



CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# CURTIS NEWS

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## COME CRAFT WITH CURTIS

We have a treat for crafters in the new CRAFTS area at the library. Featuring new and enhanced crafting resources, the CRAFTS area is located on the second floor, overlooking the garden. Some highlights of the area include:

### Books and Magazines

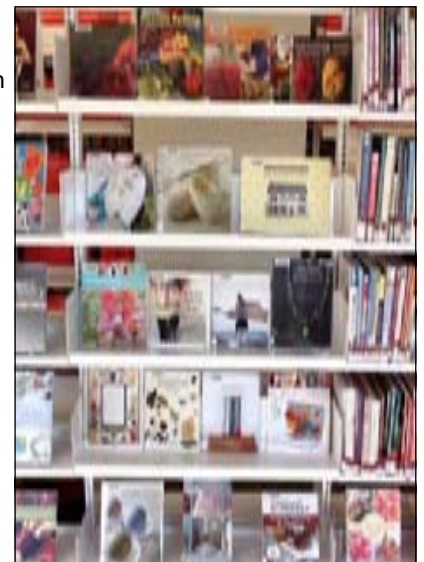
From altered art to *Zombie Felties*, check out what you need to plan your next crafting project.

### Online Resources

*Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center* provides DIY advice with more than 740 full-text magazines and books—plus over 720 how-to videos.

### Crafting Space

Invite your friends for a craft meet-up in our comfy crafting corner. — SB



# EVERYONE WHO READS NEEDS YOU!



Every year the library must raise the money to purchase the things that you borrow – the books, magazines, newspapers, music, movies & electronic databases that make up the library’s collection.

Through a recent strategic planning process the library leadership determined that we need to raise more money for the Annual Book Fund to ensure that the library’s collection isn’t just “good” but is “outstanding” based on national standards.

They also researched the recent explosion in community requests for e-books and e-readers and decided that the library must also find a way to meet that demand via incremental funding from the Annual Book Fund.

So, how do we make the Annual Book Fund bigger to meet these new demands? We have identified three simple strategies this year:

We are asking every member of the community who has a library card to make a gift to the Annual Book Fund, participation being critical.

We encourage everyone who has made a gift in the past to the Annual Book Fund to consider increasing that gift by 20% or more.

We ask that all donors make their gift in 2011 if possible. The

more quickly we can reach our goal, the fewer mailings we have to send out and that saves money for the library.

I hope that when you find your letter in the mail or get a phone call from a member of the Board of Directors that you will join in this effort. By making a first-time gift to the Annual Book Fund or by increasing the amount of the gift you make every year you will be helping Curtis Memorial Library provide an outstanding collection of reading materials in all formats for our community. — ED

## NEW PARTNERSHIP

Curtis has entered into a new partnership with Southern Maine Community College at Brunswick Landing. Because the Brunswick campus is in its infancy, SMCC does not yet have all of the resources it needs for its students – including a campus library. To fill this gap, SMCC has purchased Curtis library cards for the students at Brunswick Landing, enabling them to use the library building and all of its resources.

Working with SMCC faculty, Curtis librarians will provide library literacy classes to students to guide their use of the resources available to them. This partnership is a great win-win for both the library and SMCC students – we look forward to sharing the library with them. — ED

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The newsletter is one of the many projects funded by Curtis Friends.

## FILM NOIR FOR DARK NIGHTS

Winter nights in Maine are long and dark, perfect for settling by the fire on comfy couches to watch ordinary people sink into a life of crime during a *Film Noir for Dark Nights* series. Enter a black and white world where strong-jawed men either save the beautiful dame or are so ensnared by her beauty they commit murder. Then watch two more recent films in the genre that demonstrate film noir is alive and well.



Critics Robert Long and Melissa Orth will give a brief introduction to each film, covering key players and trivia. Join them in the 1904 building every Friday night in January at 7:30 pm for hot beverages, a cozy fire, and these great films:

Friday, January 6, 7:30—9:30 pm, *The Maltese Falcon*

Friday, January 13, 7:30—9:30 pm, *Double Indemnity*

Friday, January 20, 7:30—9:30 pm, *Brick*

Friday, January 27, 7:30—9:30 pm, *Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang*

*Please note:* If the library is closed due to weather conditions, the program is cancelled with no snow date. — MO

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## YOUR GIFT GIVING HELPS THE LIBRARY

Looking for a perfect gift for a library lover? Curtis has a few options to consider.

