



BAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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MON-WEDS: 10-6 | TH: 3-8 | FRI/SAT: 10-3

Wednesday, June 1

Music Time w/ Caleb Orion 10:30am

Friends Group 6pm

Bailey Yoga Night 6pm

Tuesday, June 7

Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Make Blueberry Enchiladas

w/ Deb Barnett 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 8

Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Thursday, June 9

Historical Society 6:00pm

Ukulele Group 6:30pm

Saturday, June 11

Tale Time Story Hour 10:30am

Monday, June 13

Trustee meeting 6pm

Tuesday, June 14

Story Hour w/ Ms. Jenn 10:30am

Migrant Workers in Maine

w/ Marilyn Meyerhans 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 15

Kids Yoga 10:30am

Community Read Discussion 6pm

Saturday, June 18

Paint Bee Houses 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 21

Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Cynthia Lord Author Visit 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 22

Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Thursday, June 23

Library Camp-in 4:00pm

Ukulele Group 6:30pm

Friday, June 24

Wetland Habitats Kids Program 2:00pm

Tuesday, June 28

Music Time w/ Buster B 10:30am

Scavenger Hunt Nature Walk 4:00pm

Wednesday, June 29

Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

2016 Summer Reading

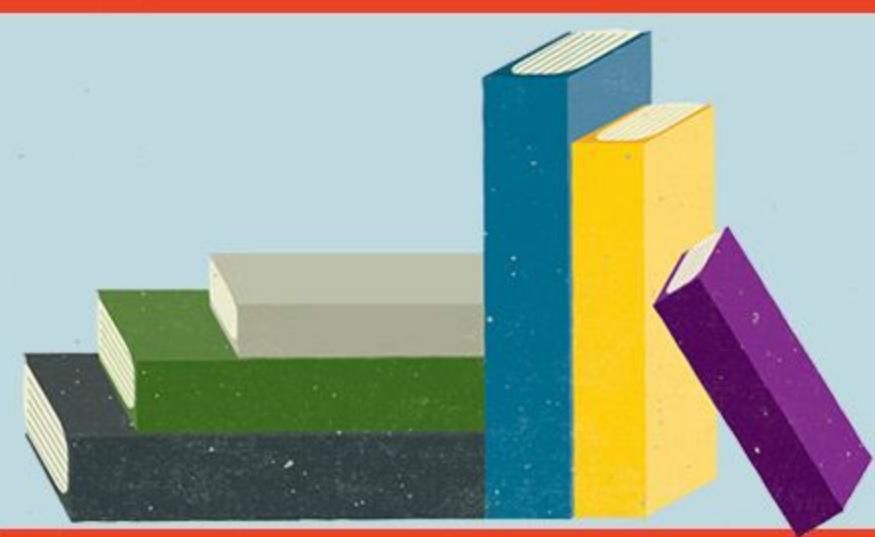


Public libraries across Maine are gearing up for summer reading for students of all ages. The Bailey Library will offer events, crafts, and other fun activities to promote the enjoyment of reading. This year's summer reading theme is "On Your Mark Get Set Read," and the program will run June through August. Studies show that students who do not read during the summer can experience "summer set-back," losing ground in learning and returning to school less ready in the fall. In the summer of 2015, over 160 children participated in summer reading at the Bailey Library. We encourage children to read anything they like: books, magazines, comic books, graphic novels, or even audio books on any subject. Pre-readers earn prizes by listening to books read aloud. When older children read to younger kids, both children earn credit. Prizes and registration information will be posted online in the coming weeks at: www.baileylibrary.org/summerreading

New Ukulele Group



The Bailey Library is excited to begin hosting a Ukulele Group on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The group is free and open to all lovers of the compact, yet versatile, instrument, the ukulele. The meetings will generally take place on the first floor conference room of the library at 6:30pm. The group is open to all skill levels, and will be a wonderful environment to learn chords and techniques, and to meet some ukulele minded friends. The group aims to offer an appreciative and supportive audience for anything ukulele.



Literary Favorites



NEW BOOK COMING SOON: Brighton by Michael Harvey

A reporter returns to the violent Boston suburb of his youth when a series of murders appears linked to his past. Michael Harvey leaves the Chicago of his series work behind and returns to the Brighton, Massachusetts, of his own youth, lending its crime-ridden streets to the fictional Kevin Pearce and Bobby Scales, childhood friends bound by a secret act of violence that forced Kevin to leave the neighborhood at 15. Harvey changes points of view as easily as his characters load clips into their guns, and we see the story unfold from multiple angles, blurring the definition of criminal from the get-go. Sharp as the blades used to gut the guilty and innocent alike, Harvey's fierce stand-alone is a blood-soaked tribute to finding your past and living with the consequences.

