



Calendar of Events

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

Homeschooling Group: First Monday of the month, 2-4 PM | **Peek-a-Book Babies:** Mondays at 10:15 AM
Family Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:15 AM | **Time for Twos:** Thursdays at 10:15 AM | **Teen Gaming:** Every Friday, 3 PM-4:45 PM
 Children's Storytimes on Break beginning 12/13; will resume in January

December 2012

- 12/1 Book & Bake Sale, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 12/3 Homeschooling Group, 2-4 PM
- 12/3 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- 12/4 Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
- 12/4 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
- 12/5 Paper Cuts Writing Group, 12:30 PM
- 12/5 Community Input Meeting, 5 PM
- 12/6 Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM
- 12/10 Teen Writers' Group, 3 PM
- 12/11 Yarn Vases, 4 PM
- 12/12 TED Talks @ KFL, 7 PM
- 12/13 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 12/21 Parenting Class, 10:30 AM – Noon
- 12/24 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 12/25 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 12/27 Snowflake Craft, 11 AM
- 12/28 Legos for Little Ones, 11 AM

- 12/31 Family Yoga, 10:30 AM
- 12/31 LIBRARY CLOSES AT 5 PM

January 2013

- 1/1 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1/2 Paper Cuts Writing Group, 10 AM
- 1/3 Let's Talk About It, 1 PM

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Library News

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Newsletter News

You may have seen the signs. . . at the Library. . . in last month's newsletter. It's big news! The KFL monthly newsletter is about to change! Beginning January 1, 2013, KFL will begin publishing a **quarterly newsletter!** The 'new' newsletter format will include articles of interest about the library, authors, and other related topics and will include a preview of upcoming programs and events. Because we want to continue keeping you informed about what's happening at KFL, we will also publish a **monthly e-newsletter** that will provide event and program information. Be sure the library has your current email address so you won't miss out on receiving these e-newsletters. The KFL website also lists programs and events and is a great source of information, including our catalog.

We know that changes can present challenges; over 2500 years ago the Greek philosopher Heraclitus wrote "Change is the only constant." That statement was true then as well as today! Please let us know if you have ideas for articles, programs, titles to be added to the collection, or other suggestions on how we can best meet your cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs. We hope this change will improve our communication.

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Let's Talk About It!

KFL has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Mirror of Maine: the Maine Community in Myth and Reality," a Let's Talk About It free reading and discussion group. The discussion will be facilitated by Patricia Parker, a former professor with a 30+ year career teaching in several colleges and universities.

The series begins January 3, 2013 at 1 PM in our Reference Room, and will continue for four monthly sessions. Books to be read and discussed include: Lura Beam's *A Maine Hamlet* (January 3), Ruth Moore's, *The Weir* (February 7), Joyce Butler's *Wildfire Loose: The Week Maine Burned* (March 7), and Richard Russo's *Empire Falls* (April 4).

" 'The Mirror of Maine' opens new doors to Maine's literature and its extraordinary history and culture. These books reveal aspects of life in our state can bring deeper knowledge and appreciation for what makes Maine a special place and for authors who express those ideas.... We are reminded how influential books have always been and how great stories provide an opportunity to discuss continuity and change in Maine life. Since most of these books are based on actual towns, readers can consider what is real and what is myth about Maine towns, their patterns of daily life, and the values held by the residents."—Maine Humanities Council

Books are now available for loan at the library. For more information, please call the Library at 985-2173. You may register by phone, email (kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us) or in person, and then stop in to pick up the first book of the series. Don't miss this opportunity to explore Maine through its literature.



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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Mon. Dec. 24 Tues. Dec. 25
Dec. 31 at 5PM Tues. Jan 1
Please remember that you can
access our library catalog & your
library account online 24/7.

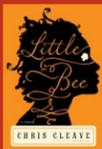
Non-Fiction Book Group

Mon. Dec. 3rd at 6:30 PM
Cleopatra: A Life
by Stacy Schiff



Adult Book Discussion Group

Thurs. Dec. 6th at 11:15 AM
Chris Cleave's *Little Bee*



Trivia Night!

