GRATITUDE: THE QUALITY OF BEING THANKFUL

As the Library closes another fiscal year, we extend our sincerest thanks to all who gave so generously to the Library through gifts of financial support and gifts of time. Your thoughtfulness validates the important place the Library holds in our community. Over 260 households donated to this year’s Annual Fund, helping us raise over $47,000. And …. volunteers spent ….. hours in service to the Library. We are also grateful to our Library family (and yes, our members are like family to us) for your patience and understanding over the past months. We worked to keep services available during these unprecedented times. Each word of appreciation motivated us to find new ways to keep us connected – even when we were apart.

Thank you for your generosity, your time, and your encouragement, particularly during these early days of our reopening. Know that we will work hard to honor the trust your support deserves.

NEW HOURS UNTIL LABOR DAY

Public Computer Access (by appointment), Browsing the Collection, and Curbside Pickup Share the Same Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 10 am to 5 pm
Wednesday: 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

We are so happy to see Scarborough Library cardholders in person! Since the building reopened for Browsing the Collection on July 13, many have come inside to select materials. Everyone is wearing masks, sanitizing hands, and maintaining a safe distance. Public Computer appointments are available for those who need access to a computer, printer, or copier. Call 396-6271 or email Tom Corbett to make an appointment. Request materials through the catalog, by calling 883-4723 Option 4 for adults and Option 3 for youth, or by emailing askpl@scarboroughlibrary.org. You’ll be notified when your items are ready for pickup in person or curbside.

CIRCULATION NEWS

Wondering why returned items are still on your account? Our quarantine delays the official check in and out for at least 10 days. Afterwards, we check items in and adjust the return date to the date they were placed in our book drop. The date you drop them off is the date that will be reflected on your account. It may take a few days.

Fines resumed as of July 1. Items borrowed before our March 15 closure are now due; please renew or return them.

Our book drop is for returning Library items only. Book donations CANNOT be accepted at this time. The Friends of Scarborough Library are already planning the 2021 Book Sale. Interlibrary loan is now available; it will be slower due to quarantining and other safety precautions.

We have extended the loan period for movies to three weeks, so all types of materials can be borrowed for the same time period.

Museum Passes are available!

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Scarborough Library, passes can now be borrowed by Scarborough Library cardholders for Maine State Parks, the Portland Museum of Art, and Maine Wildlife Park. Please visit their websites for details; protocols, rules, and procedures are not the same as before the pandemic. Request passes through askSPL@scarboroughlibrary.org or by calling 883-4723 Option 4.

Developing Empathy in Kids: How Parents and Caregivers Can Help

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm
Location: Zoom

What is empathy? And why, in the midst of a pandemic, is it more important than ever to help our children develop it? Join Amanda Morin, Scarborough resident and author of the new children’s book, What Is Empathy: A Bullying Storybook for Kids for a conversation about why empathy is such an important skill to teach, what you can do to begin cultivating empathy in your children, and the importance of parents modeling empathy and kindness for them from a place of empathy. Amanda will provide some ways to get started and will answer your questions. This program is open to the public and free to attend. Visit our website FM and to request the link.

Books on Tap Book Discussion Group

Third Monday of the Month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom

August 17 How to Be an Antiracist
by Ibram X. Kendi

Let’s Talk America!
First Thursday of the Month 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Next gathering is August 6 on Zoom. This monthly discourse on topics ranging from local to international issues is open to new participants. The topic will be posted to our website the week of the event. For more information, call facilitator, Sam Kelley at 650-1814.

Library Knitting Group
Every Saturday 10:00 am to Noon
Location: Zoom (with a NEW Zoom link beginning July 25)

Knitting is the new yoga! Bring your yarn and needles to this welcoming group! Join us on Zoom and enjoy a place of empathy. Amanda will provide some ways to get started and will answer your questions. This program is free to attend. Visit our website FM and to request the link.

THREE LOCAL AUTHORS ARE SLATED TO SPEAK VIA ZOOM:

Scarpborough’s Elisa Boxer, author of The Voice that Won the Vote, which was released during the pandemic, will read her book, discuss the importance of “voice,” and answer questions from school-age children and their parents on Thursday, August 13 at noon. Details will be coming soon about registering for the link.

The second author talk in our 2020 Armchair Traveler Series features Tim Fahey, Scarborough resident and author of The Fun Mover Chronicles. On Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 pm, Tim will share stories and photography from his 4,200-mile, 72-day trek across the nation.

Save the date for an illustrated talk on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm by Laura F. Sprague of Portland, co-curator of Rufus Porter’s Curious World: Art and Invention in America, 1815-1860, a recent exhibition at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. Sprague will highlight the artist-inventor Rufus Porter’s remarkable career, including his foundational Maine experiences. Senior consulting curator at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Sprague co-curated the exhibition with Justin Wolff, professor of art history, University of Maine. A catalogue of the same name as the exhibit was published in 2019 by Penn State University Press. The catalogue can be borrowed from our collection.

