



CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# CURTIS NEWS

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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Money Works for Women

All sessions at 5:30 pm — SEE PAGE 4

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Buying Your First Car (teens invited)

June 16

Starting Out in Investing

July 20

Investing: How Do I know What's Right for Me?

August 10

Women & Money Book Group

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August 29, 8:00 and 8:30 pm

## SUMMER HOURS

May 28-September 4

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 am-8:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm

Saturday 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday CLOSED

The library will also be CLOSED:

Memorial Day—Mon., May 30

Independence Day—Mon., July 4

Labor Day—Mon., Sept. 5



# BIGGEST SALE

When it's below freezing for months on end and the snow simply does not melt, Mainers know just what to do; get cozy in a warm den and read! Now that it looks like winter has finally ended, all of us have a desperate need for books, video tapes, DVDs, CDs, games, puzzles, and more books.

Happily, help is right around the corner. Yes, the Curtis Friends are pleased to announce that our annual book sale will take place on June 24, 25, and 26. If you are a Friends member, the special Member Appreciation event will open the festivities on Thursday night, June 23. For 2011 we've added another hour to ensure the Friends have time to find exactly what they want.

Last year we smashed all previous records and stuffed the Brunswick Junior High School gym with 59,000 items. At the moment donations are close to matching those of 2010. In other words, we'll have tons of great stuff.

There are a couple of differences between this year's sale and last year's. Behind the scenes we're going to have to rely on our people alone. The U.S. Navy is all but gone. They had supplied a crew of sailors to help us move boxes on the Tuesday before the sale opens. If you're interested in helping with this, or with any other part of the sale, contact Pamela Bobker, our library's Volunteer Coordinator. (see box)

Another change should provide some relief in the gym itself. Every year there's at least one day when it gets hot and stuffy. This year we'll have fans in critical spots to help shoppers stay cool. Lastly, we hope to have some chairs available for patrons who want to rest while they're "on the hunt."

Our volunteers and local donors are excited to put on Northern New England's biggest book sale. This year it's also going to be the best! — JR



This year's Book Sale picture was donated by Charlotte Agell, from her book *I Wear Green Hair in the Summer*.

## BOOK SALE · 2011

### When

Thursday, June 23:

Member Appreciation 5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, June 24: 10:00 am-7:00 pm

Saturday, June 25: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday, June 26: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

### Where

Brunswick Junior High School  
65 Columbia Ave. Brunswick

### Volunteer

Contact Pamela Bobker:

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# BLACK BELTS “R” US

Curtis Memorial Library is an interesting place. It is open to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, educated and not. It is one of the few places in the community where people from all walks of life come together to use a shared resource.

The positive side of this environment is that the library truly is one of the best reflections of our democracy. Everyone is treated the same and everyone has the same access to the resources provided by the library.

The negative side of this environment is that there are always those individuals who take advantage of a free and open environment to pursue their own agenda which can make other patrons uncomfortable. Today’s librarians need the training and tools that will help them be aware of these individuals so that we can identify potential problems and stop them before they become too big.

To help in this process a group of Curtis librarians recently attended a seminar, “The Black Belt Librarian”. The program was taught by a nationally known library security expert, Warren Graham. The program was very helpful and thought-provoking. Because most library patrons have no idea of the varied training that librarians must have in order to maintain the calm and peace at Curtis Library, I thought our newsletter readers might find it interesting to hear some of what we learned about an approach librarians should use to ensure a safe and comfortable library experience for patrons.

- Lesson 1 – treat everyone the same. If we ask the disheveled person in the corner not to sleep, then we also have to ask the well-known politician that dozes off to not sleep.
- Lesson 2 – develop our own “quiet awareness”. The exercise directs us to stop every 30 minutes for 30 seconds to look around and be aware of who is around and what they are doing. People who are thinking about creating prob-

lems don’t generally want to be noticed. If we do notice them – they tend to leave the premises.

- Lesson 3 – trust our intuition. If we feel like something is wrong – it probably is. We should look around to see if we can figure out what is causing our subconscious to take notice and then make a point of talking with the folks that are setting off our internal alarms.
- Lesson 4 – however, despite lesson 3 - we should never, ever judge someone by how they look. The best dressed, calmest individual can create as many (or more) issues as the unkempt person who comes in the library looking angry. Judge by actions not appearances (a good life lesson too!)
- Lesson 5 – don’t ever accept bad treatment. No one is allowed to swear at us. If they do, they need to leave the library immediately.

