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♥ **St. Valentine's Day!** Through most of the week, Feb 12-15, we're making valentine cards for people who are special in our lives. Children are welcome to drop by. We'll supply the paper, scissors, stickers, hearts, ribbons & doilies.

- Fri, Feb 1, 6:30-8:30pm, **STAR PARTY**, ages 8-11 (bring a parent or caregiver) to high schoolers, rain date Feb 8. A Star Party is an accessible way to make hands-on science fun and give astronomy enthusiasts a greater appreciation for the night skies. Registration required by contacting the Children's Room 443-5141 x16 or 17.
  - ✓ The program will be professionally presented by [Southern Maine Astronomers](#) and [Cornerstones' STAR](#) (Sharing Telescopes and Astronomical Resources) Program. The event will take place in the Library Community Room, for the first 45 minutes or so, where kids will learn how to view the night Sky using a Star Chart and be presented with a slide show to get to know the telescope. If you can bring a flashlight covered in **red** plastic for night vision that would be very helpful. We will then be outside for the remainder of the Star Party using the telescopes. Feel free to bring your own, too.
  - ✓ Also, we're trying to start an Astronomy Club for kids 8 and older. If you know of someone who'd be interested in running it, once a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:30pm, during January, February and March, please let [Carol](#) (Children's Room) know, ASAP. The instructor must have celestial enthusiasm, field expertise and enjoyment working with kids. For the first half of each meeting, we gather in the Children's Room for star discussion/telescope training, (The library owns a circulating Orion Starblaster 4.5) and, the latter half, outside the library for night sky observation. (Paid position from a Merrymeeting Bay Trust Grant for \$200)



- Wed, Feb 6, 4-5:00pm, **EXPLORING NATURE** with local artist & curious naturalist, **kdb** [kdbhttps://www.kdbwilderland.com/](https://www.kdbwilderland.com/) *What do you spy with your little eye?* Meet outside at the Gazebo for about 10 minutes with kdb and then, we'll head inside to the Storytime Room for some interactive nature fun!
  - Wed, Feb 7, 4-5:00pm, **THE DAMARISCOTTA RIVER ASSOCIATION** presents, "Wabanaki Living Skills & Culture". Meet at the Gazebo for about 10 minutes and then, into the Storytime Room. Ages 5 & up.
  - Wed, Feb 13, 4-5:00pm, **4-H COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** educator, Zachary Glenn, will present "Brrr! Our Wintry Winter World". To begin with, we'll gather for a little while outside at the Gazebo. So dress warmly! Then, it's inside the Storytime Room for hands on activities.

- Tue, Feb 19, 11:00am-5:00pm & Wed, Feb 20, 10:00am-3:00pm, **THE MAINER 3 RAILERS** are back! Electric train displays will take over the Storytime Room & “engineers” will be on hand to talk about their exciting collections. All ages welcome!
- Thu, Feb 21, 10:30-11:00am, **PRESCHOOL SOCK HOP!** Shed your shoes outside the Storytime Room, gather ‘round for a story and then, dance away to some fun music.
- Fri, Feb 22, 10:30am-noonISH, **PRESCHOOL DRIVE-IN MOVIE & CAR MAKING** in Community Room. Bring a cardboard box that your child can comfortably fit into. They’ll spend about 30 minutesISH decorating their “cars” & then watch about 30 minutesISH watching the movie, *Cars toon: Mater's Tall Tales* while eating movie snacks (popcorn & juice or bring your own). We supply all the materials. Adults will help child decorate. **Sign up required.** Limited to 30 children, ages 3-5.
- **STORYTIME BOOK BABIES**, Wednesdays, 10:30am  
Gather with your little one (babies & toddlers), for twenty minutes of fun rhyming stories, finger plays & songs while your child feels snug on your lap. \*No Storytimes during vacation week, Feb20.
- **STORYTIME FOR 2’S & 3’S**, Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am. Join the circle of little friends & enjoy short stories, songs & puppets. \*No Storytimes during vacation week, Feb 21.
- **LEGO LEAGUE**, Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00pm, ages 6 & up. Join our Lego Leaders for some great Lego fun! We have small sized Lego blocks to share but feel free to bring your own. Your finished work can go home at the end of each session or leave it in our display case for a short time to show the world! \*No Lego League during vacation week, Feb 19.



Ask our Children’s Room staff or view our website for details about the following

### **Unusual Things That Circulate:**

- ✓ **Telescope (1)**
- ✓ **Binoculars (2 day/night use; 2 day use kits)**
- ✓ **American Girl Doll Kits (7)**
- ✓ **Learning language book bags (2), French & Spanish**
- ✓ **Science-themed backpacks (7) & books bags (7)**
- ✓ **Borrow an American Girl Doll Kit for one week! Molly McIntire (1944), Addy Walker (1864), Caroline Abbott (1812), Samantha Parkington (1904), Rebecca Rubin (1914), Mary Ellen Larkin (1954), Kaya (1764) & her mare, Steps High.**

Explore the Patten Free Library Children’s Room online <http://www.patten.lib.me.us/kids/> for our **Events Calendar; The Kid’s Blog, Books & Reading; Fun & Games; and Homework Help.**

Check out the **Library Bookstore** at 194 Front Street! It has shelves of children’s books at excellent prices. All books are gently used book donations to the Library and the proceeds benefit the Library.

Did you know? We have passes to the **Children’s Museum of Maine** in Portland.

<http://www.childrensmuseumofme.org/>

