

## Gift-A-Book



### Gift-A-Book to Support Summer Reading Program

This month is going to bring us a new year's Gift-A-Book fundraiser here at the library! We'll have a selection of great children's books available for purchase as a donation to the library. Each book will cost \$15, a personalized book plate will go inside your purchased title and you will be given the option of being the very first person to check out the book. Every purchase goes to fund our children's Summer Reading Program and provides more wonderful titles for kids to explore! This year's Gift-A-Book will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and we thank everyone for their support and generosity in helping us to

keep kids reading all summer long.



### Youth Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading theme is: Libraries Rock! ..And we'd love to show you all the ways how! We're getting together lots of new books and prizes for this year's summer reading, and we want to make it one of the most fun summers yet to celebrate the last summer of reading in our current space! Registration for summer reading begins on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kids will get a free ticket to a Sea Dogs game for signing up, prizes every week for showing off their reading, chances to open the library Puzzle Box for more prizes, and we'll finish it off with a Grand Finale show with Mad Science of Maine! We have tons of fun planned for our readers this summer, and we hope you'll join in!

## Early Literacy Programs



**Baby Singalong** Suggested Age: Birth to age 3  
Thursdays at 4:00 pm; Fridays & Saturdays at 10:00 am  
Join us in singing nursery rhymes, children's songs and fingerplays. Puppets, storybooks and lots of bubbles add to the fun and are an excellent way to strengthen early literacy skills! Sing-Alongs last for roughly 25 minutes. Friday sing-alongs are followed with an open play hour for children and parents/ guardians to meet and play with other local families.

**Toddler Storytime** Suggested Age: 1-3 years  
Mondays at 10:00 am

These storytimes focus on our younger readers and include simple storybooks mixed with songs and rhymes, encouraging early development of both literacy and many other skills while being a wonderful activity for the family to enjoy together!

**Baby Doll Storytime** Suggested Age: 2-5 years  
Wednesdays at 11:15

Please join us for songs, stories, and games we can share with our baby dolls (or stuffies). Bring a doll or borrow one of ours!

**Pre-School Storytimes** Suggested Age: 3-5 years  
Mondays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 10:00 am

These storytimes are focused towards a slightly more advanced age than our Toddler Story Time. These sessions will include more complex stories and stimulate core literacy skills through direct experience with books and storytellers. The stories chosen are developmentally appropriate for preschool children and very entertaining and enjoyable at the same time.

## STEAM PROGRAMS



### Science Sensations and Ms. Larisa's Story & Craft

In order to help give us time to prepare for the library's move this summer, we're starting to take a break from our craft and science programs for a while. Keep an eye on our newsletter, as we'll be sure to return with new fun crafts and amazing examples of science as soon as we can, and until then we're always happy to help people find books full of great crafting ideas and science experiments! We hope everyone will continue making and discovering until we can return!

## Fun & Gaming



### Falmouth Memorial Library Lego Club!

Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 pm  
Come and join the Falmouth Memorial Library Lego Club! We've got lots of Legos and Duplos to play with in an all-ages building party! Show off what you can invent and create and share the fun with other kids from the community! All Legos and blocks will be provided. No registration is needed. Just drop by between 2:30 and 3:30 on Saturdays to start building and having fun!  
Thanks to a grant from the Falmouth Education Foundation.



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**Library Hours:**  
Monday 9:30-5:00  
Tuesday 9:30-8:00  
Wednesday 9:30-8:00  
Thursday 9:30-8:00  
Friday 9:30-5:00  
Saturday 9:30-5:00  
Closed Sundays & Holidays

**Closures**  
Monday, May 28

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# Falmouth Memorial Library Newsletter

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### Spring Planter Sale Begins May 8

Spring has finally arrived and Memorial Day is almost here. Falmouth Memorial Library was established as a memorial to our veterans, and this year we would like to honor them and celebrate spring with a planter sale. Starting on May 14, we invite you to drop off planters of flowers—or even vegetables and herbs—that will be available for purchase by the highest bidders. Use your imagination to design and create a planter. Everyone will have the opportunity

to vote on their favorite planter and the designer of that arrangement will win a small prize and lots of attention. The auction/sale will end on May 24 in time for Memorial Day weekend, and there will be an option to “buy it now”. Please join our spring celebration and contribute a planter. For more information, please contact Jeannie at [jmadden@falmouthmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:jmadden@falmouthmemoriallibrary.org).



### Understanding Financial Aid and Paying for College

Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm

Bill Smith of ScholarFITS LLC, a college financial aid counseling service, will discuss the different types of financial aid and how to qualify for as much aid as possible. This presentation takes the mystery out of financial aid and college costs for students and parents. Understanding financial aid enables you to make good college choices and informed decisions. He'll discuss how to identify your student's need and merit profile and learn how to match that with college awarding policies so you can identify affordable colleges.