None of these are new ideas. However, hearing them again confirmed their value in the library environment and increased our comfort in applying them. Discussion around each topic also helped us articulate our concerns and get to some resolution.

As I drove away from the seminar I was yet again amazed by what it takes to be a good librarian in today’s world! We as a staff are better prepared to be fair, and firm, and to maintain a friendly, safe atmosphere at Curtis Memorial Library. — ED

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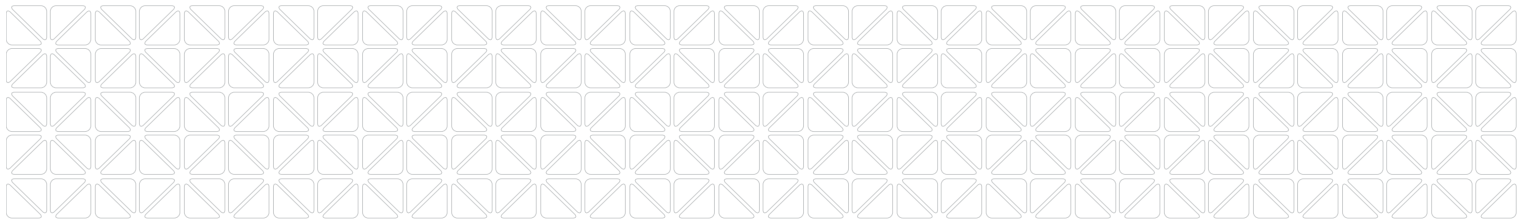
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## MEET OUR NEWEST LIBRARIAN

Curtis Memorial Library is pleased to announce that Sarah Brown has joined the staff as our new Adult Services Manager. She replaces Janet Fullerton who retired in the Spring.



Sarah comes to us from Lafayette, Indiana, with over thirteen years of wide-ranging professional library experience in public and academic libraries.

She is eager to share her expertise and her love of books, technology, programming, and all-things-library with the Brunswick/Harpswell community. Welcome, Sarah! — PJ

## INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

A library is many things: a storage place for books and other materials is the obvious association, but then too we remember the reference librarians who helped us sort through materials to find just the right stuff to use for those high school or college papers. These days we try to do it all ourselves; all we need is an internet link and a browser and we're off and running, any time of the day or night. Of course when we type a set of keywords we get back thousands of hits, and how much time can one spend searching through them to determine which of them might actually be reputable resources?

Enter the Internet Public Library (ipl2), where reference librarians perform the same service on websites that librarians have always done with books: looked at many, reviewed some, and chosen a few as the best for their particular patrons. The site is curated by the students and staff of participating library schools and its mission statement reads as follows:

"ipl2 will shape and direct the evolving role of libraries in an increasingly digital world while working to become a virtual learning laboratory for the study of information services and technology. The ipl2 staff, faculty, and volunteers will strive to meet these goals by:

- creating and supporting new learning experiences for students and volunteers
- serving as a research forum and as a technological test-bed
- serving the public by finding, evaluating, selecting, organizing, describing, and creating high quality information resources
- connecting members of the public to high-quality information and resources through the ipl question answering service."

Recommended sites are organized by subject area and sub-topics, so it is easy to determine whether they have recommended sites in the subject area you are exploring. The site also has sections focused specifically on websites geared for children and teens. Next time you are looking for a website on a particular topic, try out ipl2 at [www.ipl2.org](http://www.ipl2.org). — MD

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## MONEY WORKS

You talked and we listened. The surveys that so many of you filled out regarding our financial literacy program were very helpful. We got more than 200 responses, and over 85% of you expressed interest in our program! The topics which you want to hear most about are retirement, personal finance, and investing. We are busy planning these upcoming projects and events (see dates on Page 1):

### Money Works For Women Investing Education Club

Are you a woman wishing for a fun and exciting way to learn more about investing your money safely and successfully? We have a program for you! Learn about investing along with other women by joining the library's new Money Works for Women Investment Education Club, where women can learn and gain confidence about their personal finances in the company of their friends, old and new.

No actual investing will take place, but you will learn the skills to start investing on your own or together with other club members. There will also be book discussions every few months (books to be announced at upcoming meetings). The Club is open to women of all ages and any level of investing experience and it will be facilitated by the library's new financial literacy team, Ellen Hawkins and Martín Blasco.

