



# Annual Report

## 2025



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### OUR MISSION

Southwest Harbor Public Library inspires and supports the enjoyment of life-long learning, the love of literacy, and the exploration of new ideas, welcoming everyone through its doors.



Prize-winning Author **Richard Russo** speaking on the lawn of St. John's Church. Russo's novel *Empire Falls*, set in coastal Maine, won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2002.

## View from the Chair

Thank you for being part of our Library community! Whether you support the Library through your presence, volunteering, or financial contributions, your engagement is what makes our Library thrive.

This past year was especially meaningful as we celebrated the 130th Anniversary of the Library. For more than a century, the Library has served as a cornerstone of our community—adapting to change while remaining rooted in our mission to inspire learning, literacy, exploration of ideas while welcoming everyone through our doors.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the support of our community, the Library made an important investment in sustainability with the installation of solar panels. This project reflects our commitment to responsible stewardship so our resources can be directed toward services, programs, and collections.

Looking ahead, donor contributions will play a vital role in the planned installation of a generator in the coming year. This project will ensure that the Library can continue to provide essential services during power outages and emergencies, reinforcing the Library's role as a dependable and accessible community resource when it is needed most.

The Library's Board of Trustees works hard to ensure responsible stewardship of every contribution and to align our investments with the Library's long-term priorities. We are proud of what has been accomplished together and excited by the opportunities ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

Kathryn K. Nelson, CPA  
Chair, Library Board



Former Library Director **Candy Emlen** at the 130th Read-a-thon



Book cookie decorating at the 130th celebration



On Monday, July 21, by official Town Proclamation, Southwest Harbor Select Board Chair **Noah Burby** (far right) and Town Manager **Karen Reddersen** (far left) declared the week of July 21–27 as Southwest Harbor Public Library 130th Anniversary Week. They were joined on the front lawn by Library Board Chair **Kathryn Nelson** (center left), Library Director **Erich Reed** (center right), and a joyful gathering of Library Friends of all ages.

130th Committee Members **Paula Vogel & Liz Angelbeck** assist with cake cutting



130th Committee Chair **Eileen Miller** with **J.B. Harrison and the Seal Harbor Boys**

## LIBRARY STAFF

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Kate Pickup  
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Catherine Preston-Schreck  
*Library Assistant*

# Director's Report



Library Director Erich Reed with MDI High School volunteer.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with your library. We were delighted to see so many of you this past year—part of more than 57,000 total visits and over 7,000 program attendees. It has been a lively year with our print circulation reaching its highest level in seven years, led by growth in the children's collection. At the same time, we continue to be a statewide leader in digital collections and usage, expanding access in ways that meet patrons where they are. Many of you took advantage of our new Wall Street Journal digital subscriptions this past year, adding another valuable resource to your library card.

Looking ahead, one of our key priorities is our participation in the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. Through this work, we are strengthening the library's long-term financial sustainability, examining and reducing our environmental impact in both operations and services, and deepening our commitment to equitable access.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback—on both the big ideas and the small details. Your input helps us grow, adapt, and remain responsive to the evolving needs of our community. We look forward to seeing you at the library in the year ahead.

Erich Reed  
Library Director



Panelists and hosts at "Emergency Medicine & First Response: Lifesaving Partnerships in Action," an MDI Hospital Topics in Modern Health program.

Panelists, from left: **Bill Cyr**, Chief Operating Officer for **LifeFlight**; **John Lennon**, Deputy Chief of the **Bar Harbor Fire Department**; **Damian Flowers, MD**, Medical Director of **MDI Hospital's Emergency Department**; and **Steven Powell**, Deputy Chief Ranger for **Acadia National Park**.

MDI Hospital hosts, from left: **Mariah Cormier**, Public Affairs Officer; **Christina Maguire**, President and CEO; and **Robyn Clark**, Advancement Officer.

