

January Library News

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To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June...

The newsletter at a glance:

- The library will be closed all day **Wednesday, January 1st** for **New Year's Day** as well as on **Monday, January 20** in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- We have new carpet! And some items are in new locations.
- Some magazines are leaving the library, but we're subscribing to some exciting new ones, too.
- The library will be hosting **Tech Tuesday** on the first Tuesday of each month in partnership with the SEDC; January's event is on **January 7th**
- **Culture Club** with Miss Cassidy will learn about the European Wood Mouse and where it lives on **Wednesday, January 15th at 3:30PM** (note new, later time)
- **KVCAP's Miss Jenny** will return on **January 22nd at 11AM**
- **Mr. Wes** holds **Story Time** on **Mondays at 10:30AM** and **Fun STEM Time** on **Thursdays at 3:30PM**

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We've Made Some Changes! (it's not just the new carpet)

As part of our ongoing efforts to serve our patrons better, the library has moved some of the collections to new locations. The young adult/teen books are now housed in the same room as the manga and graphic novels, along with comfy chairs, a sofa, and a table for working on. We hope that our teen patrons will find this a congenial spot to gather.

As an adjunct to making this new space available, unaccompanied minors over the age of twelve will no longer be permitted to hang out in the picture book room. This family friendly area is intended for our youngest patrons and their caregivers.

Our nonfiction holdings from 0 to 599, along with the biographies, have been moved to the room adjacent to the circulation desk. Our historical Maine volumes are also now in this location. This room has two all-in-one computers for patron use, and we also have iPads and a laptop for use as well. Come research online or in print all in one place!



Many Thanks to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation!

Through the tireless efforts of library director Donna Lambert and former town grants administrator Kathryn Ruth, the library has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for necessary upkeep and improvements to our physical plant. We have already replaced carpeting upstairs, and have many more projects in the planning stages!

Magazine Transitions

The library is adding the following new magazines in 2025:

First for Women, Harvard Health Letter, Maine Magazine, Rolling Stone, and Vanity Fair

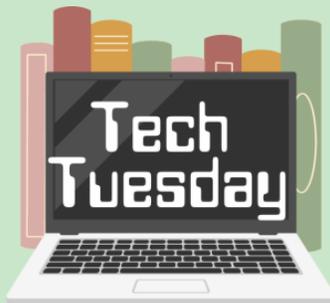
Due to circumstances beyond the library's control, the following magazines will no longer be carried once our current subscriptions run out:

Get Your Computer Questions Answered on Tech Tuesdays!

The library is partnering with the Somerset Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) to offer Tech Tuesdays on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30. This month's Tech Tuesday will be **January 7th from 1:30-3:30**.

Come meet Scarlett, our SEDC Digital Navigator, and get help with

- how to use your smartphone
- how to navigate the web on your phone or computer
- how to sign up for Digital Literacy Classes to be held here at the library
- how to use common computer programs
- how to apply for reduced cost internet
- how to apply for free or reduced cost computers
- and anything else tech related that has been frustrating you!



Culture Club Learns About Europe

Miss Cassidy will explore the lives of European Wood Mice and where they live during the first Culture Club of 2025 at **3:30PM on January 15th**. Wood Mice feature in children's literature (*Whitefoot* and *Mrs. Tittlemouse* come to mind) and are a beloved and diminutive denizen of the British Isles and beyond.

Beginning in the New Year, Miss Cassidy and Culture Club will be investigating animals from around the world on the third Wednesday of each month. Travel the globe with us in search of cool creatures! We'll be featuring cool crafts and fun books, too.



Pittsfield PARENT AND PLAYGROUP
Bring your kiddos and join us!

Where:
Pittsfield Public Library
110 Library Street
Pittsfield

When:
FOURTH Wednesday
of each month
11:00am - 12:00pm.

What:
Playtime!
Art, movement, stories
& sensory play

Activities designed for ages birth to 5; siblings and ALL are welcome!

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Find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/kvcapfec>

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Miss Jenny's Playgroup Returns!

Miss Jenny brings her playgroup back to the library on January 22nd at 11AM. Featuring developmentally appropriate sensory play, movement, and crafts, the playgroup is designed for ages birth to five.

Miss Jenny is here on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Come join the fun!

A reminder to parents:

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.** This is especially true as winter approaches and the library closes after dark. Parents are asked to use their judgement with older children.

The library is a shared public space that should be treated with respect by children and adults alike. Normal speaking voices are perfectly acceptable - no need to whisper! - but raised voices, yelling or screaming are not. Likewise, running is not permitted in the library. Shoes should be worn at all times. The elevator is here for the convenience of those that need it; it is not a toy.

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 or loss of borrowing privileges.

The library would like to thank all of our patrons who have helped keep the Community Pantry stocked. We are in particular need of shaving cream, razors, hair brushes and combs.

For those wishing to donate personal care items to those in need, we have an Amazon wish list of items:

[Library Wish List](#)

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you!



The library offers much more than just traditional print books - we also have large print formats, audio books, DVDs, a selection of video games, and digital access to newspapers, journals and much more through the Maine Digital Library.



We also offer meeting spaces, a children's play area, computer and WiFi access, and ongoing programming throughout the year. Come check us out!

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.

[Literature Map](#)

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

[Library Journal](#)

[Children's Book Review](#)

Discover the Maine Discovery Museum 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 either of the passes: 487-5880.

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Fun STEM Time with Mr. Wes
3:30PM in the Warren Community Room

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Story Time with Mr. Wes

10:30AM in the Warren Community Room

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Tech Tuesday with Scarlett

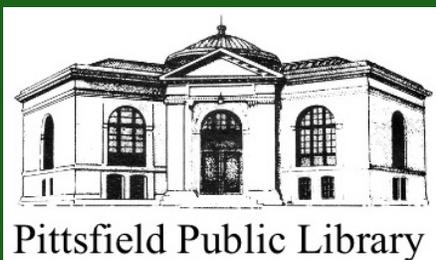
1:30-3:30PM in the upstairs North Wing

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