### Money Works For Women Website

Here you'll find lots of financial resources. We have pages targeted for the financial needs of three different age groups, as well as pages for each of the most desired topics, based on the survey responses. We have chosen our links out of the several hundred available, saving you the time and effort of doing the search on your own, and have tried hard to provide links to websites that are informative and reliable. While in the library, visit our Money Room across from the Lending Services Desk, where you can get the latest books, magazines, and newspapers on relevant financial topics! See [www.curtislibrary.com/money](http://www.curtislibrary.com/money)

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## HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCES

Maine residents with questions about health insurance have a new resource. A hotline is available for consumers to call for free, confidential help. Call **800-965-7476** for:



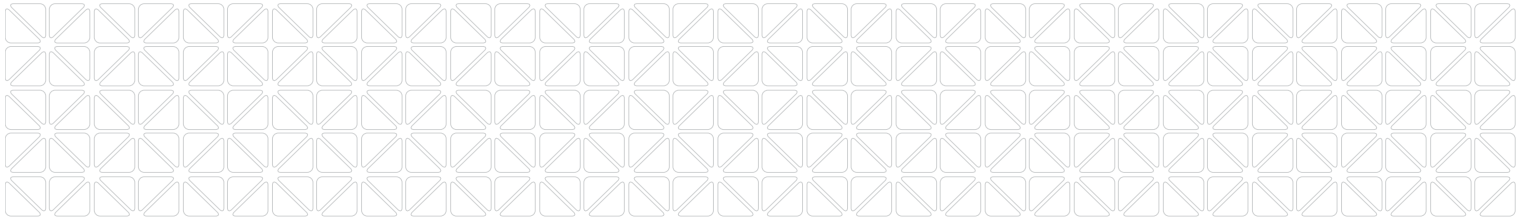
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- Finding affordable coverage
- Filing an appeal of denied benefits
- Finding a health care provider
- Getting the small business tax credit
- Understanding your rights and responsibilities
- Enrolling in MaineCare

On the website [www.maine cahc.org/mhicap.htm](http://www.maine cahc.org/mhicap.htm) are guides to types of insurance coverage such as COBRA, dental insurance and prescription drug plans. Consumers will find information about buying insurance for individuals or small businesses. They can find monthly workshops about MaineCare, low-cost prescription drug plans and other health care programs. Health insurance options may vary with age, type of household and other factors, so online guides are available for kids and parents, pregnant women, 19 and 20 year-olds, disabled or elderly adults and other adults.

This program is a partnership of the Maine Office of the Attorney General and the non-profit agency Consumers for Affordable Health Care, with assistance from the Maine Bureau of Insurance. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Health consumers interested in quality and rankings for hospitals and doctors should check out the website: [www.getbettermaine.org](http://www.getbettermaine.org). This site is provided by the Maine Health Management Coalition Foundation, a charitable organization whose mission is to bring the people who get care, pay for care, and provide care together in order to measure and improve the quality of health care services in Maine. — LO



# SPRING CLEANUP IS ROOTED IN TRADITION

As readers of this Newsletter know, Curtis has a 100-year tradition of volunteers maintaining the library grounds and beautifying the gardens. Helping that tradition evolve into its 21st Century guise, over 25 volunteers, from the young to the spry, stepped up on the first Saturday in May to trim, rake, dig, haul and plant.

Look for the results in the new garden at the corner of Pleasant and Middle Streets, which transformed a ground-beaten hang-out into an attractive approach to the library. Jack Hudson designed the garden and, using proceeds from the Curtis Garden and Grounds endowment fund, he and his wife Judy pulled the project together. We applaud their design

expertise and hard work on this project. We also hail all the volunteers who pitched in to make the day such a success.

Many others were busy hauling branches, weeds and leaves, sifting stones around the west entrance, cleaning gardens and raking grass. And George Burr with his cookout crew fed them all!

Our THANKS to all these volunteers for their time, hands, backs and cheerful spirits to beautify the library. — MH



## SCIENCE MUSEUM PASS AVAILABLE



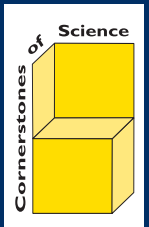
Whether planning a day trip or a vacation to Boston, consider adding the Museum of Science to your itinerary. Experience lightning bolts in the Theater of Electricity, explore interactive exhibits from bees to cosmic light, and visit the new dinosaur exhibit

The library now offers a reduced fee pass to the Museum of Science in Boston! This is a pilot program funded by Cornerstones of Science. The pass can be checked out by one library cardholder for each day.

which opens June 5. For more information, check [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org).

