

- **Town Meetings:** Thank you to everyone for their support leading up to and at the Pittston Town Meeting. Things went very well and the community really stepped up to support the library. Next up is the West Gardiner Town Meeting on April 9. If you live in West Gardiner please be there and also please let your fellow community members know to be there to support the library. We are number 47 on the warrant. After this Town Meeting, I will schedule some time to meet with the Select Board in Farmingdale and Randolph.
- **Budget FY22-23:** Budget season for the City of Gardiner is coming up, and I've finalized my 2nd draft of the proposed library budget. I am still unaware of the budget numbers for personnel and benefits, but I will work with the Interim City Manager to sort those out. To help explain the budget to the City Council, I have prepared a narrative section to explain every budget line, what we use it for at the library, and why I may be asking for an increase in some budget lines. This was a great exercise to help me learn about the finer details of the City of Gardiner budget.
- **Storytimes:** Storytimes with Miss Ginni are coming back! These very popular events will be starting in May 2022 and happening every Tuesday at 10am in the 2nd Floor Children's Room. All ages and lovers of stories are welcome!
- **Summer Reading 2022:** Our Youth Services Librarians are hard at work coming up with a plan for the very popular Summer Reading Program. Over the next month or so we hope to pull together a full list of events and programs.
- **April 2022 Book Sale:** Staff have decided on setting up a donation based book sale starting on Saturday April 16 and then running from Tuesday April 19 thru Saturday April 23. Any support from the GLA is appreciated! Volunteers would help tidy the booksale space and to be here also to talk with community members coming to the book sale.
- **ME Dept of Labor Career Center:** Starting on April 6 there will be a representative from the ME Department of Labor Career Center at the Library every Wednesday from 10am-2pm to assist community members with resumes, Maine Job Link, job searching, and more. At this time, no appointments are necessary. The Maine Career Center Representative is available on a first come first serve basis.
- **Monthly Safety Audits:** As part of the City of Gardiner Safety Committee, I have created a monthly Health & Safety Audit that I will complete at the beginning of every month. This will help us identify and fix any issues that may arise throughout the course of the month. To start, I am turning a close eye to tidying up our work spaces and our public spaces. We need to ensure that these areas are safe for all.
- **2021 ME State Library Report:** The Maine State Library 2021 Annual Report was due on April 1, 2022 but we got it into them on March 18, 2022! This was a great report for me to do...it showed me a lot about the stats we need to collect and how we can better illustrate the worth of the library to our community members.
- **Better World Books:** The library now has an account with Better World Books. This organization will accept donations of library books that are either withdrawn from our collection or that have not sold in any of our book sales. This will help us cut down on storing old books in our basement and reduce our clutter.
- **State Park & Museum Passes:** The library now offers a variety of State Park & Museum passes, all of which can be "borrowed" by anyone with an active Gardiner Public Library card. Head on over to <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/collections-and-services/museum-state-park-passes/> to learn more.
- **Gardiner Grows June 2022 Festival:** Gardiner City Councilor Kathy Brown is organizing a June 2022 festival in our city called "Gardiner Grows!" which has a focus around art, gardening, and more. The library will be participating in this event. More to come!
- **Mask Mandate:** On March 29, 2022 the Board of Trustees voted to end the mask mandate at the library and instead go with the approach that masks are "highly recommended while visiting the Gardiner Public Library". Masks will still be required for the 2nd Floor Children's Room (due to ages 0-5 not being eligible for any Covid

vaccines) and in the Local History & Archives Room (due to the archivist working in close quarters with members of the public).



Gardiner Public  
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**Are you looking for a new career?**  
**Do you need some help with your resume?**  
**Do you want to improve your interviewing skills?**

Starting April 6, 2022 a representative from the Maine Career Center will be at the Gardiner Public Library every Wednesday to help you with any of the following:

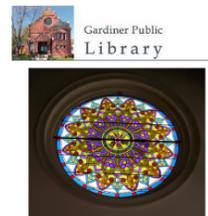
- Starting or updating your resume
- Getting acquainted with Maine Job Link
  - Job searching
  - Applying for jobs
  - Cover letters
  - Interviewing Skills
- Connecting you to various training, workshops, education, and more

**WHEN:** Every Wednesday from 10:00am until 2:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Gardiner Public Library, Hazzard Reading Room

<https://www.mainecareercenter.gov>

<https://www.gardinerpubliclibrary.org>

## Storytime with Miss Ginni



**Our wonderful Tuesday storytimes with Miss Ginni are back!**

**WHEN?** Starting on May 3, 2022 @ 10am and happening every Tuesday.

**WHERE?** 2nd Floor Children's Room @ the Gardiner Public Library

**WHO?** All ages are welcome at these events.

Please note: Masks are required for everyone visiting the 2nd Floor Children's Room @ the Gardiner Public Library. **Thank you for your kindness.** We are so excited to see you at the Gardiner Public Library!