

# PML NEWS

What's Happening at Parsons Memorial Library!



## PML Joins Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program

Parsons Memorial Library is excited to announce that we have joined the Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program. What does this mean? It means that now anyone with a valid library card from any of the participating libraries can access any of the other participating libraries to check out books and library materials in person rather than using inter-library loan. If you've been looking for a reason to explore other libraries in Maine, here's your chance! Find out more at PML.



## Join Us For Our (Rescheduled) First Friday Movie!

Join us this Friday for our rescheduled First Friday Movie Night! Are you ready to go green? Do you enjoy stories about house plants gone awry? It's time for Little Shop of Horrors starring Rick Moranis and Ellen Greene. You're already singing the theme song in your head, so why not c'mon to the library with a comfy chair, a snack, and a friend for a fun evening! We'll provide the popcorn, and we might even sing along a little. It's sure to be a frighteningly fun time!



## Get Creative With No-Brush Painting!

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Saturday, Ap  
1-3 pm  
for some fun and  
**No Brush  
Painting!**  
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Who says you need a brush to paint? This Saturday (April 13) we'll be painting with all kinds of cool items, everything except brushes! We'll provide all the materials. All you need to bring is yourself! Come indulge your creative side with some colorful painting!



## STEM Adventures for Kids at PML

If you've got kids that love learning, you'll want to bring them by the library on April 17 when we're hosting not one but two fantastic STEM events! For kids in middle school, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard returns with its STEM Outreach Program, a continuation of the March program. For the younger students, Mousam River STEM Academy returns, this time with It's Electric! Both sessions will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and registration is required. Kids will love the hands-on activities as they gain new understanding of how things work in the world. From designing experiments to learning about currents and more, these workshops have it. See you at the library!

**Wednesday,  
April 17th**



**4:30 - 5:30 pm**  
Join us for a fun hands-on learning workshop!  
Open to Middle School and up.  
Registration is required. Limit to 15 participants.





## This spring let's Grow Together!

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> • 1 - 3 pm  
**Terrarium Workshop**

We have everything you need to make a one-of-a-kind terrarium.  
Feel free to bring tiny embellishments for your landscape.  
All ages are welcome.

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> • noon - 3 pm  
**Plant Swap at our Community Picnic**

Join us for a Community Picnic -- meet new friends and find new plants.  
Let's celebrate the start of summer together!



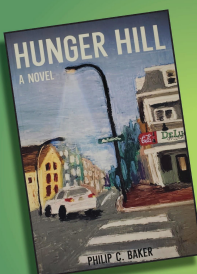
## Let's Get Growing!

It's been quite a spring so far. Let's turn things around and celebrate the beauty of the season. In honor of Earth Day, we're bringing back our Terrarium Workshop. From 1-3 p.m. on April 27, come to the Community Room where we'll have all the supplies. You can make and take your very own terrarium and we'll give you instructions on how to care for your new plants.

Then, on May 25, we'll have a Plant Swap at our Community Picnic! Meet new friends, find new plants, and get excited for the coming summer.

## Meet Author Philip Baker

If you love crime novels, you'll want to be at the library at 5 p.m. on April 29. Why? Because you'll get to meet and hear a reading from Philip Baker and his new book *Hunger Hill*. Set in Portland, *Hunger Hill* tells the tale of Detective Basil Keene, who has to solve the murder of the unlikable butcher of Hunger Hill. There's also money laundering and human trafficking. Find out more about Baker's inspiration and what it was like writing his debut novel.




Parsons Memorial Library  
welcomes Maine author  
**Philip Baker**  
to discuss his novel.

This exciting crime thriller is set in Portland, where Detective Basil Keene must solve the murder of the unlikable butcher of Hunger Hill.

Please join us to hear an excerpt from this underground scheme of money laundering and human trafficking.

Books will be available for purchase.  
**Monday, April 29  
at 5 pm**



Philip C. Baker is a graduate of Colby College. He has travelled on five continents and driven over 400,000 miles. He is a lover of seafood, travel with his family and two rescue beagles who find great joy in growing and blowing leaves, barking at squirrels, and, of course, laying at the moon. *Hunger Hill* is his first full-length novel.

## Coming Soon: Early Alfred Settlers With Bruce Tucker

Alfred Historian Bruce Tucker has a way of making history interesting and exciting. In this May 1 event, Bruce will share with us what Alfred's earliest residents were like, what challenges they faced, and who became famous, at least locally. Following the lecture there will be a discussion about the topic over a midday meal. So, bring your lunch and your curiosity and we'll see you at the library!



**Early Alfred Settlers**  
Hear about Alfred history from Bruce Tucker, followed by casual discussion of the topic over a mid-day meal. Bring your curiosity and a bag lunch.  
PML will provide hot beverages and dessert.  
**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
in the Community Room  
parsonsmemoriallibrary.com

## Saturdays are Lego Challenge Days

It's time to get creative. It's time to build. It's time for the Saturday Lego Challenge! Every Saturday morning you're invited to challenge yourself to see what you can create using our Lego bricks and your imagination. Each week will bring a new prompt. From 10 a.m. to noon, the challenge is on. Legos will be provided, and all ages are welcome!

## Join Us For Story Time and Toddler Time

Join your friends at PML for Story Time, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Toddler Time, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Story Time is for children of all ages. We'll hear a story, sing some songs, and do crafts and activities. Friendships and smiles abound! Toddler Time is just for littles 0-3 years. They'll get to explore and play at the library. Watch your little one learn about others and their world, while you make connections with new friends, too!



## April Book Group

The next title for the Book Group is *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Discussion will be Wednesday, **April 24** from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Reading Room.

