McArthur Library - OCTOBER 2026

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

CLOSED: Monday, October 26 for Staff Training
EXTENDED OPENING: Saturday, October 31st 9:30 AM – 5 PM for Creepy Crawl

ALL AGES

SHERMAN'S BOOK FAIR,
Saturday, October 17 • 9 AM – 6 PM
Join us at Sherman's Books in Saco for a special Library Book Fair! Stop by to discover your next great read and support your local library—**20% of all purchases made during the event will be donated back to the library.** Just be sure to present our special McArthur Coupon at the register when you check out! If that's not enough incentive, bring the whole family and join Ms Carrow for a special **Storytime at 10:00 AM!**

ADULTS

STEPHEN KING MOVIE MARATHON
Monday, October 12 • 12 – 7:30 PM
Looking for something to do on your day off? Drop in to enjoy any of these classic films from Maine's own master of horror. Snacks provided or bring your own.

12PM: STAND BY ME
1:45PM: CHILDREN OF THE CORN
3:30PM: PET SEMATARY (1989)
5:30PM: MISERY

PAINT NIGHT
Monday, October 19 • 6 PM
Create your own masterpiece with step-by-step guidance. **Register:** jzavala@mcarthurlibrary.org.

WINNIE & WILBUR WEDNESDAYS
They're back! Visit our library guinea pigs, Winnie & Wilbur, upstairs at the Reference desk on Wednesdays starting October 7.

THURSDAY COFFEE HOUR
Thursdays at 11 AM
Get to know members of your community in a casual and comfortable space. Light refreshments will be served.

KNITTING GROUP
Fridays from 10 AM – 12 PM
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or similar project. Join online or in person!

ADULTS & TEENS

CRAFT AND WATCH: BEETLEJUICE
Saturday, October 3 • 12:30 – 2:30 PM
Get started on your Halloween costume early with this craft and watch! We'll be showing Beetlejuice and will have all sorts of supplies to get you started on a unique, d-i-y costume, or you can bring whatever project you are working on. Open to tweens, teens, and adults ages 11+.

PUMPKIN PAINTING
Tuesday, October 20 • 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Celebrate fall by painting your own pumpkin! We will provide a small pumpkin and an array of paint for every attendee, though you are also welcome to bring a personal pumpkin to paint as well! Open to adults, teens, and tweens ages 11+. **Register:** cspleman@mcarthurlibrary.org.

TEENS (13-18)

FALL BOOK BOX BOOK CLUB SIGNUPS
October 12 – 17
Book: *Young World* by Soman Chainani
Book boxes include a free copy of the book and other surprise book-themed goodies. This book is suggested for teens. Please register at the link on the Teen Page by October 17. Boxes can be picked up at McArthur Library between November 2 – 7. **For more information:** cspelman@mcarthurlibrary.org.

TEEN HORROR STORY WRITING WORKSHOP
Friday, October 16 • 3:45 – 4:45 PM
In this horror-focused writing workshop, we will build ominous settings, develop unique evil characters, respond to different length prompts, and have the option to receive peer feedback! **Register:** cspelman@mcarthurlibrary.org.

TEENS & TWEENS (11-18)

TEEN AND TWEEN EARLY RELEASE NINTENDO SWITCH PARTY
Wednesday, October 7 • 1:30 – 2:30 PM
Spend your early release day gaming at the library! This month, our Nintendo Switch game will be Super Smash Bros Ultimate. Whether you're a pro or have never played, come hang out, play for fun, and have some snacks! Controllers will be provided.

HALLO*TWEEN* AND TEEN CRAFTERNOON
Monday, October 12 • 12:30 – 6 PM
Want something fun to do on your day off from school? Drop into the Teen Space any time this afternoon to make Halloween-inspired crafts! These crafts include: skeleton key chains, spooky stress balls, ghost portraits, and ghost candles. You are welcome to make any or all of them! Snacks will also be provided.

TEEN AND TWEEN COOKBOOK CLUB
Wednesday, October 28 • 4 – 5 PM
Join us for the second session of our new teen and tween cookbook club! Each month, we'll focus on a different type or theme of food, and make multiple dishes to fit the theme with recipes from teen-specific cookbooks. October's theme is spooky snacks! Whether you want to build your cooking skills or eat fun snacks, this is the club for you! **Register:** cspelman@mcarthurlibrary.org

CHILDREN

BOOKWORM'S AFTERNOON
Wednesday, October 7 • 2 – 4 PM
Join us for an afternoon of imagination, creativity, and games!

BOOKS WITH BECCA & ARTHUR
Friday, October 30 • 10 AM
Join us for some unstructured free time of stories, scribbles, and socialization with fan favorite therapy dog Becca and resident library pooch Arthur. Celebrate the season by wearing your Halloween costumes and maybe you'll be treated to a spooky story or two!

PRE-K PLAY SPACE
Mondays • 10 – 11 AM
Families with small children are welcome to join us for toys, music, and stories.

LITTLE BUCKAROOS STORYTIME
Tuesdays • 10 AM
Join Ms. Carrow and Bucky Buckaroo for stories, songs, and silliness! Designed for ages 1 – 4.

Baby and Me
Wednesdays • 10 AM
Babies and their caregivers are invited to join us for a special program designed just for them. Designed for ages 0 – 2.

CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

MUSIC IN MOTION
Thursdays • 10 AM
Feel the beat and stomp your feet with Ms Jenna and her magical box of musical instruments!

MAKER'S SPACE
Saturdays • 10 AM – 2 PM
Come in and make whatever your heart desires with the materials we've got kicking around in the Children's Room.

OTHER SERVICES

NOTARY SERVICES
Did you know the library offers Notary Public services free of charge? To make an appointment email cleclair@mcarthurlibrary.org or call 207-286-9326.

TECH HELP
New phone, tablet, or laptop not working the way you expect it should? Bring your device into the library to get help! To make an appointment email cleclair@mcarthurlibrary.org or call 207-286-9326.

BOOK GROUPS

McARTHUR BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, October 7 • 6:30 PM
Book: *Wildflower* by Drew Barrymore
Wednesday, October 28 • 6:30 PM
Book: *Local Woman Missing* by Mary Kubica

NEWCOMERS' BOOK GROUP
Thursday, October 22 • 5:00 PM **Note earlier time!**
Book: *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson
Field Trip: 6:00 PM • Brickyard Hollow – Trivia night

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