



"Gateway to the North Maine Woods"

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To: All Ashland Citizens

RE: Ashland Library Update

The Town of Ashland Council and Librarian Hilary Moore are pleased to announce to your community that the Gladys J. Craig Memorial Library is the recipient of a \$5,000.00 grant from the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of circulation materials, children's books and programming. Ms. Moore will be replacing old books and improving the children's reading/activities area with these funds. In 2024 the library has offered more than eighteen new programs/activities for children and these funds are sorely needed to continue improving the library efforts to modernize the children collection and be able to continue to offer children activities.

Secondly, Ms. Moore is also pleased to announce that the library is now a partner with the National Digital Equity Center (NDEC), a Maine based digital education entity, to offer in-person and online digital education courses at the library. Ms. Moore has re-arranged the basement that allows for Digital Skills Classes in the form of interactive, live online classes, as well as in-person, onsite, classes. Trainers can accommodate up to 10 students per class. They'll be offering courses for home and education, work & business, and technology for seniors. They tailor their offerings based on each location's needs (smartphones, PCs, software, internet related, etc). NDEC does their own advertising and there are sign-up forms for interested parties at the library. All training is free for Maine citizens, \$50 per class for out-of-staters. First class is Jan 6. I've enclosed a copy of the NDEC flyer for your information.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities at the library.

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