



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

Re-Opening Newsletter

Special Edition

Library Hours:

June 15 to July 10
Monday - Thursday:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(207)- 626 - 2415
www.lithgowlibrary.org
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Summer Reading 2020

REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 8TH

Summer reading is an important way to prevent summer learning loss. Although the library's in-person programs and services aren't fully operational, we are still providing fun performances, activities, and prizes to keep your summer fun. Our program is for all ages, including children who are read to by adults! The goal is to complete 16 hours of reading between June 8th and August 15th.

Collect badges for every hour read and activities completed. Children who accomplish our reading goal of 16 hours will win a paperback book.

Register, track your reading, and find out about our virtual programs online at www.lithgowlibrary.org
For assistance, you can reach out to kids@lithgowlibrary.org or call us at (207) 626-2415.



Upcoming events:

June 11 at 10 a.m. (via Zoom) - Craft Along with EcoMaine
Create a beautiful craft out of everyday recycled materials you have at home with our friends from EcoMaine.

June 18th at 10 a.m. (via Zoom) - Imagine Our Story
Using different prompts and techniques we will come together to write stories. We'll write a fairytale, a hero's journey, and a myth with help from each child, then read our stories aloud.

June 25th at 10 a.m. (LIVE on YouTube)
Earth Jams Virtual Concert
Join in with Matt Loosigian's virtual Earth Jams concert just for Lithgow Library families! The concert features fun sing-a-long folk tunes and Matt's originals all about nature and ecology.



Sign up is required for all Zoom events.
[Visit our website for instructions on how to join.](http://www.lithgowlibrary.org)

Lithgow Public Library Re-opening Plan

Lithgow Public Library is working toward safely re-opening the library to the public. Our goal is to continue to offer great virtual services, while phasing in access to library materials and the facility until the threat of COVID-19 has subsided.

June 1: Our Return Box re-opened. All materials will be placed in quarantine for 72 hours before they are checked in, so there may be a delay in your library record display. Quarantine is required for the foreseeable future; we apologize for this inconvenience.

June 15: Library members can place requests for Lithgow Library items (only), either via the MINERVA online catalog or by phone. We will offer touchless curbside pickup, and all items will have a 3-week circulation period. We also will offer limited printing, photocopying and computing in the Community Meeting Room, while the stacks & reading rooms remain restricted. Curbside & computer services will be available 10-6, M-Tr and 9-4:45 F. Requests for state-wide library items will begin soon after.

July 13: The library should begin regular hours, with increasing access. A limited number of people can come into the building to the Circulation Desk to order, pickup & return materials, and use computers on the main floor. We will continue curbside service as a convenience.

We will phase in opening the stacks to the public to control high-touch materials and areas, minimizing risk. We will also resume public library events, open public meeting rooms, increase occupancy, and no longer quarantine items, based on evolving coronavirus trends & guidelines.

Thank you for your patience as we work toward our goals of safety & service.

Curbside Pickup!



COVID-19 Response

What can YOU do to help the library & your community?

Follow the Lithgow COVID Conduct Guidelines:

- Please do not come to the library if you feel sick
- Face coverings are required (per City of Augusta policy, State of Maine & CDC guidelines)
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance in all areas
- Follow library signage & directions
- No food or drink
- Limit your library visit to 1 hour or less
- Lithgow Library is following local & state regulations & guidelines. Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared spaces & shared materials. We cannot guarantee a perfectly safe experience.

Failure to comply may result in your being asked to leave the library & suspension of library privileges.



Coming soon!
Locked in at the Library
Virtual Concert Series
www.lithgowlibrary.org

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The Virtual Stitchery

A Fiber Arts Social Group

Twice a month!

1st and 3rd Tuesday from Noon to 1 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

June 16 ~ July 7 ~ July 21 ~ August 4



Work on your project and hobnob virtually with knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, felters, weavers, quilters, tatters, spinners, and other fiber fans. Attend for advice, inspiration, or just to chat with like-minded crafters.

All ages and experience levels welcome.

Please message the library to receive a Zoom invite for the event: reference@lithgowlibrary.org

Directions on How to Place Holds for Curbside Pickup

Online requesting begins again on June 15th! Holds are limited to only Lithgow items at this time. You can place holds through the MINERVA catalog, or you can call the library to do so. You can find the link to the catalog by visiting www.lithgowlibrary.org. Curbside will only be available Monday-Thursday, 10-6 and Friday 9-4:45 from June 15-July 10. A combination of curbside and limited inside service will begin on July 13 when we resume our normal operating hours.

We will fulfill item requests throughout the day. Once completed, we will call you when they are ready for pickup, or if there are any issues with your request. Your items will be held for 7 days at the library. When you arrive for pickup, please park and call 207-626-2415. We will verify who you are, check the items out, and let you know which numbered table your items will be at. Please wait to get out of your vehicle until your items have been placed on the table and staff have returned to the building. Your items will be in a labeled paper bag with your receipt attached.

You can return your items in our drop box at any time. They will be checked in 72 hours after being placed in quarantine.

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