The pass will admit up to four people to the Exhibit Halls of the museum for the significantly reduced price of \$5.00 per person. Regular admission ranges from \$18-\$21 per person. Admission to the IMAX theater, Planetarium, and other special exhibits and shows is not included in the pass.

To reserve the pass, please stop by the Lending Services desk or call 725-5242, ext 213. — DMC



# PUZZLE PAGE

Two new types of puzzles and the word search will help challenge three halves of your brain. Good luck!

\*\* answers are available at the Lending Services Desk and online at [www.curtislibrary.com/answers\\_v22-3](http://www.curtislibrary.com/answers_v22-3) — GB

## MATH SQUARE

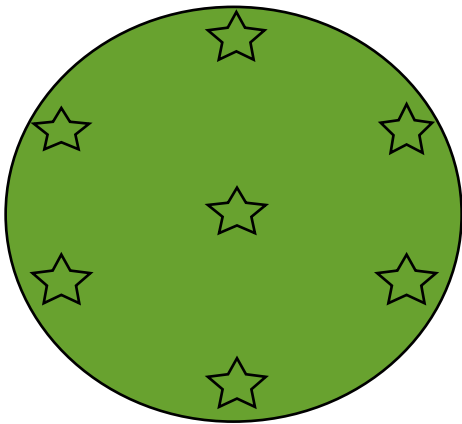
Each row and column is a math equation. Fill in the missing numbers: use the numbers 1-16 to complete all 8 equations. Each number is used only once. The first row and column are completed for you.

Do you remember this rule from 6th grade? *Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.*

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## CIRCLE & STARS

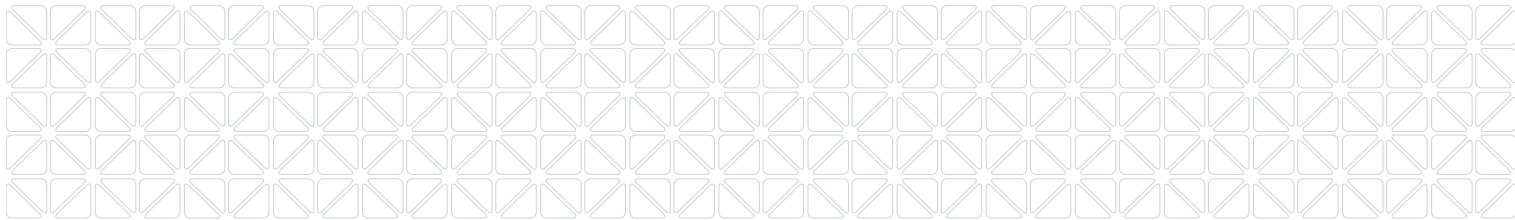
Using 3 straight lines divide the circle so there is only one star in each section.



## EIGHT MAINE RIVERS

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| ANDROSCOGGIN | SACO       |
| CATHANCE     | SAINTCROIX |
| KENNEBEC     | SAINTJOHN  |

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# TEEN SUMMER READING



Buckaroo Bonzai said, "Wherever you go, there you are."

Teens will find the action is here at Curtis this summer with the 2011 Teen Summer Reading Program, "You Are Here", promoting travel, the time-space continuum, and the local fun teens can have in and out of their library. There are two parts to "You Are Here", weekly events and a self-guided activity sheet to complete for prizes.

Weekly events include futuristic flicks at Mondays@the Movies; special events on Super Tuesdays; all types of gaming on Wednesday afternoons; and international Make It, Take it crafts with Heidi Boyd on Fridays.



There will also be another Nerf Turf War in July, a Harry Potter double feature, and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party where teens babysit a child's plush pals, and much more. By attending events, students entering sixth through twelfth grades can earn punches on an activity sheet to receive prizes.

Come to the library anytime between June 20 and July 30 and register to read 15 hours this summer and/or attend library events. Every registrant will receive a free Portland Sea Dogs ticket and those who complete the program will receive a prize packet containing books and other items plus a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several theme baskets such as a World

Traveler's Kit or a Beach Bag containing all the items needed to go to Reid or Popham State Parks.