NO DECEMBER MEETING
Next Trivia Night Jan. 30th
At 6:30 PM



Speers Gallery
December Artists:
Kennebunk Homeschoolers
Network

Inside Youth Services

Storytimes!

Storytime will continue until the week of Dec. 10-14. We'll begin again the week of Jan. 7, 2013. Our schedule remains the same:

- *Peek-a-Book Babies* Mondays 10:15 AM
- *Family Storytime* Tuesdays 10:15 AM
- *Time for 2's & 3's* Thursdays 10:15 AM

Homeschooling Group

Our Homeschooling Group meets on the first Monday of every month. Our next meeting is on **Dec. 3 from 2-4 PM**. This is a drop-in group, with no pre-registration needed. You are invited to ask questions and get support, whether you are new to homeschooling, a seasoned parent/teacher, or merely considering it for your child.

During December, the Homeschooling Group will be displaying student artwork in our Speers Gallery. The exhibit features a wonderful collection of watercolors, photography, drawings, acrylics and sculpture. The exhibit may be viewed during regular Library hours. The students will be hosting an opening reception on **Mon. Dec. 3 from 4 – 6 PM**; the public is invited to attend. Students participating in the exhibit include: Griffin Baker, Angelie Cote, Amelia Duca, Talia Kremser, Hannah LeRoy, Samuel Livingston, Adia Montagna and Natalie Montagna.

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC, will be leading a monthly parenting class on **Fri. Dec. 21 from 10:30 AM – Noon**. Each month, a new topic is addressed. In our December meeting, we will deepen our attuning skills by learning to understand, identify, and label with language the six healthy needs of our children. These needs include belonging, nurturance, support, protection, limits, and respect.

Although these classes have been building upon each other, interested individuals are invited to join at any time. Future meetings will be on the third Friday of every month, from 10:30 AM-

Noon. The program is free, and no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please call Stevie at 985-2511 or visit her website, www.katherinestevenswestmoreland.com/the-well.html.

Yarn Vases

Children in grades 4 and up are invited to create a yarn vase on Tues. Dec. 11 at 4 PM. This is a simple craft, easily replicated at home. Fill it with flowers, and you have an attractive gift for! The Library will supply all materials. Please pre-register so we can ensure there are enough materials for everybody.



*** School Vacation Events**

During the Winter holiday, we are offering three special events to entertain children. We prefer that you pre-register your children for our events, so we can plan to have enough material for everybody.

*** Beaded Snowflake Craft**

Thurs. Dec. 27 at 11 AM. Children in grades 4 and up are invited to create beaded snowflakes using an assortment of different shaped beads.

*** Legos for Little Kids**

Fri. Dec. 28 at 11 AM. Due to popular demand, this Legos meeting will be only for young children. Because of the nature of our blocks, no one younger than 4 can be enrolled. Please pre-register, as space is limited.

*** Family Yoga**

Mon. Dec. 31 at 11 AM. Relax and recharge with your loved ones! What better way to welcome the New Year? Open to family members ages 5 & up. Pre-registration and a waiver form are required for each participant.

To let us know you're coming, please pre-register for programs that require it by calling 985-2173 x-5 or by emailing ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us.

Teen / Tween Zone

Teen Advisory Board Dec. 4th @ 3:30 PM. Members of the Teen Advisory Board (grades 9-12) help make the library a special place for teens by recommending books and movies for the teen collection, helping to plan teen programs, and discussing current trends in technology. New members welcome!

Teen Movie Night Dec. 4th @ 5:30 PM. *Snow White and the Huntsman* (2012; PG-13) "In a twist to the fairy tale, the Huntsman ordered to take Snow White into the woods to be killed winds up becoming her protector and mentor in a quest to vanquish the Evil Queen." © IMDB. As always, free pizza is served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Gaming at the Library Fridays Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 3 PM. (This article is continued on the next page.)

Building Update

You may have noticed some commotion going on at the Library!