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LATE JULY 2020
Youth Summer Reading Program
The Friends of Scarborough Library generously sponsor the Summer Reading Program.

Our summer motto is: Be Curious. Read. Discover. Create.

Summer is a critical time for children to keep up their reading skills. According to research from the National Summer Learning Association, children can lose up to three months of their school year learning during this time. For over 100 years, summer reading programs (SRP) have been a long-standing tradition in public libraries as a way to help prevent the "summer slide."

At the Scarborough Public Library, we strongly believe that reading during the summer is important, but we also want children to explore their interests, find ways to engage with their community, and develop new skills. That’s why our reading program has two components: a place to keep track of books read, and a list of over 50 fun activities to do inside or out in nature. Some suggested activities include going on a picnic, exploring a Scarborough beach, going for walks on one of the many Scarborough Land Trust trails, making a map of your neighborhood, throwing a family dance party, or learning a new skill like knitting, crochet, sewing, drawing, or cooking. On the inside of the Reading Log is the listing of activities.

The Summer Reading Program began the last day of school and goes until Labor Day weekend, so there’s still time to take part. In this time of COVID-19, we are not requiring families to register. Instead, pick up a Reading Log at the Library, Ace Hardware at Oak Hill, Community Services in Town Hall, or print one from the Youth page of our website. Or download the Beanstack app. Both allow participants to keep track of books they read on their own, books that are read to them (including audio books), and any book they read to someone else, like a younger sibling. We do not require children to read a certain number of books, pages, or hours. We hope families will help their child(ren) set realistic goals, such as setting aside 20-30 minutes every day to read.

We want children to LOVE reading, and to look forward to visiting the public library. By helping them set attainable goals, children will have a feeling of 'I Can Do It!'. We create an atmosphere of celebration and fun to make sure every child, no matter their age, feels like a winner at our Library!

Don’t know what to read? Just ask anyone who works in the Youth Services Department for a recommendation. You can stop in, call (883-4723, option 3) or email us at kids@scarboroughlibrary.org We enjoy making book recommendations.

Your family’s timeframe and schedule. Ready to view one at a time or all at once!

Mindfulness Moments with Jaclyn—Online
Ages Pre-School to age 6
Youth Services Assistant Jaclyn shares books and songs, rhymes, and activities focusing on different aspects of mindfulness.

Online Story Time with Mrs. C—Online
Ages 4 to 8
Picture books, carefully chosen and read aloud by Youth Services Manager Louise Capizzo.

Book Bites with Connie—Online
For age 10 and up
A quick taste of a book which you may decide to devour.

Listen Up with Connie—Online
Youth Services Assistant, Connie, reads two of her favorite middle grade novels, The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty and Pay Attention Carver Jones, by Gary D. Schmidt.

Home Treasure Hunt—Available at the Youth Services Desk and at Curbside Pickup!
A FUN literacy engagement activity for grownups and kiddos.

Summer Dungeons & Dragons
D&D is back—and growing! Two new Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns, a high school group and a middle school group, have commenced and will play online through August 11. Chris Libby, Adult Services Assistant, is leading players through magical worlds and mystical challenges. If you’re interested in participating in a future adult, high school, or middle school campaign, please contact Chris.

The library's Minecraft server is open 24/7. 7 days a week to players with a licensed Minecraft account (Java-based for PCs and MACs). Point your Minecraft launcher to minecraftserver.scarboroughlibrary.org to join. The site is supervised by staff and volunteers every week from 3-5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the last Sunday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Learn more about our Minecraft services at http://minecraft.scarboroughlibrary.org.

We’ll also continue our Miner Day on the last Sunday of the month. “Drop in” and build your creative-thinking and problem-solving skills.
Beginners: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
All Levels: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Visit our website for details.

Adult Summer Reading
Summer is finally here! What better time to kick back, relax, and read a good book! This year’s Bingo card has a “Close to Home” theme.

Download the Adult Summer Reading Bingo Card, request one at the Reference Desk, or request one at Curbside Pickup, read some great books, then enter for chance to win a prize at our end-of-summer drawing. The deadline to enter is September 5.

Read ME, a statewide summer reading program of the Maine Humanities Council and Maine State Library, kicked off with a live broadcast of the radio program, Maine Calling. This July 17 interview with author Lily King, who selected this year’s Read ME titles, and Read ME authors, Joel Coffin and Patricia O’Donnell focused on summer reading. Upcoming author talks will happen via Zoom, beginning with Coffin’s Roughhouse Friday on Wednesday, August 12 at 6 pm and O’Donnell’s The Vigilance of Stars on Tuesday, August 25 at 6 pm.

Registration is coming soon. Multiple copies of both books have arrived and are ready to check out.

Towards the end of the summer season, MSL and MHC will offer a facilitated virtual book discussion for each of the featured books. This will be open to all participating libraries, including ours. FMI, visit our website.