For a complete listings of events, visit [www.curtislibrary.com/teens](http://www.curtislibrary.com/teens). — MO



# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



Children will travel the globe this summer through Curtis Library's "One World, Many Stories" summer reading program. Readers and pre-readers (pre-K through Grade 5) can explore the cultures around them through books, games and other activities while they develop their reading skills and have fun, too! Programs and events run from Monday, June 20 through Friday, August 12.

Participants use a Game Board and Reading Log to complete reading and library-related activities throughout the weeks of summer and track their progress along the way. A free Portland Sea Dogs game ticket voucher is available for each child who signs up for the program.

Some of the events scheduled as part of the program include a performance by the hilarious comedian/juggler/magician Randy Judkins on June 27; West African drummer Jordan Benissan on July 5, a folk tale puppet show with Lindsay Bezich on August 1; science presentations by Chewonki and Mad Science; music sessions with Michelle Pavitt, Teresa Gillis, and Matt Loosigian; and a series of craft programs led by Heidi Boyd featuring Aboriginal racing turtles, Guatemalan worry dolls, Chinese kites and more.



All programs are free and open to the public, sponsored by the Curtis Friends. For registration information and a complete list of events and dates, please stop in and pick up a program sheet or visit our web site: [www.curtislibrary.com](http://www.curtislibrary.com). For more information contact Youth Services, 725-5242 x225. — PJ

## BEACH READING

Summer reading lists exist for many reasons. Some are lists of books required for classes in the Fall, and while the titles may be tedious for students, they are usually classics in their own right. Others are great reads that travel well.

I have fond memories of reading *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Les Miserables* in high school, not-so-fond memories of reading *Look Homeward, Angel* by Thomas Wolfe. Even though I disliked the latter novel I can say that the experience of reading it has stayed with me all these years.

Other lists have a theme, such as the list for the 2011 incoming freshmen at UC Berkeley. Their theme this year is Social Media and the list includes a few novels - *Super Sad True Love Story* by Gary Shteyngart and *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov – as well as magazine articles and a number of scholarly books on the subject.

Bates College book store has a list that they call Annual Bates College Store Non-required Reading List, or Good Reads for Leisure Moments. Last year’s list included a number of novels that “everybody” is reading including the Stieg Larsson *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* trilogy, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett and two books by Bates alumni: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout\* (class of '77) and *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova (class of '92).

I think the perfect summer list for leisure reading consists of books that take place where you are. Below is a list of some of the newer novels that take place in Maine and are written by Maine authors. You can find more novels about Maine by searching our catalog under subject for “Maine fiction”.

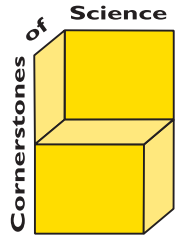
- Hull Creek* by Jim Nichols
- The Poacher’s Son* by Paul Doiron
- State of the Union* by Douglas Kennedy
- Luke’s Dream* by Brian Daniels
- The Love Goddess’ Cooking School* by Melissa Senate

Whether you find a list that inspires you or create one of your own—happy beach reading! — CL

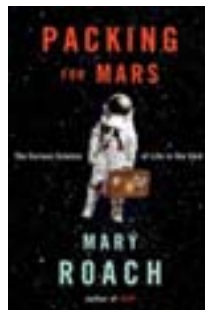
\*Editor’s note: Elizabeth Strout is now a Brunswick resident and will speak at Curtis this Fall.

## NOOK, STARS & MARS

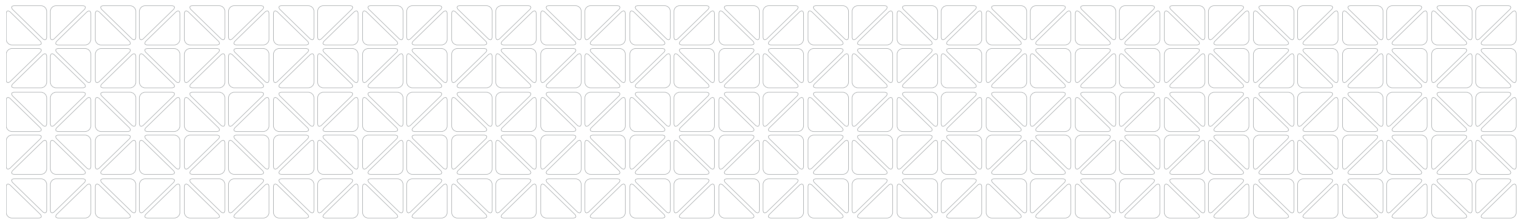
Curtis Library patrons have the opportunity to try out a new format of book this summer. Cornerstones of Science is funding the purchase of a NOOK Color™ eReader and a sampling of Cornerstones of Science children’s and adult eBooks. You will be able to reserve the NOOK Color™ as you would a book from the library catalog. Adult titles loaded on the NOOK will include *Packing for Mars* by Mary Roach, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, *The Emperor of All Maladies: a Biography of Cancer*, and *The Disappearing Spoon: and Other True Tales Of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of Elements*.



