Please join us for two very special occasions in one evening.

We’ll begin with the reveal of *Piecing Stories Together*, a community art mosaic project made possible by the Maine Public Library Fund. Be among the first to see all nine children’s-book-inspired mosaic panels in their permanent place of display. Meet the artists and project facilitator Nikki Millonnzi who created the colorful, welcoming, inspirational mosaics that will invite visitors to discover their own stories in the library.

Then, Maine State Librarian Jamie Ritter will speak about the changing role of libraries in the communities they serve.

Ritter has been state librarian since December of 2014. As chief administrator of the Maine State Library (MSL), he ensures the agency fulfills its mission to advance and promote library services and resources for all of Maine.

Before becoming state librarian, Ritter served as Director of Reader and Information Services at MSL, was deputy director of Camden Public Library, an MBNA Vice President in Administration and Community Relations, and Senior Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Planning for Camden National Bank.

This talk will focus on library trends and initiatives that impact libraries and their users in Maine and across the nation.

Both parts of the program speak to libraries as gathering places where ideas and resources are shared, creativity is inspired, and connections are made.

Please come, meet our state librarian, and see the library’s newest work of art.

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**Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program Pilot**

**Your Library Card Just. Got. Better.**

The Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program Pilot (MRBP) is a statewide initiative to strengthen library resource sharing. It allows library cardholders from participating libraries to visit other participating libraries and borrow materials.

The 1-year pilot began September 16, 2019. Norway Memorial Library is one of 68 participating libraries.

This is in addition to the Minerva automated system used to request items online for pickup at NML.

If you have questions about interlibrary loans using the MRBP, pick up a brochure at the library, speak with staff at the library’s information desk, or visit our website at www.norway.lib.me.us.

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**Introducing Nonfiction Fridays**

*a new book discussion group on the 1st Friday of the month*

**3:00-4:30 pm**

Do you love nonfiction? Do you wish you could talk with others about the books you read? Then come to NML’s newly formed nonfiction book discussion group. Our first discussions will be:

**October 4:** *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson

**November 1:** *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

**January 3:** *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro

Please stop by the information desk if you are interested in requesting a copy. Feel free to bring your own beverage. A snack will be provided.
Morning Book Club
Tuesdays at 9:00 am

October 15  August Gale by Barbara Walsh
November 19  When All is Said by Anne Griffin
December 17  The Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo
January 21  Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg

This book club is open to the public. Bring your own coffee or tea. A morning snack is provided.

Books in the Afternoon
Thursdays 3:00-4:30 pm

October 10  The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
November 14  Virgil Wander by Leif Enger
January 9  The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

All are welcome to join our afternoon book discussion group. Please bring your own beverage to enjoy with an afternoon snack provided. Call or stop by the information desk prior to the discussion to request the selection.

It’s not scary to volunteer at the library!

Come to a Volunteer Training
Thursday, October 31
10:00 am-11:30 am
No costume required!

We need shelvers and shelf readers. Do you not know what that means but have an interest in finding out? To learn more, please RSVP to 743-5309 ext. 1 or stop by the library’s information desk. Refreshments will be served.

Cookbook Discussion
Thursday, November 7
6:00-7:30 pm

The Moosewood Restaurant Table:
250 Brand-New Recipes from the Natural Foods Restaurant That Revolutionized Eating in America

Prepare a recipe from this cookbook and share it at the library. Attendees will sample dishes and discuss the preparation of their recipes. To select a recipe, please visit the library. To request a book, stop by or call the information desk at 743-5309 ext. 1.

Participants must bring a prepared dish. Please bring containers to take home samples.

The Great Turn-Out:
Factory Girls and Maine’s First Labor Strike
a talk by University of New England history professor Dr. Elizabeth DeWolfe
Tuesday, November 12
6:30-8:00 pm

In 1841, nearly 500 female factory workers walked out of Saco’s York Manufacturing Company and paraded up Main Street, chanting and singing. They gathered in a local church, formed a committee, and sent the factory owner a document articulating their complaints about wages, housing, and paternalistic rules.

This illustrated talk will explore the life of New England “factory girls,” the opportunities mill work brought, and the challenges of this difficult labor. It will examine the tense days that followed the “turn-out” and show how a strike in one Maine town connected to national agitation for women’s rights, including suffrage.

