



**Curtis Memorial Library is  
140 YEARS OLD  
on April 18, 2023!**



# How are things at Curtis?

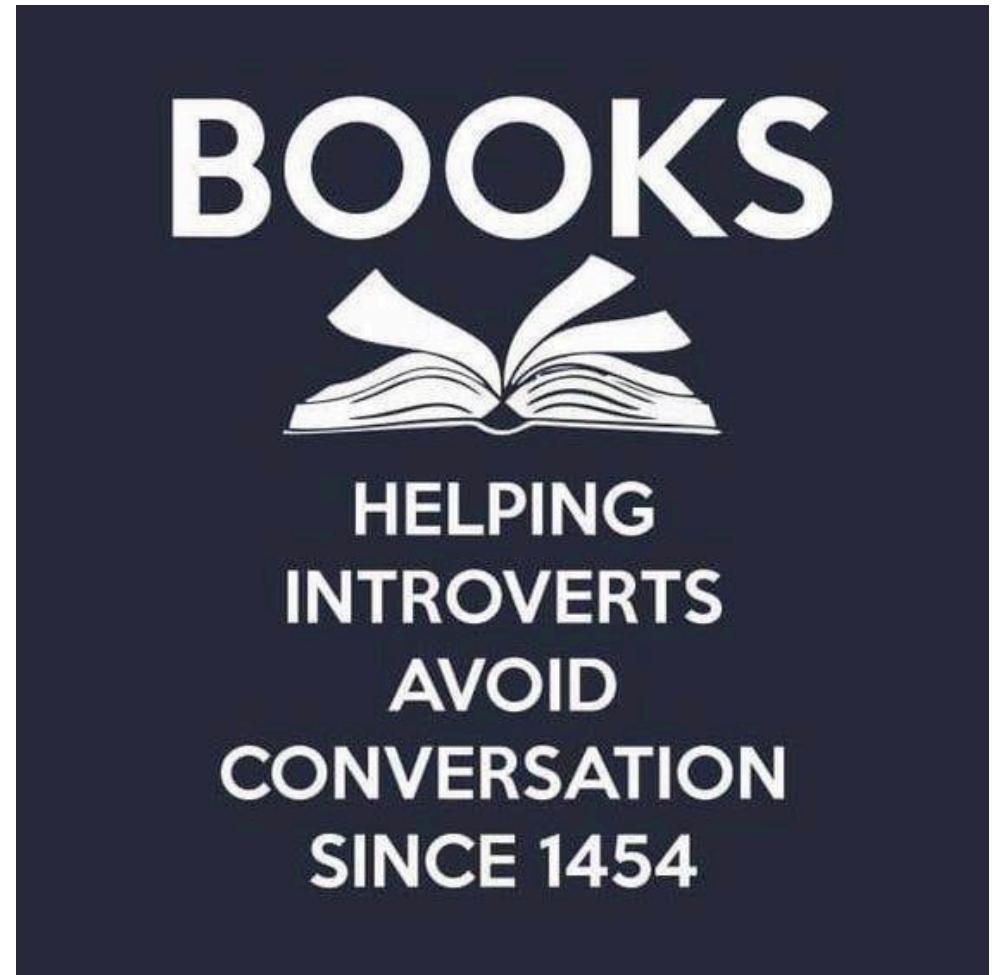
The world has changed!

We are figuring out the balance between:

- Traditional library services
- New services for a new world



Books and  
reading



# Programs for kids



# Programs for tweens and teens



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Programs for adults -  
Sam Sifton, founding editor  
New York Times Cooking, July 2023



# Providing food to kids and their caregivers

Thanks to CML partnership with MCHPP



*Did You Know?*

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THIS SUMMER,  
MCHPP IS OPERATING  
8 FREE LUNCH SITES  
OPEN TO ALL KIDS

# Information, ideas and fun!



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# Creating community for everyone



# On the other side of the tightrope?

All of the new ideas  
and changing needs  
that support our  
community in today's  
world



A sharing table  
every week, all  
year long to help  
combat  
community  
hunger

Thanks to support from MCHPP and the  
Merrymeeting Gleaners

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New spaces for  
all the folks  
working from  
home (when they  
get tired of  
home!)

