



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

September 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, September 7th
for Labor Day.



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



Women on Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec

Presented by Sara Donovan

Many people know about the Arnold Expedition but might not know there were a few women on that grueling journey. Join Sara Donovan as she talks about the women on the Arnold Expedition.

Thursday, September 17th at 3:30 p.m.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



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.

***Mondays: LEGO Time, 3 - 6 p.m.**

Self-led. Recommended for children ages 5+ and their caregivers.

*New day & time!

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.

Fridays: Incredible Infants, 10 a.m.

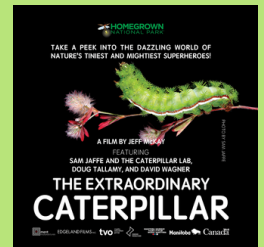
Recommended for children up to 18 months and their caregivers.

"The Extraordinary Caterpillar"

Monday, September 14th at 5 p.m.

All ages welcome!

Lithgow Library will be hosting a special screening of "The Extraordinary Caterpillar," a beautifully shot, recently released 60-minute documentary that reveals the vital—and often overlooked—role caterpillars play in our ecosystems. This program, presented in collaboration with the City of Augusta's Conservation Commission, will also include some hands-on activities for all ages to enjoy and have fun learning about these magnificent creatures and the critical role they play in our ecosystem.



The Camino de Santiago:

A 550-Mile Pilgrimage Across Northern Spain



Presented by Carey Kish

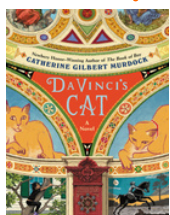


For 1,000 years, pilgrims from around the world have followed the Way of St. James to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. With Carey as our guide, experience this scenic and spiritual 45-day journey on foot from St.-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France over the Pyrenees, across Spain to Santiago, and then on to the Atlantic Ocean at Land's End. From mountains and meadows to international hospitality and camaraderie to cathedrals and churches, you'll get a delicious flavor for this amazing trek.

Tuesday, September 22nd 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! 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 "Da Vinci's Cat" by Catherine Murdock.



Tuesday, September 8th at 6 p.m.



Houseplant, Perennial, & Bulb Swap



Saturday, September 26th 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Items may be dropped off starting September 21st, all the way up to the swap.

Bring only healthy, pest-free plants to protect everyone's collection.

Plants should also be in containers and labeled. If you do not have plants to swap, no problem! You may purchase by donation. Funds go to support the Friends of Lithgow Library. They will accept cash or Venmo.



CLASSIC FILMS FOR OLDER ADULTS

"North by Northwest"



Tuesday, September 8th at 10 a.m.

Seeking Donations

We are seeking donations of shelf-stable pantry 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.



Lithgow Book Club

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

Grab your copy today!

"How To Read a Book"

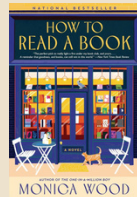
by Monica Wood

Wednesday, September 9th

at 6:30 p.m.



This month's selection is this year's A Capital Read.



Peculiar Pickles

Presented by Kate McCarty

Looking to make your own homemade pickles?

This demonstration from University of Maine Cooperative Extension staff and volunteers will teach you the basics of pickling more than just cucumbers. Green beans, cauliflower, and even mushrooms can all be transformed into delicious pickles. Learn from the experts how to pickle any vegetable you can grow or buy!



Monday, September 14th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Identifying Frauds & Scams

Wednesday, September 16th at 10 a.m. in the Board Room



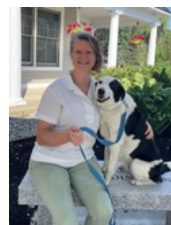
This program is free but space is limited. Scan the QR code to register.



This one-hour introductory class focuses on some of the more common frauds and scams people encounter online. Topics include how to identify a fraud, how to avoid them, and how to report a fraud or scam if you become a victim.

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, September 11th at 3:15 p.m.

Learn About Legal Services for Maine Elders

Presented by Augusta Age-Friendly & Legal Services for Maine Elders

Tuesday, September 29th from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The presenter will have handbooks, brochures, and other various FAQ handouts to provide to attendees.



Tween Scene: RECYCLED ART

For youth ages 8-12.

Wednesday, September 16th at 6 p.m.

Join us as we use a combination of art supplies and recycled materials to create our own masterpieces! There will be a potpourri of items from our craft cupboards to repurpose - who knows what treasures we will find! We can try our hands at copying famous masterpieces, but we can also create our own - pictures, collages, mosaics - options are limited only by your imagination! Programs require advance registration. Please call the library at 207-626-2415, or email Kathy at lithgowtweens@gmail.com to sign up.

Genre Book Club

This month's genre: **Farce**

"What Is Wrong With You?" by Paul Rudnick
Wednesday, September 23rd 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!



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