## WELCOME



Theo Ballas, Library Assistant



Amy Morgan, Library Assistant



Catherine Preston-Schreck, Library Assistant

## FREE MUSEUM & GARDEN PASSES

The Library offers passes to 12 museums and gardens locally and around the state. Call or stop in to reserve a ticket. 207-244-7065.

- Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden** (Seal Harbor, Land & Garden Preserve)
- George B. Dorr Museum of Natural History** (Bar Harbor)
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** (Boothbay)
- Farnsworth Art Museum** (Rockland)
- Maine Granite Industry Historical Society & Museum** (Mount Desert)
- Maine Discovery Museum** (Bangor)
- Oceanarium & Education Center** (Bar Harbor)
- Portland Museum of Art**
- Asticou Azalea Garden** (Northeast Harbor, Land & Garden Preserve)
- Seal Cove Auto Museum**
- Thuya Garden** (Northeast Harbor, Land & Garden Preserve)
- Wendell Gilley Museum** (Southwest Harbor)



The passes program is made possible through the generous support of **Carol Sullivan**, in memory of her parents, **Pat and Mary Sullivan**.

## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

Are you looking for your next read? Check out **Libby Life**, a website dedicated to helping you discover new titles and new favorite genres. Discover titles through blog posts, podcasts, and quizzes. Scroll to Explore More section to find out about Libby Book Awards, Year of the Horse recommendations, and more.



As always, find out about getting a free pass for the **Wall Street Journal** and **The New York Times** that includes full access to **Games, Cooking, Wirecutter**, and **The Athletic**.



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**Coming Soon: Wonderbooks!** Each Wonderbook is a print book with a built-in audio player inside. Kids of all ages will press play and read along with their favorite book.

**Student Reference Library:** Thanks to a generous donation by **Ruth and John Overton**, the library has added a considerable number of research and reference books to the children's collection.

**Springtime Visitors:** As a continuing celebration of Earth Day, **Mr. Drew and His Animals Too** – a natural science hands-on museum and reptile sanctuary – will be holding a program for kids of all ages after school on **Thursday, April 30th at 3:30pm**. Mr. Drew is based out of Poland, Maine, and cares for exotic animals not typically taken in by other rescue organizations. SWHPL will be hosting the **Within the Whale** program, where attendees can walk inside and explore a life-sized inflatable humpback whale on **Friday, April 17th at 1:00pm** in the **Pemetic Elementary School gymnasium**.

**A Glimpse of Summer: Ms. Mae** will be teaming up with **Acadia National Park** again to offer **Acadia Explorers**, an adventurous, outdoor educational program for grades K-5 & caregivers. Registrants will have the chance to enjoy a storytime then explore and learn at park locations with a Park Ranger. **Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers** will be returning this year for our **Summer Reading Kickoff party** in June, with a showing of **"Everybody Loves Pirates."** Exact dates are to be determined.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Thank you to our generous **2025 Summer Reading Program prize donors: Carroll Drug, Bramble and Stone, Tom Cat Tide, Little Notch Cafe, Milagro Coffee Bar, Salt Shop, Wendell Gilley Museum, Bass Harbor Campground, Golf of Maine Marine Adventures Miniature Golf, Gott's Store, & Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf!**



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- 1 Storytime with **Pemetic Kindergarten Class**
- 2 New student reference material donated by **Ruth and John Overton**
- 3 Contemplating the next move
- 4 **Acadia Explorers** at **Acadia National Park's Carroll Homestead** Old fashioned games

- 5 **Mr. Drew And His Animals Too**
- 6 **Scooby-doo Crew**
- 7 **Halloween cookie decorating**
- 8 **The Community School Research Visit**
- 9 **A Children's Room Moment**
- 10 **Stuffy Sleepover**
- 11 **Staff Member Amanda Crafts** with Author **Anne Sibley O'Brien, Island Readers & Writers Guest Author**



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# Development Report

The Southwest Harbor Public Library depends on the generosity of individuals throughout our community to fulfill our mission: to inspire and support a lifelong love of learning, foster literacy, and encourage the exploration of new ideas.