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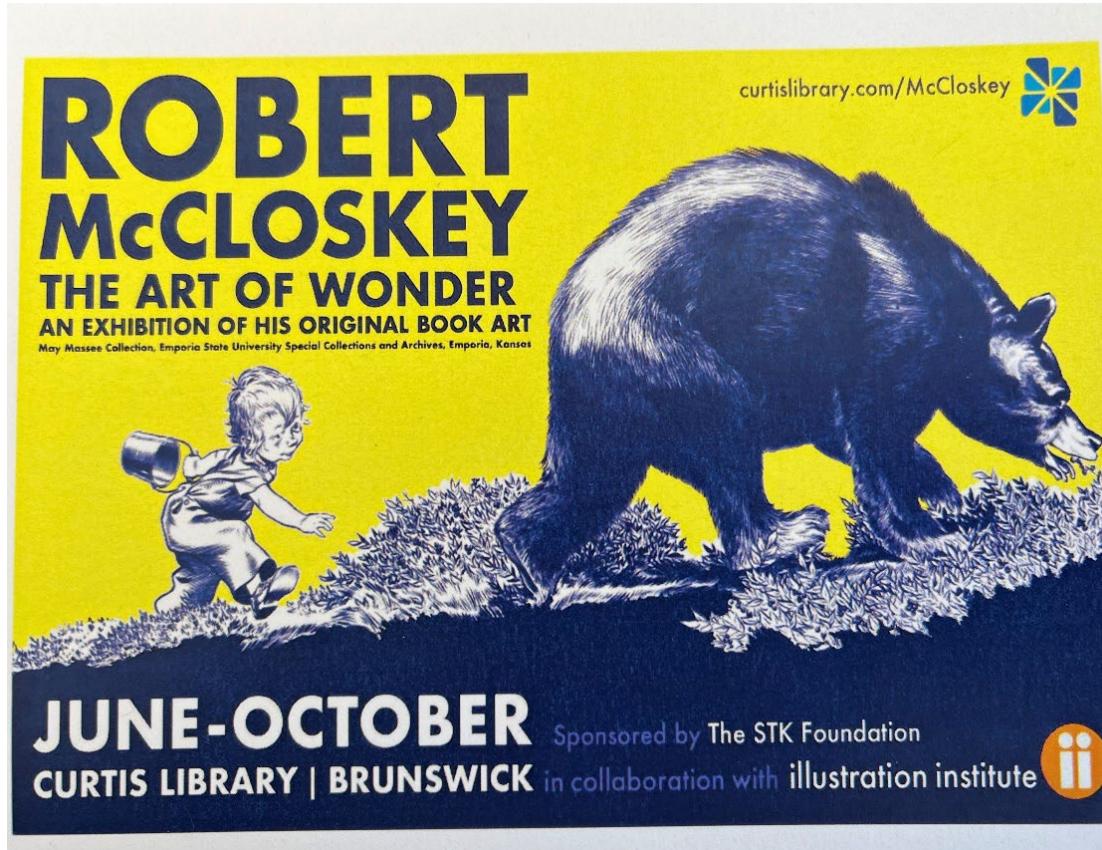


Formal *Sustainable Library Certification* to help us understand how to share ideas, information, and examples of how to be more sustainable. Curtis is the first library in Maine to do this.



**Sustainable  
Libraries  
Initiative**

An exhibit this summer of the illustrations by Robert McCloskey, the author of Maine favorites such as *One Morning in Maine*, *Blueberries for Sal*, *Burt Dow*, and *Time of Wonder* as well as the favorite *Make Way for Ducklings*.



A new EV bookmobile to ensure access to Curtis resources throughout the community!

# COMING SOON

## MOBILE MICRO-BRANCH/BOOKMOBILE

### 2023 FORD E-TRANSIT CARGO VAN



*Artist rendering*

We waited an extra year to get an EV versus gas powered van.



*Sample photos from Pittsburg Public Library Bookmobile*

# How the Library is Funded

MUNICIPAL SUPPORT  
Brunswick  
Harpswell

OPERATIONS  
Building  
Insurance  
Librarians  
Equipment  
Utilities

ENDOWMENT INCOME

FUNDRAISING  
Annual Fund  
Grants  
Curtis Friends

FEES  
Meeting Room Use  
Product Sales  
Nonresident Cards  
Lost/Damaged Item Fees

EVERYTHING ELSE  
Books, newspapers, magazines, music, movies  
Programming for adults and children  
Staff training  
Hardware, computers, AV systems  
Furniture  
Gardens and grounds  
Room renovations for new services

## **FY 23-24 Operating Budget Request**

**\$1,751,744 = +\$115,968 = +7.1% versus FY22-23**

**Driven primarily by:**

- Addition of new FT/benefited staff position – bookmobile librarian
  - Proposed 4% salary increase for library staff
- Changing one PT Lending Services position from PT to FT/benefited after retirement of PT staff member
  - Projected 5% increase in health insurance (increase in FY22-23 was 4.5%)



We hope you will support this initiative by funding the bookmobile librarian position.

Thank you!

Questions?





From *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg:

*I interviewed dozens of people about their memories of growing up in libraries and learned about all kinds of ways that the experience mattered: discovering an interest that they'd never have found without librarians. Feeling liberated, responsible, intelligent. Forging a new relationship, deepening an old one. Sensing, in some cases for the first time, that they belong.*

***THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY AND CURTIS LIBRARY!***