

## August Library News

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**When summer opens, I see how fast it matures, and fear it will be short; but after the heats of July and August, I am reconciled, like one who has had his swing, to the cool of autumn...**

The newsletter at a glance:

- Come hear **David Rosenfelt**, nationally best-selling author of the Andy Carpenter mystery series and co-founder of the animal rescue TARA Foundation, on Tuesday, **August 5th at 6PM** in the Warren Community Room. David is donating his speaking fee to the Somerset Humane Society, and we encourage everyone to bring something from the shelter's wish list! Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.
- Don't miss the **Chewonki Institute** on **Monday, August 11th at 2PM**. They're bringing reptile ambassadors for their presentation **Scales and Tails**.
- **Summer Reading's Wrap Up Party** is on **Wednesday, August 20th at 3:30PM**. Come join Miss Cassidy for snacks, crafts, and the last chance to claim your reading log prizes! There will be free books for everyone!
- Don't miss Pittsfield group **Local Yokels** in concert on the library lawn **Friday, August 29th from 3-5PM**.
- We'll be back to having **Saturday hours** beginning on **Saturday, September 6th**.

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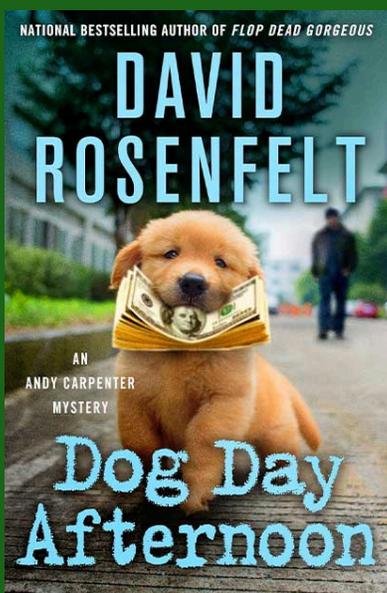


## *An Evening with David Rosenfelt, to Benefit the Somerset Humane Society*

**Tuesday, August 5th at 6PM in the Warren Community Room.**

The Pittsfield Public Library and the Ann B. McGowan Maine Writers Series are pleased to present an evening with Maine author David Rosenfelt to benefit the Somerset Humane Society Animal Shelter in Skowhegan. David is donating his speaking fee to the shelter, and we encourage those attending the talk to bring in items from the shelter's wish list

<https://shsanimalshelter.com/animal-shelter-donations/>



David calls himself "a novelist with 27 dogs," and his Andy Carpenter mystery series is filled with both dogs and his signature humor. David began writing after a career in Hollywood that culminated in becoming President of Marketing for Tri-Star Pictures. Along the way, he and his wife found time to start the TARA Foundation and find homes for more than 4,000 dogs - 25 of which moved cross-country with them when they relocated to Maine.

USA Today writes, "In Shamus Award-winning author David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter novels, a reluctant attorney and his faithful golden retriever face a dog-eat-dog world...Andy has a reputation for saving both dogs and humans from Death Row. With the help of his beloved dog Tara, Andy solves cases and wins courtroom battles in this acclaimed series of legal thrillers. This humorous and heartfelt series is a treat for dog lovers, but it's also a great way for mystery lovers to spend time with a terrific storyteller."

The library is thrilled to offer patrons their own chance to spend time with a storyteller par excellence, all to benefit the Somerset Humane Society. David's books will be available for purchase and signing at the event, which is free and open to the public.



## So many new books!

Coming soon to the teen and children's non-fiction sections - scads of new STEAM books! Thanks to the generosity of the John Henry Eldred, Jr. Foundation, the library has been able to weed older and damaged books from these sections and replace them with the newest and most informative titles. They'll be hitting the shelves soon!

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## The Chewonki Institute Presents Scales and Tails!

.Many people conjure up images of slimy skin and bloodthirsty monsters when they hear the word “reptile.” This hands-on program works to dispel some of those fears by allowing you to examine snakeskins, turtle shells, skeletons, and other unique reptilian artifacts. Using live, non-releasable reptiles, this program will compare species and discuss their adaptations.



In the Warren Community Room on Monday, August 11th at 2PM. This event is suitable for all ages and is free and open to the public.

## Summer Reading Wrap Up Party! August 20th at 3:30PM



Bring in your reading logs for a last chance at the prize basket, and enjoy snacks and crafts with Miss Cassidy! There will be a free book for everyone as we bring the Summer Reading Program to a close.

## Local Yokels Play Live at the Library!

The Local Yokels will be rocking out with their acoustic guitars, wailing harmonica and spirited vocals in a free concert on the library lawn on August 29th from 3-5PM. Pat McGowan, Charlie Tryder, Doug Frati and Dick Bryant are all hometown Pittsfield guys who may have settled in other parts of Maine, but still call Pittsfield their true home. So rain or shine on 8/29, they will roll out a rollicking afternoon of country, folk and blues tunes (they might even throw in some Hank Williams standards). Bring a chair or a blanket and get ready to enjoy!



## Construction update...



The restoration of the library windows has been completed, and the outdoor trim repainted. We anticipate the replacement of the storm windows before cold weather arrives, leaving us snug for the winter.

We're also thrilled that our flaking ceiling has been repaired! There's not even a hint of the damage remaining. We're grateful to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for their support of our infrastructure repairs.



The 2025 Maine State Park pass is here and ready for you to check it out! The pass circulates for a period of three days. Give us a call or stop by to reserve it.

We also have a day pass for the Lake George Regional Park. Four people in one vehicle will be admitted free.



Don't forget the day pass for the Discovery Museum in Bangor, too! This pass admits up to four people for a day at the museum. Only one pass may be used per day, so be sure to call or stop by to reserve your day soon.

The Friends of the Library group makes these passes possible; consider joining the Friends to support your library!

**Need some more reading options?**

[New York Times Bestseller List](#)

[Publishers Weekly Bestseller List](#)

[Nature Book Guide Quarterly](#)

**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](#)

**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.

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

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**Discover the Maine Discovery Museum, Lake George or Maine's state parks with the library's passes**

Please note that the State Park Pass is not accepted at Acadia National Park, Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park, Maine Wildlife Park, Peacock Beach, Penobscot Narrows Observatory, Penobscot River Corridor, Scarborough Beach, Songo Lock, or Swan Island.

Please call the library for more information or to reserve any of the passes: 487-5880.

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**Story Time Reads *If You're a Monster and You Know It!***

10:30AM in the Warren Community Room

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**Tech Tuesday with Scarlett**

1:30-3:30PM in the Reading Room

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**Maine Writers' Series Presents David Rosenfelt**

6:00PM in the Warren Community Room

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