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**Fridays**

2/7, 14, 28
3/6, 13, 27
4/10

**Thursdays**

2/20, 4/2

**AARP Tax-Aide Program**

The Library is pleased to offer tax aid through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. This service is free to taxpayers with low and moderate income and is offered in cooperation with the IRS.

**By appointment only**

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**Every Tues.**

**Now Thru Feb. 25**

10:00-12:00

**Hand Stitchers are Invited to the 25 Million Stitches Project**

**All levels welcome! Students too!!**

The world is in flight. 25 million people across the globe have been forced to flee their homelands due to genocide, war, poverty, natural disasters and violence. This community art installation project, one stitch for each refugee, is designed to help bring attention to the scale of this crisis. All supplies provided.

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**Tue.**

2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3

1:00 2:30

**Countdown to the Presidential Election with Carolyn Ball**

Beginning with the New Hampshire primary and ending with Super Tuesday, this workshop/discussion takes place in the thick of the first primaries and caucuses, giving participants the opportunity to understand the ins and outs of primaries and caucuses and the resulting Republican and Democratic conventions.

Carolyn Ball, Ph.D., is a Professor at University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service. She will not take positions on the presidential candidates, but will lead participants in an interactive discussion on the issues surrounding the election.

**Registration requested for this program.**

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Tiny Miss Susan Finds a Valentine

In this one-woman, multi-media puppet musical, created and performed by Brittany Parker, Tiny Miss Susan is the tiniest librarian in the world -- and she's also the loneliest. In search of a valentine, Tiny Miss Susan immerses herself in the very books on her shelves -- launching her into a wild and unforgettable adventure!

The show uses a live-feed video camera and projection screen to bring the tiny table-top puppets to a larger than life scale! A full musical track with sound effects accompanies the performance, featuring five original pop-rock songs, promising to be a fun evening for all ages!

Happy Valentine's Day from the Library! No Fines!!

Happy Valentine's Day!
All items returned to the Library during the month of February, no matter how late, will come back with absolutely no fines! Now is the time to look for those long overdue books, magazines, DVDs, and return them to the Library for free!

It's Also Gilbert's Birthday!!

Get Ready to Bundle up and Bird our Shorelines with Craig Kesselheim

Maine’s ocean shorelines and harbors are great places to go birding in the winter! Which species are overwintering in our harbors? Where did they come from, who will stay into the summer, and when will the others leave? Are they all ducks?? Find out the answers to these questions and more from birder Craig Kesselheim! This evening’s talk will include a blend of natural history, identification tips and practice (including audibles), and a mini-lesson on counting and estimating flock sizes (because numbers matter to conservation science).

** Seating is limited. Registration is required.

February Tea at the Library

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cup of tea by the Library’s fireplace, nibble on a homemade treat, and enjoy the company of others. Ruth Grierson and friends will provide live music.

**Preregistration required
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Collage Vessels with Liz Cutler
Using a variety of 2D materials and a simple mold we will talk about composition and proportions with color, texture, and pattern in a 3-D format. The decisions may range - including to use glitter, greyscale or to be completely random. Work in a series and bring home a few with the knowledge of how to do more.
All materials provided. All ages welcome!
**Space is limited. Please register.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
ArtWaves Artists’ Reception
All are invited to an Artists’ Reception. View the paintings of artists Gloria Avner, Cristy Benson, Liz Cutler, Jean Forbes, Gabrielle Graham, Janice Janes, Ellen Kappes, Laney Lloyd and more.
Their work will be on display at the Library for the month of February.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH ~ MARCH 2020
~ ARTISTS’ RECEPTION
Meet the local women whose work is based on the theme “Our History is Our Strength”
Refreshments provided.

**Preregistration required
**Fifteen Months on the Appalachian Trail**
With COA Professor, Susan Letcher

Between June 2000 and October 2001, sisters Lucy and Susan Letcher hiked the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia and back again. They gained some notoriety for doing much of their hike barefoot. In this talk, Susan will share some highlights of the adventure and some life lessons encountered along the way, illuminated with Lucy’s photographs.

A native of Southwest Harbor and graduate of MDIHS, Susan is a professor of plant biology at College of the Atlantic.

**March Tea**

Come to the Library for tea! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cup of tea by the Library’s fireplace, nibble on delicious homemade treats, and enjoy the company of others.

Live music will be provided by Ruth Grierson and friends.

**Saturday Games Morning!!!**
with Dick Atlee and Sarah Corson

People of all ages are invited to play games at the Library on Saturday morning. There will be a wide variety of interesting games. Something is bound to catch the interest of everyone!

Come and join the fun!!!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**The Struggle for Women’s Suffrage:**
Revisiting our History, Rededicating our Future

Two voting rights activists, Ann Luther & Sheila Kirby, will be at the Library for an event commemorating the 19th Amendment. This presentation not only celebrates that historic victory and the women who led the movement, but it also provides a sober reflection on the compromises that split the movement and left many voters behind – choices that continue to echo 100 years later.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, when women won the right to vote.

**Preregistration required**
Rachel and Dorothy: Readings from the Letters Between Rachel Carson and Dorothy Freeman

Carolyn Gage will present a reading of excerpts from the letters between these two women, which are published in *Always, Rachel: The Letters of Rachel Carson and Dorothy Freeman, 1952-1964*. The letters are tender, fierce, intimate, and playful – and they offer us an amazing look into the period when Carson was incubating *Silent Spring*, the book that would inspire an international movement to save the environment. Portland actor Denise Poirier will be joining Carolyn for the reading.

Talk by Dr. Seth Singleton

Stay tuned for more information

Vietnam Talk and Slideshow with Bob Thayer

For many Americans the word Vietnam conjures memories of war and discord. But after nearly 50 years, visiting the country again, with a friendlier mission, is both revealing and rewarding. Vietnam today maintains much of the ancient culture while embracing a growing modernism. This program looks at Vietnam from both sides of the war and reveals the beauty of the land and its people that were often overlooked during the war.

Welcome spring at the Library Tea!

Come to the Library for our April Tea to welcome spring! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cup of tea, nibble on delicious homemade treats, and enjoy the company of others. Live music will be provided by Ruth Grierson and friends.

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