

PRESS RELEASE

Goodall Library receives Maine Public Library Fund Grant

The Maine State Library has awarded Goodall Library with a Maine Public Library Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for establishing a STEAM LEGO Club. The Maine Public Library Fund was established in 2011, and the source of revenue from the funds comes from Maine citizens making voluntary contributions when they file their Maine State Income Tax returns. The Main State Library has aptly named this the "Tax Check-Off" fund for public libraries. Now in its fifth year, the contributions being made by numerous Maine citizens have reached a level that enables the Maine State Library to grant the funds to public libraries to support various library projects and programs.

It is with hope that individuals continue to contribute to the Maine Public Library fund when they file their income tax returns so that the Maine State Library may be able to continue this grant program for many years to come.

STEAM LEGO Club

Children of all ages love LEGOs. They are not only a fun play activity, but they can also be an educational one as well. Goodall Library's LEGO Club will be a play activity, but we will incorporate STEAM activities into the play sessions. Children ages 5-12 are encouraged to come as often as they want to this weekly activity. Younger children are welcome to come as well since we will have DUPLO sets available for younger children. Participants will be challenged to build a variety of different creations. They will be asked to plan their creations, count out the quantity and types of blocks they will need, etc. Participants will also be asked to write about their creations. They will describe what they are building, why they chose to build it, how it works and how they will build it. Participants will also have to draw out/color their creations. Thus our LEGO Club will use science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) concepts. Once this program is underway and established, we hope to work with local organizations such as YMCA, Head Start, YCCA, BHPs, local schools and more. This should prove a fun, educational and needed program in the community. The club will meet every Thursday starting on June 1st through July 13th, (no meeting on July 20th) July 27th - Aug. 10th from 3:30 - 5. The club will resume meeting on Sept. 7th. FMI contact Deidre Walsh, 324-4714 or dwalsh@lbgoodall.org