

Pittsfield Public Library



## March Library News

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### Marching into Spring...

It may be hard to believe, but spring really is just around the corner. We have a lot of great things lined up starting this spring and heading into summer, too - so be sure to read on! In this newsletter, you'll find information on

- the adult seminar series
- the Ann B. McGowan Writers Series
- solar eclipse party plans for April
- celebrating Holi with Culture Club
- and how to save a book!

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WE'RE  
**SHAMROCKIN'**  
 THIS BAG



This March, make your community feel lucky by purchasing a Community Bag. Throughout the month, either reusable \$2.50 Community Bag purchased at our selected Hannaford will send our organization a \$1 donation.



[hannaford.2givelocal.com](http://hannaford.2givelocal.com)  
 Community Bag Program

Purchase your bag to support the  
 Pittsfield Public Library at

44 Moosehead Trail  
 Newport, ME



### Do you read the newspaper?

The Morning Sentinel and Bangor Daily News have recently changed their delivery options, as well as their pricing. As a result, the library is re-evaluating what newspapers we can offer our patrons. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on the following survey, which should take only a few moments to complete:

[Newspaper Survey](#)

## Adult Seminar Series

Our ongoing seminar series continues on the second Wednesday of the month at 11 AM in the Warren Community Room. On March 13, representatives from the **UMA Senior College** will come share their love of lifelong learning and talk about free educational opportunities for those 50+. Then on April 10, HealthySV will discuss prescription drug safety and provide materials for safe storage at home. Visit our Events page for more details.



**PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY SAVES LIVES**

STRAIGHT TALK

## A Gentle Reminder: Behavior Guidelines and Safe Child Policy

We would like to remind patrons that use of the library is dependent on following the library's guidelines for behavior. The library prohibits:

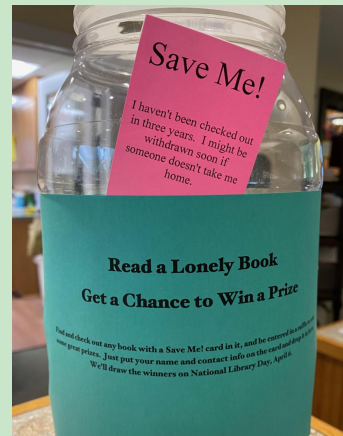
- *Loud, disruptive or boisterous behavior;*
- *Unaccompanied minors;*
- *Use or being under the influence of tobacco, cannabis, or alcohol;*
- *Being incompletely clothed;*
- *Selling products;*
- *Harassment of staff or patrons;*
- *Animals, except for service animals;*
- *Damaging, defacing or illegally removing library property;*
- *Any other act forbidden under State or Federal law.*

Our Safe Child policy specifically notes that “Responsibility for the welfare and the behavior of children using the library rests with the parent/guardian or an assigned chaperone. The Library staff does not take the place of a parent, act as a babysitter, or assume responsibility for unsupervised children.” While we absolutely love seeing children here, no child under the age of 12 should be left unaccompanied at the library for longer than it takes to find and check out a book. Parents are asked to use their judgement with older children. Please note that any child behaving inappropriately or disruptively will be asked to leave until the following day; repeated infractions may result in a longer ban.

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### Take a Chance on a Book, Get a Chance at Winning a Prize

No one likes to say goodbye to a book, especially your librarians. But if a book hasn't been checked out in years, we may have to. We've marked a bunch of books in danger of weeding with special slips of paper - if you check one out, you'll be entered in a drawing for some fun prizes (and you may have saved us from saying goodbye to a great book!)



### Culture Club Celebrates Holi, the Festival of Colors!

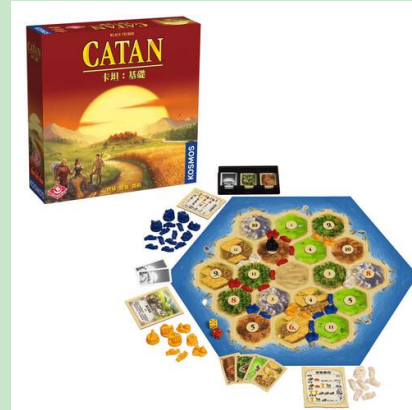
Let your kids travel around the world as the library explores a holiday in a different country every month. Join Donna and Jill at 3:00 PM on the third Wednesday each month to explore celebrations and cultures around the globe. In March we'll celebrate **Holi, the Festival of Colors, Spring and Love!** Holi is a Hindu festival primarily observed in India, where it ushers in spring and commemorates the triumph of good over evil. We'll get messy (on paper) with bright colors!