Books In Honor Of is an opportunity for you to celebrate a birthday, holiday or special occasion, or simply express your appreciation for someone or some special organization, by making a donation for a great book in their name.



You decide the amount and genre or age level when you make your donation. A librarian will select a book that complements your honoree and the library collection. We will post the honoree's name in the lobby and create a special book plate.



Books in Honor Of forms are in the lobby or you can donate on the secure website: [www.curtislibrary.com/donate](http://www.curtislibrary.com/donate).

Book bags are still available at the Lending Services desk in the lobby. These sturdy canvas bags sport the Curtis Friends logo and are suitable for books, groceries, ice skates or anything in between. Support the Friends for only \$10. The new Cur-

tis Kids bags are only \$8 and debut at the Curtis Kids Book Sale on November 12 (see page 11).

Collectible Books are available for purchase through the website [www.curtislibrary.com/collectible-sale](http://www.curtislibrary.com/collectible-sale). All proceeds are used to buy new books for the library.



Out-of-town library users may appreciate a Curtis Library card as a gift. One-year nonresident cards are \$65 and are available at the Lending desk. MH

# MONEY WORKS DEFINES PRUDENT INVESTING AND HELPS YOU UNDERSTAND FINANCES

## “THRIFT”

c. 1300, “fact or condition of thriving,” also “prosperity, savings,” from M.E. thriven “to thrive,” possibly influenced by O.N. brift “prosperity,” from brifask “to thrive.” Sense of “habit of saving, economy” first recorded 1550s.



## “FRUGAL”

1590s, from M.Fr. frugal, from L. frugalis, from undeclined adj. frugi “useful, proper, worthy, honest, temperate, economical,” originally dative of frux “fruit, produce,” figuratively “value, result, success,” related to fructus (fruit). Sense evolved in Latin from “useful” to “profitable” to “economical.”

Source: *Online Etymology Dictionary*

Since the Money Works for Women program was launched in March, we have presented a variety of programs and many resources that help patrons to achieve a better financial life. One of the issues we stress throughout this program is the need to save and to embrace thrift.

The reason for this is obvious, but many people tend to ignore it. In these past decades, borrowing heavily rather than saving has provoked the ruin of many who have piled up credit-card debt, bought houses they could not afford or, in many instances, used these houses like piggy banks by securing home equity loans, second mortgages, or by refinancing mortgages.

Before the recent financial crisis, household debt nearly doubled the income of most households, that is, we had a “negative savings rate,” for the first time since the Great Depression.

Living frugally, embracing thrift entails the management of money by saving more and being more careful about your spending habits. The goal here is to focus more on your needs rather than your wants.

Saving seems simple, but it is not. It requires discipline. To start introducing thrift back into your financial life you can:

- Get on a budget: start simple and keep it simple.
- Develop a plan: make sure this includes the creation of an emergency fund.
- Set goals: eliminate credit-card debt or become completely debt-free are among worthy ideas that most would find challenging.
- Reward yourself: when meeting a goal, give yourself a reward. Get into the habit of “earning” the gifts you provide yourself.

And yes, visit the Curtis Memorial Library’s Money Room where you’ll find all the resources you need to begin your financial life anew. You can also find information on the Money Works for Women site at [www.curtislibrary.com/money](http://www.curtislibrary.com/money). — MB

## UPCOMING MONEY WORKS PROGRAMS

**November 9** — Investing: How Can I Do My Own Research

**November 16** — Retirement Workshop, Part II

**December 14** — Personal Finance & Investing: How Do I Know When to Change My Strategy?

**January 11** — Investing & Personal Finance: A Look at Debt Management & Recovery Strategies

All sessions are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Morrell Meeting Room. Open to the public, everyone is welcome.

Contact *Ellen Hawkins* ([ehawkins@curtislibrary.com](mailto:ehawkins@curtislibrary.com)) or *Martín Blasco* ([mblasco@curtislibrary.com](mailto:mblasco@curtislibrary.com)) for more on Money Works.

## MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

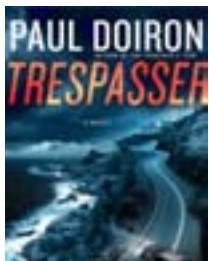
Now underway, the Curtis Library “Just Desserts Mystery Book Group” meets at 6:30 pm the first Tuesday of the month, November through June. Each month we will discuss a particular mystery author, series, or theme. Potluck style desserts are shared.

**November 1 — Maine Mysteries:** Try a wicked good mystery from Maine authors Vicki Doudera, Sarah Graves, or Paul Doiron.

**December 6 — Cooking Up Murder:** Diane Mott Davidson and Joanne Fluke both offer mystery series to whet your appetite with titles like *Prime Cut* and *Blueberry Muffin Murder*. Devour as many as you can!

**January 3 — Humorous Mysteries:** Janet Evanovich and Donna Andrews both prove that murder can be funny. Warning! Their rib-tickling writing style can trigger laugh-out-loud episodes.

For more information, contact Sarah Brown, 725-5242 ext. 229 or [sbrown@curtislibrary.com](mailto:sbrown@curtislibrary.com) — SB



## A Listener's Guide to Chamber Music COLLABORATIONS!

Everyone is welcome to join the Portland String Quartet for this year's series, Collaborations! to be held on three Mondays in November, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room. Registration with the Lark Society is required (see contact information below).

### November 7 — Communication in Sound

The Portland String Quartet with Bowdoin student and cellist, Maren Askins, demonstrate important differences between solo performance and group dynamics in ensemble work, with selections from the music of Bach and Schubert.

### November 14 — In the Shaker Tradition

Brother Arnold Hadd of the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Community joins the PSQ to discuss the fascinating history and the individuals behind the music.

### November 21 — The Athens of the North: Art, Architecture & Music in Mid-Nineteenth Century Portland

Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth joins the PSQ for an illustrated lecture on the history and cultural climate of Maine and the City of Portland during the 19th century including selections from Portland's own John Knowles Paine.

Registration is \$45 for the 3 session course; \$18 for Individual sessions. Contact LARK Society for Chamber Music for more information or to register. Email: [lark@larksociety.org](mailto:lark@larksociety.org), visit [www.larksociety.org](http://www.larksociety.org) or call 761-1522. — MH

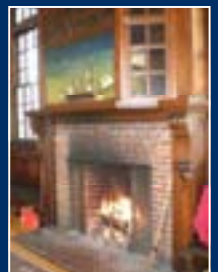
## HEARTH FIRES BRIGHTEN WINTER SUNDAYS

All library patrons are invited to come to the library on Sunday afternoons to enjoy a cozy fire in the 1904 Curtis Living Room from December through mid-March. Volunteers tend the fireplace from 12:30—3:30 pm every Sunday.

We have kindled Sunday fires for ten winters now, thanks to the many volunteers who tend the fires and donations of dry firewood. These Sunday fires offer a good opportunity to warm

up and relax with a book, crossword puzzle or knitting project.

If you are interested in volunteering to tend the fire, please contact Pamela Bobker, 725-5242 x237, [pbobker@curtislibrary.com](mailto:pbobker@curtislibrary.com).



# ECLECTIC PUZZLE PAGE

Answers are available at the Lending Services Desk and online at [www.curtislibrary.com/answers\\_v22-5](http://www.curtislibrary.com/answers_v22-5) — GB

## QUICK MENTAL MATH

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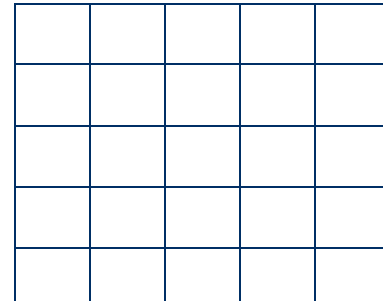
A)  $7 \times 5 + ? = 76$

