




DECEMBER  
GREETINGS FROM  
BAXTER MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY!



**Baxter**  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

*Sponsored by the  
Friends of the Library*

**Jim Paruk Author Event**  
Tuesday, December 14th  
6:30pm



The eerie call, the distinctive black and white speckled plumage, the red eyes. We are so fortunate in Maine that loons grace our lakes and ponds, but how much do you really know about them? Dr. James D. Paruk, Professor of Biology at Saint Joseph's College is one of the world's leading experts on the Common Loon, a bird he has observed and studied throughout North America. For the past 28 years, he has conducted research on breeding, wintering and migrating loons, from Washington and Saskatchewan to the coasts of California, Louisiana and Maine. He has recently published a book entitled, *Loon Lessons: Uncommon Encounters with the Great Northern Diver*. Please note this is an in-person event at the library!

**Baxter Memorial Library  
Annual Giving Tree**

For many years, St. Anne's Church has assembled Christmas Baskets for as many as 100-150 individuals and/or families in need. The baskets typically include food, as well as gifts for children. This year, we are collecting gift cards rather than food items. We are also adding the option to make an online donation at <https://stannegorham.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChristmasBaskets>. The money will go directly to St. Anne's for the Christmas Baskets, and St. Anne's will purchase the gift cards for you. If you do purchase gift cards, please purchase them in increments of \$25. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need this year by donating before December 10!



**Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland  
Supply Drive**

The Youth Services Department is holding a donation drive for the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Drop off items in our lobby in the big ARLGP box anytime during business hours through the end of December. Currently, the most needed items are dog toys and cat toys! They also need canned puppy food and canned kitten food for their youngest shelter pets. A gift card is also a great choice, as the ARLGP often buys items from Hannaford, Target, and Walmart. Visa or Amazon gift cards are also very useful for shelter-wide needs. Visit [www.arlgp.org](http://www.arlgp.org) for a complete list of needs. Let's give our furry friends a little help this season.



**Book Club!**

**Thursday, December 2nd**  
*A Shot in the Moonlight*  
by Ben Montgomery

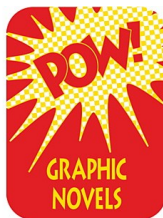
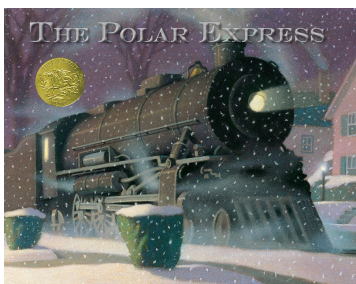
**Thursday, December 16th**  
*Founding Mothers*  
by Cokie Roberts

All discussions are held at 10am in the Schneider Great Room. Please consider wearing a mask regardless of your vaccination status. Masks are available at the circulation desk. No registration is required. All are welcome!

**Virtual Polar Express**  
**Wednesday, December 15th 6pm**

The Polar Express goes virtual at Baxter Memorial Library 6pm on December 15th. Join us Live on Facebook as Conductor Jeff reads The Polar Express from the North Pole.

To enhance your program experience, we've prepared take-away packs to be picked up any time on or before December 15th. Each child receives a packet of cocoa, a candy cane spoon, a ticket, and a bell. We hope to "see" you there!



**Virtual Graphic Novel Book Group**  
**Thursday, December 2nd 5-5:30pm**

Join Ms. Deb for a virtual book club geared toward readers ages 9 to 12 years old! We will read a graphic novel that ties in cooking, friendship,

cultural identity, courage, and a sense of belonging. Our first Zoom meeting will be on Thursday, December 2nd. After we reveal the book title, just swing by the library to pick up your copy to keep and read at your own pace before our follow-up discussion meeting, which will be **Thursday, December 16th from 5-6pm.**

Registration is limited to 10 readers. Please call the library at 222-1190 to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Key:</b> Adult Program Youth/Family Program *=Please Register		1 6pm Tim Caverly: The Challenge of Wilderness Living	2 10am Book Club 5pm Virtual Graphic Novel Book Group*	3	4
6	7 10am December Story Adventures (ages 2-5)	8	9	10	11
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27	28 10am December Story Adventures (ages 2-5)	29	30	31 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE	

For an update on our events, please visit our online calendar at [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org) or call 222-1190 for more information.