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The Library will be CLOSED
on Friday & Saturday,
December 24th & 25th
to observe Christmas

Adult Book Discussion
Thursday, December 2, 11:15 AM
Penelope Lively's *Moon Tiger*
Copies available to borrow.
Drop-Ins are always welcome!

Trivia Night & Crossover are on
Vacation in December—
Back in fine fettle in January!

Teen Movie Night
(last Monday of the month;
5:45-7:45 PM)
12/27— *Scott Pilgrim vs.
The World* (2010, PG-13)

Hank's Room Gallery in
December: Danie Connolly

Inside Youth Services

It's a busy time of year, and an exciting time to be a child! We hope to keep that wonderment alive here at KFL with programs for all ages!

Storytimes

Storytimes will continue through Dec. 16, with a break over the holidays. Storytimes will return the week of Jan. 10, 2011 with the same schedule:

Peek-a-Book Babies

Monday 10:15 am

Family Storytime

Tuesdays 10:15 am

Time for 2's & 3's

Thursdays 10:15

Chickadees

Our Chickadees group for children in K-garden and 1st grade meets on Dec. 2, while the 2nd and 3rd graders will meet on Dec. 16. Both groups meet at 3:45 PM

Page Pals

Page Pals, our book group for 4th and 5th graders meets on Dec. 15 at 4 PM. We'll be discussing *Two Hot Dogs with Everything* by Paul Haven. Members were given a copy at our previous meeting, but if you'd like to join and don't have a copy, just let us know!

YogaPlay

For the first time, Ms. Susan will offer YogaPlay for children ages 3-5 with an adult on Dec. 14 at 1 PM. The class will be repeated on Dec. 28 at 1 PM for families unable to make the first session. Learn yoga stretches you can do together! As children become a tree, downward-facing dog or stretching cat, they learn more about the world around

them. Help your child learn the interconnectedness of all life while still young. Pre-registration will ensure your spot in what is sure to be a popular program.

New Years Eve

Let your children ring in the New Year by dropping a sparkly disco ball and playing noisemakers they make themselves. Ms. Elyse will host a New Year's Eve craft event on Friday Dec. 31 at 12:30 PM. That's noon, not midnight! Please pre-register so we have enough materials for everyone.

Please pre-register for our programs and book groups by calling 985-2173 x-5 or by emailing ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us.



Teen Zone

Anime Club, December 9th 3:30 PM—the Library's first ever Anime Club for students in grades 6-12! Anime Club includes practice drawing in the anime style, Asian inspired crafts, and manga and anime film discussion. It will meet once a month on Thursdays at 3:30 PM. Pre-registration is required

Teen Advisory Board meeting, December 27th 3:30 PM—members of the Board help to make the library a special place for teens and tweens. They recommend books and movies for the collection, help plan fun and exciting teen programs, and discuss current trends in technology. New members are always welcome.

Teen Movie Night, December 27th 5:45 PM—Michael Cera stars as 22 yr-old Canadian slacker, Scott Pilgrim in *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*. Pilgrim, who plays in a band, meets the girl of his dreams and attempts to win her hand by battling her exes. Rated PG-13. As always, free pizza is served.

Page Turners, December 21st 3:30 PM—is a monthly book discussion group for students in grades 6-8. Students discuss topics from the book, act out parts of the story, and do various crafts and activities related to the book's theme. Copies of the books are available to borrow. This month's selection is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins



Gaming at the Library, Fridays 3 PM—a weekly gaming group that includes electronic games and fantasy board games, offering Wii sports, Wii Sports Resort, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, and Rock Band 2.

Fireplace Wednesday & Thursdays Return

The fireplace in our Reading Room will be ablaze every Wednesday and Thursday from December 1st through March 31st. What a pleasant place to spend time with a good book, newspaper or magazine!



There's always a puzzle under way too, in case you run out of reading materials or just want to linger a bit longer....

AARP Helps with Medicare Decisions

AARP is offering free Medicare counseling every Thursday in December in Hank's Room from 12:30-3 PM.

