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**FRANCO-AMERICAN
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***Franco-America at the Interstice of
Identities***

A reading series by Franco writers

Les Troubadours

French sing-along concerts

La Francophonie

A Celebration

Spring 2020

**USM, Lewiston-Auburn College
51 Westminster St., Lewiston, ME
Room 170**

Lewiston's Franco-American Collection [FAC], is launching an innovative reading series for 2019-2020. There are many accomplished Franco-American writers currently creating and producing books of value. We are presenting five of our own to the community. *Franco-America at the Interstices of Identities* offers an opportunity to meet the authors and enjoy different perspectives on the Franco-American heritage. These programs are open to all interested in the pursuit, understanding and appreciation of the Franco-American culture, some of it bearing directly on our local Lewiston/Auburn culture, but at times extending to the larger world of all Franco-Americans and la Francophonie. There is no fee. The only stipulation is an interest in things Franco-American.

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March: "The Current Challenges of a Plural and Diverse Francophonie in the USA," Professor Hanétha Vété-Congolo

Date: March 6, 2020

Time: 6 pm.

Professor Hanétha Vété-Congolo of Bowdoin College will speak with a reception to follow. This event is sponsored by L'Alliance Française du Maine.

Film Screening: "Voyageurs 1608–200 years of French presence in N. America"

Date: March 10, 2020

Time: 6 pm.

After the film screening there will be a question and answer session with the producer, Alban Maino, of the Maine Film Association. This event is sponsored by L'Alliance Française du Maine.

Exhibit and Reception: Notre Pain Quotidien: Franco-American Entrepreneurs Sustaining Community

Date: March 19, 2020

Time: 5-7 pm

This exhibit features three Lewiston-Auburn family run businesses: Leblanc Cleaners, Lepage Bakeries, and Bonneau Market. These businesses met the most basic needs of their working class clients. They also established networks across borders, encouraging immigration to L-A, and created opportunities by mentoring others in their community.

Franco-America at the Interstice of Identities Reading Series, Ron Currie Jr.

Date: March 23, 2020

Time: 7:00-8:00

Ron Currie's first book, *God is Dead*, earned him the Young Lions Fiction Award from the New York Public Library, as well as the Metcalf award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Critics praised the book's daring mix of dark humor and earnest sentiment.

Film Screening: "La Voix de la prairie"

Date: March 31, 2020

Time: 6 pm.

This documentary, directed by Jean Dulon, examines the diverse Francophone culture and language in Canada. This event is sponsored by L'Alliance Française du Maine.

April: Franco-America at the Interstice of Identities Reading Series, David Vermette

Date: April 27, 2020

Time: 7:00-8:00

With roots in Brunswick, Maine, David Vermette is a Franco-American researcher and writer who has studied the history and identity of the descendants of the French in North America. His flagship book, *A Distinct Alien Race: The Untold Story of Franco-Americans*, is the product of more than 25 years of passionate inquiry into everything concerning the descendants of North-American-French people's history and identity.

March-May: Les Troubadours

French sing-along concerts

Dates: Mar 20, Apr 17 and May 15

Time: 1:30-2:30

Les Troubadours were organized in 2010 by the Maine Folque Co-op in collaboration with the Franco-American Collection. They bring traditional Franco, Quebecois and French songs to life with their signature "joie-de-vivre."

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