In February, Cornerstones of Science presented a program that had library patrons trying out the Star Walk app on the library iPads. Lorri Centineo, an astronomy expert from the Southworth Planetarium came to answer questions. It was a great evening, but way too cold! The Star Walk program returns on what promises to be a warmer evening, Monday, August 29. Collaborating with the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust, we are holding the program under the big sky at Crystal Spring Farm in the farmer’s market field. Families with children should arrive at 8:00 pm for the first session. The second session for teens and adults begins at 8:30 pm. Lorri Centineo returns to help identify constellations and talk about the mythology behind their names. In the event of rain or overcast skies, the program will be in the Morrell Meeting Room. This program is a joint project of Curtis Memorial Library, Cornerstones of Science and the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust.

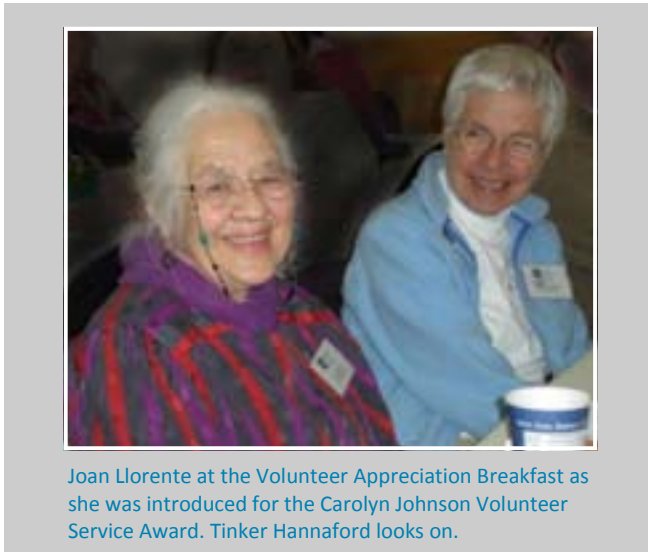


In late August, look in the library lobby for copies of this year’s Fall Science Read. *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life In The Void* by Mary Roach takes a light-hearted look at the history, science and challenges of long-distance space travel and exploration. The start date and events will be announced in the next newsletter. — LO



## JOAN LLORENTE IS VOLUNTEER OF YEAR

Joan Llorente is the 2011 recipient of the Carolyn Johnson Service Award. Joan has been a dedicated library volunteer since 1996 and usually puts in 170 hours a year shelving books, delivering books to an elderly patron and helping with our book sales. Joan's cheerful, modest demeanor, as well as her hard work, are much appreciated by everyone at Curtis. — PB



Joan Llorente at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast as she was introduced for the Carolyn Johnson Volunteer Service Award. Tinker Hannaford looks on.

## VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Curtis Library is much more than a collection of books, DVDs and computers; it is a dynamic community of staff, patrons, and volunteers. On Saturday, April 30, 110 members of the library community turned out for the eleventh annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, hosted by the Curtis Friends.

Our volunteers are a diverse group, ranging in age from 12 to 87, who perform many important jobs such as shelving books, gardening, delivering books to the homebound, and sending out mailings. Some people help for a few hours during the week of the book sale; others come in to the library three times a week to repair books or DVDs. Any contribution is valued and helps to improve library services. In total, 330 volunteers contributed an amazing 9200 hours of work last year.

