

September Greetings from Baxter Memorial Library!



September Story Adventures!

Tuesdays at 10-10:30am (Ages 3-5 years) Join Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff for a socially-distanced musical story adventure on the lawn. We will present books, songs, movement activities and rhythm instruments.

Wednesdays at 9:30-10am (Ages birth-3 years) Join Ms. Dani for a socially-distanced story adventure on the lawn. She will present books, finger-plays, movement activities, and songs.

Masks recommended when social distancing is not possible. In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

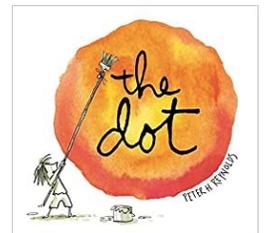


Dot Day!

Let's celebrate International Dot Day together! Adult Services and Youth Services have teamed up to celebrate International Dot Day on September 15th. International Dot Day is a day to connect, collaborate, and create. It's also a great day to foster self-expression. Some suggested activities for observing dot day are: writing, drawing, painting, taking photos, videography, dancing, and making music.

A book called *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds inspired International Dot Day. The book is about a caring teacher who encourages a student named Vashti to "make her mark." Vashti couldn't draw, so she simply made a single dot on a piece of paper. This little dot was just the beginning of Vashti's journey of self-discovery.

Visit the library to enjoy one of our copies. We will also have an amazing array of patterned paper, stickers, embellishments, etc. to take home to create something of your very own! Wear dotted clothing to really make your mark.



Book Club!

Thursday, September 16th

Circling the Sun
by Paula McLain

Thursday, September 30th

The Vanishing Half
By Brit Bennett

Meets at 10:00am on the lawn in good weather, or in poor weather via Zoom - email Nissa at nflanagan@gorham.me.us to receive the link. Join us for one of these first meetings to help decide what the next books should be! All are welcome!

Now Available-Telescope and Metal Detector

Look up at the stars with our new Library Telescope. Jennifer & Alexander Klein donated this telescope for the use of Baxter Library card holders. Borrow it for a week and satisfy your curiosity about your place among the stars.

Have you always wanted to search for buried treasure? BML card holders are now able to borrow a metal detector for 1 week. You only have to supply the 9volt battery.

Don't forget we also circulate ukuleles (along with tutorial videos) and Let's Move Packs that include bird watching, dog training, and yoga. Call for availability!



Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden



What started with a wish for a few milkweed plants and a desire to talk to children in the community about the importance of local pollinator plants has now become Baxter Memorial Library's new 1,400 sq. ft. Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden.

BML staff applied for and received a generous grant from the Maine Public Library Fund this spring, and soon our plans began to take shape. The Department of Public Works initially cleared the space and brought in fill. O'Donal's then provided a personalized on-site assessment of the area and designed a garden plan, recommending numerous plants and shrubs known to attract both bees and butterflies. With the help of several large compost, mulch, and plant deliveries, as well as the generous donations of both plants and labor from several members of our community, the Garden is currently comprised of over 40 types of plants. It includes commonly known butterfly bushes, coneflowers, and bee balm, as well as perhaps lesser-known plants such as hyssop, wild bergamot, and joe pye weed. The space provides a variety of sensory offerings, featuring plants of different heights, colors, scents, textures, and even sounds. It also contains a bird bath, a handful of low-bush blueberry bushes, as well as both woodchip and stepping-stone paths, which visitors are encouraged to enjoy at their leisure.

In the near future, the Garden will include a sign, designating the space and providing some introductory information about the importance of pollinators in our community. BML hopes to add seating stumps for children to use during programs, perhaps some local art, and a bench for rest and relaxation, as well.

The next time you're returning your library books or even just walking through the village, take a few minutes to swing by and take a peek at the new Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden!

For more information or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, please call BML at 222-1190. We do ask that members of the community communicate with us before leaving any garden contributions.

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Key: Adult Program Youth/Family Program *=Please Register		1	2	3	4
6 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	7 10am September Story Adventures (3-5yrs)	8 9:30am September Story Adventures (birth-3yrs)	9	10	11
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For an update on our events, please visit our online calendar at www.baxterlibrary.org or call 222-1190 for more information