### How Can the College Essay Help (Or Hurt) my Application?

Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 pm

High school students and their parents are invited to come learn about the art and science of writing the personal essay while gaining insights about the role such essays play in the application process. Ask any college applicant, (or that person's parent) and you're sure to hear that writing personal essays is one of the most stressful parts of the application—for everyone. Presenter Jessie Gearson of Essay Art will offer you some concrete guidance about how to choose topics strategically, how to approach the topic selection and writing process efficiently—

and how to maintain family peace while doing so. Offering concrete dos and don'ts, her presentation will help dispel some of the confusion that surrounds this important opportunity to introduce yourself to admissions readers. A writer and writing teacher for over 30 years, and a college essay advisor since 2003, Jessie Gearson has helped hundreds of college bound students navigate this special writing challenge. **\*Door Prize\*** Attendees are invited to register for a chance to win a free topic brainstorming consultation with Jessie.



### Changing Landscapes, Shifting Tides: The Story of Falmouth Event Series presents Destination Falmouth: From Farmland to Vacationland

Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Richard Judd, Professor of History at UMaine, who will explore the topic of coastal tourism in Maine. Falmouth, like many of Maine's coastal communities, developed a reputation as an unspoiled scenic playground well-suited for vacationing. The advent of the motor car, trolley, and rail system, coupled with an increase in leisure time resulted in a dramatic change to Falmouth's Foreside community, the consequences of which still impact the town today. *Changing Landscapes, Shifting Tides: The Story of Falmouth Event Series* is a Falmouth300 collaboration in partnership with the Falmouth Conservation Commission, Falmouth Land Trust, Falmouth Memorial Library, Falmouth Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee, Maine Audubon, and the Falmouth Historical Society. The series is presented by Stantec and partially funded by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

### Reading, Writing and Research Programs

FMI about any of these programs, please contact Mike at 781-2351 or mcarnes@falmouth.lib.me.us.

#### Second Wednesday Book Group

Wednesday, May 9 at 1:00 pm

Now accepting new members. Book for discussion: *Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks.

#### Writing Group

Thursdays at 1:00pm

New writers welcome. The group reads and discusses each other's works, as well as writing, publishing and marketing topics.

### Technology Programs

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#### Tech Help Tuesday

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

The Falmouth High School Tech Team is here to help with any and all tech-related questions every Tuesday!

#### Walk-In Wednesday Technology Help

Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 23 & 30 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

All tech questions are welcome.

#### Mac User Group

Tuesday, May 8 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Topic: Books on Mac: From NoveList to NetGalley.

#### Falmouth Library iPad Users Group -- The FlipPads

Wednesday, May 16 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Topic: Reading on iPad: Beyond Cloud Library.

### The Arts

#### A Common Yarn

Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

A textile craftsmanship group that meets weekly to work on and share their own projects. Participants are encouraged to bring along their unfinished projects for a little inspiration and guidance.



Please check out our link on the library's web page, and make sure to 'like' us on Facebook. FMI: contact director Nina Allen Miller at ukuleles4me@aol.com.

Falmouth Memorial Library  
Ukulele Society

**FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY • FALMOUTH300 SUMMER READING BINGO Extravaganza**

Summer reading is for everybody. This year, Falmouth Memorial Library and Falmouth300 invite you to participate in our Summer Reading Bingo Extravaganza. This year's reading lists and activities are based on the national theme of Libraries Rock while at the same time promoting our Tercentennial programs.

Our Summer Reading Bingo Extravaganza will begin Monday, July 2 and will conclude Monday, September 24. The later date will allow for the program to conclude at our temporary location at Mason-Motz.

More details will follow.

### The Next Chapter: Next Steps

**Library Hours:** In preparation for the Library's approaching renovations and expansion, Library hours will be reduced beginning on Saturday, June 2.

Beginning Saturday, June 2, Library hours will be as follows:

Saturdays 9:30 am-12:00 noon

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 9:30-5:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30-8:00 pm

Please note: we will close earlier on Saturdays and will only be open late ONE evening per week.

We anticipate that we will close the library on August 20 so that we may pack and prepare to move the collection to our temporary location at Mason-Motz on September 5, 6, 7. We anticipate opening in our temporary Mason-Motz location on September 17.

Over the summer months we will continue to hold our regular library programs, storytimes and our annual summer reading program for adults, teens, and kids.

**Volunteers Needed:** As we look ahead to packing up our collection of nearly 50,000 items, we see that we could use some help. So, we are seeking volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks: the assembly of moving boxes; the organization of books and library materials into boxes; and dismantling of library fixtures. If you are interested in helping out, please complete a "Packing & Moving Volunteer" form which indicates the specific dates and times for each task. These forms are available at the circulation desk or can be requested by contacting Jeannie at jmadden@falmouthmemoriallibrary.org.

#### Falmouth Fest and Old Home Days: Commemorating 300 years!

Saturday, May 26 from 10 am-4 pm, Community Park, Winn Road

Join the Town of Falmouth for a town-wide community festival to mark its 300th anniversary in 2018. Enjoy musical entertainment, food, living history demonstrations, exhibits, old fashioned contests and games, artisans, balloon animals, face painting, mad science, wagon rides, magic, & more!

#### Town of Falmouth Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28 beginning at 10 am

The American Legion Post #164 and the Town of Falmouth invite you to the Memorial Day Parade. The parade will feature civic organizations, including Falmouth Memorial Library. The route begins at Post #164, then proceeds down Depot Road to Route 88 where it proceeds to the Pine Grove park for a service featuring the Falmouth School's band and chorus students. A community reception will be held at St. Mary's Church on Route 88.