Although we are a public library, municipal funding covers only about 10 percent of our annual operating expenses. The remaining support comes from individual donors—you! Your contributions make everything we do possible.

This year, our community gave in record amounts to the annual appeal. These critical funds sustain

the Library's programs and services throughout the year. We also received planned giving and endowment gifts, which are essential to securing the Library's future. We are deeply grateful for every contribution.

Your generosity allows us to acquire and preserve books and periodicals, maintain and update our facilities, and fairly compensate our dedicated staff. More than that, your support enables us to keep our doors open to all—today, and for the next 130 years and beyond.

Thank you for being a vital part of our donor community.

Rebecca Williams

## SOLAR PANELS

Solar panels installed this year mark a huge step toward a more sustainable future, helping us reduce our carbon footprint and lower long-term energy costs. Many thanks to the **Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation** as well as a number of individual donors for bringing this plan to fruition!



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First row: **Karen Reddersen** (Southwest Harbor Town Manager), **Kathryn Nelson** (Chair), **Julia McCue**, **Erich Reed** (Library Director)

Second row: **Barbara Amstutz** (Vice Chair), **Joanne Harris**, **Dennis Wint**

Back row: **Charles Stanhope**, **Bill MacIntosh**, **Tom Lee**, **Ethan Miller** (Treasurer)

Not pictured: **David Kline** (Secretary), **Asad Raman**, **Rebecca Williams**, **Jim Hackman**, and **Richard Cohen**.

## Welcome . . .



**Asad Rahman** is the Director of IT at Wayfair, where he focuses on endpoint modernization, security strategy, AI enablement, and making technology work better for people. He lives year-round in Southwest Harbor with his wife, Molly, and their son. He's a regular at the library, working from the phone booth and meeting spaces, attending programs, or spending time with his son in the children's room.



**Jim Hackman** is a partner at the architectural engineering design firm Reese Hackman, with 40+ years of experience in building systems design for senior living communities, community recreation centers, higher ed, and K-12 schools. Jim and his husband Alan spend as much time in their Seal Cove summer cottage as the plumbing allows.

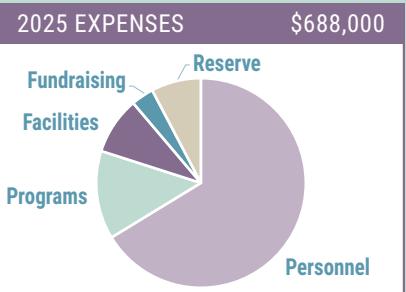
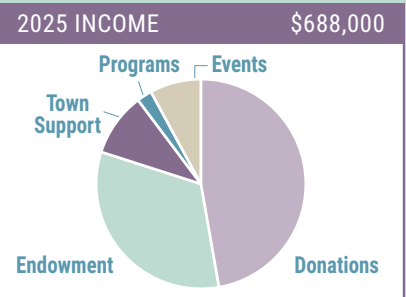
## . . . and Farewell



With great appreciation, we bid **Charles Stanhope** farewell and thank him for his service on the board. His positive impact on the library community will continue as a lasting part of our growth and success. Since joining the Board in 2012, Charles served five years as Chair and two as Vice Chair, and contributed to the Development, Finance, Nominating and Governance, and Art Auction Committees. He brought fresh ideas, encouraged bold thinking, and actively engaged at programs and events—leaving a lasting mark on the library.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Library enjoyed strong support from the Town and its many generous donors throughout 2025. This support allowed the Library to meet all of its day to day operating expenses as well as grow its programs and services to the community. The Library was also able to add to its reserve funds and last year began a formal review of its larger capital needs for the future. The endowment also continues to grow and is a key source of support and funding for Library's current and future financial health.





