25th from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring a 3rd level character created using point buy from the 2024 rules to this D&D one shot!

This program is free but space is limited. Registration is required. Go to the calendar on our website to register.



ASM's Midweek Mingle at the Library

Tuesday, February 17th at 3 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!



Tween Book Group

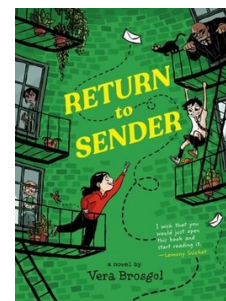
Kids ages 10-12 are invited to join us for a book discussion and hangout each month.

Pizza will be provided!

This month, we'll be reading

Return to Sender by Vera Brosgol.

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



Tuesday, February 17th at 6 p.m.

*Please note that this is a different date than usual!

Drop-in Zine Workshop

Facilitated by local artist, Pseudo

Saturday, February 21st from 9 to 11 a.m.



Join this drop-in workshop designed for New Adults to learn more about making zines, the history and culture of zinemaking, and to try your hand at making a zine of your own! All supplies provided.

Tween Scene: *Spy School*

Wednesday, February 18th at 6 p.m.

For tweens ages 8 to 12



Join us as we go on our own sleuthing adventure in a program inspired by Stuart Gibbs' middle-grade series *Spy School*. Explore what it takes to be a secret agent with fun "missions" that will challenge us to use our problem-solving and deductive reasoning skills in solving clues and puzzles.

Tween Scene Programs require sign-ups. Please call the library at 626-2415, or email Kathy at lithgowtweens@gmail.com. You may also stop by the Children's Room to reserve a spot.



NEW! Genre Book Club

This month's genre: Contemporary Romance

Wed., February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

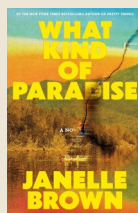
Give Me Butterflies by Jillian Meadows

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.



Lithgow Book Club

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



What Kind of Paradise

by Janelle Brown

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Cursed Daughters

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.



Finishing the Unfinished:

Learn About the Loose Ends Project

Presented by Linda Gabrielson

Saturday, February 28th at 10 a.m.



Started with love by them.
Finished with care by us.

Loose Ends Project, a global nonprofit crafting network, is easing grief, building community, and inspiring generosity by matching skilled volunteer "finishers" with textile projects left unfinished due to a crafter's death or declining health.

In just over two years, Loose Ends has grown into a worldwide community of nearly 36,000 volunteer finishers across every U.S. state and 84 countries. Over 4,000 items have been finished in this program. With an abundance of volunteers, they welcome projects to finish. Volunteer Linda Gabrielson will be here to share the mission of Loose Ends and answer questions like "how do I submit a project?"

The idea for Loose Ends came about when the founders, Jennifer Simonic and Masey Kaplan, both avid knitters, realized they had a shared experience: Friends would often ask them to finish blankets, sweaters, or other projects left undone by deceased loved ones. Loose Ends was established in May 2023 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

For more about the organization, visit <https://looseends.org/>.

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