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Book Review by Shane Billings

NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY: *The Excellent Lombards* by Jane Hamilton

Over the years, Jane Hamilton has crafted an impressive body of work. Her seven novels are quite different from one another in terms of plot, but each of them possess well drawn, three dimensional characters, who will move you in some way. Her latest effort, "The Excellent Lombards," is a coming of age story that centers on Mary Frances Lombard, known to her family as Frankie. The novel is divided into three stages, Early, Middle, and Late, which trace the course of Frankie's life from childhood to young adult. The setting is her beloved family homestead, a Midwestern Apple Orchard that Frankie dreams of taking over as an adult. Her plans to remain at home and run the orchard, with her beloved brother William, are challenged as adulthood rears its head. Although this novel is told in brief sketches, like bursts of memory from one person's life, Frankie emerges as a fully realized character. Each of the three sections of the book is riveting; in no small part due to the narrative voice Hamilton has given her young heroine. Frankie's spirit comes through on every page, as does her love for her family, their land, and their life's work. The supporting characters are all strong unto themselves, among them, Frankie's quiet and hardworking father, Jim; her loquacious librarian mother, Nellie; her somber brother and soul-mate, William; the eccentric distant relative, May Hill; and the farmhand Gloria, like a second mother to Frankie and William. Each character takes the spotlight in at least one episode, but they all weave in and out of Frankie's orbit, just like the casts in all of our lives. There is an abundance of humor, a dash of outrage, apple orchard wisdom, a fair share of heartbreak, and as always in Hamilton's novels, countless moments that showcase the beauty of humanity.

Coming Soon in DVD



Deadpool directed by Tim Miller
The Finest Hours directed by Craig Gillespie
Joy directed by David O. Russell
The Player directed by Robert Altman (reissue)
Race directed by Stephen Hopkins
Where to Invade Next directed by Michael Moore
The Witch directed by Robert Eggers

Book to Film

NEW DVD AT THE LIBRARY:

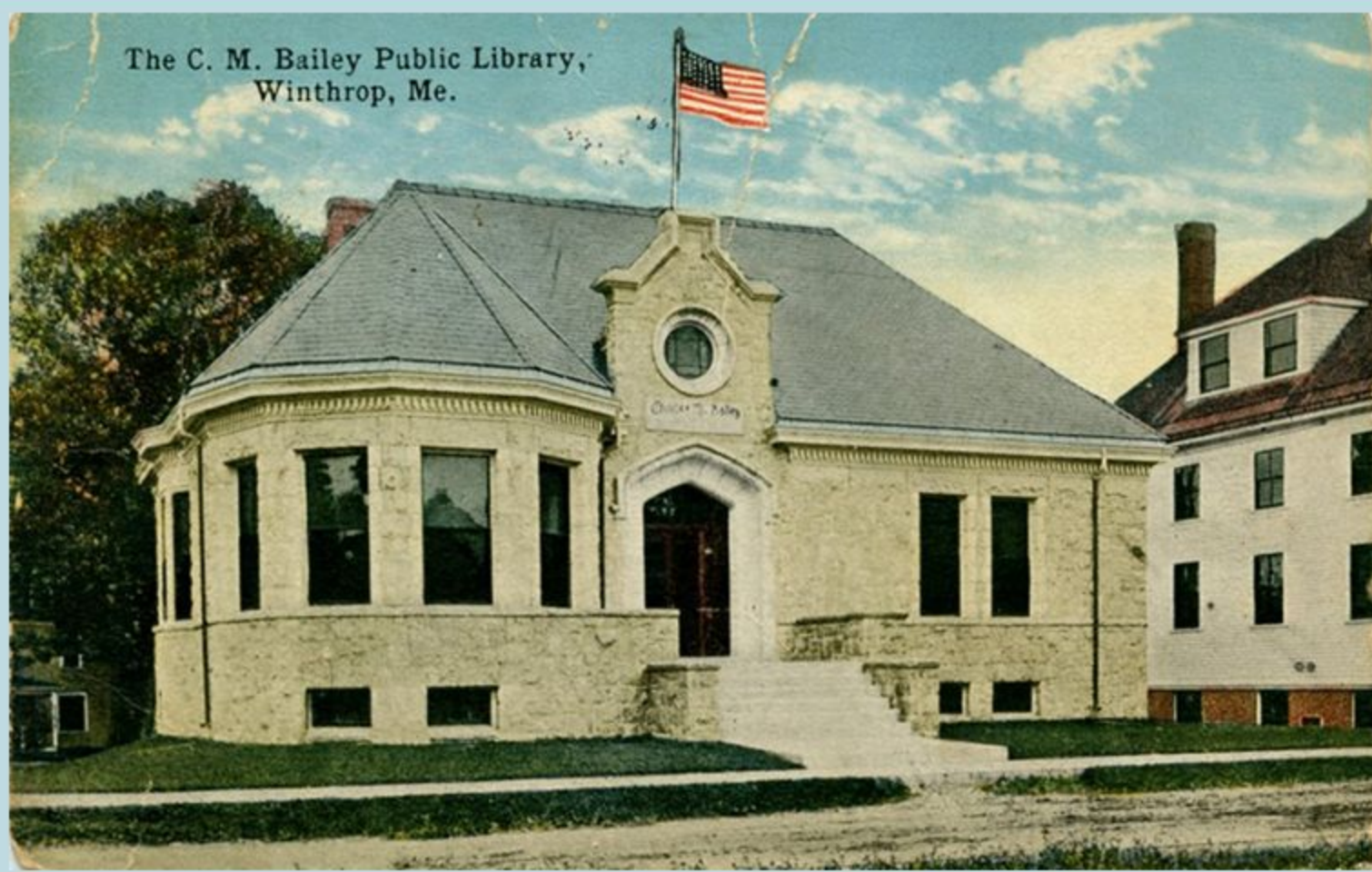
The Finest Hours directed by Craig Gillespie