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1 Activist and humanitarian **Judith Goldstein** at her program "Belle da Costa Greene" with Trustee **Tom Lee**



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2 **Philip Koch**, a regular **AARP Free Tax Help** volunteer who annually assists low to moderate income individuals file taxes



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3 **Mike Forbes** unpacking the arts section for the Flamingo Festival Book Sale

4 **Anne Briek & Reader Dog Argos** with young reader



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5 **Kate Russell Henry** (right) teaches crane folding, harking back to meet-ups from years past. **Crane folding takes place weekly, on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.**



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6 Putting the finishing touches to the stone wall plantings including the white-petaled favorite, *Fairy Fanflower Scaevola aemula*

7 **Rebecca Williams** (left) and **Kate Soules** (right) setting up for the Marathon's **Finish Line Book Sale** in October



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## BY THE NUMBERS

PATRON VISITS:  
57,030

PHYSICAL ITEMS  
CIRCULATED:  
40,936

E-MATERIAL CIRCULATED:  
17,605

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE:  
7,522

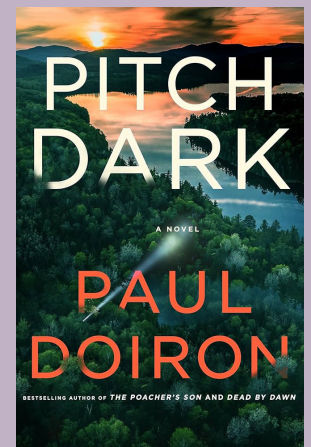
### WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD:

- Directly request over 4.5 million unique titles through our online catalog from over 100 Maine Libraries that can be delivered to the library, often within a week.
- Instantaneous access to over 700,000 audio, eBooks, magazines, graphic novels and films through our cloudLibrary, Libby, ComicsPlus, and Kanopy services.
- Visit over 70 public, academic, and regional libraries throughout Maine (including Jesup and Northeast Harbor Libraries) and borrow from their collections.

### MOST CHECKED OUT BOOKS:

FICTION *Pitch Dark* by Paul Doiron

CHILDREN'S *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen





# Sustainable Libraries Initiative

The Library is proud to join other Hancock County Libraries of **Bass Harbor Memorial, Blue Hill, Buck Memorial** (Bucksport), **Ellsworth, Friend Memorial** (Brooklin), **Jesup Memorial** (Bar Harbor), **Northeast Harbor, and Witherle Memorial** (Castine), along with the **Freeport Public Library**, in making the commitment to sustainability by joining the **Sustainable Libraries Initiative's Sustainable Library Certification Program**.

The *Sustainable Libraries Initiative* (SLI) empowers library leaders to advance environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible practices that address climate change and support thriving communities. Its **Sustainable Library Certification Program** (SLCP) provides libraries and school librarians with resources and step-by-step guidance toward a cleaner, greener, more equitable future through collective action.

Rather than requiring costly infrastructure changes, the SLCP focuses on long-term philosophy, informed decision-making, and goal setting—helping libraries build a sustainability mindset and make intentional, lasting change.

## AROUND THE LIBRARY



- 1** Poet **Rebecca Weiner Tompkins** finds her book *King of the Fireflies* in our library
- 2** **Craig Kesselheim** researching his next Maine county adventure take with his spouse Beth Dillely
- 3** A gathering of musicians during a **Quebecois Music Group** that meets weekly on Saturday mornings
- 4** **Michelle** and pal **Harvey** extend a paw during a regular library visit
- 5** **Carrie Kish** presenting "7,400 Miles On Foot: Tackling the Triple Crown of American Hiking"
- 6** **Staff Member Paul Burnell** up to the challenge of assembling new Children's Room chairs and tables
- 7** **Dr. David Valle, Johns Hopkins geneticist** with his portrait and artist **Judy Taylor** at her program "The Story Behind the Portrait"
- 8** **Pemetec Elementary School Kindergartener Rosie** with her mom **Alex Newell-Taylor** at the "Fiber and Felines" June Exhibit
- 9** **Karen Craig** settles in to unscramble one of our vintage wooden puzzles
- 10** **Trustees Charles Stanhope and Kathryn Nelson (Chair)** with **Professor Samuel Cohen** at the talk about his book *Banning Books in America: Not a How-to*
- 11** **Island Quilters** annual exhibit
- 12** **Staff Member Kate Pickup** with annual visitor **Amelia**
- 13** Patron, **Liam**, with his completed Scavenger Hunt card. **Scavenger Hunts** change monthly with the cards located near the Children's Room
- 14** Artist and crafter **Junie Witkowski** with her paintings, keychains, light-switch covers, crochet, sewing, and paper maché mask





