Pittsfield Public Library

March Library News

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**March, when days are getting long,
Let thy growing hours be strong
to set right some wintry wrong...**

The newsletter at a glance:

- Be on the lookout for lots of new technology classes! We are offering both **Android** and **Internet Basics** this month, see the article below for more details. **Register for and attend a class, get a chance to win a new Lenovo M9 tablet! Every attendee will get a pair of ear buds as well.**

- The library will be hosting **Tech Tuesday** on the first Tuesday of each month in partnership with the SEDC; **March's event is on the 4th**

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- Our Digital Navigator is offering an **intensive class on using Excel,** meeting from **2:30-3:30PM on Tuesday, March 25 through Thursday, March 27**

- **Culture Club** with **Miss Cassidy** will learn about the Blue-and-Yellow Macaw and where it lives on **Wednesday, March 19th at 3:30PM**

- **KVCAP's Miss Jenny** will return on March **26th at 11AM**

- **Miss Cassidy** will hold **Story Time** on **Mondays at 10:30AM** and **Fun STEM Time** at a new time on **Wednesdays at 3:30PM**

Come take a FREE technology class and get a chance to WIN a Lenovo Tab M9 tablet!

The library will be holding a series of **FREE**, hour long technology workshops through March, April and May. Topics may include Android Basics, Internet Basics, Cybersecurity Basic, Windows 11 Basics, Email Basics, and/or MacOS Basics.

Our first class will be **Android Basics,** offered on March 18th at 4PM and again on March 22 at 10:30AM. This class will explore the features and functions of an Android phone. We will be focusing on phones, but we can cover Android tablets, too! Those taking the class will need to bring their personal device to the class.

This workshop is targeted at those who have an Android mobile device and want to learn more about the basic functions. It will help you get connected, identify common apps, and build confidence in using your device safely.

Our second class is I**nternet Basics**, offered on March 25 at 4PM and again on March 29 at 10:30AM. We will cover search engines, the internet and how to navigate websites. We'll learn basic terminology, functionality, and navigation of internet browsers, search engines and websites. This class is targeted at anyone made uneasy by the internet - let's build confidence and competence!

Every person that registers for and attends a class will receive a **free pair of earbuds** - as well as be **entered into a drawing for one of three Lenovo Tab M9 Android tablets**! Every class you take gives you another chance to win in the drawing to be held in June.

Classes are limited to six people. Please call the library at 487-5880 or stop by to register. Drop ins may be accepted depending on space. These workshops are made possible by a grant from PLA, funded by AT&T. **DigitalLearn.org** Workshops and Modules were created by the Public Library Association, with support from AT&T.
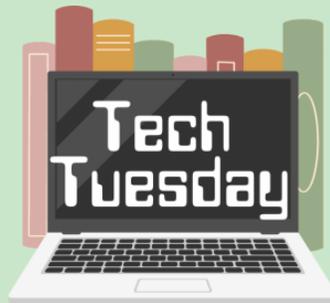
Get Your Computer Questions Answered on Tech Tuesdays!

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 **March 4th 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!

Learn to excel at Excel

Want to go beyond the basics in Excel? Register for a free, three hour class offered by our Digital Navigator. The class will meet from 2:30-3:30 daily on March 25 through March 27. Contact the library at (207) 487-5880 no later than March 21 to register.

Culture Club Learns About the Blue-and-Yellow Macaw and its Tropical Home

Miss Cassidy will investigate these colorful, intelligent birds and where they live during Culture Club at **3:30PM on March 19th**. Macaws are super smart problem solvers and that helps them survive and thrive in the jungles of South and Central America.

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 neat crafts and fun books to take home, too.

Miss Jenny's Playgroup Returns!

Miss Jenny brings her playgroup back to the library on March 26th at 11AM. Featuring developmentally appropriate sensory play, movement, and crafts, the playgroup is designed for ages birth to five. All ages are welcome, though.

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

Fun STEM Time Moves to Wednesdays

Miss Cassidy will be leading **Fun S**(cience)**T**(echnology)**E**(ngineering)**M**(ath) **Time** on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (Culture Club will be on the third Wednesday). Come enjoy science themed crafts and activities. Learning can be lots of fun!

So long and thank you for all the fun!

Sadly, Mr. Wes has let us know that he is leaving the library to pursue other life goals. The staff here wishes him the very best in his future endeavors! His last day will be Saturday, March 1st.

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.** 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

thank 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.

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

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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Story Time with Miss Cassidy
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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Fun STEM Time with Miss Cassidy
3:30PM in the Warren Community Room

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