

# Harrison Village Library



## Newsletter

Spring 2018

### Harrison Village Library

#### Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 1 – 7 PM

Thursday 11 AM – 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

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For more information on all  
Library events, please  
call or visit.

### Board of Trustees

Trustees and Officers of Harrison Village Library are elected for one-year terms, each July, at the Annual Meeting.

Current Officers are:

Jon Whitney, President

Mark Heidmann, Vice President

Caroline Leonard, Secretary

Sarah Bernard, Treasurer

Additional Board Members:

Meg Kirschner

Michael Sink

Karen Toohey

Bill Wood

### Donors Help to Spruce Up Library



Two separate donors, both of whom wish to remain anonymous, brought holiday cheer to the library when they contacted Library Director Kathleen Kramer late last fall with the same question: what does the library need?

Thanks to their generosity, we have a beautiful new sign (designed and installed by local sign maker Terry Swett) and more comfortable seating for programs.

New computer stations that will provide more privacy and workspace should be in place by the end of May.

### Slime Workshop

Jane Leonard, daughter of HVL board member Caroline Leonard, demonstrates the result of her slime experiment at February's Slime 101 program.



## **Save the Date, Don't Forget**

The 9th Annual Harrison Village Library Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, September 16 at Lake Kezar Country Club.

Players of all abilities are welcome to play in the scramble-style tournament, which begins at 8:30 with a shotgun start; contests, challenges and mulligans will be available.

The cost per player is \$75 (\$300/team) and includes golf, cart, and a meal. Hole sponsors and prize donors are needed; please contact the library for more information.



## **Upcoming Events**

We have many exciting programs in the works for this summer! Some are still in the planning process, but please mark your calendar for these:

### **Monday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.: Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**

All library lovers are welcome to join the Friends, who help support the library by fundraising for "extras", such as museum passes and summer reading prizes, and helping with big library events such as the Cookie Walk. The date for their Book, Bake and Plant Sale will be set at this meeting—stay tuned for more info!

### **Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.:**

#### **Author Talk with Francesco Duina**

The author of *Winning: Reflections on an American Obsession*, will be on hand to discuss his new book, *Broke and Patriotic: Why Poor Americans Love Their Country*. Duina, a professor of sociology at Bates

College, wondered why the worst-off American citizens love their country so much more than those who are better off, and indeed more than the worst-off citizens of other advanced nations, who receive better social benefits, work fewer hours and have greater chances of upward mobility compared to their counterparts in the U.S. To better understand their outlook, Duina spent parts of 2015 and 2016 in Montana and Alabama interviewing 63 Americans of varying ages, genders, religions, political orientations, races and histories of military service, and came away with insights he shares in the book and will discuss at this special presentation.

### **Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.: Meet the Candidates**

Though Harrison is a small community and we often feel we know "everyone", voters can still benefit from an opportunity to meet the candidates for local office. Come put a face to the name and hear what the candidates have to say in a friendly, informal setting.

### **Saturday, June 2, 2:00 p.m.: Read ME Book Discussion**

Read ME is a statewide program, presented by the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library, that gets Maine's adults all reading the same books. One fiction title and one non-fiction title by Maine authors are recommended by a Maine author--this year it's Paul Doiron, author of the Mike Bowditch mystery series and former editor of Down East magazine. We will discuss both titles before the Maine Calling event that will be held at the Maine State Library and will air live on Maine Public Radio.

This month we'll discuss *River Talk* by CB Anderson. Here's what Paul Doiron had to say about it: "The

short stories in CB Anderson's *River Talk* are about Mainers: folks you went to school with and have known forever, others you hear speaking in foreign tongues on the street, newcomers, neighbors, maybe even yourself. What makes this book so special, so moving, is Anderson's passionate commitment to making all of these people not just recognizable but relatable. If you're looking for a book about the ways people in Maine actually live, now, today, you need to read this small masterpiece." Copies of the book will be available for loan at the library.

### **Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.: Author Talk & Book Signing with Bruce Robert Coffin**

Coffin is a retired detective sergeant with over 27 years of service, including 4 years working with the FBI in counter-terrorism after the 9/11 attacks. At the time of his retirement, he supervised all homicide and violent crime investigations in Portland, the setting of his best-selling Detective Byron mystery series. Copies of Coffin's first two novels, *Among the Shadows* and *Beneath the Depths*, will be available for purchase, and we may be able to persuade him to tell us a little about his upcoming book!

### **Thursday, July 5, 3:00 p.m.: The Hoopoe Show with Mime Chris Yerlig**

Calling Chris Yerlig a mime is technically correct, because he performs without using his voice; however, his spellbinding blend of vaudeville, magic and clowning is so much more than your stereotypical mime performance! He wowed us last summer, and we are thrilled to welcome him back. All ages will enjoy this outstanding performance.

### **Wednesday, July 11, 1:30 p.m.:**

#### **Lindsay & her Puppet Pals**

Year round, Lindsay brings her

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## Meet the Teen Advisors



### **Isaiah Carter**

Hi, I'm Isaiah Carter, one of the two Teen Advisors to the Library Board. I will be graduating high school in 2019.