You may reserve a spot or just stop in for answers to your Medicare questions.

Mark Your Calendar! Four New Program Series Begin in January

Life Your Way

A quarterly workshop series facilitated by Success Strategist Amy Wood, "Life Your Way and How to Find It", will be presented at KFL beginning Jan. 18, from Noon until 1 PM. This series will help you to get out from under the overwhelm of our fast-paced culture and live your life at a rhythm that feels right. Each workshop will cover key concepts from Dr. Wood's new book, *Life Your Way: Refresh Your Approach to Success and Breathe Easier in a Fast-paced World*, with the intention of giving you an improved blueprint for accomplishing what's most important to you.

No reservations are needed and there is no charge. Whether you attend all four workshops or just one or two, you'll learn proven strategies for making your life less stressful and more satisfying.

FMI and remaining dates and topics, please call 985-2173 or www.kennebunklibrary.org.



Free Financial Workshops

Do you have the information you need to make decisions about your financial goals? KFL will present a series of four free weekly financial workshops beginning on Jan. 25, from Noon until 1 PM with "Foundations of Investing."

The remaining workshops are:

February 1: Making Sense of Retirement

February 8: Protecting What's Important

February 15: Focus on Fixed Income

All programs take place in the Reference Room from Noon until 1 PM.

Presented by Joshua Patterson, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, this series of informational workshops are designed to give participants the facts they needed to make informed decisions about their financial futures. No advance sign up is required and participants may attend any or all of the workshops.



E-Books AND E-Audio Books Now Available!

KFL library patrons can now access a collection of popular e-books from the KFL website free of charge. The e-books can be read on Mac or PC computers, and can be transferred to the Barnes & Noble Nook, Sony eReader, & Borders Kobo (a full guide to compatible devices is available at our website). Unfortunately, these e-books cannot be read on Amazon Kindles or Apple iPads due to licensing and format incompatibility.

KFL also offers free e-Audiobooks in WMA and MP3 formats from our website.

Please call the Library for assistance at 985-2173 or visit the Overdrive Maine Infonet Download Library available from the link (pictured below) on our website (www.kennebunklibrary.org), and look under "Getting Started" for a quick start guide, more FAQ, and checkout assistance.



Writers Group

Beginning January 14th, KFL will host monthly writers' group meetings for novice and experienced writers alike. Facilitated by David Morse, who spearheaded the Boothbay Harbor writers group for 15 years, the group's goal is to encourage the enjoyment of writing by providing positive feedback and constructive criticism to the writers of the group.

The group will meet year round (except in July and August) on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10 AM to Noon in Hank's Room. Come prepared to read your current work of prose, short story, memoir or novel and receive constructive comments from other writers. The group will be limited to eight participants.

Please call David Morse at 207/251-4847 for additional information.



Let's Talk About It

KFL has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Family and Self in 20th Century Japanese Fiction," a Let's Talk About It reading and discussion group. It will be facilitated by Patricia Parker, a former professor with nearly 12 years teaching experience in Japan and South Korea, following a 30+ year college and university teaching career.

The series begins January 6th at 1 PM and will continue for five monthly sessions (snow dates are scheduled). Books titles include:

1/6: *The Waiting Years*—Fumiko Enchi

2/3: *The Makioka Sisters*—Junichiro Tanizaki

3/3: *The Setting Sun*—Osamu Dazai

4/7: *Personal Matter*—Kenzaburo Oe

5/5: *Goodbye Tsugumi*—Banana Yoshimoto

Please call to register and stop in to pick up the first book of the series available for loan after November 29th. KFL has hosted several of the Let's Talk About It series and patrons have been anxious for more programs. Don't miss this opportunity to explore a culture through its literature.