B)  $98 \text{ divided by } 2 \text{ plus } 7 = ? \text{ minus } 11$

C)  $\frac{17 \times 2 + 5}{3} = \frac{? \times 9 - 8}{7}$

D)  $\frac{1 \times 8 + 3}{71 - 47} = \frac{7 \times 4 \times 1}{?}$

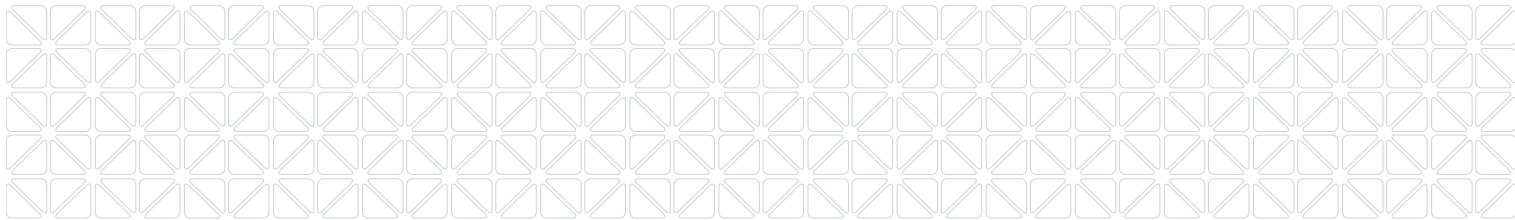
## HOW MANY SQUARES?



## FIND THE WORDS

- ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA
- AS YOU LIKE IT
- AUGUSTA
- BLUE
- BOSTON
- CONCORD
- GREEN
- HAMLET
- HARTFORD
- INDIGO
- KING LEAR
- MACBETH
- MERCHANT OF VENICE
- MONTPELIER
- ORANGE
- OTHELLO
- PROVIDENCE
- ROMEO AND JULIET
- TAMING OF THE SHREW
- TWELFTH NIGHT
- VIOLET
- YELLOW

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## SUDDENLY YOU'RE A CAREGIVER PART II

Families with a “child” reaching the age of 40 and a parent reaching the age of 70 are likely to face a myriad of issues surrounding care giving. Planning ahead can make things easier for both seniors and caregivers. If you are a new caregiver or expect to become one in the future, please join us for this informative series.

- **Medical Matters—Wednesday, Nov. 2** Nurse Practitioner Jane Colton will discuss medical and mental health changes that are common as we age and ideas for planning for these changes. Jane has experience in the areas of gerontology, intensive care, and nurse management and has worked at the Mid Coast Senior Health Center and at CHANS Home Health Care.
- **Care Planning for Daily Living—Wednesday, Dec. 7; snow date Thursday, Dec. 8** Panel Discussion: Brunswick Community Police Officer Terry Goan will discuss driving and giving up the keys; Alison Fernald, a Mid Coast Hospital dietitian, will talk about aging and changing nutrition needs; Kim Morin, an occupational therapist from Parkview Adventist Medical Center will highlight home safety and assessing senior homes and making changes to live independently longer; Nancy Herk-Bott, Executive Director of Brunswick Area Respite Care, will talk about at-home support services in the Mid Coast area.

All sessions are free and open to all.

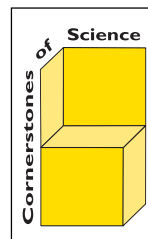
Presentations start at 6:30 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room and are sponsored by the Community Health Information Partnership.



The CHIP partners are *Curtis Library, Mid Coast Hospital and Parkview Adventist Medical Center*. For more information call 725-5242 x 510 or email [refdesk@curtislibrary.com](mailto:refdesk@curtislibrary.com). —LO

## NEW TELESCOPE PROGRAM

Cornerstones of Science is piloting a new Library Telescope Program for CoS library partners in Maine. This program is based on a successful program implemented by Marc Stowbridge and associates of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society and 25 public libraries.



The goal of the program is to introduce astronomy through experiential opportunities in communities and homes. Libraries would reserve a telescope for short-term use, perhaps a month at a time, or purchase their own. Library members would be able to check out telescopes from their participating library for up to a week at a time and explore the wonder of the night sky.

To kick-start the program, Cornerstones has purchased two Orion telescopes and adapted them for public use in order to share them with libraries in the state of Maine.

Cornerstones is seeking local astronomy experts. We hope to find local experts and astronomy club volunteers willing to: 1) host star-gazing parties or work with library patrons and families to explain the use of the telescopes, 2) periodically check the telescopes to ensure functionality and upkeep, and 3) work with Cornerstones to obtain additional telescopes and resource kits and expand the program throughout the state. Telescopes cost about \$300 each.