This year was the second year of a special volunteer recognition program, sponsored by the Curtis Friends. A book was added to the collection in honor of each volunteer who worked 50 hours or more during the past year. Forty-four people met this threshold this year — most of them worked far more than the minimum hours. The books purchased for these volunteers have a special nameplate and were on display at the breakfast. — PB

## 50+ HOUR VOLUNTEER HONOREES 2010

Michael Becker  
Dot Berner  
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Jennifer Ciejka  
June Coffin  
Dorothy Corkhill  
Donna Croxford  
Hannah Dring

Erin Eldridge  
Pamela Galvin  
Tim Gardiner  
Sally Greene  
Betsey Grobe  
Annette Haas  
Jeff Hall  
Becky Hawkins  
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Joan Llorente  
Robert Marshall  
Martha McBride  
Jo McCartan  
Maggie McEwen  
Anne Merrifield  
Bill Millar

Susan Millar  
Linda Millert  
Sheila Nacke  
Marilyn Nulman  
Susan Olds  
Linda Preusse  
Debora Price  
Lynn Reese  
Victoria Smith

Kermit Smyth  
Cathy Steele  
Emily Swan  
Lois Thacker  
Jill Victor  
Betty Wescott  
Genie Wheelwright  
Michael Wormser

## CUNDY'S HARBOR

Several children from this Harpswell community visited Cundy's Harbor Library during Spring school vacation week to welcome the arrival of the new children's and young adult books to the Cundy's Harbor Library. The books were purchased with grant money from the Libri Foundation in Eugene, Oregon, which funds such collections in small libraries throughout the country. Cundy's Harbor Library has won three such grants over the past decade.

The Library contributed \$350 to match the two-for-one grant of \$700. In addition an extra grant of \$350 was received from the Libri Foundation specifically for books on science and math. The Library match was funded by proceeds from a square dance held in August 2010 with help from members of the Sage



Swingers Square and Round Dance Club of Brunswick.

Children in the community are invited to come in to the Library and browse the new books, which include young

adult and juvenile fiction, biographies, and math and science titles.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, June 28, 2011: the program runs six consecutive Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am, in which children will explore what makes a house, including design, materials, and structures, with lots of hands-on activities.

Puppet show Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 11:00 am: Award-winning puppeteer Deborah Costine will present "Woodland Cinderella" at Cundy's Harbor Library.

Annual Book Sale, July 15-16, 2011: Once again, Cundy's Harbor Library will hold its annual sale of used books and other materials at Cundy's Harbor Community Hall, 837 Cundy's Harbor Road, Harpswell. Please check the library's website [www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us](http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us) for open hours.

Ice Cream Social and Square Dance, Friday, August 6, 2011: To kick off Cundy's Harbor Days, the library will hold its annual Ice Cream Social at the library from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, then the party moves to Cundy's Harbor Community Hall where caller Walter Bull will lead everyone through an evening of Western Square Dancing until 10:00 pm. — SS

### CUNDY'S HARBOR LIBRARY HOURS

TUESDAY 2:00-8:00 pm  
THURSDAY 2:00-8:00 pm  
SATURDAY 9:00 am-2:00 pm

For more information call 725-1461.

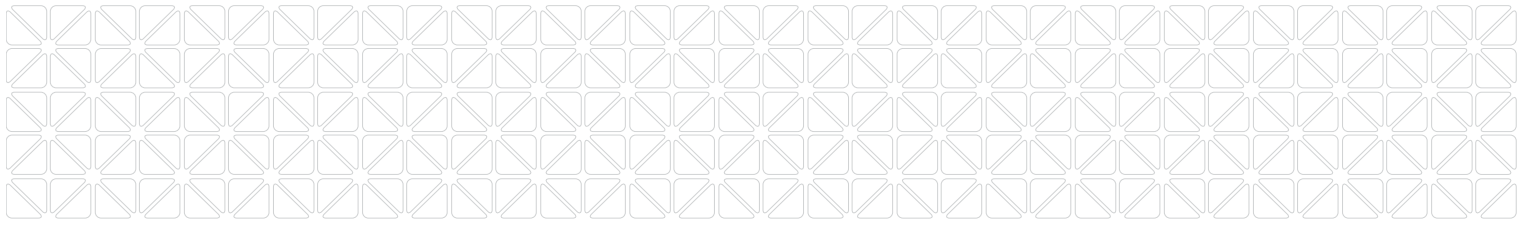
## COLLECTIBLE & SPECIAL BOOKS

Every so often the library receives some book donation gems. Volunteer Jill Victor evaluates old and rare books that catch our book sale sorters eyes. For the particularly valuable items volunteer Michael Wormser prices and describes them for sale, then staff member Rebecca Francis lists them on our website. Check [www.curtislibrary.com/collectible-sale](http://www.curtislibrary.com/collectible-sale) for all available titles and the details.

