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Bouchea Center for Learning

Participants of the Bouchea Center for Learning have been enjoying participating in the Tuesday Tunes-Music Therapy group and The Next Chapter Book Club which the Bangor Public Library is offering through Zoom. The Music Therapy group is biweekly and led by Carla Tanguay, a local professional Music Therapist. BCL participants use hand held instruments and are encouraged to play and sing along. The Next Chapter Book Club is a community-based book club, which is held weekly and led by Karen Corbett from the Bangor Public Library. It is designed for individuals who enjoy books but are not able to read on their own. To ensure inclusion of all who join, the support staff take turns reading to the group throughout the hour session. They are currently reading the first book from the series Guardian of Ga'Hoole, The Capture. Bouchea Center participants look forward to and enjoy both of these wonderful opportunities.!



Community Life and Pathways

We are happy to see those who have returned to program, and look forward to others who are choosing to come back after they are fully immunized just in time for the nice weather! We have had several participants request full day groups this summer so they may go hiking, visit coastal areas, and just enjoy being out after a long year. We are working on schedules and staffing so we can make this happen. We will be reaching out to those who have expressed interest in the next few weeks.

Participants who have returned to program recently enjoyed a barbeque at Amicus Evergreen Lodge, a.k.a., The Lodge. The Lodge is a new space in Brewer that we are leasing due to the limited number of people we can have in a building during the pandemic. It's a great space and when you are inside, you feel like you are in a beautiful log cabin in the middle of Northern Maine. Our participants and staff absolutely love this space!

Penobscot Valley Industries and Ralph Leek Elders

Our programs have also been studying art through Kahn Academy, and have recently finished their study of the Harlem Renaissance. Moving forward we will be doing a color study, and we can't wait to see what amazing things are accomplished!



Some of our volunteer sites that were closed during the pandemic are now re-opening. Everyone is happy to be volunteering and giving back to their communities again. We are always looking for new volunteer opportunities, so please call Wendy Parker at 207-941-2915, if you know of any opportunities for us in the greater Bangor Area.



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