My hobbies are soccer and biking, and I read a lot when these options are not available. As for plans in the future, I hope to study Computer Science in college.

The Harrison Village Library has always been the place I go to relax, and I spend much of my free time there.

### **Saige McGinnis**

Saige McGinnis is an active member of the Oxford Hills and Harrison community, and has been an avid member of Harrison Village Library from a young age. She is currently a Junior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Saige is involved in a variety of clubs and organizations at her school, including National Honor Society, Debate Club, Varsity Soccer, Track, the Mentor Program, Key Club, Upward Bound, and Student Council. She is also an alum of the HOBY leadership program, has been chosen to attend Dirigo Girl's State and is a volunteer boosters soccer coach.

In her free time Saige enjoys hiking, playing the guitar, reading, and painting. After high school, she plans on attending college with a major in Biology and a double minor in Political Science and International Relations. She aspires to be a traveling nurse, and then complete her education to be a Physician's Assistant.



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### **Lions Club Vision Screening**



Maureen Johnson, left, of the Harrison Lions Club, provided vision screening for the children attending Storytime recently. The camera-like device can detect potential eye problems such as astigmatism and requires no reading, perfect for children as young as 6 months.

## **Upcoming Events** (*Cont. from page 2*)

larger than life Puppet Pals to child and family audiences across New England. Filled with silliness, active audience engagement, and unique, memorable characters, this series of charming short stories will delight the young and the young at heart! Ideal for ages 3-8.

### **Wednesday, July 18, 3:00 p.m.: Abiel Briggs: American Patriot, 1775**

A living history presentation by Hank Lunn, who brought us last summer's "From Friend to Foe: German Prisoners of Wars in Maine During WWII". In early fall 1775, Abiel Briggs joined George Washington's volunteer militia and participated in the Arnold Expedition to Quebec. In period clothing, with musket and tomahawk, Hank ("Abiel") will discuss the hardships of the trek and what life was like for American patriots during the early years of the American Revolution.

### **Wednesday, July 25, 3:00 p.m.: Music Makers with Jennifer Armstrong : An interactive family program with musician-storyteller-author Jennifer Armstrong featuring a variety of instruments, including the fiddle, banjo, guitar, bagpipe and Celtic harp.**

### **Saturday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.: Read ME Book Discussion**

We'll discuss the final book recommended by author Paul Doiron for this statewide read: "More than in other places, Maine people live close to nature; Some by accident, others by design. Susan Hand Shetterly's collection of lyrical short essays, *Settled in the Wild: Notes from the Edge of Town*, is therefore a book intended for all of us. It's about watching deer drift through the field at dusk and about leaving the window open in April to hear spring arrive with the first piping of the peepers. It's about the familiar, the secret, and the strange, written by an artist whose gift it is to help us see our shared environment as we've never seen it before."

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## Community Solar

Michael Dunn of Center for an Ecology-Based Economy presented information on a community solar farm. The proposed co-op would supply solar-generated electricity for area subscribers.



## Gift Shop:

Spring has sprung in the HVL Gift Shop! In addition to gently used books, you may find gift items featuring "repurposed" books, such as the birdhouses pictured here. Stop in the meeting room to see the selection the next time you are in the library!



## Beekeeping

Area resident Barbara Moulton shared her experiences "Getting Started in Beekeeping" in March. Pictured are some of her related accessories.

## Did You Know?

### Ongoing Programs and Services, and Other News

--You can **borrow ebooks and audiobooks** for your tablet, smartphone or electronic reading device through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, aka the "Cloud Library." All library patrons may use this service, which may be accessed by the link on our website. Please call or stop by for your card number. If you need help, we'll be happy to walk you through the process of borrowing electronically.

--In addition to the weekly **Storytime** (Thursdays at 10:00), we also offer a monthly Traveling Storytime for preschools and daycares. Please contact the library if you would like to arrange a visit to your daycare. We also have monthly visits from Bear the Reading Dog, a great way for young children to practice their read-aloud skills. Check the library calendar for the

date of Bear's next visit.

--**Large Print Titles** are available both from our own collection and from a rotating collection from the Maine State Library.

--You can **donate** to the library online! Just follow the link on our website.

--**Free and discounted passes** to the Portland Museum of Art and The Children's Museum and Theater of Maine are available for library members. Call or stop by to check availability.

--Free access to the **Ancestry.com** database (for genealogy) is available on all library computers.

--You can **renew and reserve books online**! Stop by or call to get your user name and password. Lists of recent acquisitions are also available online. Click the bookshelf icon on

the library's website that says "search the catalog"; when you are brought to the catalog, click "lists" to see what's new. (You don't need to be logged in to view the lists or search the catalog, but you do in order to renew or reserve.)

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[www.harrison.lib.me.us/calendar.html](http://www.harrison.lib.me.us/calendar.html) to stay updated to the latest news and program info.

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