

### Book Discussion Series

## The American Dream

*promise of prosperity and success*

Rooted in the freedoms set out in the Declaration of

Independence, The American Dream is a promise that "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement" regardless of social class or circumstances of birth." James Truslow Adams, *The American Epic*.

Norway Memorial Library will offer a book discussion series that explores the meaning of this promise in our own time. In fiction, nonfiction, and plays, characters interpret the "Dream" for themselves and set out to realize it. In the end, we will see what happens to the dreams they reach for and why they may not come true.

This program will be held on Thursdays – February 16, March 8, March 29, and April 19 at 6 PM at the Norway Memorial Library.

Facilitators are Ann Siekman and Allison Rosenblatt. Call the Library at 743-5309 to sign up or for more information.

Participants may purchase copies of *The American Dream: A Short History of an Idea that Shaped a Nation* by Jim Cullen, at the Library, or order it through their local bookstore, and use Minerva to request copies of the other books/plays.

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### Have a Blind Date with a Book!

Readerless books  
seeking: Inquisitive,  
appreciative, adventure-  
some lovers of words.  
For more information, stop  
by the Library  
in February!



### American Dream Series Schedule:

**February 16**

*The American Dream: A Short History  
of an Idea that Shaped a Nation* by  
Jim Cullen

**March 8**

*Martin Dressler: The Tale of an  
American Dreamer*  
by Stephen Millhuser

**March 29**

*A Raisin in the Sun*  
by Lorraine  
Hansberry and  
*Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

**April 19**

*The Year We Left Home*  
by Jean Thompson

## Library Introduces *Book a Librarian*

It is now possible to set up an appointment with a librarian for a thirty minute one-on-one session to receive training or to discuss any of the following topics:

- The Library Catalog (Minerva)
- Using the Internet
- Better Google searching
- MARVEL: Maine's Virtual Library
- The Download Library using Kindle, Nook, and other devices!
- Learning Express & the Maine State Library's Information Commons
- Microsoft Word
- Digital Photos
- E-mail Accounts

- Facebook

To make an appointment, or for more information, stop by the Information Desk the next time you visit the library or call 743-5309 and speak with Julia.



### Did you know...

you can check out magazines at the library? From *Atlantic* to *Yankee* and many in between including *Martha Stewart Living*, *House Beautiful*, and *National Geographic*. Magazines are located in the back of the fiction section and in the Children's Room.

## Meredith Kendall Tuesday, March 20 7:00 pm

Meredith Kendall, a Reiki practitioner, nurse, and author will read from her most recent book, *Reiki Stories: My Hot Hands*.

Kendall is a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Maine and a master's degree in nursing education from St Joseph's College of Maine. Kendall received her Reiki Master attunement from Kai-mora at Tangwala in Oquossoc, Maine.

Author and columnist Mark LaFlamme said, "I think maybe only

a nurse can take you from hilarity to horror to humility and then back again in the span of two heartbeats. Kendall's stories inform and entertain. You will respect what the author can do with her words and with her hands."

Reiki is a Japanese healing technique where the practitioner places his or her hands on or just above the client's body. Most people find the experience to be relaxing and energizing. Reiki is practiced in hospitals, outpatient centers, and private clinics.

Kendall is also the author of *Reiki Nurse: My life as a nurse and how Reiki changed it*.

### Six Library Secrets

(that aren't really secrets!)



1. The first Saturday of the month is always fine free day!
2. You can renew an item online using the Minerva catalog, in person or over the phone.
3. When you use your library barcode to log into Minerva add the prefix "NOR" to your barcode ex. NOR01234
4. Books are renewable once unless they have been requested by someone else.
5. A book drop box is open year-round on the library's front porch.
6. The library is ADA accessible from either the parking lot or the driveway.

***Please don't keep these secrets!***

## Alaskan adventurer, writer, Pam Flowers to visit Norway Library



On August 24, 2008, Pam Flowers departed the summit of Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park, the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. 199 days later, on March 10, 2009, Pam and her dog, Ellie, reached Spring Mountain, the southern terminus of the AT.

On Wednesday evening,

April 11 at 7:00 pm, author and adventurer Pam Flowers will share a presentation and stories about her 2174 mile thru-hike with her dog Ellie down the Appalachian Trail.

During this presentation, attendees will learn how Pam came to adopt an abandoned puppy, how they trained together, and managed to finish their journey together despite many challenges.

Pam's book about this adventure, **Ellie's Long Walk**, will be available for purchase as well as **Alone Across the Arctic** about Flowers' solo 2500 mile dog mushing expedition across the arctic, and **Dougie: Sled Dog Hero** and **Big Enough Anna** about two very special sled dogs.

