Launched in June 2020, APL’s partnership with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society filled not only the need of finding forever homes for these cats, but also boosted staff morale during the difficult time Covid-19 created. APL has had over thirty "Cats in Residence" since the program launched. Of the thirty cats, five have had to return to the shelter due to illness or other circumstances, and the other twenty-five have found homes. Many have been adopted by library regulars, and we love hearing updates on them.

While many have touched our hearts, none more than Sunny, who was adopted by our Library Director, and now resides in our administrative offices. Sunny, APL’s Director of Mischief and Morale, loves greeting customers and especially loves school tours! Sunny also has his own column in our weekly e-newsletter. Be sure to check it out!

If you are interested in adoption, or just want to play with a sweet cat, stop by the reference desk located on our second floor!
Hello Library Patrons,

My dining room windows are open, a late spring breeze is blowing in the trees, and the sun is setting in a beautiful western sky. It is time to feel grateful despite all the national and international sadness and chaos around us. Graduations, weddings, family milestones and gatherings, and much more are coming back after two long years. Here at APL things are also returning to some semblance of normalcy. In-person programs are starting up again—book discussions, activities in the Children’s Room, movies, and Summer Reading programs are all happening. Our circulation numbers are going back up, the numbers of people coming into the library are increasing. Book Sales have resumed, and there seems to be some new excitement coming through the door.

We are grateful for all our volunteers who work to keep our library programs and resources going. I would like to thank outgoing Board member Susan Weiss and former members Dan Hagreaves, Alfreda Fournier, and Lisa Trafton for their dedicated service to the Board. We are looking for a few new Board members. If you are interested in knowing more about what Board members do or in joining the Board, please contact the Director Mamie Anthoine Ney here at the Library.

In gratitude, the Board thanks all of you for your continued support of the Auburn Public Library.

Pat Gautier
Board President

### Books on the Board: What the APL Board is Reading

- **Jodi Picoult**
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### APL Teens

#### Summer Activity Challenge
**June 27th - August 31st**
Participate in our Teen Summer Activity Challenge and be entered in to win awesome prizes such as books and gift cards! There are a lot of activities to choose from! The more activities you complete, the greater your chances of winning!

#### APL Teens

**Oceans of Possibilities**
**Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest**
**August 24th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
The Auburn Public Library will be hosting a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest for those ages 12-18! To match our summer reading program, the theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Let your inner artist shine by creating your wildest seascape! Judges will determine the winner of the contest and they will receive a prize!

#### Teen Tales Book Club
**July 27th and August 31st 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in the Teen Space**
For our Teen Tales Book Club, we will be reading *Skin of the Sea* by Natasha Bowen. Registration is required. Books will be available the first week of July for those that sign up. We will meet to discuss the first half of the book July 27th and the second half of the book August 31st. We will follow our second discussion with pizza and a craft!

#### Teen Space Renovation Ribbon Cutting!
**July 12th 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**
Join us as we celebrate the completed renovation of our Teen Space thanks to a generous grant from International Paper.

#### Teen Activity Challenge
**6/27 - 8/27**
Join in the fun of our kids Summer Reading Bingo Challenge! Stop by the Children’s Room to pick up a free reading challenge booklet which explains the rules and prizes. Our 2022 theme is Ocean of Possibilities.

#### Teen Space - Possibilities
**7/20 4:00 PM**
Join Nicole White of Artful Nights Maine as she leads kids in creating an ocean-themed painting on canvas. This program is best for school-aged children.

#### Teen Activity Challenge
**August 24th 2:00 PM**
Join APL Teens for a mini esports tournament!

#### Mad Science of Maine:
**Life in the Sea**
**Wednesday, July 20th 4:00 PM**
Children will explore different ocean ecosystems and learn about the plants and animals that live there. Hands-on activities teach the interconnectedness of an ocean food web and the consequences of overfishing. Best for school-aged children.

#### Mad Science of Maine:
**And His Animals Too**
**Tuesday, July 12th 4:00 PM**
Children will learn about exotic reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates while watching them in action.

#### Making Space for Pollinators
**With Jerry Schneider**
**Wednesday, July 27th 1:00 PM**
Come learn about local pollinators and make a pollinator T-shirt. Attendees may bring their own shirt, or purchase one from Jerry for $4.00. This program is best for school-aged children, all are welcome.

#### Art with Nicole
**Thursday, July 14th 10:00 AM**
Join Nicole White of Artful Nights Maine as she leads kids in creating an ocean-themed painting on canvas. This program is best for school-aged children.
Summer Program Highlights

**Ocean of Possibilities**

**Summer Reading Kickoff**
June 27th 6:00 PM

**Monday**
Join APL for this free family friendly event at Festival Plaza!

**Adult Programs**

**Exploring Maine’s Waterways!**
Author Talk: Dr. Chuck Radis
("Go By Boat")
Tuesday, July 26th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Dr. Radis will be here to share stories of his medical practice on the islands of Casco Bay!

**Riverwalk with Androscoggin Land Trust**
Thursday, July 28th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Meet up with us for a walk along the Androscoggin River to learn about the river’s history!

**Fins & Flippers with Chewonki**
Thursday, August 4th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Learn about the four major groups of marine mammals and reassemble a Pilot Whale skeleton!

**Wildlife, Water, and Recreation on Taylor Pond**
Wednesday, June 29th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Join naturalist Dana Little to learn about the natural history of Taylor Pond.

**Whale Talk with Allied Whale**
Thursday, July 7th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Come learn about the whales of the Gulf of Maine!

**Follow Me Down to the Garden: Insects, Watering, and Successions**
Tuesday, July 12th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
In this installment, Christine will help identify insects, share the best watering habits, talk about succession planting to increase the garden’s yield.

**Allagash: New England’s Wild River**
Thursday, July 14th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Author and humorist Tim Caverly will share his 32-year experience as a park ranger in the Allagash!

**Where Does Your Water Come From?**
Wednesday, July 20th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Follow a drop of water through the Lake Auburn Watershed and out into the community!

For more information on any of our programs, please visit our website: www.auburnpubliclibrary.org or call us at (207) 333.6640. You can also visit our Facebook Page, @auburnpubliclibrary
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