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## SEPTEMBER 2017



### WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Children's Room is surrounded by Dahlov Ipcar's original mural painting and books that focus on children ages up to 11 years old. Our Children's Room is an enchanting place to visit with a friendly staff who love working with kids. We know our books and love finding just the right book for you. Our thoughtfully planned morning, afternoon and special literacy-based programs are some of the very best around. Here, you'll discover collections of books for various reading levels, books on CDs, DVDs, and music CDs; the Storytime Room houses the actual size, hand-made sailboat, *Time of Wonder*, one of the many cozy places where you can read on your visit; iPads and computers for Internet searching and AWE Literacy Stations. We offer circulating American Girl Doll Kits, learning language book bags, and science-themed backpacks and books bags. Our Monthly Flyer of events is available in the Children's Room and on our webpage. We're here to help raise passionate readers!

### Dori's Daring Girls Group



Dori Brillard, Children's Room staff member, is starting a weekly gathering for girls ages 9 to 11, beginning Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the school year. The goal is to provide a safe and welcoming space for girls to connect with each other, get in touch with their dreams and creativity, and explore common themes that come up during those formative years. As leader, Dori will be using tools such as arts and crafts, journal writing, open discussion, and light exploration of poetry and language. The group will meet every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Children's Reading Room. Limit of ten girls and sign-up is required.



We have seven circulating **American Girl Doll Kits**: Addy & her horse, Steps High; Caroline; Kaya; Mary Ellen; Molly; Rebecca; and Samantha. Ask us about borrowing them for one week.

The Children's Room is happy to offer, our patrons, circulating **My Own Backyard (MOBY) backpacks** and **book bags**, themed tools for youth exploration of local natural history. This is made possible by a grant from the Merrymeeting Bay Trust, promoting the understanding, awareness, and study of the natural environment surrounding Merrymeeting Bay.



The Book Bags and Backpacks may circulate (with a PFL card in good standing) one book bag and one backpack per family, for three weeks with no reserves. Adult supervision is required, especially with the rock hammer. Review the inventory list before circulation and to return the items to the Children's Room on time, for others to use.

Please ask for one of the following Merrymeeting Bay Trust Grant Backpacks and/or Book Bags types:

- ❖ River to Sea (Estuarine environment)
- ❖ Woodland Adventures (Forests & vernal ponds)
- ❖ Fields and Meadows
- ❖ Seashore and Salt Marsh
- ❖ Ponds and Wetlands
- ❖ Rocks, Minerals, and Geology
- ❖ Nature at Night



We're very glad to offer two **circulating language backpacks** from Dino Lingo for learning French and Spanish. Dino Lingo is an interactive language learning program for children. Fueled by your child's imagination, learning a new language through our immersive teaching techniques has never been easier. Dino Lingo incorporates play and storytelling into their language learning programs; this method encourages your child to start speaking it almost immediately!

The backpacks are available for Patten Free Library patrons with a PFL card in good standing (one per family) and circulate for three weeks with no renewals. Please return them with all contents (DVDs, CDs, booklets, flashcards, etc) to the Children's Room, not to the Adult Desk or outside book drop. These language backpacks were very kindly funded by a private donation.



## STORYTIMES AND OTHER PROGRAMS

### STORYTIMES START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

Our **STORYTIMES** program runs through the school year, September-May, with a December and June break. Each age appropriate program is thoughtfully prepared and no registration is required. For a happier experience, we ask that you turn off your eDevices during the program. Enjoy time with your child and meeting new friends, while building a foundation for reading success.

### Baby 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 & secure on your lap. "Read to your bunny often. It's twenty minutes of fun. It's twenty minutes of

*moonlight, and twenty minutes of sun."* ~ Rosemary Wells



# 2 & 3

Two and Three Year Old Storytimes ~ **Thursdays, 10:30am-11:00am**

Join the circle of little friends & enjoy short stories, songs, puppets & little craft.



### CREATE ~ SOCIALIZE ~ EXPLORE

Join us for **LEGOs every Tuesday, 4:00-5:00pm**, during the school year, starting September 12, ages 6 & up. If you're a great Lego builder, or a first timer, this is the place for you. We supply heaps of Legos while kids provide the imagination. At the end of each session, you may add your creation to our special display case for the world to see! We don't want you to lose your favorite pieces. If you have any Legos to spare, please consider donating them to the library Lego Club.

# PARENT TALK SERIES

Join us for a collaboration with Midcoast Maine Community Action's Families CAN and G.E.A.R. Parent Network (Gaining Empowerment Allows Results). Educators will present the following **Parent Talk Series**, a parent support and quiet play group concept, to be held for parents with or without their children, Fridays, 10:30am-11:30am, in the Storytime Room. Attend all or one. Sign up kindly required:

- Parenting styles – September 8th
- Temperament – September 15th
- Take Action Against Bullying – September 22nd
- Communicating with Respect – September 29th
- Positive Discipline – October 6th
- Avoiding Power Struggles – October 13th
- Every Parent Has What It Takes to Be a Brain Builder – October 20th
- Managing Stress- October 27th



**STORYWALK...**The last of our Summer Storywalks Series will take place, **Wednesday, September 6th, 3pm-4pm** with **leader** Gareth Helm at Bowdoin College Coastal Studies Center, 240 Bayview Rd, Orr's Island. Fall is an exciting time in Maine. Learners will engage in a nature walk to look for signs of the changing seasons. Expert will discuss how various animals, birds and plants prepare for the impending winter. Children will learn about bird migration and how non-migrating animals prepare for the frigid conditions. This program is brought to you by a Merrymeeting Bay Trust Grant. Dress appropriately for wooded areas and consider using bug protection. Please ask the

Children's Room staff about our new circulating My Own Backyard (MOBY) themed backpacks and book bags, tools for youth exploration of local natural history.



Did you know? We have passes to the **Children's Museum of Maine** in Portland. <http://www.childrensmuseumofme.org/> Contact us for more information and to make your reservation.

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.



