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**Meghan Duff Reads Aloud at Porter Memorial Library**

Local author, and associate professor at University of Maine in Machias (UMM), Meghan Duff will read aloud from her new children’s book, *How Are You, Verity?,* at Porter Memorial Library on Thursday, August 31 at 11 a.m. This is an event for children and their caregivers, and will take place outside if the weather is favorable. Admission is free.

The book’s main character, Verity, is a neurodivergent kid who bubbles with excitement about an upcoming school field trip to the aquarium. When their neighbors ask "How are you?," Verity replies by sharing facts about all the fascinating creatures that live in the sea.

Duff is a faculty member in the Psychology & Community Studies program at UMM. They are especially interested in neurodiversity, autistic culture, and writing and teaching writing. Copies of *How Are You, Verity?* will be available at the August 31 event for a $15 donation to Porter Memorial Library.

Porter Memorial Library is located at 92 Court Street in Machias. For more information about author Duff’s visit to the library, call 207-255-3933 or email [librarian@porter.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@porter.lib.me.us).

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