



Students visiting the January art show



A monarch beside our new official waystation sign



Making felt geodes

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM As our summer programs came to a close, we were happy to welcome back MDES students for their regular library visits. With each class visit we are flooded with 15- 20 students eager for new books! After school, in addition to Lego Time Tuesday, we are a cozy gathering spot for kids to do homework, use computers, play board games, and, of course, read.

Liz Cutler from ArtWaves joined our PreK story time to make felted geodes. We brought Chewonki's new natural history program, the STARLAB inflatable planetarium, to The Neighborhood House for MDES 5th and 6th graders and our community at large. A great group of families attended our DIY card making during Northeast Harbor's popular Christmas Festival.

The 2020 library art exhibit schedule started with the MDES student art show which brought much needed color to the bleak winter days. In February we offered a program called Mammal Tracks with guest Pam Parvin and DIY valentine and origami card making. We are also looking forward to seeing how our new milkweed patch overwintered and if it will be as popular with the monarchs as it was last year, when we tagged over 75 butterflies for the Monarch Watch program. Before we kick off our summer program series, we will have our annual family tea party and student music recital, a much anticipated spring event.

Ice Boat Portrait, Northeast Harbor circa 1911

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES Since its launch in August 2018, the Digital Archive has experienced tremendous growth. We are pleased to announce that the number of scanned items available online is nearing 7,500. We are currently focused on digitally preserving our collections of Fred Savage's architectural drawings, glass plate negatives and genealogical records. Take a stroll back in time by browsing our Special Selections: Local History, Schools, Acadia National Park, Northeast Harbor and our library throughout the years, and so much more! Visit us on Facebook where we will be posting old photographs and feel free to share your stories with us. For more information or help in your research, you can contact us at archives@nehlibrary.org.



Winter & Spring Events

February

Exhibitor: John Woodruff

Tuesday, February 18, 5 pm
Women's Book Group:
The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh
Nguyen

Wednesday, February 19, 5 pm
Knitting Group

March

Exhibit: Women's History Month: 200 years of Women's Fashion

Friday, March 6, 7 pm
First Friday Coffeehouse with
Ruth Grierson

Wednesday, March 18, 5 pm
Poetry Series with Candace
Stover

Saturday, March 28, 10 am
Introduction to Sourdough with
Steve Anastasia of Old Dog
Baking Co.

Wednesday, March 11, 5 pm
Film Series: Deep Waters

Wednesday, March 25, 5 pm
Poetry Series with Candace
Stover

Saturday, March 28, 2 pm
First Friday Coffeehouse with
Candace Stover, poetry reading

Tuesday, March 17, 5 pm
Women's Book Group:
The Alice Network by Kate
Quinn

April

Exhibitor: France Hilbert

Friday, April 3, 7 pm
First Friday Coffeehouse with
MDI High School Jazz Band

Wednesday, April 8, 5 pm
Film Series: We Were An Island
by Peter Logue

Wednesday, April 15, 5 pm
Herb Planting Workshop

Monday, April 6, 3 pm
Tea Party (Family Event)

Tuesday, April 14, 5 pm
Women's Book Group
Sutree by Cormac McCarthy

Weekly Events

Monday, 10:30 am
Pre-K Storytime

Monday (March 16 - May 4), 5 pm
Tai Chi course with Mark Schoon

Tuesday, 3 pm
LEGO Time Plus

Thursday, 4 - 5:30 pm
Booksale Down Under

Our Valentine's card making workshop was a hit



MUSEUM PASSES We now offer passes to three museums: Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor, Portland Museum of Art and the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland. Museum passes provide free admission and can be checked out at the front desk.

GOING GREEN In addition to making our building more efficient; we're eliminating single use plastic consumption at the library. Coffee is now available in reusable pods. We also have ceramic mugs as an alternative to disposable paper ones or you can bring your own thermos for a discount on coffee, tea, or cocoa.

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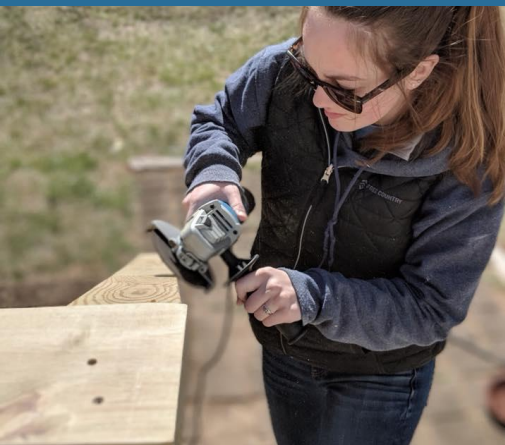
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SEEDS This past year we gave out over 20,000 seeds to 30 people. We also held a seed saving workshop in November with COA student Rebekah Heikkila. Seed “borrowers” are beginning to start saving their seeds and are giving back to the Seed Lending Library. A win, win and more seeds to give out this coming Spring!



SCHOLARSHIP The Northeast Harbor Library is delighted to announce that Hannah Edgecomb, a current participant in the Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Program, has been selected for the 2020 Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award. Established in 2010 by the Coleman family, the award honors the late Beverly Coleman by helping to support students who share her passions. Bev volunteered at the library for more than twenty years and was involved with many other community organizations; community service, conservation, horticulture and history were important to her.

A senior at the University of Maine, Orono, Hannah is majoring in Music and Psychology. She works with her local Catholic parish at monthly community suppers and with campus traditions societies Sophomore Eagles and All Maine Women. Most of her time volunteering is with Alternative Breaks, an organization that promotes community involvement and awareness of social issues by sending students to work sites during winter/spring break. In 2018 she helped build a ramp for a person with neuropathy. In 2019 she became a site-leader responsible for budgets, travel plans, and general organization. The 2019 project entailed rebuilding a deck, raking an acre of land, and repainting a house for a military veteran. Hannah accepted the position of Co-Coordinator of Alternative Breaks.

The Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Program was founded in 1953. It assists Mount Desert Island High School graduates from the Towns of Mount Desert and Cranberry Isles who are pursuing post-secondary study. Scholarship students have continued their education at a wide range of career-oriented schools and liberal arts colleges. There are currently 35 participants.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

In this edition we thank all our volunteers, donors, and friends. You all play critical roles. Without your many and varied contributions, the library wouldn't be the same. We are incredibly grateful for ALL your support.

We have lost two valued community members who were very supportive of and generous to the library. The first is Phoebe Milliken, a former member of the library board of directors and the library corporation. The second is Bill Wister who also served on the library corporation and was a fixture at the Tuesday afternoon Duplicate Bridge Group. Both are

missed very much.

In September we welcomed back Mount Desert Elementary students who visit the library every day, during and after school. Robin organized many enriching activities for them that you can read about in this newsletter. The Mount Desert Nursery School and many parents with youngsters attend the weekly story time. This lays down a great foundation and instills a love for reading at an early age.

We are offering two new passes in addition to the Maine Discovery Museum pass. Families can go for free to the Farnsworth Art Museum and the Portland Museum of Art. They are already very popular.

Happily, Judith Blank is continuing First Friday Coffees Houses and her Film Series. The Women's Book has grown larger. More patrons are using our Mango Language program than ever. Books, DVDs, magazines, and audios continue to be popular. We lent out around 40,000 items in 2019. There is something for everyone here and I hope you will all make sure to come in and take advantage of this wonderful resource which is free and open to everyone.

Elly Andrews, Library Director

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