

## June Library News

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If I had my way, I'd remove January  
from the calendar altogether  
and have an extra July instead.

The newsletter at a glance:

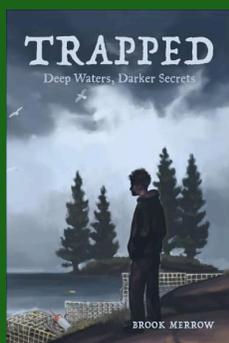
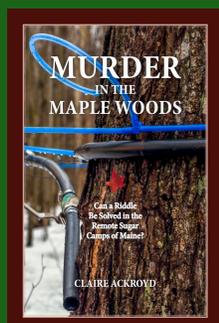
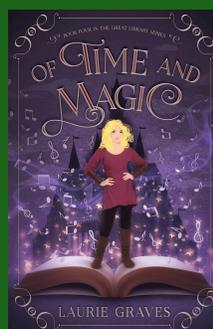
- The library will be **CLOSED on July 4th** in observance of the holiday.
- Have you ever dreamed of having something you've written published? Come to our round table discussion with Maine authors **Claire Ackroyd, Brook Merrow** and **Laurie Graves**, as well as publisher **Clif Graves**, to hear what it's like to publish through a Maine press. We'll have plenty of time for questions, too. Tuesday, **July 29 at 6PM** in the Warren Community Room.
- **Marine Mammals of Maine** will be here with a presentation on seal rescue on **July 8th at 3:00PM**.
- Register to **learn how to play D&D at 1PM on either July 10th or July 24th**. Space is limited to four players per session, so reserve your spot now! All ages welcome.
- Learn about **Alfond Scholarships at Story Time at 10:30 on July 14th**.
- Don't miss **Summer Fun Day** at the library with the **Darling's Ice Cream Truck!** Make a donation to the library and be rewarded with a sweet treat! **Wednesday, July 16th from 1-3PM**.
- Join us for **Family Board Games on Friday, July 25th from 10:30-11:30**.

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## ***Publishing in Maine - an Evening with Maine Authors Laurie Graves, Claire Ackroyd, and Brook Merrow with Publisher Clif Graves***

**Tuesday, July 29th at 6PM in the Warren Community Room.**



Have you ever dreamed of publishing something you've written, whether it's a novel, a short story, or a picture book? Come listen to three Maine authors describe their journeys to being published with Maine presses. This event is part of the Ann B. McGowan Maine Writer's series.

Claire Ackroyd's well received debut novel, *Murder in the Maple Woods*, tells the tale of a suspicious death in the maple woods of Northern Maine. Laurie Graves has written a series of young adult fantasies centered on the powerful Books of Everything and the mysterious Great Library. Brook Merrow's young adult novel *Trapped* is a coming-of-age mystery that touches on themes of identity and belonging, and will keep you guessing to the end.

Laurie, Claire and Brook have all taken disparate paths to publication. We'll spend the evening hearing about the journey each author took in creating their works, as well as in the process of becoming published. Clif and Laurie will speak about running an independent press (Hinterland Press), as well as what it takes to self-publish, while Claire and Brook are familiar with the Maine Authors Publishing process.

We'll have a round table discussion with plenty of time for audience questions. If you've ever thought of writing - and publishing! - a book, this will be the event for you. This event is free and open to the public.

## **Marine Mammals of Maine: Seal Rescue**

Join Marine Mammals of Maine as they take you through a seal's journey from stranding to release, and all of the obstacles in between. Starting with seal basics such as: whether it's normal for them to be out of the water and why you might see a baby on its own, and then diving into when and why seals need our help. You will learn what MMoME is, what they do, the animals they care for, and how you can help.

In the Warren Community Room on Tuesday, July 8th at 3PM. This event is suitable for all ages and is free and open to the public. No live animals will be present.



## Learn How to Play Dungeons and Dragons!

Come join guest Dungeon Master Fox in a short campaign designed to teach you how to play Dungeons and Dragons! You'll learn to work with a team using pre-designed characters in

a well defined scenario run by an expert DM. No previous experience with D&D is required, but we do ask that players be 10 or older.

Each campaign can only accommodate four players, so preregistration is required to participate. Two sessions will be offered: July 10 or July 24 at 1PM (these sessions cover the same information; you only need to attend one). Call or visit the front desk at (207) 487-5880 to reserve your place!

# Summer Fun Day at the Library!

## July 16th from 1-3PM



Come to the library for outdoor fun! Sidewalk chalk, bubbles, giant games, crafts, snacks and more! There will be crafts inside and maybe even some special guests.



And the best part of all - the Darling's Ice Cream Truck will be here from 1-2:30! Make a donation to the library and be rewarded with a sweet ice cream treat!

## Youth friendly areas of the library

The library has recently undergone some renovations and changes that affect where our younger patrons may feel most comfortable.

Our new Teen Room upstairs is open to all ages, but does contain Young Adult fiction and graphic novels for Young Adult and older audiences. Story Land downstairs, which houses the picture and board books, is restricted to those eight (8) and under. Children under twelve (12) using the library should be accompanied by an adult.

Younger patrons are welcome to use the library public access computers, but we will be implementing a **one hour limit** beginning in April unless a student can show that they are using the computer for academic pursuits. This limit also applies to iPad usage.



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!

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**How about some award winners?**

**Time to find a new author?**

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Or check out the Children's Book Review and Library

**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,

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

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Journal websites for more recommendations.

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Scarborough Beach, Songo Lock, or Swan Island.

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

## July Events

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**Make Parachutes with Fun STEAM Time!**  
3:30PM in the Warren Community Room

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**Story Time Reads *Go and Get with Rex!***  
10:30AM in the Warren Community Room

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Saturday 10-4

Closed Saturdays in July  
and August

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