

Thomas Memorial Library offers programs on climate action, the amazing wildlife of Ecuador

Holiday Closures

The library will be closed on Saturday, November 11 for Veterans Day. It will also be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

My Climate Future: High-Schoolers Picture Their World To Come

What will Cape Elizabeth look like in future decades, given predictions of substantial climate change? The November exhibit in the library's Stier Family Gallery may provide some answers.

Greta Thunberg aside, the views of young people—who did not cause the problem yet have the most skin in the game—have been largely absent from conversations on this topic. And so a local nonprofit in partnership with Cape Elizabeth High School plans to leverage the visual expression of the hopes and fears of teens about Cape in particular to amplify the views of high-schoolers nationally. The mission of “Seeing for Ourselves” lies in equipping and training marginalized individuals to take control of their own public narrative by documenting their lives photographically. The exhibit of students’ photographs will be on display throughout the month of November.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Character of the Month

It's DINOvember at the library and we're planning a RARWsome good time. We'll have fun activities throughout the month of October, like our popular scavenger hunt!

Read To a Dog

Children in grades K – 6, especially

struggling or less-than-confident readers, are invited to sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog. Check out the sign-up sheet in the children's room for appointment availability and to “meet” our dogs, or call the children's room for more information.

Special Events

Elephant & Piggie Party

Friday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a special story time starring Mo Willems' characters Elephant and Piggie. We'll read stories, sing songs and make a special craft.

DINOvember Story Stomp!

Friday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun, dinosaur-themed family storytime. Stomp, roar and chomp along with us while we read some dino-mite stories. A dinosaur-themed craft will immediately follow storytime. In case you're asking, “What is “DINOvember?” It's a month-long celebration of dinosaurs and the children (and adults) who are obsessed with them. It was inspired by Refe and Susan Tume, authors of the “What the Dinosaurs Did” picture book series and instigators of this “month-long imagination invasion.”

Sewing Adventures: Mini Animals & Pet Toys

Saturday, November 18, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Library Conference Room

For ages 8-14. Sew your own pet toy or miniature animal. Make a cat, a rat, a mouse or a fish for your pet, or as soft sculpture. In this workshop, sewists will design a

miniature animal and sew it to life with fabric, felt and stitches. Beginning sewists welcome. No prior experience necessary but complete beginners must be accompanied by their adult to work one on one in learning basic skills of threading a needle and tying a knot for their first few meetings. All materials provided. Registration required, sign up on our website.

Weekly Programs

Messy Minis! Process Art for Curious Kids

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's paint, color, cut and paste together to make magic! Each week we'll have different supplies out for you to be creative with. Some supplies may be limited, so be ready with your flexible and creative muscles. We can't wait to see what you make. For budding artists ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

Dress Up and Dance

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes and everybody's favorite bubble song. For dancing enthusiasts ages 2-5.

Play Date at the Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (Ages 0-5)

Drop-in playtime session for children and their caregivers. This informal program is a fun and engaging way to explore liter-

acy practices along with social and imaginative play. Through play, young children learn about their world. With this knowledge, they can understand books and stories once they begin to read. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends.

Ready for Reading Club

Wednesday, 1:30-2:00 p.m. (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join us for longer stories, fun with music, and a variety of simple early learning games and activities.

Tiny Tunes

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 1-3)

This inclusive program is for children who are not quite ready for a traditional story time, but love to have fun with friends. Join us for a movement-based program that's a gentle introduction to the routines, songs and props we use for storytimes, but without the books. Great for curious, wandering wigglers, ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

Traditional Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 3+)

Join us in the Community Room for songs and stories, bubbles, and Belinda the Bear. Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

School-Age Programs

D&D Social (Ages 11-13)

Third Tuesday of each Month, 3:30-4:30

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