

JANUARY 2023

THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOSURES

- 01/02 – New Years Day (Observed)
- 01/16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 01/30 to 02/03 – Library Inventory
- 02/20 – President's Day

PROGRAMMING

- 01/04 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 01/06 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00
- 01/10 – Kids Comic Club @ 3:45 - 4:15
- 01/11 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 01/13 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00
- 01/17 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30 - 5:00
- 01/18 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 01/19 – Women's Club Craft @ 10:30
- 01/19 – Books & Brews @ 6:30 - 7:30
- 01.20 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00
- 01/24 – Kids Comic Club @ 3:45-4:15
- 01/25 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 01/26 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 - 4:30
- 01/27 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00

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- 02/06 CLASS: Safely Creating Online Accounts @ 12:30 - 1:30
- 02/07 – Tween the Pages @ 4:00 - 5:00
- 02/08 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 02/10 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00
- 02/15 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 02/16 – Women's Club Craft @ 10:30
- 02/16 – Books & Brews @ 6:30 - 7:30
- 02/17 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00
- 02/21 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30 - 5:00
- 02/22 – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30
- 02/23 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 - 4:30
- 02/24 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 - 3:00

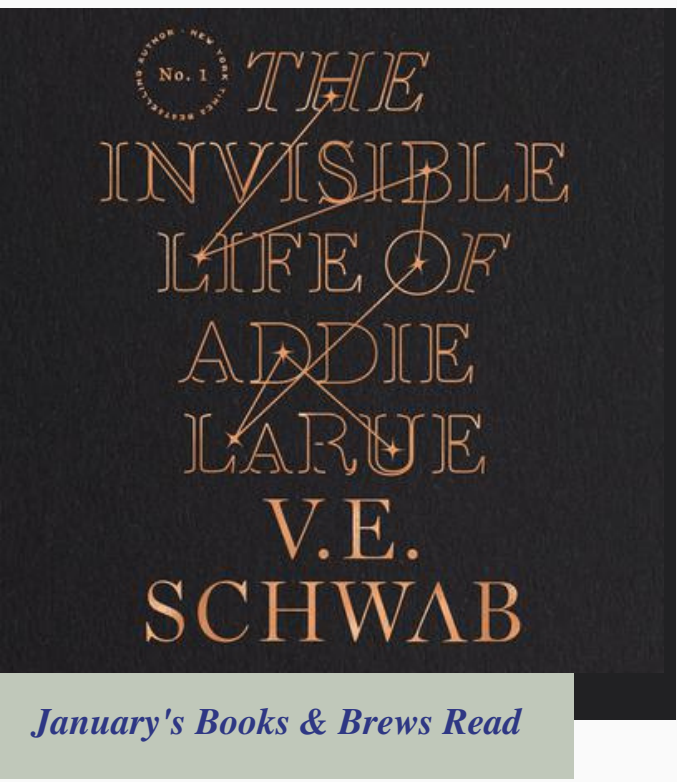
## IT'S A NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2023! It's hard to believe that 2022 has come to an end already, but here at the library we are excited to see what the new year brings and we hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season to close out the old.

A few quick reminders that we just wanted to share –

Now that it's January, we can expect a few more snowstorms heading our way, so remember to keep an eye out for any weather-related closures! We typically follow the school district's closure decisions (i.e. if the schools are closed, so are we), but the library may also close at its own discretion. Weather-related closures are always posted on our facebook, our website, WABI TV5, and News Center Maine.

We also have a pre-planned extended closure happening at the end of this month (January 30th – February 3rd) while we conduct an inventory. Two years ago we conducted the first inventory this library had seen in many years, and it was safe to say our collection needed it! So we're hoping that by conducting them a bit more frequently we can avoid such chaos in our stacks down the line. This process involves unshelving and scanning every item we have in our catalog, so the week we are closed will be very busy for us. For this reason, we won't be able to be open to the public or provide curbside service, so that we can make sure we have enough time to get the entire inventory done in one week. So plan ahead and please make sure to check out any books, movies, or games you might want or need before the end of the month!



## BOOK CLUB IS BACK

We took a nice break for the holidays last month, but Books & Brews is back for January with the fantastical historic fiction novel *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab! This month's meeting is on the 19th at Unwined, from 6:30-7:30pm. No sign up is necessary, so even if you've never joined us for book club before, now is the perfect time! Listen to the ebook, read your own personal copy, or come and borrow one of ours (we still have some available) with a valid library card. We always have a wonderful time with lots of great people, great conversation, and great drinks! We hope to see you there this month.

## UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

Back in 2020, when the world suddenly shut down without notice, we were in the middle of a series of very popular adult craft programs hosted by our local Women's Club, which we unfortunately were never able to finish.

Good news though, the Women's Club is back at SFPL and we're hosting a new series of adult craft programs with them over the next few coming months! There will be 1-2 of these events every month through April, with a variety of different crafts or new skills we'd love for you to come try out (think cake decorating, stained glass making, or card embroidery!) Registration is required for these programs, as space and materials are limited, but keep an eye out on our facebook page and our website for more details as they get closer!



*Skow. Women's Club (Cake Decorating Class, Feb. 2020)*



## TECHNOLOGY AND YOU

We, along with our friends over at MSAD 54's Adult & Community Education program, are once again hosting technology classes through the National Digital Equity Center's Maine Digital Inclusion Initiative. Classes will be held either here at the library or at the Skowhegan Area High School. While the classes will be held in-person at these locations, each class itself will be taught via a video call up on the big screen with one of the NDEC's expert instructors, and a staff person from the library or Adult Education as an intermediary. Some classes will have device requirements (depending on the subject of the class), and all will require participants to reserve their spot in the class ahead of time, as there are limited spaces available. You can check out the list of upcoming classes and reserve your spot on the NDEC website here: <https://digitalequitycenter.org/classes/onsite-in-maine/> . Just scroll down and select to either Skowhegan Free Public Library or MSAD #54 Skowhegan Adult Education, take a peek at upcoming classes, and click on "Reserve Your Spot."

## Staff Picks of the Month

Angie - *Maybe an Artist, a Graphic Memoir* by Elizabeth Montague

Bree - *Better the Blood* by Michael Bennett

Josie - *Stella Maris* by Cormac McCarthy

Lydia - *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Lyn - *The Endless Beach* by Jenny Colgan

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