



IT HAPPENS HERE!

Alvan Bolster Ricker Memorial Library and Community House



CREATIVITY

Many groups gather throughout the year to explore artistic side, give encouragement, learn from others, and to just have **fun**. There's are so many **creative activities** to participate in.

- Fiber arts like **Knitting and Quilting**
- **Arts and Crafts**, Make it and take it projects like felting, card making, and rock painting
- **Wood craving**
- **Adult coloring**
- **Lego**
Come and find *your* inner artist

ENJOYMENT

Our library is place where individuals or groups of all ages can **find pleasure** and **enrichment** by participating in a number of activities.

- **Pre-School Story-time:** Listening to stories and music
- **Summer Reading Program:**
Enjoying special activities centered around reading
- **Tweens Group:** Socializing with friends in a safe place while building confidence and teamwork skills
- Working on a communal jigsaw puzzle
- Attending a fancy tea or potluck meal with friends

CONNECTION

A number of **community groups** regularly hold their **meetings** in the Community House.

- Poland Conservation Commission
- Poland Trail Committee
- Ricker Library Board of Trustees
- Tripp Lake Improvement Association

- Poland Huddle
- Friends of the Ricker Library **book discussion groups:** Lets Talk About It, and Mystery Book Group
- **Social and Family Functions:** Poland families rent the Community space for private gatherings.

DISCOVERY

The Library is a great source of **information**, and **learning**. There's something for everyone!

- **Books, magazines, audio books and CDs:**
Reference materials (including atlases and maps), computers, special exhibits and displays, and announcements (community bulletin board)
- **Resources for all interests for:** Hobbyists, cooks, do-it-yourselfers,
- **Special programs for children:** Chewonki, Sparks' Ark, and Mr. Drew and His Animals Too

ATTENTION

The caring staff is the heart of the library. They readily give assistance to patrons in so many ways, providing warmth, smiles and attention to individual needs.

- **Offering recommendations** to patrons for reading and audio materials and sourcing books from other Maine community libraries
- **Facilitating book group discussions**
- **Helping people to acquire** fishing or hunting permits, explore employment opportunities, do ancestry searches, and more...
- **Assisting patrons with library resources:** Copier, computer, printer, and wi-fi

DID YOU KNOW...

- The library employs **2 full time** and **4 part time staff**
- **840** people accessed the **computers** and **internet**
- **90** participants met to **discuss books** and **ideas**
- Almost **15,000** visited the stacks
- **360** Community **meetings** are held at the library yearly
- **5 Arts and Crafts** groups meet monthly at the library
- **5** Child and teen **programs** serve over **187 participants**
- The **Community Room** is available to rent for **private functions**
- **1,939 patrons** hold library cards, **35%** of **town residents**
- **16,085 books** circulated last year, including **1,863 eBooks** accessed through the Cloud Library, and about **70 items** are added to the collection **each month**