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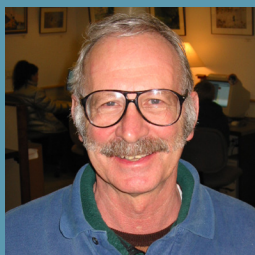
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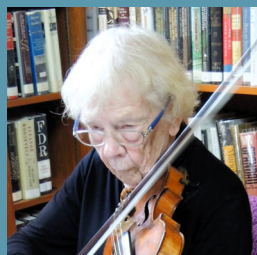
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**1 Island Quilters** hanging January 2025 Show. Back Row: **Sue Graf, Cara Ryan, Michele Daley** (co-chair), and **Joan Loy-Baxter**. Front Row: **Kathe McDonald, Linda Blasen, Zig Speight**



**2 Vicky Smith** with her plein air piece **Homework** at her September Artist Reception

**3 Kathie Pratt** at her May 2025 exhibit, standing next to her piece inspired by American sculptor Louise Nevelson, created for the 2019 Women's History Month Exhibit, **Visionary Women**.

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1 Over the river and to the Library. View from **Martha's Walk** behind **St. Dreaux Café**

2 Friends finding a moment to catch-up in the Holmes Reading Room

3 Spreading the Library Spirit In Pink for the **July Flamingo Festival Parade**. Photo credit **Carrie Jones, Bar Harbor Story**

4 A view of the October Community Forum: A Discussion on Shifting Federal Funding Priorities with **Rep. Gary Friedmann, Katie Freedman, Director of Community Health and Food Programs, Healthy Acadia, Dr. Mark Kandutsch, MDI Hospital Family Practitioner, Rep. Holly Eaton, with Moderator Jim Vallette**. Photo credit **Nancy Jones**

# 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

that benefit the Southwest Harbor Public Library

## FLAMINGO FESTIVAL BOOK SALE July 10 - 12

Located in the library, discover your next best reads amongst thousands of pre-loved books while celebrating your pink during **Harbor House's Annual Flamingo Festival**.

## FLAMINGO FESTIVAL PARADE July 11

Fly in formation with the library flock strutting your stuff down Main Street, Southwest Harbor.

## A CELEBRATION OF ART EXHIBIT & SILENT AUCTION August 1 - 27

Stop by or check out the online site, available for viewing August 1st, and support the Library and the Arts by bidding often, or Buy-It-Now. Take home a unique work of art from our talented community of artists.

## A CELEBRATION OF ART OPENING RECEPTION August 1

Join us at 1:30pm for a reception celebrating the artists in our community who make this annual event happen!

## FINISH LINE FESTIVAL BOOK SALE October 17 - 18

What better way to pass the time waiting for your favorite runner to cross the finish line than finding your next great read! Celebrate the runners of the **MDI Marathon, Half & Relay** at the **Southwest Harbor Finish Line Festival**.

