

Lighthouses of New England, a presentation by David Ramsay, local historian, narrator and storyteller will take place at

## Goodall Memorial Library on July 7th at 6:00PM.

Lighthouses fascinate us with their beauty and history. They remind us of the days when sailing vessels, large and small, plied our coast and were a vital part of our economy. Supreme among coastal navigation aids in the late 18th and throughout the 19th century, lighthouses and their lights saved hundreds of lives not to say millions of tons of valuable cargo.

Throughout the 19th and much of the 20th centuries, lighthouses provided beacons of light and hope for ships during the night and during the storms that raged the seas.

We will describe some of the best-known lighthouses in New England, especially in Maine: The Boston Harbor Lighthouse (1716), Portsmouth Harbor (1878), Boon Island (1855), Portland Head (1791), Spring Point Ledge (1897), Bass Harbor (1858), Seguin Island (1795), and Matinicus Rock (1827).

Lighthouse keepers and their families were subject to weeks of boredom, frequently difficult living environments, punctuated by terrible storms, brutal weather, and days and weeks of social isolation.

We will tell stories about lighthouse keepers and their families who kept the lights burning under unimaginable circumstances, such as the story of Abbie Burgess - "Keep the Lights Burning Abbie," and lesser known stories such as Ida Lewis who saved 18 men's lives at the Lime Rock Lighthouse off of Newport, Rhode Island.

Join us at the Goodall Memorial Library on July 7th @ 6:00PM for this fascinating and inspiring talk.