If all goes as planned, Cornerstones will announce this new initiative at Curtis Library soon and roll out the full program in 2012. If you would like further information, please contact

Suzy Ryan at Cornerstones of Science at [susan.ryan@cornerstonesofscience.com](mailto:susan.ryan@cornerstonesofscience.com).

Star enthusiasts are encouraged to browse and borrow Cornerstones astronomy books and star guides from the Curtis collection. Enjoy the winter skies! —LO

## THERE AND BACK AGAIN MORE ON THE PEARY EXPEDITION

The only thing larger than Admiral Robert Peary's ambition may have been his ego. No member of his expedition was allowed to publish anything before he did. Dr. John Goodsell joined Peary's team in 1908 as expedition surgeon and Goodsell's papers and notes were never published in Peary's lifetime nor, indeed, in his own.

Goodsell died in 1949 and his 650-page manuscript, his letters, clippings and photographs were not available to the public until 1985 when his widow left his work to the Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Historical Society. The Society transcribed it for release during the centennial of Peary's 1908-09 expedition.

*There and Back Again: The Dr. John Goodsell Archives* is a two-volume trove of the day-to-day minutiae of the Peary expedition and includes over 600 photographs. Dr. Goodsell discarded little. Volume Two contains his literary output including the good doctor's epic poem that is a reliable treatment for insomnia. Goodsell's prose is stiffer than pemmican but he amply compensates with stunning photographs of Inuit life and the Arctic environment.

The two-volume archive was generously donated by the Friends of Eagle Island and may be borrowed from our collection. — PD



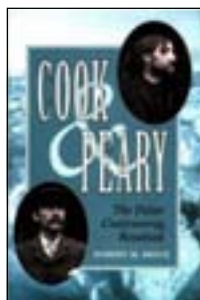
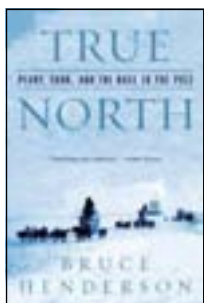
### DID PEARY ACTUALLY REACH THE POLE?

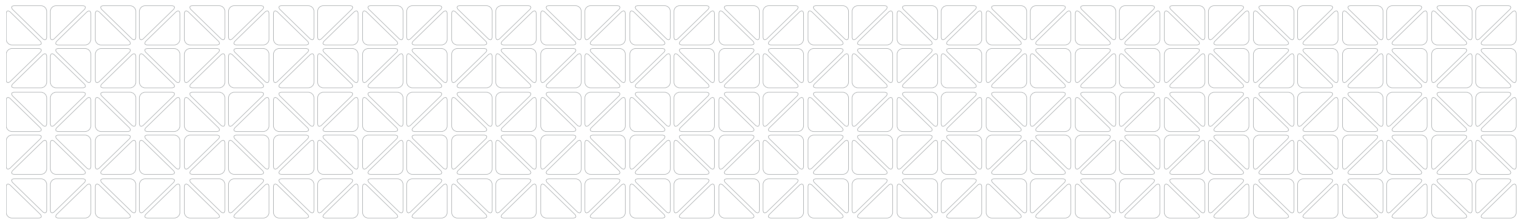
Peary claimed that he, Henson, and his four Inuit guides did, but a century later there are still doubters.

Robert McGhee in his book *The Last Imaginary Place: A Human History of the Arctic World* calls Peary a "liar as well as a megalomaniac." Robert Bryce in his *Cook & Peary: The Polar Controversy Resolved* demonstrates that neither Cook nor Peary reached the pole.

Tom Avery's book on his own recreation of the Peary route *To the End of the Earth: Our Epic Journey to the North Pole and the Legend of Peary and Henson* supports the Bowdoin icon's claim. *True North: Peary, Cook and the Race to the Pole* by Bruce Henderson recounts the whole Greek drama with all the attendant bad blood, accusations and insults between the former friends.

There is enough literature here at the library for you to stake your own position in the ongoing debate. — PD





# NATIONAL GAMING DAY—ARE YOU GAME?

Looking for a place to hang out and have fun with your friends or family? Read, learn, play during National Gaming Day @ your library. On Saturday, November 12, Curtis Memorial Library will host special all-ages gaming programs and events to celebrate our national love of video, card, role-playing and board games. So bring your friends and get your game on!

