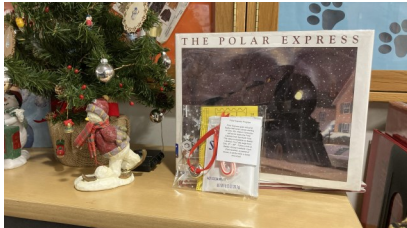


December Greetings from Baxter Memorial Library!

Polar Express **Wednesday, December 14th 6pm**

Toot toot!! Our annual holiday event is back! This year you will have two ways to participate. You can throw on your PJs and come to the library December 14th at 6pm to listen to Conductor Jeff read *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Hot cocoa will be served and all children will take home a small memento. This is an all ages program with no registration required. OR You can view the video of Conductor Jeff reading "The Polar Express" anytime between Dec 9th - Dec 26th. If you choose the remote viewing don't forget to stop by the library Dec 9th - 17th for your take-home kit of a candy cane, bell, ticket and packet of cocoa.



Book Club!

Thursday, December 1st
The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post
by Allison Pataki

Thursday, December 15th
The Ride of Her Life
by Elizabeth Letts

We will meet in person at 10:00am in the Schneider Great Room – Masks optional

No registration necessary.
All are welcome!

Author Event: Josh Gauthier **Tuesday, December 6th 6pm**



Josh Gauthier, author of *Land of Outcasts*, is a Maine-based writer and playwright focusing primarily on speculative fiction. He earned an MFA in creative writing from the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast Program where he concentrated on popular fiction. During the day, Josh works as a librarian. In his free time, he can be found reading, watching movies, gaming, and drinking too much coffee in order to sustain his dual caffeine-writing habit.

Author Event: Andrea Lani **Tuesday, December 13th 6pm**



Andrea Lani has degrees in human ecology and creative writing from College of the Atlantic and the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA Program. Her novel

Uphill Both Ways: Hiking Toward Happiness on the Colorado Trail was published in 2022. She teaches nature writing and nature journaling workshops and is a Maine Master Naturalist and a senior editor at *Literary Mama*. She lives in Maine with her family.



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 canned cat & kitten food (preferred brands: Friskies pate, 9 Lives, Fancy Feast) and canned dog & puppy food (preferred brands: Purina Pro, Science Diet). 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 for a complete list of needs. Let's give our furry friends a little help this season.

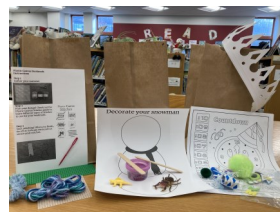
Early Release Day Clay Project and Holiday Crafts Wednesday, December 7th 12:30-1:30pm

Ask any parent, caregiver, neighbor, or grandparent what some of their favorite gifts are and they will tell you that they treasure handmade items their special friends and family have made. Craft aficionado Amy Lafleur has selected 3 holiday projects we can complete together and the library has designed a fun clay project.

All ages welcome!

Take and Make Crafts

Visit the library during the month of December to pick up a take and make kit to complete at home. Save it for a snow day or enjoy right away. Each kit contains all major supplies needed to complete a fun project. You may need some simple household items such as glue, scissors or tape but we provide the rest.



December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key: Adult Program Youth/Family Program *=Please Register			1 10am Toddler Discovery Time (ages 18mos-3yrs) 10am Book Club 2:30pm Sewing Club (ages 7 & up)	2	3
5	6 10am Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs) 6pm Author Event: Josh Gauthier	7 9:30am Baby Discovery Time (ages birth-18mos) 12:30pm Early Release Craft (all ages)	8 10am Toddler Discovery Time (ages 18mos-3yrs) 2:30pm Sewing Club (ages 7 & up)	9	10
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26 CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS	27	28	29	30	31

For an update on our events, please visit our online calendar at www.baxterlibrary.org or call 222-1190 for more information.