Calendar of Events

Peek-a-Book Babies: Mondays at 10:15 AM (through 12/13); *Time for 2's & 3's:* Thursdays at 10:15 AM (through 12/16);
Family Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:15 AM (through 12/14); *Teen Gaming* every Friday, 3 PM-4:45 PM

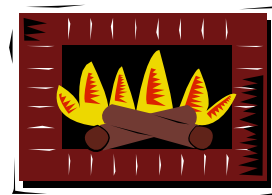
December

12/1 Computer Class, 11 AM
 12/1 Hank's Room Artist Reception, 6 PM
 12/2 Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM
 12/3 Organizing-less stressful Holiday, 10AM
 12/4 Book and Bake Sale, 8:30 AM
 12/7 Organizing-less stressful Holiday, 6:30 PM
 12/8 Computer Class, 11 AM
 12/9 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
 12/10 Deadline Secret Santa Gifts, 5 PM
 12/14 Yoga Play, 1 PM
 12/21 Page Turners, 3:30 PM
 12/24 Library CLOSED
 12/25 Library CLOSED
 12/27 Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
 12/27 Teen Movie Night, 5:45 PM
 12/28 Yoga Play, 1 PM
 12/31 New Years Eve Craft, 11:30 AM

January

1/1 Library CLOSED
 1/4 Teen Movie Night, 5:45 PM
 1/6 Let's Talk About It, 1 PM
 1/8 Genealogy Group, 10 AM
 1/10 Crossover, 6 PM
 1/14 Writers Group, 10 AM
 1/17 Library CLOSED

Fireplace Wednesdays and Thursdays
 begin December 1st!



Library Hours:

Mon. 9:30-8 Thurs. 9:30-5
 Tues. 9:30-8 Fri. 9:30-5
 Weds. 12:30-8 Sat. 9:30-5

Hank's Room Artist for December:
 Danie Connolly

KFL Display cases for December:
 "In Times Past"
 Standard Bred Pleasure Horses of ME

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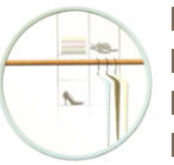
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Organizing for a Less Stressful Holiday

The holidays bring joy, smiles, and laughter. They also create lots of chores, frustration, and stress! Tracy Magner, professional organizer, will help you learn how to reduce those stressors with two free presentations on Friday, December 3rd at 10 AM and Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 PM.

Professional organizers have the knowledge and experience to help the chronically disorganized find balance...and their keys! Attend a session to learn tips and strategies on how to deal with greeting cards, houseguests, travel, and those endless lists. Ms. Magner will provide hand outs with her presentation and a question and answer period will follow.



KFL's Literary Tree

During the month of December, the Friends of the Library's Literary Tree will be on display on the main floor.

Decorated with hand-crafted Gladys Boalt ornaments, the tree displays characters from classic novels such as *Heidi*, *The Nutcracker*, *Peter Pan*, *Pinocchio*, *Wizard of Oz* and *A Christmas Carol*.



This year's tree is dedicated to Doris Hurdman (1934-2009), a fervent believer in the classics and the benefit of reading. Through her efforts, the collection grew to the ten classic novels now represented. Take a moment to try to identify all the classics represented!

Book & Cookie Sale



The annual KFL Friends holiday book and cookie sale will be on **Saturday, December 4th from 8:30 AM to 1 PM.**

There are some great finds to be had for gifts for friends and family—and for yourself, too!

If you're willing, we'd love your cookies to sell at the event. Bring in your labeled cookies (with the variety baked and whether they contain nuts) to the Library by 4 PM on Friday, December 3rd.



Secret Santa at KFL

Don't miss your chance to help your neighbors this Holiday Season--KFL is one of the many locations of a Secret Santa Tree for needy children in Arundel, Kennebunkport and Kennebunk. The tree will be dismantled early to allow time for the public to shop and then for Secret Santa to collect and distribute the gifts.

Select a gift tag from the tree that appeals to you and return the unwrapped item AND the tag (it contains coded info about the recipient) to KFL by **December 10th**. The gifts are then matched with the recipient; the committee shops for any unmet needs and assembles and distributes a gift box for each family.

Thank you in advance to those whose generosity make the program possible.

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