This program is free of charge and open to the public. It is appropriate for people of all ages.

### Art in the Library

Watch for an exhibit of paintings by **Barbara Traficonte** beginning in February!

### Raised Bed and Container Gardening

Get started with growing your own vegetables

**Tuesday, April 10 7:00-8:30pm**

Are you curious about raised bed and container gardening? If so, please come and learn how to garden using these two alternative gardening forms. Raised bed gardening uses materials to build a garden up off the ground. Container gardening lets you grow vegetables in different sized containers. The program is a collaboration with the Cooperative Extension in Oxford County.

Free and open to the public.



# Kid's Corner

Read, Learn, Create, Imagine, Dream and Play

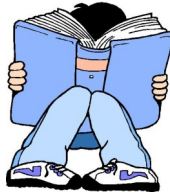
## Birth to Six



*Stay and Play* meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 for children ages 1-5 and their parents/ caregivers. This is a great time to come and play uninterrupted with your child

*Terrific Tales* is a 30 minute story and song program followed by an optional craft period for children ages 2-5. Bring your child and watch him/her grow and learn!

*Book Time* runs every Friday at 10:30 in the morning. It is for children from birth—two years old and features rhymes, fingerplays and lapsits. Bring your child and have a great time.



*Family Story Time* is on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00am. Check the children's room calendar or website for the current month's theme.

*Curious George Curiosity Day* is on Friday, March 16th from 1:00-2:00pm. There will be different things to touch and explore, Curious George snacks to taste, and, of course, a curious craft for your child to work on.



*Crafternoon* runs on the second Thursday of every month. From noon to five, a special craft will be available for anyone to make.

Each craft takes about 20-30 minutes to complete and can either be brought home or used to decorate the Children's Room.

*Let's Go Camping* is a fun themed pajama Storytime. Starting at 6:30 on May 9th we will gather around our indoor campfire to sing songs and read stories about camping. There will be a special snack for all participants, as well as, a craft kit to take home and do another day.



## Six to Twelve

*Hearts and Crafts* on February 14th at 3:15pm. We will be making decorative Valentine's day cards using Iris Paper Piecing.



*Art Adventures*. During winter break we are offering a week-long art camp. The program will meet every day from 1:00-2:15, February 20-24th. The Western Maine Art Group will help lead each day's workshop.

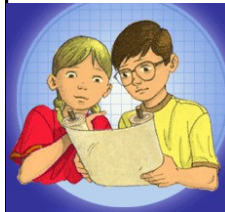


*Read across America* at the Norway Memorial Library. On Friday, March 2nd at 3:15 come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Lorax and friends. Enjoy Seussical crafts, games, and snacks!

*World of Chocolate*. Children ages 8-12 are invited to come to our chocolate party on Tuesday March 6th at 3:15. Get the skinny on chocolate, where it comes from, how it grows, how it's processed and finally what it tastes like!

*Beadalicious*. On Friday, March 16th at 1:00 we will have the fuse beads out at the library. Come and spend some time making a beautiful work of art that can be either put on a keychain or a magnet.

*Fun in the Tress House*. If you love the Magic Tree House series, you won't want to miss this program. On Wednesday, April 4 at 3:15 come explore the library's very own magic tree house. Bring a friend and see if you can solve the mystery in the library.



*Spies, Codes, and Ciphers*. Spend Spring break at the library learning about famous spies and ways to send secret messages. April 16-20 from 1-2:15 each day!



## Save the Date...

If you attended last year's **Café Chocolat**, you remember it was a delightful evening of tasting delectable chocolate treats, hearing the beautiful music of a student string ensemble, enjoying a slideshow of the French countryside and all things French!

This year the Friends of NML are busy at work planning another evening of chocolate fun. Imagine you are in a courtyard in Spain...



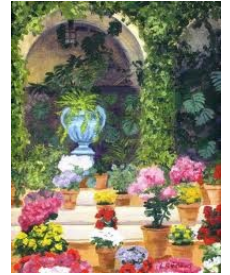
Join the Friends of Norway Memorial Library at a

# Spanish Chocolateria

Friday, March 30, 2012 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy ...

- a variety of fantastic chocolate delights (and vote for your favorites!)
- Music
- Door prizes
- Relaxing in the atmosphere of a Spanish courtyard



You may pick up a free ticket at the library between March 5 and March 28. Tickets are required. This event is free, but donations are appreciated.

**The Library's website address is: [www.norway.lib.me.us](http://www.norway.lib.me.us)**

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