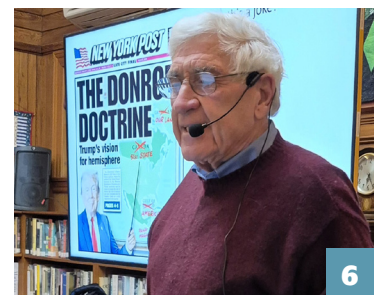
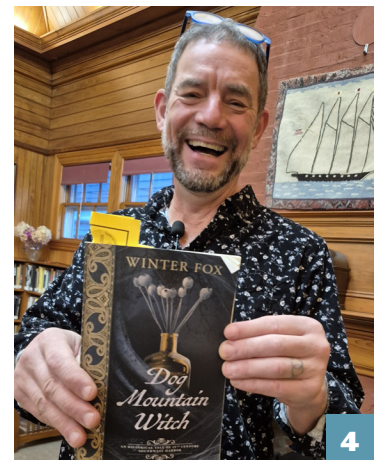
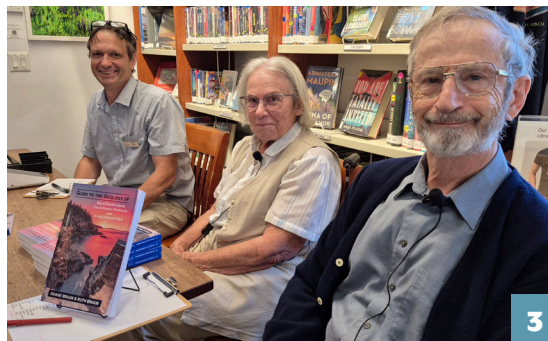
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- 1 Rosa Kwon Easton, (*White Mulberry*) and Hyeseung Song (*Docile*) spoke about writing the immigrant daughter story and what it's like to be later-in-life debut authors
- 2 John DelMastro with his May Exhibit of photo-realistic drawings and book illustrations created with Prismacolor pencils
- 3 Erich Reed, Library Director, with Ruth and Duane Braun signing copies of their book *Guide to the Geology of Mount Desert Island, The Schoodic Peninsula, and Acadia National Park* available for purchase at the library

- 4 Southwest Harbor author Winter Fox launches *Dog Mountain Witch*, a historical novel with local roots
- 5 Anne Burt and Christina Baker Kline launching their gripping thriller *Please Don't Lie*
- 6 Camden Conference Lecturer Seth Singleton on "America First Returns: Prospects for Democracy and Autocracy Around the World"



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## AUTHOR TALKS

**MAY 26** Geology of MDI, Duane and Ruth Braun

**JUNE 30** Jane Goodrich

**JULY 21** Christina Baker Kline at  
MDI High School, Jesup Memorial  
and Northeast Harbor Libraries

**SEPT 1** Ayelet Waldman and Michael Chabon

**SEPT 29** Geology of MDI, Duane and Ruth Braun

**COMING SOON** Tom Ricks

## ARTS & MUSIC

**MAY 5** Science and Art of Mount  
Desert Rock Fieldwork,  
Bridger Buck, Rosie Chater,  
& Will Draxler

**JULY 23** Kneisel Hall Concert at St.  
John's Episcopal Church

**AUG TBD** Mary Roper the natural and  
manmade garden on Mount  
Desert, with Judith Goldstein

## HISTORY

**APR 28** Remembering the Quiet Side's  
Sardine Industry, Tremont  
Historical Society

**MAY 12** Inspired by Trees, Catherine Schmitt  
and MDI Historical Society

**JUN 23** History of MDI's League of  
Women Voters, Cara Ryan and  
MDI Historical Society

**JULY 28** A History of Charles Fletcher Dole



## CURRENT EVENTS

**APR 14** Trump's Foreign Policy,  
Seth Singleton

**AUG 11** Conversations at the  
Causeway

**AUG 27** McCue Lecture,  
Hon. Andrew M. Horton,  
Associate Justice  
Maine Supreme Court

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**APR 17** Within the Whale  
experience

**APR 30** Mr. Drew and His Animals  
Too

**JUNE** *Everybody Loves Pirates*  
with the Frogtown  
Mountain Puppeteers

**SUMMER** Acadia Explorers

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