Critics Consensus

Based on the Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman book of the same name, "The Finest Hours" is the true story of the 1952 nor'easter that ripped an oil tanker in half, leaving a 30 man crew stranded in hurricane-force gale winds and 70-foot waves. The picture embraces old-fashioned values and a little schmaltz, but elegantly captures the frustrations and pains of both the stranded crew and the rescue team that went in to save them. The computer-generated scenes are beautifully choreographed and realistic, and Carter Burwell's stirring score enhances the drama. The film may be too square for some viewers, but it is exciting and entertaining enough to kill a rainy spring afternoon.

Community Read: Centennial Edition



The library in 1922



2015 Expansion

The library is hosting a centennial edition of the annual Community Read to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the downtown building. To commemorate the centennial, the library has partnered with the Winthrop Public Schools and selected the intergenerational novel "A Handful of Stars" by Cynthia Lord.

The library will host five Community Read events throughout the month of June:

- *On Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30pm Deb Barnett will host an informative cooking program with blueberry enchiladas. Barnett is the Community Education Assistant through the Eat Well Nutrition Education Program for Kennebec County.
- *On Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30pm Marilyn Meyerhans will host a program entitled "Migrant Workers in Maine: A Brief History." Meyerhans is the owner of Lakeside Orchards and Farm Market in Manchester.
- *On Wednesday, June 15th Adult Services Librarian Shane Billings will host an all ages community discussion on the book at 6:00pm.
- *On Saturday, June 18th at 1:00pm retired Winthrop educator Steve Knight will host a youth event painting bee houses.
- *The month long celebration culminates with a visit from Cynthia Lord on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30pm. Lord, who won the prestigious Newbery Honor Medal in 2007, grew up in New Hampshire before settling in Coastal Maine.

Winthrop educator and author Margy Burns Knight helped select the book, and is helping to organize the events. "The book centers on the small town daughter of migrant workers, and explores themes of friendship and community, but most importantly, it appeals to all generations. It's a perfect book to celebrate 100 years at Bailey," according to Burns Knight, who won the National Education Association's Human and Civil Rights Award for her body of work in 1997. Burns Knight is currently the Service Learning Coordinator for the Winthrop school system.

The library first opened its doors on Bowdoin Street on December 2, 1916. Charles M. Bailey, who owned one of the largest oilcloth manufacturers in America at the time, donated the rock faced and chiseled pink granite building. Previously, the library operated as the Winthrop Public Library, which opened in 1889 in the historic downtown Packard Block building, where U.S. Cellular and Subway are currently located. According to a Lewiston Saturday Journal article dated December 2, 1916, the original library featured a Reading Room, Stack Room, and Children's Room. Some of the original items from 1916 are still in use today, according to Trustee Chair Mary Jane Auns. "The original Reading Room tables and chairs, and magazine rack were carefully restored and put back into use as part of our 2015 renovations," says Auns, who also helped select the book. The Lewiston Saturday Journal noted in their 1916 article the "substantial character and beauty" of the solid oak tables, which are now used in the library's public meeting room. The library was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and significantly expanded in 2015.