

# Happy New Year from Baxter Memorial Library!



## Philip W. Mason Author Event Tuesday, January 17th 6pm

COMPASSION  
FOR LIFE

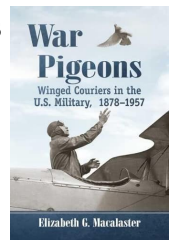


PHILIP W. MASON

Philip W. Mason grew up on small family farm in Gorham, Maine. Farm life instilled in him a strong sense of values, including resilience, responsibility, and the necessity of team-work. He attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Lehigh University, earning a PhD in physics. He has also suffered with serious mental health issues, has had numerous treatment sessions, and has come to accept it, has received medical care for it, and is now going through the process of healing from it. It is a very emotional recovery at times, and he now has hope for a much brighter future. He says, "I am now able to love who I am and want to share that sense of hope and love with the rest of the world."

His book, *Compassion for Life*, is intended as a roadmap towards reducing one's suffering from the pain. Having the emotions of compassion and self-compassion is a road that leads towards healing and becoming a happier person.

## War Pigeons: They Got Their Messages Through Wednesday, January 25th 6pm



Based on her book, *WAR PIGEONS: Winged Couriers in the U.S. Military, 1878-1957*, Elizabeth's presentation traces the remarkable service of homing pigeons in the U.S. Military, from its beginnings after the Civil War to the birds' invaluable communications role in every branch of the military. For 75 years, through four wars on four continents, these one-pound birds were the military's most reliable means of communication, carrying messages in and out of gas, smoke, exploding bombs and gunfire. They flew through jungles, across deserts, mountains and large expanses of ocean. Sometimes they arrived at their lofts nearly dead from wounds or exhaustion, but they got their messages through. Interspersed among the slides will be opportunities for the audience to learn about homing pigeons' superpowers.

**\*Featuring live local homing pigeons raised by Jon Bernhard!\***



The Baxter staff would like to send this little note of gratitude to all who helped us through the year in doing what we love to do.

Our Friends group and our volunteers, our donors and Trustees, all Town Departments and the Schools, Town Council, patrons... all of these.

Without you we would not be here (or if we were, we'd have no fun) We wish you all, "Happy New Year!" and once again, thanks everyone!

## Book Club!

**Thursday, January 12th**  
*The Night Watchman*  
by Louise Erdrich

**Thursday, January 26th**  
*A Man Called Ove*  
by Fredrick Backman

We will meet in person at 10:15am in the Schneider Great Room - Masks optional

No registration necessary.  
All are welcome!

## Winter Giggles

1. What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
2. Why are Christmas trees very bad at knitting?
3. How do snowmen travel around?
4. What do you get when you cross a bell with a skunk?



1. A snowball
2. Because they always drop their needles
3. By ice-icle
4. Jingle smells

## Keychain Art Project Wednesday, January 18th 12:30pm

Join us for an early release day craft. We will be creating art on shrink paper and then taking the finished project to make a one-of-a-kind keychain! (Ages 8-18)



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