National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year’s theme, Libraries = Strong Communities, speaks to libraries as the heart of our cities and towns, providing a public space where all community members regardless of age, culture, or income level can come together to connect and learn. Join the celebration! See special events listed below.

Library “Fun-raiser”
Pat’s Pizza in Scarborough
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

We’re celebrating National Library Week with a “fun-raiser” at our local Pat’s Pizza, 209 US-1, to benefit library services. Pat’s will donate a percentage of all purchases made from 4:00 pm to closing at 9:00 pm – whether dining in or taking out. Take the night off from cooking and support the Library at the same time!

Stall Catchers Megathon
Saturday, April 13 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Our Library will join libraries around the country to provide a home base for citizen scientists to catapult research on Alzheimer’s. The Citizen Science Day “Stall Catchers Megathon” is anticipated to be one of the largest crowdsourcing events of its kind in history. A computer lab will be set up in the Library where participants will play a game that will help advance Alzheimer’s research.

Scientists at Cornell recently discovered a connection between “stalls” (clogged blood vessels in the brain) and Alzheimer’s. By reducing the number of stalls, the lab was able to restore memory and reduce other cognitive symptoms in mice – an important link for humans as well. Through the Stall Catchers game, participants will “catch” stalls by looking at short online movies from the brains of mice and click on blood vessels that are “stalled.” Sound hard? It’s not. The game is easy to play and is projected to complete an entire year’s worth of research in just one hour!

This event is appropriate for adults and students in middle school and high school. While not required, participants are encouraged to register for the event. Visit the Library’s Megathon page at www.scarboroughlibrary.org/events/megathon for more details, or stop by the Citizen Science Display in the Library.

Monday Movie Matinee
First Monday of the Month at 1:30 pm
Location: Meeting Room / Seating for 50
Requests for subtitles will be honored.


Movies are free to attend; light refreshments are served.

Morning Book Discussion Group
First Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am
Location: Conference Room

● April 2 The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova
● May 7 The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Evening Book Discussion Group
Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm
Location: Conference Room

● April 10 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
● May 8 Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive by Stephanie Land

Books on Tap Book Discussion Group
Third Monday of the Month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Off-site at O’Reilly’s Cure, 264 U.S. Rt. 1

● April 15 How the Light Gets In by Louise Penny

FMi about our book groups, call 883-4723 option 4. Click here to view upcoming Book Discussion Group selections.

Drop-In Sketching Group
Second Friday of the Month 10:00 am to Noon
Location: Conference Room

Next gathering is April 12. Spring is the perfect time to exercise your creative side in this casual sketching group. Basic supplies provided, or bring your own. We’ll be joined by retired illustrator, Michael Brown. Call 883-4723 option 4 for more information.

Library Knitting Group
Every Saturday 10:00 am to Noon
Location: Conference Room

Bring your yarn and needles to this welcoming group for some fun “knitting therapy”. FMI, call us at 883-4723 option 4.

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

Next gathering: April 4. The Library serves as the location for this monthly discourse on topics ranging from local to international issues. The topic will be posted here the week of the event. FMi call facilitator, Sam Kelley at 650-1814.

French Conversation Group
Third Tuesday of the Month from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Conference Room

Next gathering is April 16. Advance your French speaking skills in a welcoming atmosphere at this monthly conversation group. All levels are welcome!

Library Genealogy Group
Fourth Monday of the Month 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room

Next gathering is April 22. Whether you’re just starting or well into the process, our monthly Genealogy Group led by Don Taylor will introduce you to a range of vetted resources for ancestral research.
It's time for more staycation fun...at the library! We've planned great events to keep kiddos busy during the upcoming spring break. All events are free to attend. Here are the details:

**Play-Based Parent & Child Workshop**
Tuesday, April 16 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am ages birth to 3
This play-based event replaces our regular Tuesday story times and offers “exploration stations” featuring developmental toys that will help children build skills in dexterity, creativity, and sharing. No registration required...just drop in!

