



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

March 2024 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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Crow's Nest

A St. Patrick's Day Themed concert!

Thursday, March 7th at 6 p.m.

This performance is free, but you must reserve a seat by visiting the library calendar on our website or by calling the Reference Desk at 626-2415.

Crow's Nest Celtic Band will be performing a St. Patrick's Day themed concert at the Library.

The band features Chris Gray and Heather MacLeod. Their music creates an experience that listeners find fun and welcoming, with a repertoire that includes rhythmic jigs and reels as well as fun sing-along songs and tender ballads.

Honoring Mr. Rogers at the Library



March 20th is celebrated as Won't You Be My Neighbor Day, in honor of Mister Rogers' Birthday.



Mister Rogers dedicated his life and career to helping children feel included, valued, and respected. He left a legacy of helping children and their families believe "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

This March, to honor Mister Rogers' Birthday, we are accepting donations of wrapped toilet paper and macaroni and cheese (boxed or microwavable), to be shared with our neighbors through Bridging the Gap and the Augusta Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the Circulation or Youth Services Desks.

Denis Ledoux Presents:

French Boy:

A 1950s Franco-American Childhood

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



In *French Boy*, Ledoux explores what it means to grow up outside the dominant culture and language.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase, as well as information on memoir writing.



Presented by The Friends of Lithgow Library & Kennebec Valley Garden Club

Saturday, March 23rd

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's event will feature floral arrangements inspired by music.

Afternoon Darkness: The Great North American Eclipse

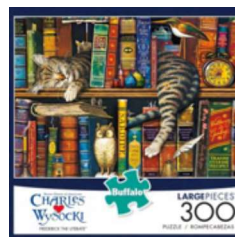


Astronomer Edward Herrick-Gleason, Director of the Southworth Planetarium in Portland, will be giving a talk on the upcoming total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024 over Mexico, the USA, and Canada.

Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.

We will have eclipse glasses for the solar eclipse, however, we have a limited supply. Lithgow Public Library cardholders are able to receive 2 glasses per household. They will be available starting Monday, March 18th, while supplies last. Please visit the Reference Desk to claim your pair.

The Great Lithgow Puzzle Race of 2024



Can Your Team of 2 finish first?

Saturday, April 6th at 10 a.m.

Registration Required.

Call or visit the Reference Desk to register or with questions.

Composting 101 with Nick Rowley

Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m.



Classes are free, but space is limited. Call 626-2415, and ask for the Reference Desk to register.

Composting can be a sustainable way to reduce organics from the waste stream while creating a product that promotes healthy soils and plant growth. This presentation will focus on composting basics including the biology of compost piles, basic compost pile construction, composting systems for the home and garden, and compost utilization.

Nick Rowley is a Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture Professional with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Franklin County.

Food for Thought

We'll discuss food-themed books, enjoy a snack, and complete a fun, book-related activity.

For children 3 to 8 (with a caregiver).
For more information, contact Kate in the Youth Services department.



Wednesday, March 6th at 6 p.m.

Gardening Webinar Series:

Home Grown Cranberries

Presented by Charles Armstrong

Tuesday, March 26th from 6 to 7:15 p.m.



Growing backyard cranberries is easier than you think! Cranberry Professional & Staff Entomologist / Insect Diagnostician Charles Armstrong will share step-by-step instructions from site selection to harvest and everything in between.

Classes are free, but space is limited.
Call 626-2415 and ask for the Reference Desk to register.

This Webinar Series is sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

Digital Literacy Classes

The National Digital Equity Center, a non-profit organization which provides Digital Literacy classes, is offering two classes in March which will take place in the Library.

Registration is required. Please call or visit the Reference Desk to register.

Safely Creating Online Accounts:

Friday, March 8th from 3 to 4 p.m.

Internet Safety:

Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



Tween Scene:

Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

Join us as we learn a bit about Ireland, including its history and folklore. Let's take a virtual tour of Ireland, play Irish Ping Pong, make green slime, and create some Irish themed crafts. Lets' celebrate the Luck of the Irish!

Wednesday, March 20th at 6 p.m.

For youth ages 8 to 12.

Registration is necessary:

Please call: 626-2415, or email Kathy at
Lithgowtweens@gmail.com

Shellie Black presents new children's book: "Pocket Change and Dollar Bills"

Saturday, March 30th at 10 a.m.

There will be a reading, book signing, activities and more!

Kick off Financial Literacy Month and join us for the launch of Maine author Shellie Black's children's book "Pocket Change and Dollar Bills." Kianna Windham is the illustrator. Follow along in the book as children learn the ABCs of saving, from counting coins to growing savings. With playful rhymes and colorful illustrations, parents will help their children discover the joy of planning ahead. The release of their book coincides with Financial Literacy Month in April.



Lithgow Book Club

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



All the Sinners Bleed

by S. A. Cosby

* Thurs., March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

* This is a special one-time date for book group.



The Wishing Game

by Meg Shaffer

Wed., April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

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