

May Library News

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**Sweet May hath come to love us,
Flowers, trees, their blossoms don;
And through the blue heavens above us
The very clouds move on.**

The newsletter at a glance:

- The library will be **CLOSED Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.
- We're only a month away from our second annual **Maine Writer's Series** - and we have some great authors lined up, including **Paul Doiron** and **David Rosenfelt**! Read more below...
- Our **Summer Reading Program** will kick off **June 18th** - we'll have lots of programming for all ages this summer as you Level Up at the Library! We have visits from the LC Bates Museum and Chewonki lined up, so stay tuned!
- **Be on the lookout for lots of new technology classes!** See the article below for a full listing. **Attend a class, get a chance to win a new Lenovo M9 tablet! Every attendee will get a free pair of ear buds and a \$10 gift card to Reny's, Dunkin' or Danforth's** (while supplies last).
- The library hosts **Tech Tuesday** on the first Tuesday of each month in partnership with the SEDC; **May's is on the 6th.**
- Local author **Kaitlyn Rollins** will visit Story Time on Monday, May 19th to share her latest book, *Peeka the Penguin Scared of the Dark*.
- **Culture Club** travels to Vietnam to learn more about stick insects on Wednesday, **May 21st at 3:30**. Enjoy crafts and a book to take home
- **KVCAP's Miss Jenny** will return on **May 28th at 11AM** with some special fun and activities!

- Miss Cassidy holds **Story Time** on **Mondays at 10:30AM** and **Fun STEAM Time** on **Wednesdays at 3:30PM**

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The Library Welcomes Paul Doiron on June 2nd to Kick Start the Second Annual Ann McGowan Maine Writers Series

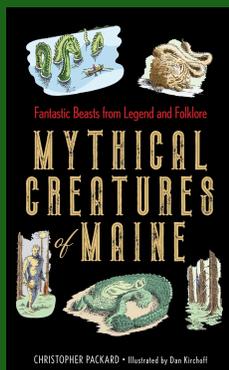
The library is pleased to present the second annual Ann McGowan Maine Writers series this summer, beginning with acclaimed author **Paul Doiron** on June 2 at 6PM in the Warren Community Room.



Paul Doiron is the best-selling author of the Mike Bowditch series of crime novels set in the Maine woods. His first book, *The Poacher's Son*, won the Barry Award and the Strand Critics Award and was nominated for an Edgar for Best First Novel. His second, *Trespasser*, won the 2012 Maine Literary Award. Paul's twelfth book, *Dead by Dawn* won the New England Society's 2022 Book Award for Fiction, as well as his second Maine Literary Award. It was also a finalist for the Barry Award. His books have been translated into 11 languages.



Skin and Bones, a collection of Mike Bowditch short stories, will be released on May 13th. The Briar Patch Books from Bangor will be here at the library during Paul's talk, so be sure to pick up your copy for signing!



Later in June, at 6PM on the 17th, **Chris Packard** of Bangor will come to share stories from his book *Mythical Creatures of Maine*, which examines all aspects of over 40 mysterious creatures in Maine. Have you ever heard of the weewillmekq or pamola? Come learn more about these mysterious beasts and the legends that surround them. This talk is suitable for all ages.



Then on July 29th at 6PM, come hear a selection of Maine authors including **Brook Merrow**, **Claire Ackroyd**, and **Laurie Graves**, speak about their works - and their journeys to publication. **Clif Graves** of Hinterlands Press will be on hand to discuss running an independent press, as well as what it takes to self-publish. We'll have a round table discussion with plenty of time for audience

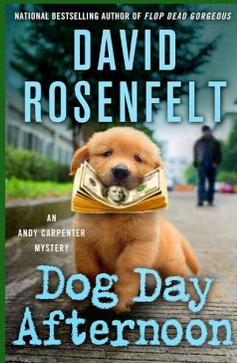


questions. If you've ever thought of writing - and publishing! - a book, this will be the event for you.

And finally, we'll close the summer out in August with a visit from nationally best-selling **David Rosenfelt**, author of the Andy Carpenter mystery series, as well as *Dogtripping*, the story of his family's cross-country move to Maine with 25 rescued dogs. The exact date is still to be determined, and we'll post once we have it. We expect to be joined by an independent bookseller as well, so you can stock up on the series!



David is a huge advocate for animal rescue, and the library will be making a donation to the Somerset Humane Society in his name. We'd also like to encourage his fans to bring a donation for the shelter to his talk - new toys, pet food, bedding or anything from the society's wish list: [Wish List](#)



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 in May and June. Topics may include Android Basics, Internet Basics, Cybersecurity Basics, Windows 11 Basics, Email Basics, and MacOS Basics.



Our first May class will be **Windows 11 Basics**, offered on May 6 at 4PM and again on May 10 at 10:30AM. This class will introduce participants to navigating a PC using the most recent Windows upgrade. Bring your own machine or learn on one of our laptops.

Our second class in May is **MacOS Basics**, offered on May 13 at 4PM and again on May 17 at 10:30AM. This class is suitable for anyone wanting to learn more about using their iPhone or iPad tablet, or even a Mac computer if we have time. Please bring your own device to this class.

We are reoffering **Android Basics** on Saturday, May 24 only, at 10:30AM. This class is targeted at anyone wanting to learn more about their Android based phone. Please bring your own device to this class.

Our final May class is **Internet Basics**, aimed at those new to the web. We'll cover the basics of navigating the internet, how to safely set up accounts, and a bit of cyber security. We will be holding this class on May 27 at 4PM and again on May 31 at 10:30AM.

We'll be offering more classes throughout June; you can see all of our classes as Facebook events.

Every person that attends a class will receive a **free pair of earbuds and a \$10 gift card to Danforth's, Reny's or Dunkin'** (while supplies last) - 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 July.

Classes may be limited to six people. Please call the library at 487-5880 or stop by to register. Drop ins are 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.

Local author Kaitlyn Rollins visits Story Time

Come hear Kaitlyn Rollins read her newest *Peeka the Penguin* adventure, *Scared of the Dark*. Ms. Rollins will be a special guest at Miss Cassidy's Story Time on Monday, May 19th at 10:30AM.

AUTHOR VISIT

Join author Kaitlyn R. Rollins at our story time as she reads her newest book.



Monday, **May 19th**
10:30 AM
Pittsfield Public Library

Culture Club Travels to Vietnam to Learn About Stick Insects

Did the forest floor just move? That's no stick - there are actually two Vietnamese Walking Sticks in the photo. Come travel with Miss Cassidy to the lush jungles of Vietnam to learn about these fascinating mimics during Culture Club at **3:30PM on May 21st**.

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.



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!

FMI: Jenny 859-2521 or jfreundlich@kvcap.org or Find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/kvcapfec>

Funding for the afternoon councils is provided by DHS&OCFS and supported by Maine Children's Trust




Miss Jenny's Playgroup Returns!

Come join Miss Jenny for play group on Wednesday, May 28th at 11AM.

Miss Jenny brings age appropriate activities, crafts and more for children ages birth to five. Although playgroup is targeted at this age range, all ages are welcome.

Fun STEAM Time Is Now On Wednesday

Miss Cassidy will be leading **Fun S(cience)T(echnology)E(n지니어ing)A(art)M(ath) Time** on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (Culture Club will be on the third Wednesday). This month features marshmallow towers, homemade "lava" lamps, and magic bubble paintings!



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.

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

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 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 Discovery Museum in Bangor. 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?

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How about some award winners?

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

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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.

May Events

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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 Reading Room

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Fun STEAM Time with Miss Cassidy:

3:30PM in the Warren Community Room

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Saturday 10-4

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and August

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