Different gaming stations will be set up throughout the library. For example, explore the nooks and crannies of the second floor to find Dungeons and Dragons, play Monopoly in the Money Room or test your athletic abilities with Wii Resort in the entry to the Children’s area. Warning: the Quiet Reading Room in the 1904 Building will probably not be all that quiet as the dealer shuffles the cards and players elicit an occasional “drat” at seeing the hand that’s dealt.

There will also be tables reserved for BYOBG (bring your own board game). Bring your favorite strategy and family board games or try something new and fun from our collection.

Please join in and add to the fun! Come for one game or stay for the day. These games aren’t competitive; there are no prizes, only smiles, and recreation for all. — MO, SB



## A SAMPLING OF GAMES

- *Children’s favorites:* Sorry, Candyland, Uno
- *Classics:* Clue, Monopoly, Chess, Battleship
- *Card Games:* Rummy, Rook, Bunko
- *Language and Literary fun:* Book Lovers Trivial Pursuit, Book-opoly, Scrabble and Bananagrams
- *Fantasy favorites:* Magic the Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons



# LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETS NOV. 15

At the annual meeting each fall, Curtis Memorial Library’s governing body, the Brunswick Public Library Association, elects its Board of Directors and reviews the Annual Report.

By definition, all citizens of Brunswick are members of the Association and are eligible to vote. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Annual Reports are available at the library and online at [curtislibrary.com/annual-report](http://curtislibrary.com/annual-report)

This year the Annual Meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, November 15**

**3:30 pm**

**Morrell Meeting Room**

## E-READER CLASSES

Are you buying an e-reader or have you received one recently as a gift? Do you know that library members can use their library cards to borrow and download a selection of e-books through the Maine InfoNet Download Library? Books can be downloaded to a wide variety of e-readers, smart phones, iPads and tablets but the process varies depending on the type of e-reader or device. Come in and learn what we've learned!



Reference staff at Curtis Memorial Library will offer four sessions of an Introduction to e-readers and e-books. The first class is at People Plus, the remaining are at the library. At each session, staff members will discuss a variety of e-readers, how to download books that you can borrow through the library, and how to find free and bargain books to download.

The schedule for classes is:

Thursday, November 10 at People Plus, 35 Union Street, Brunswick at 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 29, Morrell Meeting Room at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 13, Morrell Meeting Room at 12:15 pm

Tuesday, January 10, Morrell Meeting Room at 12:15 pm

Library members who have dial-up access to the Internet and find their own connection too slow, can download e-books to their e-readers on many of the library computers. Make sure that you bring the transfer cable as well as your e-reader and come to the Reference Desk for assistance.

Library members with iPads and many smart phones can take advantage of the library's free Wi-Fi to download books.

If you have questions outside of the classes, feel free to stop by the reference desk, to call the reference desk at 725-5242 x 510 or email us at [ref-desk@curtislibrary.com](mailto:ref-desk@curtislibrary.com). — LO



## BORROW BOOKS ON YOUR KINDLE

Kindle owners! Your wait is over for borrowing library e-books. Amazon.com is now integrated into the Maine InfoNet Download Library hosted by OverDrive.

The arrangement between Amazon Kindle and Overdrive has been more in the nature of a hostile takeover. While we can all now borrow books for the Kindle, Amazon has matched the titles available through Overdrive with their own proprietary *azw* format.

Amazon maintains their distinct identification, and you will need to have an Amazon account to complete the download. While downloading a title, Kindle borrowers are redirected to the Amazon website to complete the loan transaction. They are also offered the "opportunity" to purchase the book.

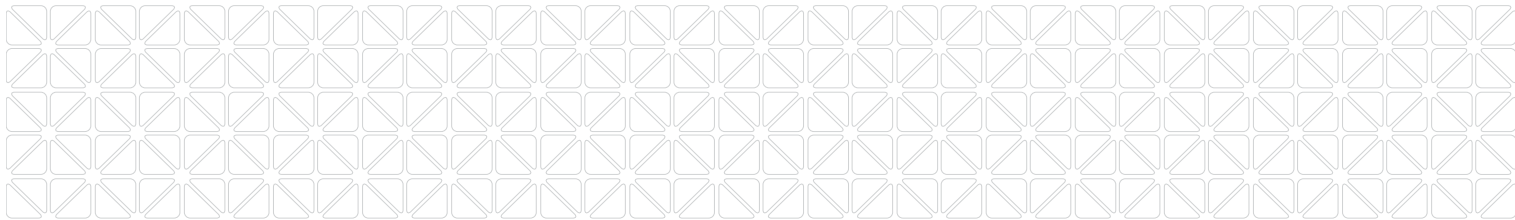
The process is thus:

**Step 1:** On your computer, search for the title you want on the Maine InfoNet Download Library. Select the e-book and either add it to your cart or place a hold (you'll be emailed when it becomes available.)

