

AARP volunteers will be in the library again this tax season to assist with free tax preparation **Fridays and Saturdays through April 14**. To make an appointment for tax assistance call **333-6448**. The library currently has 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ forms and 1040A and 1040 EZ booklets.

**Current Displays:** Winter Book Bingo begins December 1 and goes until March 19 so there will be a display on ideas to help complete bingo squares through mid-March. There is also a March display of women's biographies, fiction, and non-fiction for Women's History Month and International Women's Day, March 8. *Scenes of Winter* features art work by various members of the Western Maine Art Group and will grace the walls of the reference room until the end of March.

### **Play some Winter Book Bingo**

Get over the winter blahs with some winter book bingo! Participants will read and complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of five squares to be entered in the drawing to win a bingo prize. Pick up a Winter Book Bingo card at the library's information desk. Deadline for bingo sheets is March 19 at 5:00 pm with drawing on March 21. If you complete a blackout card and enter into our drawing you could win a gift certificate to Café Nomad. If you do a regular bingo card, you could be entered into a drawing for a book of your choosing from out of a selection and a travel mug. Winners will be notified by phone.

**Thursday, February 1: Blind Date with a Book Begins!** Please stop by the library and select a book from our display across from the circulation desk. All books are covered and have hints as to the subject matter, mood, or pace of the book. All that is required is to read at least 50 pages, fill out a comment card, and submit to the entry box for a chance to win a delicious box of chocolates. All entries are due by closing on Wednesday, February 28, for the drawing on Thursday, March 1.

**Chain of Hearts Fundraiser: Starting February 1**, the Friends of Norway Memorial Library are selling paper hearts with library phrases on them. They are \$1 each and they support library programming. The goal is to reach 500! Please help support this Chain of Hearts fundraiser. Thank you!

**Thursday, March 8, 6:30-8:00 pm:** Join us on International Women's Day for author Kate Kennedy as she discusses her book *Maine's Remarkable Women: Daughters, Wives, Sisters, and Mothers Who Shaped History*. The book includes profiles on thirteen of Maine's famous women. There will be copies on sale the night of this talk for \$15 each. This program is free and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 20, 6:30-8:00 pm:** Former WCSH6 weatherman Kevin Mannix and his wife, social worker Linda Rota, will speak about *Weathering Shame*, the book they co-wrote about their individual experiences with shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives. In this book they share their life experiences, lessons, struggles, feelings of shame, and the stigma that results from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression, and suicide. Their book and presentation share their personal stories with a goal to encourage others to embark on their own journeys of self-discovery, recovery, and awareness. This presentation is free and open to the public. Copies of their book are on sale the night of the presentation for \$21 each.

**Thursday, March 29, 6:30-8:00 pm:** In late 2017, Doris and a friend made a trip to England aboard the Queen Mary. They stayed in a cottage house in Saffron Walden where people have lived since 1084, visited cathedrals to hear choirs sing Evensong, went to a local Christmas Fayre, Kew Gardens, and just had a wonderful time. Doris will share their travel experiences with words and photographs.

**Thursday, April 26, 6:30-8:00 pm:** Planning any hiking trips? Greg Westrich, author of several FalconGuides about hiking in Maine, will talk about his hiking expeditions, share photographs, and talk about discoveries while researching his upcoming book on hiking New Hampshire. Listeners will gain ideas for their own hiking adventures. This program is free and open to the public.