

January Library News

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Happy New Year to All!

Resolve to explore your library more in 2024. From new release novels to the latest in nonfiction, picture books to park passes, DVDs to community pantry diapers, we have something for everyone. And don't forget our online resources like CloudLibrary, Kanopy, and Minerva, where you can watch movies, download audiobooks, or request interlibrary (ILL) loans. The Maine State Library has great online resources, too - read more about them at the end of this newsletter.

(Many thanks to Mark Schumpert for his inspirational photo of the library.)

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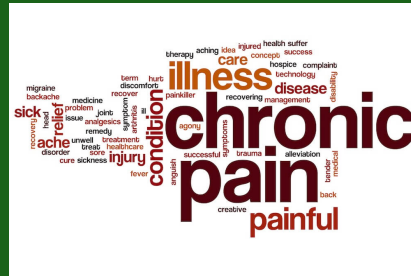
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Upcoming Library Closures

The library will be closed, Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

New Adult Seminar Series

The library is excited to announce a new monthly talk series aimed at adults. The series will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 11 AM in the Warren Community Room. We've partnered with HealthySV for our first two topics: Living Well for Better Health on January 10 and Basic Fall Prevention on February 14. In January, Melissa from HealthySV will talk about classes and resources available for those living with chronic pain, coping with diabetes, or dealing with other chronic conditions. In February, she will cover some basic fall prevention measures, as well as give an overview of a more intensive class available through HealthySV. Stay tuned for more!



Culture Club Returns!

Let your kids travel around the world as the library explores a holiday in a different country every month. Join Donna or Jill at 3:00 PM on the third Wednesday each month to explore celebrations and cultures around the globe, beginning with Australia Day on January 17th. We'll read books about Australia, have some crafts from Down Under, and don't forget to stamp your library passport with us!

Other upcoming holidays we'll explore include Lunar New Year in China (February), Holi in India (March), Cinco de Mayo in Mexico (May), Lughnasadh in Ireland (August) and the Moon Festival in Japan (September). It'll be great fun - we hope you'll come journey with us!

Come Play Games at the Library...

Come join us for Traditional Adult Board Games on Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Teen Room. This is a new group, and turnout is unknown - so bring a friend! The library has a number of games to borrow (shown at right), and please feel free to bring your own.



The Contemporary Adult Board Game group continues to meet every other week on Wednesday evenings. Upcoming dates include January 10th and 24th.

And if you love chess - come to the inaugural meeting of a new Chess Club! All ability levels are welcome, from complete novices to expert. The club organizers are happy to teach anyone who wants to learn, too! The first club meeting will be January 10 from 4-5:30 PM in the Warren Community Room. For more information, please email organizer Zachary Patten at zpatten1993@gmail.com.



Did You Know?

The library carries a selection of VOX books - picture books that can read themselves! "VOX books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read." VOX books are perfect for anyone that enjoys having a book read to them.



The library is grateful to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for enabling us to purchase these and other multicultural titles.

[Learn more about VOX books](#)

**Do you have some time and a topic you love?
Would you like to lead a club?
Or give a presentation?**



Do you love Legos? Robots? Maybe birdwatching is more your style? Do you have a craft you could help others create? The library is looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would love to share their passions with other patrons. This could be on an ongoing basis in a weekly or monthly club meeting, or once, as a guest presenter. We'd love to hear from you if you have a skill, hobby, or activity to share! Feel free to contact us through our email at circulation@pittsfieldpubliclibrary.org or by phone at 487-5880 - or of course, by stopping by the front desk!

Come Be **Puzzled** with Us!

There's always a puzzle ready for patrons to work on upstairs by the large print books. We also have a puzzle exchange downstairs by the Warren Room - bring a completed one to share or take home a new one.



thank
you!

The library would like to extend sincere thanks to all of our patrons who have helped keep the Community Pantry stocked.

For those wishing to donate personal care items, we do have an Amazon wish list of items (just scroll past the books!):

[Library Wish List](#)

We support the
Freedom to Read



You don't have to make a special trip to Augusta to enjoy what the Maine State library has to offer. Through the [Digital Maine Library](#), any Maine resident can access a host of online resources.

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Need some more reading options?

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[New York Times Bestseller List](#)

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Time to find a new author?

Want to know who writes like Colleen Hoover, James Patterson, or maybe Stephen King? Try the Literature Map tool and explore authors that other readers think write just like they do.

[Literature Map](#)

Or check out the Children's Book Review and Library Journal websites for more recommendations.

Take our State Park Pass out for a spin!

The library has a Maine State Park Pass that can be checked out for three days at a time. The pass must be picked up and returned in person, cannot be renewed, and is valid for entrance fees only.

Discover the Maine Discovery Museum with the library's pass

The library also has a pass for

[Nature Book Guide
Quarterly](#)

[Library Journal](#)

[Children's Book Review](#)

How about some award winners?

Book Browse has lists of many award winners, from the Pulitzer Prize to the Edgar and everything in between.

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the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. Valid for up to four persons, the pass must be reserved in advance and is good for a single day's admission only.

Please call the library for more information or to reserve either pass: 487-5880.

January Events

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New Year's Day - Library is CLOSED
Happy New Year!

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Fun STEM Time Celebrates National Trivia Day!
Can you stump Mr. Wes? 3:30 PM

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