Other upcoming holidays we'll explore include Earth Day (April), Cinco de Mayo in Mexico (May), Lughnasadh in Ireland (August) and the Moon Festival in Japan (September). Don't forget to bring your Culture Club passport with you each time to get it stamped!

### *Family Board Game Night will be Wednesday, March 27th*

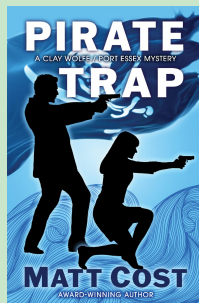
One Wednesday night a month is **Family Contemporary Board Game Night!** In March it will be held on the 27th from 6-8 PM. Family Game Night is open to 12 and older - bring a family favorite game or come ready to learn a new one. We are also offering Adult Contemporary Board Game Night every other Wednesday of the month to those 18+.



### A solar eclipse is coming to Maine in April!

And the library is having a party! Pittsfield will experience a 99.7% total eclipse on April 8th. If you're not lucky enough to make it further north to totality, come to the library for eclipse glasses, snacks, and some science presentations about eclipses. No matter where you watch, remember never to look at the sun with the naked eye. We'll have more information on the library website and Facebook as we get closer to the event.

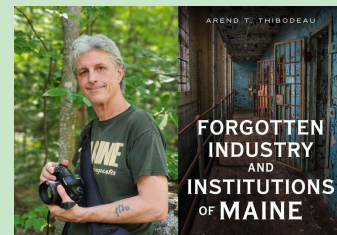
## Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series



The library is proud to present a series of Maine writers speaking about their work and the writing process through the summer and fall. The series is made possible by donations in memory of



Our first three speakers are Matt Cost, author of the Mainely Mystery series among other books. He will be speaking about his latest novel, *Pirate Trap*, at 6PM on Thursday, May 16. Then on Thursday,



Our third author is Arend Thibodeau, who is also a noted photographer. He will share stories and images from his books about the forgotten corners of Maine at 6PM on Wednesday, July 19.

Additional authors will

Ann B. McGowan, a pioneering reporter and editor with the *Morning Sentinel*.

June 13, Tim O'Brien will join us to share a slideshow drawn from his book *The Maine Roadshow*. He promises to feature local favorites!

include Margaret Johnson, Ann Britting Olsen, and Monica Wood.

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

For those wishing to donate personal care items to those in need, we do have an Amazon wish list of items (just scroll past the books!): [Library Wish List](#)

thank  
you!



The library has two laptop computers and multiple iPads available for public use. The computers can be used to print; the iPads cannot, but they do browse the internet. You can also bring your own machine to take advantage of our free internet. Just be aware that our printer is not wireless, and your device will not connect to it.



Our printer can also photocopy and scan to email. There is no fee for scanning to email, but printing and photocopying are 15 cents per single sided page, and 25 cents for double sided. Librarians are available to assist.

### **Need some more reading options?**

If we don't have a title you want, we can InterLibrary Loan it for you from a participating library, free of charge.

[New York Times Bestseller List](#)

[Publishers Weekly Bestseller List](#)

[Nature Book Guide Quarterly](#)

### **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

### **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**

recommendations.

[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.

[Book Browse Award Winners](#)

[Science Fiction Awards Database](#)

The library also has a pass for 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.**

## March Events

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**Story Time - Marching Music Day!**  
Make music with Mr. Wes at 10:30AM

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**Fun STEM Time Celebrates Cereal Day**  
With Mr. Wes at 3:30PM

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**Saturday Game Day**  
With Mr. Wes from 1-3PM

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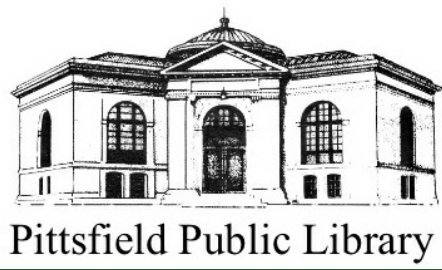
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Monday thru Friday 10-6,  
Saturday 10-4

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and August



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