

FALL 2019

My Library Card Can Do What???

Have you ever wished you could check out a book in a library closer to work but you don't live there so you don't have their library card? Have you ever been in another town summering and wished you could use their library because the weather has turned or your projects are done? In September, Lewiston Public Library joined with libraries across the state to launch the Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program (MRBP). This pilot gives patrons the ability to walk into any of the nearly 70 participating libraries, select an item off the shelf, and take an item home the same day with a valid library card.

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Library materials statewide are now more accessible and the program opens up new libraries for patrons who enjoy exploring other towns and libraries, work in other cities, or who do not want to wait as long to receive an item.

Participating libraries include college libraries, medical and law libraries, and public libraries. More information can be found on the Maine State Library's website: https://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/directories/reciprocal_borrowing_libraries.shtml or you can stop and pick up a brochure from LPL's Lending Services Desk today.

Annual Meeting Of The Friends Of The Library

Thursday, November 14, the Friends will host Anne Williams, a Lewiston resident and author, as our speaker for our Annual Meeting. Anne has written three books on the history of jigsaw puzzles. She will be discussing the history of puzzles and their place in Maine. The Friends business meeting will occur at 5:30 PM, followed by the talk at 6 PM. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. Come join us and bring your membership renewal!!

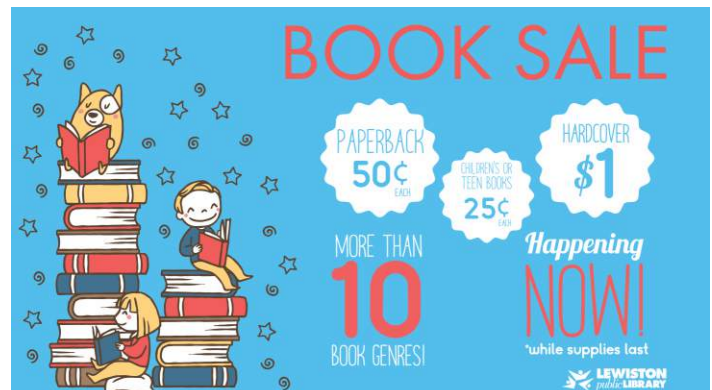
Kanopy Streaming Services—Films on Demand with Your Library Card

As of March 2019, the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free to all Lewiston Public Library card holders. Films can be streamed by visiting www.libraryla.org/films or from any computer, smart television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Offering what the New York Times calls a "garden of cinematic delights," Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from A24, Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS and thousands of independent filmmakers.

The Kanopy collection includes French language titles like *Camille Claudel* and *400 Blows*, classics like *Saturday Night Fever* and *Seven Samurai*, and award-winning documentaries like the 2017 Oscar®-nominated *I Am Not Your Negro* and Sundance Film Festival winner *Mother of George*.

Kanopy has also recently released Kanopy Kids, offering a large selection of educational and entertaining programming for children. Included in the offerings are nearly 300 short animated films based on children's books such as *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and *Mother Bruce*, a book by Maine author Ryan T. Higgins.



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Signing up for Kanopy is easy, requiring only an email address to create an account and a valid library card. Library patrons are then allotted 10 credits a month, with each movie/episode viewed costing one credit. Credits are reset at the end of each month. If you have questions, please contact the Adult & Teen Services Department at 207-513-3135 or lplreference@gmail.com.

Have You Noticed??

Earlier this year, the library replaced its aging exterior banners with new, bold designs. The banners were funded in large part by the Friends of the Lewiston Public Library, and were designed based on feedback from Library staff, the Friends, and members of the Library Board of Trustees.

Author Events—2019

In January 2019, LPL hosted local author Mark Griffin, who discussed his latest, critically-acclaimed book, *All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson*. Mark also shared a 35-minute documentary that he produced paying tribute to Rock Hudson's career, and including highlights from interviews he conducted for book research. The talk concluded with a book sale and signing, and Mark generously donated all proceeds to the Friends of the Library.

In the summer, New England fantasy author and poet Theodora Goss spoke at the library about Athena Club series, inspired by the mad scientists of classic literature. The final novel in the series, *The Sinister Mystery of the Mesmerizing Girl*, is out in October 2019.

In early October, memoirists Catharine H. Murray and Suzanne Farrell Smith spoke about their respective books and using the memoir format as a means of exploring and describing experience of loss. Catharine will be teaching an introductory memoir-writing class at LPL in late October. Both programs were funded by the Friends of the Library so that they might be offered free of charge to the general public.

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If you shop online at Amazon.com for books (or anything else!), you can support the Friends of LPL while doing that shopping. Just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and type in 'Lewiston Public Library' as the organization you'd like to support. By doing so, a small donation from each sale comes to the Friends without adding one penny to the price of your purchase!

Friends Of The Lewiston Public Library— Renew Your Membership Today

You should have found with this newsletter our annual membership appeal. We would appreciate your membership renewal! Your donation really makes a difference and goes directly towards expanding Library programs and resources for the entire community.

We are looking to expand the Friends Board, so please consider volunteering. The Board meets quarterly to approve expenditures which support the Library and to assist the Director with program planning. For more information, talk to one of our current Board members (Gillian Bavis, Karen Choate, Mike Courchesne, Eileen Fair, Bruce Hall, Anne Kemper, Helene Perry, David Sysko) or email us at FriendsofLPL@gmail.com.

Children's Department Changes

After a twenty year tenure as our Children's Librarian, David Moorhead retired from Lewiston Public Library on September 6, 2019. Under David's leadership, the Children's Department in the newly-expanded library became a thriving, welcome place for Lewiston's children and families to learn and grow together. Around 50,000 items were checked out from the Children's collection each year, in part due to David's careful selection techniques and mentorship of staff who also worked to develop and evolve the collection over time. David was also a fixture in the community, reading to thousands of local children at childcare facilities, schools, and festivals over the years.

A search is now underway for Lewiston's next Children's librarian!

Join Us In Thanking Our Full Time Library Staff For Their Work And Leadership:

Administration: Marcela Peres and Rosey Davis

Lending and Services:
Katherine Webber and Alex Richey

Adult & Teen Services:
Steve Bouchard, Harper Chance, and Wendy West

Children's Services:
Sara Groves and Ian Cunningham

Collection Services:
Karen Jones and Joshua Gauthier

