



Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World
Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

September 2017 Newsletter

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon
(207)- 626 - 2415
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LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 4

Library closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Book Group

Wednesday, September 6 at 4 p.m.

LGBT+ Teen Group

Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Rockin' Readers:

The Dumbest Idea Ever by Jimmy Gownley

Thursday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

MAKE/ART: Mondrian animal paintings

Monday, September 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Family Arts & Crafts: Potato Prints

Tuesday, September 19 from noon to 1 p.m.

Technology 101: Podcasts

Thursday, September 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Barks and Books

Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Tween Scene: Happy Birthday to Hobbits!

Monday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Pokemon Pros

Tuesday, September 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Craft: Fluffy Slime

Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Lithgow Book Club:

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

Thursday, September 28 at 3 p.m.

Teen Comix Club

Friday, September 29

Library closed for staff training

"A Year of Excitement and Growth"

by Betsy Pohl, Library Director

Twelve months after the re-opening of the expanded and renovated Lithgow Library, the place is bustling with increased visitation, programs and services, as these numbers illustrate:

- << 112,000 people visited the library, a 44% increase over the prior year
- << 175,000 items circulated, an 18% increase
- << 6,739 people attended Children's programs, a 52% increase
- << Public computer use increased by 64%, with 16,604 sessions

However, numbers do not tell the entire story. Since the library opened, we have added a Teen Room and a Teen Librarian; we now provide dedicated space and programs for that age group that did not exist before. The Youth Services department has ramped up activities, utilizing the new children's program room daily. 455 participants signed up for the Summer Reading Program and the 202 who have completed made paper chains to represent the 16 hours each person read (see photo below). That physical representation of 3,232 hours of summer reading is something that could never have happened in the former basement space!



Lithgow has become a true community hub – for meetings, study, enriching programs for youth and adults, access to technology, and the expertise of our trained staff. Partnerships are blooming and there is a tangible sense of civic pride in our beautiful and functional building. One year later, we are seeing goals of this amazing community project come to fruition.

the YMCA **3rd Annual Raffle** 
 Only 300 tickets to be sold!
\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE Building Dreams... Inspiring Horizons

- * Balance of proceeds to be split 50/50 between the YMCA and Friends of Lithgow Library.
- * \$100 per ticket - Purchase at the YMCA
- * See the library's website or Facebook page for more details.

My Next Career Move


A tuition-free class open to Maine adults.

Registration is required

Take charge of your career and create an action plan to achieve success!

- << Learn how your current skills connect to future careers.
- << Identify high-growth job fields.
- << Explore education and training options.
- << Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search.

Classes will be held at Lithgow Library Wednesdays, 9:30-Noon from September 20 – October 18. To sign up, contact Sherrie Brann at (207) 621-3436 or sherrie.brann@maine.edu – you can also register

In partnership with:  Graduates of My Next Career Move are eligible to apply for the University of Maine at Augusta GEN Scholarship, to be used at any UMA location.


NEW  **Thursdays at 10 a.m.**
 Stories, songs and rhymes for children 3 to 5 and their caregivers.
Storytime

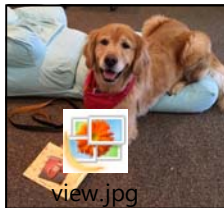
 **MAKE/ART: MONDRIAN ANIMAL PAINTINGS**
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 3:30 P.M.
 MAKE/ART SERIES EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH-MORE INFO IN TEEN ROOM

Lithgow Library Book Club
 "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders
 Wednesday, September 27
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Family Arts & Crafts
Potato Prints
 Monday, Sept. 18
 6 p.m.

LEGO BUILD!
 Every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Youth Services.

 **Technology 101: Podcasts**
 Tuesday, September 19th, Noon-1:00 p.m.
 Join us for a short workshop on what podcasts are, how to subscribe to them, download them, and enjoy! This is recommended for people who enjoy talk radio programs and audiobooks in particular. The great benefit to podcasts is that you can listen to your favorite programs whenever you want and the selection of podcasts has far surpassed what is on the radio. Sports, news, comedy, science, you name it, there is a podcast about it.
Feel free to bring your lunch to this noontime program.

Barks and Books is Back!
 Thursday, September 21 at 3:30 p.m.
 **Barks and Books** is a reader dog program for readers ages 6 and up, held on the 4th Thursday of the month, at 3:30 p.m. Each child will have 15 minutes to read aloud to the dogs from a book of their choice (bring your own or use one of ours). The dogs are trained, volunteer therapy dogs from the Kennebec Chapter of Love on a Leash who love being read to.
 There are limited time slots per program, so we encourage you to sign up ahead of time. To pre-register, please contact Youth Services.

Pokémon **Pokemon Pros**
 Monday, September 25th
 5:30 p.m.
 Community Room
 Interested in playing Pokemon? Parents and kids can learn to play. Kids can also play, or share or (with your parents' permission), trade Pokemon cards!

LINCOLN IN THE BARDO
 GEORGE SAUNDERS
 Author of TENTH OF DECEMBER

Heritage Winds Quintet
 Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m.
 Lithgow Community Room
