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Dear

Kennebunk Free Library is in the business of providing free access to all of our resources and services. You are invited to be a part of this movement!

In April 2021, an historic Board vote made KFL a fine free library. While the initial reaction from some was confusion, this was quickly cleared up through a few simple facts:

- Fines made up less than 1% of the budgeted income.
- While fines were equal for all, it didn't mean that they were fair or equitable. Fines are a barrier to access.
- Patrons are still responsible for returning materials on time and paying for lost or damaged items.

As a result, many members of the community chose to donate in celebration of this cause. Would you be willing to as well?

A patron brought back two overdue books and said that she was so glad to hear that we had gone fine free that she was giving us a donation to cover her and hopefully a few other people. I looked at the check she gave me, and it was for \$200! – KFL Staff Member

This year, you can help us bring an important and impactful new program, *Family Place Libraries*, to our community. This program will support and strengthen our young families. Your generous support is needed to expand our role as a community center and key player in family and early childhood development, parent and community involvement, and lifelong learning beginning at birth.

Your support makes every difference. Please help KFL, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, raise \$200,000 by June 30, 2022 to supplement municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel. Your thoughtful donation to KFL brings books, crafts, programs, technology, expertise, entertainment and SO MUCH MORE to all of us; enriching lives and deepening our connections to one another.

My deepest gratitude,

Michelle K. Connors, Director

P.S. Please make your tax-deductible donation securely online at <https://kennebunklibrary.org/supportlibrary.asp> or with the enclosed envelope today. Thank you!