



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

May 2026 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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The library will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



We are currently accepting donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the annual Lithgow Book Sale.

The sale will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

See flyer for more details.

## Mystery Making Mayhem at the Library:

An Interactive Event with Maine Authors

Matt Cost, Allison Keeton, Maureen Milliken, and David Wilson



Monday, May 4th

6 p.m.

No registration required!

Audience members will work together with the authors to create a mystery on the spot! Attendees will be asked to create a character name, possible occupations, a setting for the mystery, a weapon that was used, and the motive for the murder.

*Yes, there will be a murder!*

The authors will create a mystery from scratch, with audience participation, from beginning to end, while sharing insights into their processes throughout the program.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 4PM.

CALLING ALL TEENS!



Our NEW! Teen Advisory Board will meet monthly and create exciting programming made exclusively for teens. Members can also make suggestions for the teen room in order to make it more teen-centered. Register to attend on our website. Pizza will be provided. Ages 13-18 only. Just FYI, if anyone is looking for volunteer hours through Cony High School, this will count toward that!



## DIVIDED LOYALTIES



Loyalists and the American Revolution as a Civil War in Maine

*Presented by Mike Dekker*

Historian Mike Dekker specializes in 17th and 18th-century Maine and New England. He is the author of the book *The French and Indian Wars In Maine* and is a contributing author to the book *1718-2018: Reflections on 300 Years of the Scots Irish in Maine*.

Thursday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m.

## ASM's Midweek Mingle at the Library

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Join us for Midweek Mingle at the Library, a welcoming and sensory-friendly playgroup for autistic children 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!

## When a Loved One Is Dying

A Book Talk Featuring Author Maureen Groden, RN, MS, CHPN

Tuesday, May 12th at 3 p.m.



Maureen Groden has been a hospice nurse and educator for several decades. Maureen has developed a passion for helping families navigate our health care system when their loved one has a serious illness. She also wants to help families experience a peaceful end-of-life journey. Maureen wrote *When a Loved One Is Dying: Conversations About Care, Connection & Coping* to help readers understand what happens when people are dying and how to care for them.

# DOORYARDERS



AN EVENING OF ORIGINAL RETRO ROCK/R&B MUSIC FROM A MAINE BAND!

**TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 P.M.**

## Scam Smart Awareness Simple Ways to Stay Safe

*presented by Coastal Enterprises*

Join us for a relaxed, informal session where we talk about common scams and how to avoid them.



Registration is required.  
Scan the QR code to register or go to the Library's calendar page.



**Wednesday, May 6th from 3 - 4 p.m.**

## 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**



## Barks and Books

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

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.

**Friday, May 8th at 3:15 p.m.**



## Tween Scene: **Strum for Fun!**

**Wednesday, May 20th at 6 p.m.**

**For tweens ages 8 to 12**

Come join the band! Musician Lindsey Wiehl joins Tween Scene for a beginner's ukulele and songwriting workshop.

Musical experience not required.

**Space is limited to 16 participants.**



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

## Tween Book Group

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

**Pizza will be provided!**

**Registration is required – please register by stopping by the Children's Room or calling us at 207-626-2415. For questions, email**

**kids@lithgowlibrary.org.**

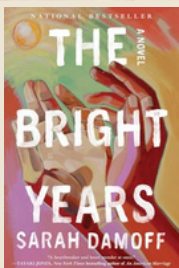
**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**



## Lithgow Book Club

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

Reserve your copy today!



### The Bright Years

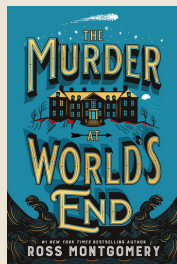
by Sarah Damoff

Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### The Murder at World's End

by Ross Montgomery

Wed., June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



## Genre Book Club

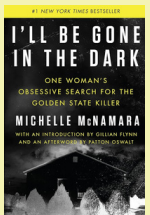
This month's genre: True Crime

**I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara**

**Wednesday, May 27th 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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## INTRODUCING BATTLE OF THE GENRES!

### FIRST BATTLE: ROMANCE VS. HORROR



We are doing a bracket-style voting on the best authors in each genre. At the end, the best author of each genre will battle against each other to determine which genre wins. What's better is that the voting is up to you! Find the voting on the second floor of the library!