**Step 2:** Check out e-books to your library account. Proceed to Checkout. Select Curtis Library as your library and enter your library card number when prompted. Select either 7 or 14 day loan period. Click "Confirm" to Check Out.

**Step 3:** Transfer your e-book to your Kindle from Maine InfoNet. Click the "Get For Kindle" button which will open onto the Amazon page. Log into your Amazon account. Click the "Get Library Book" button.

If you finish before your due date or you develop borrower's remorse and wish to return the e-book, you can manage that function from the Manage Your Devices page of your Amazon account. The Actions button on the right will give you options, then "poof" it's gone. — PD



## SLED DOGS @ CURTIS



Saturday, December 3 at 10:30 am, meet Polly Mahoney and her dogs to learn about dogsledding. Polly, co-owner of the Mahosuc Guide Service, has been dogsledding for 31 years. Her dogs have been featured in *Never Cry Wolf* and other films.

At her presentation Polly will share slides of her dogsledding experiences from the Yukon Territory to Maine to Nunavut and northern Quebec. She will also bring a couple of her friendly sled dogs to meet you and a sled to demonstrate harnessing the dogs up to it. Sponsored by Cornerstones of Science. — DM

## CURTIS KIDS BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 12

If you have children in your life who love books, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12. The annual Curtis Kids Book Sale, sponsored by Curtis Friends, will be held from 9:30 am until 12:00 noon in the Morrell Meeting Room.

There you will find thousands of quality used books, CDs and DVDs for children from preschool to middle school at bargain prices; games and puzzles, too! Paperbacks, CDs and DVDs are only 50¢ and hardcover books a bargain for a buck. The sale is a perfect opportunity for parents, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, and children to build their own collections or to shop early for the holidays.

Charlotte Agell, a well-known author and illustrator (and former Friends board member), will again be with us to sketch children's portraits 10:00 am-noon, for which there is no charge (though donations will be happily accepted). Also newly available for sale will be the Curtis Kids tote bag to carry home new purchases.

All proceeds from the Curtis Kids Book Sale and the portrait donations go towards children's materials and programs throughout the year. We hope you can join us for this special event! — CS

## BAGS FOR KIDS!

Curtis Friends is now offering canvas tote bags specifically designed for children, with shorter handles, a lighter weight, and the colorful Curtis Kids logo. These new bags will make it easier (and more fun) for younger patrons to tote their own books to and from the library. And at only \$8.00, it's a great bargain!

The new children's bag will be available starting Saturday, November 12, at the Curtis Kids Book Sale and anytime afterwards

at the Circulation Desk.

The adult-sized Curtis Friends tote bag is also available for purchase at the Circulation Desk, for only \$10. Both items make wonderful holiday gifts!

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## FALL CLEANUP SATURDAY, NOV. 5

Don't miss your opportunity to get some great autumn air and a little exercise! The seasonal cleanups at Curtis have become family affairs with three generations of hands pitching in.

This Fall we will be raking, trimming and putting the gardens to bed. Cleaning out now will make our Spring cleanup that much easier. Rakes, tarps and pickup trucks are all useful, bring yours!

Noticed the fresh paint on the 1904 building façade and trim? Thanks to Custom Craftsmen (Peter Haughton and crew), and funding from the Town of Brunswick we are sparkling up front. Peter threw in some pro bono work to varnish the entrance doors and paint the bike racks as well.

With our new look and winter coming, please join an energetic crew and then enjoy a pizza lunch in the garden! Contact Pamela Bobker to sign up for another fun cleanup day Saturday, November 5, 10:00-12:00, pbobker@curtislibrary.com, 725-5242 ext 237. —MH



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