- Our chimney has been rebuilt from the roofline to its top, which will stop the ever-so-slight leak when it rains.
- A cement pad has been poured for our new book drop—the not-so-old book drop did not fare well after it was hit by a truck towing a trailer! The new book drop will be installed soon.
- Finally, our roof in the central part of the building is being repaired. After the nearly 15 years since our addition was built, the roof needed attention.

These projects, in addition to the restoration of our front columns earlier this year, are critical to continue our stewardship of this beautiful building on Main Street.

Technology Updates

Choosing an E-reader for yourself or as a gift? Stop by in December to demo a Kindle and Nook® anytime to try them out. Staff will be on hand to help you get started. We also have them available anytime to borrow and try out at home or while traveling.

Our new copier has arrived, and with it the ability to print to it from your Smartphone, laptop or tablet. Many of our computer users are no longer using their costly printers and are using KFL's instead at a fraction of the cost. This new feature will allow you to send the document, photo, spreadsheet, etc., from home and print it here. Amazing!

In January, we will begin to lend laptop computers for use within the Library. Equipped with Windows 7, the Microsoft suite of programs, Skype and Open Office, laptops will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, are subject to availability, and may not be reserved. A signed borrower's agreement and a valid Drivers License or credit card will be required to borrow one. Details are available on our website and at the Library.



And...just in case you didn't know, KFL offers free wireless internet from inside and out! No password is required for this service.

Ted Talks at KFL

This informal group continues to meet on alternating Wednesday evenings at 7 PM to view Ted Talks lectures, followed by facilitated discussions. Our next meeting is on **Dec. 12th at 7 PM** and features Brené Brown's presentation of *The Power of Vulnerability*. Brown is the author of the book, *Daring Greatly*.



Teen Writing Group Dec. 10th @ 3 PM. We are pleased to announce a new writing program for teens in grades 9-12. This group will meet on alternate Mondays at 3 PM in Hank's Room. Teens may bring poetry, prose, or journal entries. The aim is to provide teens with a supportive writing environment and to gain tools for effective writing. Critique of work is optional.

Kennebunk resident, Sarah Perkins, will facilitate the group. Sarah enjoys writing short stories and poetry. She studied liberal arts at YCCC then received her Bachelor's Degree in psychology from the USM. Her study of psychology acts as a muse for her writing. "I love to shine a light on the darkness I write about." Sarah writes about zombies, vampires, and werewolves. Sign-up is not required for this program. FMI contact Sarah Perkins at 207/251-5991 or email alternativediva30@hotmail.com

Anime Club Dec. 13th @ 3:30 PM. Anime Club includes practice drawing in the anime style, Asian inspired crafts, and manga and anime film discussion. New members are always welcome.

For more information about teen programs and services, please call 985-2173 x 5.

NEWSFLASH!



Due to many requests from our patrons, we are extending our circulation periods for books, audio books and magazines to three weeks. The only exception is for videos, will still be checked out for one week.

We're pleased to be able to make this change beginning January 1st.

If you have any questions, please ask a staff member.

Paper Cuts Writers' Group

Our newest writers' program for writers, regardless of experience, will begin on **Wed. Dec. 5th, from 12:30-2:30 PM**. The group will meet alternating Wednesdays in Hank's Room, and will include afternoon and evening meetings. Participants may choose to read their work, with or without group critique, or simply come to listen and observe.



The meetings will be facilitated by Sarah Perkins, who grew up in Southern Maine and has been writing since she was very young. She was the lead singer in three Portland based rock bands, and wrote most of the lyrics for their original songs. She has participated in poetry readings at KFL and in surrounding areas, and her work has been published in magazines and newspapers. Sarah is currently working on several pieces and hopes to help others follow their own dreams of writing. As Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1839 stated in his play, Richelieu, "The pen is mightier than the sword!"

Sign-up is not required. FMI contact Sarah Perkins at 207/251-5991 or alternativediva30@hotmail.com

Friends of KFL Literary Tree



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

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*.

Take a moment to appreciate its beauty and to try to identify the ten classic novels represented!

Teen/Tween Zone (con't from pg.2)

