



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

January 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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Library closures:

Thursday, January 1st:
CLOSED for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 19th:
CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Enchantment and Deception

Art-inspired Tableaux Exhibit by Maria J. King

This exhibit can be viewed in January in the Reading Room.

The exhibit begins on January 3rd at 9 a.m.

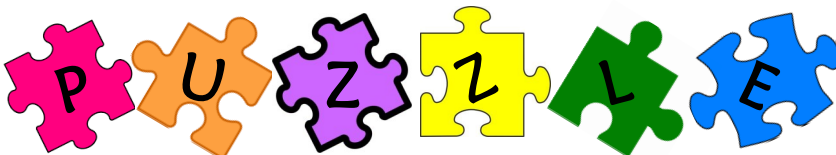


We are featuring the works of Maria J. King, consisting of art-inspired tableaux in the form of shadow boxes, reflecting verbal & pictorial arts, during the month of January in our historic wing.

The exhibit reveals works by Joan Proudman, a local digital artist of Freedom, Maine and Vladimir Nabokov (1899-1977), the cosmopolitan, trilingual novelist, poet, translator, literary critic & lepidopterist, in part through the lens of commedia dell'arte, with an undercurrent of the real-life-based-fiction by John Banville, the Irish novelist, topped off with popular fairy tales.

A catalog of detailed explanatory descriptions, comparisons and sources is available throughout the exhibition. Maria J. King comes from Warsaw, Poland, where she developed her great affinity for foreign languages, literature, opera, philharmonic, ballet, theater, fine arts museums, and arthouse movies. In 2010, she moved to America and married Richard. Maria shows her works in limited numbers through Maine's public libraries.

The Friends of Lithgow Library



SALE

Cookie Sale,
too!



Friday, January 23rd

9 a.m. until puzzles are gone (hopefully!)

Cash only, by donation.



Proceeds go toward supporting the mission of
The Friends of Lithgow Library.



Have puzzles you would like to donate?

We will gladly accept donations of gently used puzzles for all ages.

They need to be in good condition with all pieces included.

We will accept donations between now and January 22nd.

BINGO! at the Library

Two dates:

Saturday, January 10th at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 28th at 10 a.m.

All ages are welcome, but it is intended for older adults.

Puzzles will be awarded as prizes!



POW
PROTECT OUR WINTERS

A Film Screening

Monday, January 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of two of POW's films.

Afterwards, we will discuss the films, how winter in the Northeast has evolved, our love of winter sports, snow, the effects of climate change, and more.

whoDnIt?

Intro to Thrillers



Mysteries and thrillers often get lumped together, but they are very different things and both labels contain a host of subgenres as well. Join Shane and Alana for a breakdown of the categories and a slew of recommendations to kick off your reading year! We will discuss police procedurals, detective fiction, domestic suspense, and so much more. Perfect for those who are new to the genres AND longtime mystery/thriller fans as well.

Monday, January 5th at 3 p.m.



Teen Anime/Cosplay Club

Tuesday, January 6th at 6 p.m.

Every First Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Come hang out in the teen room while we watch anime, eat Japanese snacks, and create cosplays!

Registration not required.



Find yourself at the Library?
Head up to the Reference Desk to participate in our Weekly Trivia! If you guess correctly, you get a prize! Each month there will be a new theme for fun new questions. Maybe you will even learn something new!

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, January 7th 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 two books published in 2025 to see if either is award-worthy in our Mock Newbery Showdown. Registration is required - please register by stopping by the Children's Room or calling us at 626-2415.



Tuesday, January 13th at 6 p.m.

Annual Yarn Swap

Have a ton of yarn you've collected but haven't used?
Need some fresh yarn for a new project?
Lithgow Public Library is having its annual yarn swap!
Donations accepted now.
Yarn should be clean and tangle-free.

Saturday, January 31st from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

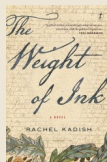
Lithgow Book Club

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



The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish

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



What Kind of Paradise
by Janelle Brown

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



Friends of Lithgow Library Board

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The **Youth Services** department offers a variety of programs on a weekly basis for children and their caregivers. All weekly programming is drop-in, and newcomers are welcome.

Call or stop by the Children's Room with questions!

Mondays: Social Play, 10 a.m. - Noon.
Drop-in, self-led play. All ages.

Tuesdays: Toddler Time, 10 a.m.
Recommended for children ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

Wednesdays: Preschool Story Time, 4 p.m.
Recommended for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Thursdays: Thoughtful Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Recommended for children ages 3-7 and their caregivers.

Thursdays: LEGO Time, 3-6 p.m.
Self-led. Recommended for children ages 5+ and their caregivers.

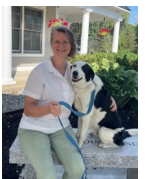
Fridays: Incredible Infants, 10 a.m.
Recommended for children up to 18 months and their caregivers.

Barks and Books

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

Friday, January 9th 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.



Tween Scene: Fantastical Drawing

Wednesday, January 21st at 6 p.m.
For tweens ages 8 to 12

Want to learn to draw with a real artist?
Maybe even learn to draw dragons? Join us for a special program with Corinne Roberts, an illustrator and writer who creates comics and children's books. This will be an interactive art workshop with Corinne joining us via Zoom.

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: Magical Realism
Wed., January 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki

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.

