

Hi there! Gardiner Public Library Director Justin Hoenke here with some updates about what's going on at the Gardiner Public Library.

2022 has been an exciting year for the Gardiner Public Library. More and more people are coming to visit the library to take advantage of the many resources we offer to all community members. The open hours of the library are back to our pre-COVID hours and we're now open every Tuesday night until 7:30PM. We've got tons of events happening every week for all ages, including our weekly story times, after school events for teens, and more. If you can't make it into the library in person, we've got our Digital Library to keep you engaged. With streaming services like Hoopla, cloudLibrary, and much more, there's always an audiobook, a movie, or an eBook waiting for you to enjoy. We have quite an inventory of Museum & Park passes that you and your family can borrow that will give you a chance to get out of the house and create some magical memories. And finally, we're still a part of the Minerva library system, a Maine cooperative that gives all library members access to 60 libraries and over 6 million items across our great state. If we don't have it in our building, we sure can find it for you somewhere!

Thank you to the wonderful residents of Litchfield! We are so thankful to have you as part of our library family. If there's anything we can do for your community, please let us know. We are all in this together. From myself and everyone at the Gardiner Public Library, we wish you nothing but happiness & joy in your life. Hope to see you at the library soon!

Justin Hoenke
Gardiner Public Library Director
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WELCOME TO THE GARDINER PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Gardiner Public Library is located at 152 Water Street in Gardiner, ME. It is the objective of the library to assemble, preserve, and circulate books and related materials necessary to provide information, self-education, and recreation for the enlightenment, entertainment, intellectual, and cultural development of the community. The library recognizes its responsibility to identify community needs, to promote the use of library services for adults and children, and to serve the community as a center for reliable information in various formats. All residents are entitled to a library card and the Gardiner Public Library is happy to serve you. The Gardiner Public Library is grateful for the support of our community members and elected officials.

LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

Starting in November 2022, the library now has evening hours! We're staying open until 7:30PM every Tuesday night so that you can come to the library, hang out, pick up your books, movies, and much more.

Monday 10:00AM-5:30 PM
Tuesday 10:00AM-7:30 PM
Wednesday 10:00AM-5:30 PM
Thursday 10:00AM-5:30 PM
Friday 10:00AM-5:30 PM
Saturday 9:30AM-12:30PM

BORROWING ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library houses a collection of over 45,000 physical items, including books for all ages, audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs, and much more. The library is also a member of the Minerva shared library catalog, which includes over 6 million physical items from more than 60 Maine libraries. All of these items and services are able to be accessed by anyone with an active Gardiner Public Library card. The Minerva shared library catalog can be found at: <https://minerva.maine.edu>

DIGITAL LIBRARY

In addition to the physical collection, the Gardiner Public Library offers a number of digital services that active library card holders can access from the comfort of their homes. All items in our Digital Library can be borrowed free of charge. Our Digital Library can be found at <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/digitallibrary> and includes the following services:

- Hoopla: borrow digital movies, music, eBooks, comics and more with Hoopla. Items borrowed from Hoopla can be viewed on most smartphones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs.
- cloudLibrary: borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks that can be viewed on most smartphones, tablets, & computers.
- ComicsPlus: Access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga. All titles available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Digital Archives of the Gardiner Public Library: Free access to the historic newspapers of the Kennebec region.
- Digital Maine Library: access to digital resources like Ancestry & the Digital Maine Repository (via Maine State Library)

OTHER LIBRARY SERVICES

Need to print, scan, or fax something? Looking for a notary? The library offers these services and more. For a full list, please visit: <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/collections-and-services/other-services/>

OTHER LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

We've got a lot more at our library than just books and DVDs. Want to borrow a wifi hotspot for a long car ride? Need a pole pruner to get rid of those pesky brown tail moth nests? Need a board game for a cozy winter family board game night? We've got lots of other neat things that you can borrow with your library card. For a full list, please visit:

<https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/collections-and-services/other-collections/>

MUSEUM & PARK PASSES

Want to get out of the house and create some memories with your family or friends? The Gardiner Public Library is happy to offer a wide variety of Museum & State Park Passes to all active Gardiner Public Library card holders. To request any of these passes, please visit the Gardiner Public Library at 152 Water Street, Gardiner ME 04345 and speak to a staff member at the First Floor Service Desk. For a full list, please visit: <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/collections-and-services/museum-state-park-passes/>

GARDINER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL STORYWALK®

Looking for a great way to combine a walk in the woods with some reading? In collaboration with MSAD 11, Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, Gardiner Rotary Club, and more, the Gardiner Area Middle School Storywalk® features a book that has been presented page by page on the trail behind the Gardiner Area Middle School to promote reading and exercise. For more information and to see what the latest story on the trails is, please visit: <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/about-us/storywalks/>

HOW'S THE LIBRARY DOING?

Curious about how many books come and go through our doors? Wanna know how many items have been borrowed from our Digital Library? We've got all of the statistics you could ever want here: <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/about-us/library-statistics/>

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