**Family Craft Night**
Tuesday, April 16 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm ages 4 and up
Join us for an evening of “unplugged” together time and creativity! Sarah has planned a fun Family Craft Night with a STEAM and musical theme. Kids will be making double reed wind instruments that they can play. Register by emailing kids@scarboroughlibrary.org or call 883-4723 option 3.

**Stay-cation Dungeons & Dragons**
Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm ages 7 to 11
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm ages 12 and up
Join fellow adventurers to explore magical worlds, take on challenges, and become heroes! Sarah will be running short games to give new or experienced players a taste of D&D. To register, call 883-4723 opt. 3 or email kids@scarboroughlibrary.org.

**Math Game Night with Mathnasium**
Thursday, April 18 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Grades 2-5
Who says math can’t be fun? We’ve invited Mathnasium to bring you a variety of logic and strategy games for all skill levels that kids (and parents) can play together to boost their confidence in math...and like we said—have fun! Register by emailing kids@scarboroughlibrary.org or call 883-4723 option 3.

**Pajamarama!**
First Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Ages 4 and up with an adult
Next event is April 2. You know what they say: April showers bring May flowers. Our popular PJ night continues with a Rainstorms theme! Kiddos: Wear your coziest jammies for an evening of stories and songs with Sarah and make rainstorm-themed bookmarks! Pre-registration required. Call 883-4723 option 3, or email kids@scarboroughlibrary.org.

**Minecraft Miner Day**
Next event is April 28. Come explore the Library’s virtual world. Parents/guardians of children under 10 must remain in the Library.

**A Special Poetry Month Presentation**
On Higgins Beach by Ann P. Hammond
A Poetry Reading by the Author Featuring Photography by Dr. Kristine Hoyt
Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm
In recognition of National Poetry Month, we are pleased to welcome poet Ann P. Hammond back to the Library for a reading of selected works from her recently published collection, On Higgins Beach. Ann’s words will be paired with breathtaking photographs of Scarborough’s natural beauty taken by Dr. Kristine Hoyt, a world traveler and familiar presenter of many “Armchair Traveler” series offered at the Library. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

**Scarborough Historical Society & Museum**
Monthly Meeting and Presentation - Open to the Public
First Sunday of the Month at 2:00 pm
Join the Scarborough Historical Society on Sunday, April 7. Maine license plates have proclaimed the state to be the nation’s vacationland. But, when did tourists start flocking in numbers to Maine, and what brought them here? Linda Snow McLoon’s presentation, “Maine’s Early Tourism,” will include 120 historical images which help tell the story of the first “rusticators” who spent newly found leisure time in the Pine Tree State. FMI, call 885-9997 or visit the Scarborough Historical Society & Museum’s website at scarboroughhistoricalsociety.org.

**Organizational Zen**
Presented by Janie Downey Maxwell
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Decluttering is all the rage, but is it right for you? And if it is the right choice for you, how can you best tackle it? Organizational habits expert Janie Downey Maxwell will share seven steps to getting your life organized. Come with a list of questions and challenges and she’ll help you get on a road to success. Please bring paper and pen to take notes. This event is free to attend.

**Dungeons & Dragons**
Second Friday of the Month
From 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm Grades 6 thru 12
Next gathering is April 12. Join Sarah and take characters from their first adventures to legendary heroes. Sign ups are requested but not required. Call 883-4723 opt. 3, or send an email to kids@scarboroughlibrary.org.

**Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
Every Tuesday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Grades 6 thru 12
Plan teen and youth events and services, and volunteer at special TAB events. For more info, stop by the Youth Room and ask for Mrs. C.

**Teen Book Club**
Every Wednesday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Grades 6 thru 8
This is not your ordinary “read a book and talk about it” book club. Explore books creatively and meet other teens who like doing that too! Moderated by Connie. Sign up by calling the Youth Room at 883-4723 opt. 3, or email kids@scarboroughlibrary.org.

**Scarborough Teen Writers Group (STWG)**
Fourth Monday of the Month 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Grades 6 thru 12
Next gathering is April 22. Offered in partnership with the Portland Writers Group of Maine, this is a great way for young creative writers to get feedback on their work! Sign up by emailing facilitator, Renee Cole, at writerwrenee@gmail.com.