Holiday Crafts and Cookie Swap
Tuesday, November 19, 6:30-8:00 pm

Gather together to exchange cookies and make crafts that will make great decorations or gifts.

Participants need to bring their creativity and a dozen homemade cookies to swap. Registration is required to ensure we have adequate supplies.
Children’s Department

Storyteller of international acclaim
Antonio Rocha to perform
Saturday, October 26, 11:00 am

Antonio Rocha (pronounced Haw-sha), is an award winning storyteller whose unique fusion of mime and spoken word has been presented in premier venues in the US and in 15 other countries across 6 continents. Mr. Rocha delivers stories from around the world that are personal, traditional, and movement based. He began his career in Brazil in 1985. In 1988 he received a grant to come to the US to perform and deepen his mime skills with local Mime Master Tony Montanaro. Since then he earned a Summa Cum Laude Theater BA from USM and studied with Master Marcel Marceau.

His awards include the coveted Circle of Excellence Award given by the National Storytelling Network.

Plan to attend this energetic, entertaining, and family-friendly special event in the library’s children’s room. This program is free and open to the public.

Teen Room

Teen Room Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
after school until 5:00 pm

The Norway Memorial Library Teen Room (located downstairs in the library’s multi-purpose room) is available for all teens as a safe place to hang out with friends, relax, game, do homework, craft, listen to music, read, and to be yourself.

Feel free to bring a snack or drink. The library has Wi-Fi, so teens may bring their laptops or other devices and enjoy online gaming, YouTube videos, Skype, texting, and tweeting.

Weekly Children’s Programs at 10:30 am

Tuesday: Stay and Play for children ages 0-5, their parents or caregivers. This is a great time to play with your child!

Wednesday: Terrific Tales story time for children ages 2-5, this is a 30-minute story-based program followed by an optional craft.

Friday: Music & Movement is for children ages 0-5 and is a laid back sing along with hand held rhythm instruments such as maracas and cymbals. No experience necessary!

How can 15 minutes a day make the difference in the life of a child?
By spending it reading aloud with them!

Norway Downtown’s Annual Halloween Fest

Friday, October 25, 2:00-5:00 pm

Stop in to make a Halloween craft, read a Halloween story, and enjoy a healthy snack.

Girls Who Code

Cultural Workshop!

Teens: Learn about coding - how to speak computer to create what you want. Coding for teens results in more than a basic knowledge of coding languages or the ability to build sound Minecraft structures.

Coding produces real benefits, such as enhanced critical thinking and problem solving. There are some major benefits to learning how to code in addition to the basic computer skills which come from classes and assignments. Coding can give students an edge on college and tech school applications and produces skills like persistence, collaboration, leadership, and creativity. It will open doors to diverse career opportunities.

Coding is available for teens to try out during open Teen Room hours.

Girls Who Code

Thursdays
3:30-4:30 pm
October 3 & 17
November 7 & 21
December 5

Call Annika at 743-5309 ext. 4 for more information.

When schools in MSAD 17 are closed due to weather, children’s & teen programs are canceled.
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The winners of this year’s membership prize drawing are Allyson Hill, George and Jacqueline Morton, and Barbara Share and Jack Armstrong.

You can still support the Friends of NML by purchasing raffle tickets for the handmade bookshelf quilt currently on display in the library. Raffle tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 and are available at the library’s circulation desk. The drawing will be held Friday, November 15, 2019.

Holiday schedule: The library will be open Indigenous People’s Day, Monday, October 14, and Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. The library will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27, and be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. The library will be closed Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25; Tuesday, December 31; and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 for the holidays.

The library’s website address is: www.norway.lib.me.us

Coming in December
The Friends of Norway Memorial Library’s Annual Holiday Open House Watch for more information.

Winter Book Bingo
December 2, 2019-March 18, 2020

Winter Book Bingo provides a great excuse to find a comfortable spot, a warm blanket, and a good book to read. To play along, pick up a bingo card at the library’s information desk and start reading to fill in squares. Read books that correspond to subjects in each square. Get all books in a horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or blackout pattern before March 18 and enter your card into a drawing for a prize.

Tune into WMTW Channel 8 for library closings due to inclement weather. Library closings are also posted to Facebook.

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