A recent addition to the Collectible and Special Book Sale at Curtis:

Caroline H. Dall, *The College, the Market and the Court; or Woman's Relation to Education, Labor and Law*. 1867. \$150

Dall (1822-1912), a prolific writer, follower of Margaret Fuller and admirer of transcendentalism—which she viewed as mainly a movement for social reform rather than an ideology—gave lectures in Boston between 1859 and 1862 on coeducation, vocational training and opportunities for women, equal pay with men for equivalent work, participation of women in governance and equality of the sexes under the law. This is a compilation of her lectures. She was a strong supporter of woman's suffrage, though her overbearing personality alienated people and she never achieved an influential role in women's politics of the day. Nevertheless, through her extensive writings, and this 1867 work in particular, Dall had an important influence on women's issues including the right to vote. — JV



# FREE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY

This year's summer program for children of all ages will take place at the Orr's Island Library on Wednesday mornings during the month of July. The programs are all free, and will be both entertaining and educational. The Chewonki traveling teams will bring two of their nature programs, illustrated with non-releasable live animals. The Chewonki programs will alternate with a magician who frequently takes his bag of tricks to libraries, and a musician whose sing-along program invites audience participation. The Wednesday programs are suitable for kindergarteners to adults, and last for approximately one hour, beginning at 10:00 am.

Here's the schedule:

Wednesday, July 6: Carroll Chapman, a magician who spices his tricks with stories and humor.

Wednesday, July 13: Chewonki: Many Forests, Many Stories, and the animals who live in them.

Wednesday, July 20: Matt Loosigian and his sing-along Earth Jam program.

Wednesday, July 27: Chewonki's long-time favorite, Scales and Tales, again with non-releasable live animals.



During the height of winter cabin fever, the puzzle table was often the busiest place in the Orr's Island Library. One of our regular puzzlers brought in one with 5,000 pieces. We spread it out on our large library table — and invited all players to a "puzzle party" on a cold Sunday afternoon. This picture shows some of the devoted puzzlers — they always welcome a new point of view. —HM

ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY HOURS	
MONDAY	1:00-6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	1:00-6:00 pm
FRIDAY	3:00-6:00 pm
SATURDAY	9:00 am-4:00 pm
For more information call 833-7811 during library hours	

## ALL ABOUT MAINE! NEW MUSEUM PASS

Looking for an interesting place to take family or guests on a rainy day? The Maine State Museum, located in Augusta, just might fit the bill. Highlights of ongoing exhibits include:

- Back to Nature – a walk through Maine's seasons and environments filled with animals, birds, plants, and gems
- Maine Bounty – features an 1846 steam locomotive and tools and equipment used to harvest and transport granite, fish and ice

- Made in Maine – includes a working three-story water-powered woodworking mill

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday. Check their web site for more information, [www.mainestatemuseum.org](http://www.mainestatemuseum.org).

To reserve a free museum pass, stop by the Lending Services desk at the library or call 725-5242. Passes are available courtesy of the Curtis Friends. — PJ



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## A GUIDE TO LOCAL ADVENTURES

Get out your Deep Woods Off, slather on sunblock and bungee the gas grill into the trunk; the snow won't be back until September! Now is your opportunity to take advantage of all that attracted the highlanders to Brunswick and Harpswell.

It's called the Great Outdoors and your guide to it is Curtis Library's website link called, wait for it...The Great Outdoors. You will find it on our Community Links page or type

[www.curtislibrary.com/greatoutdoors](http://www.curtislibrary.com/greatoutdoors).

Marilyn Wilkoff researched and assembled this treasure trove of places to take your bike, your reconstructed knees and even your cross-country skis. County by county the

trails and hikes of Maine are offered for your exploration and enjoyment.

We would be remiss as librarians if we didn't also offer books to augment your hiking activities.

For outings longer than an afternoon see *Hiking & Backpacking: a Complete Illustrated Guide* by Buck Tilton. Included are color photos of edible plants and, more importantly, those that aren't.

*Rail-Trails New England* from Wilderness Press expands your hiking options to the rest of the region as does *50 Hikes in Coastal and Inland Maine* by John Gibson. — PD

