



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

October 2026 Newsletter

www.lithgowlibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

Closed the first Saturday of the month.

(207) - 626-2415

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The Library will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Indigenous Peoples Day.



The Library will be closed on Monday, October 19th for staff training.



PUZZLE DONATIONS WELCOME!

Lithgow Library is having a puzzle sale and is seeking donations of gently-used puzzles for all ages.

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

We will accept donations between now and the sale.

Sale date: TDB early 2027.

THE PUZZLES WILL BE SOLD TO BENEFIT THE FRIENDS OF LITHGOW LIBRARY.

Lithgow Halloween Celebration

Kids, tweens, teens, and their grownups are invited to a spooky extravaganza in the Community Meeting Room! Join us for crafts and activities, and cap it all off with a costume parade through the library at 4:15 p.m. No registration required.

Tuesday, October 27th

3 to 4:30 p.m.



ASM's Monthly Meet-Up at the Library

Join us for a welcoming and sensory-friendly playgroup for autistic children of all ages and their caregivers. The Autism Society of Maine will have passive & planned activities for all abilities. Caregivers can participate with children or talk with other caregivers while the kids try out different activities. No registration required - just drop in and join the fun!

Tuesday, October 13th from 3 to 4 p.m.



Teen D & D Session

Wednesday, October 21st

4 to 7 p.m. in the Teen Room

Registration required.

See flyer for more details.



A Call for Art in 2027

We are excited to announce that we are accepting applications to exhibit art at the Library in 2027.

We offer several locations, including the Community Meeting Room, the 2nd floor, and site-specific installations throughout the library.

Exhibits vary in duration depending on the space involved, typically running for about one month. Lithgow Public Library is dedicated to enriching the library experience of patrons of the library by:

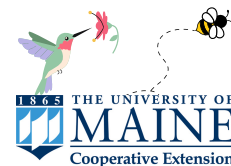
- Enhancing community appreciation of the arts.
- Presenting a variety of exhibitions by artists as well as exhibitions of educational and/or historical significance.
- Providing opportunities for library visitors to encounter original artwork and increase their exposure to visual arts as a medium.
- Helping local and regional artists to expand their public exposure while remaining open to artists working on a national or international level.

For more information or to request an application packet, please e-mail sarah@lithowlibrary.org.

Pollinator-Friendly Gardening Presented by Chris Cook

Discover the fascinating world of pollinators and why they're essential to our ecosystems and food supply, then learn simple and impactful ways to support them in your garden. This presentation explores pollinator diversity, the challenges they face, and how to create vibrant, pollinator-friendly gardens using native plants, thoughtful design, and low-impact practices. Plus, learn about Maine's Pollinator-Friendly Garden certification program.

Chris Cook is a University of Maine Master Gardener Volunteer and retired attorney. Since completing the MGV training in 2023, she's been a dedicated volunteer at the Blaine House in Augusta, tending to their New England Garden.



Monday, October 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Maine Weird and Paranormal Presented by Nomar Slevik



Join independent Maine author Nomar Slevik as he tells stories from his latest book,

In the Pines: True Stories of Mystery, Mayhem, and Monsters in Maine.

Tuesday, October 13th at 6 p.m.

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit The Friends of Lithgow Library



example "blind" book

Do you enjoy surprises? Looking for a cute gift? Purchase a **Blind Date with a Book** with the knowledge that it benefits The Friends of Lithgow Library. In addition to a gently-used book, you will receive all sorts of goodies! There will be a variety of books to choose from, and each book will have a basic phrase to give you a hint as to the book's identity/genre. Prices will vary from \$15 to \$25 per book. Ask at the Circulation Desk to look at the choices!

Coming in mid-October!

This fundraiser is **CASH** or **Venmo** only while supplies last.

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. This month's title is "The Jumbies" by Tracey Baptiste.



Tuesday, October 13th at 6 p.m.



Trio con Brio

A jazz trio musical performance-
bass, guitar/keyboards,
and percussion.



Friday, October 30th at 1 p.m.

This concert is free and open to the public!



CLASSIC FILMS FOR OLDER ADULTS

"The Long, Long Trailer"



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 10 A.M.

Lithgow Book Club

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

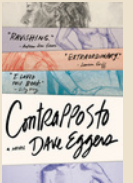
Grab your copy today!

"Contrapposto"

by Dave Eggers

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

There will be no Book Group in November.



Tween Scene: BACK TO HOGWARTS

Wednesday,
October 21st
at 6 p.m.
For youth
ages 8-12.



It's time to go back to school-and that means back to HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY!

You will need to get sorted into houses, make your wand, attend classes, and test your knowledge of the well-known textbook, "Hogwarts: A History."

(Who knows, we may even play Quidditch!)

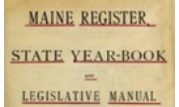
Programs require advance registration. Please call the library at 207-626-2415, or email Kathy at lithgowtweens@gmail.com to sign up.

Using the Maine Register for Social History & Genealogy Presented by Karen Richard

If you haven't heard of The Maine Register, you're missing out on some fabulous historical information!

Join Karen as she explores these annual publications, which are rich with social history. Discover fascinating details about almost every aspect of life, providing insight into the world and daily life through time.

Learn which businesses, schools, newspapers, and other organizations existed during each year; who held various offices (across the state and nationally); incorporation, census and other information about the towns, and much more!



Wednesday, October 28th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



Karen Richard has been researching her family for several years. She previously provided a Genealogy Drop-in service at a library and has presented on various genealogy topics.

Genre Book Club

This month's genre: **Folk Horror/Anthology**

**"Never Whistle at Night:
An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology"**

Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Have you been interested in different book genres, but don't know where to start?

Try our monthly adult genre book club!



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