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# Kennebunk Free Library

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Hello and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This is the 1st installment of our online-only monthly e-newsletter. We will also publish more in-depth quarterly newsletters, with feature articles of interest about programs, volunteers, staff, authors, books, etc. We hope you enjoy it and will find it useful.

## Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group

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 group will be facilitated by Patricia Parker, a former professor with a 30+ year career teaching in several colleges and universities.



Reading Room Circle

Let's Talk About It



The series begins **January 3, 2013 at 1 PM** in the Library's 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).



For more information, please call the Library at 985-2173. You may register by phone (985-2173), [email](#) 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.

## Genealogy Group

Want an easy way to avoid overdue fines?

Spread the word that KFL will begin to offer email alerts for items about to be due! We are upgrading our databases to enable these

**On January 5, 2013** from 10 AM to Noon, Pam Eagleson will present "Grandma's Treasure Chest," a free lecture that looks at how we can examine such treasures as obituary boxes, journals, personal papers, bibles, jewelry,



courtesy notices--  
direct into your inbox!

In addition to collecting your current email, we will also offer you opportunities to receive information about upcoming programs and events, news alerts, artists' receptions, classes, etc.

Ask any staff member for details.



"Picture Books" by artist Gary Alsum  
Donated by Sally & James H. Toffey

January Book Groups  
For Adults



Thurs. 1/3 @ 1 PM--  
A Maine Hamlet by  
Lura Beam

Mon. 1/14 @ 6:30 PM--  
Spook by Mary Roach

Thurs. 1/24 @ 11:15 AM--  
Mudbound by Hilary Jordan

samplers and photos and find clues for genealogy research. Pam is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a board certified genealogist, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Genealogical Society.

Ms. Eagleson has been conducting genealogical research for over thirty years. She is the owner of Gen-nections, a Maine based genealogical research service that offers assistance to those in search of their roots. She specializes in genealogy research in Maine and New England, the mid-Atlantic, and mid-West regions, as well as the research areas of Missouri Germans and 18th century Philadelphia.

For more information about this free program, please email or call the Library at 985-2173. No reservations are needed.

**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 DVD's and videos, which will still be checked out for one week.



We're pleased make this change, beginning **January 1st.**

**New Kindle? New Nook?**



As you might already know, KFL lends Nooks and Kindles, pre-loaded with a variety of popular titles. If you have upgraded your e-reader, consider donating your old one to the Library for others to borrow.



Although we cannot assign a dollar value for your donation, we can give you a receipt for your tax records.

**Featured Speers Gallery Artist**



After School  
Yoga Stretch  
Ages 5-12  
Tues. Jan. 15 @ 4 PM

Leave the tension of the school day behind and join Ms. Susan to learn yoga poses that will relax and energize! Pre-registration and a waiver form are required for each participant. Call or email to reserve a spot for your child.



Legos Club Ages 6 +  
Tues. Jan. 29; 4 PM

Please pre-register by email or phone, as space is limited.

Parents are encouraged to stay during this time for Library focus group: we want to know what the library can provide to help you and your family.

A retrospective exhibit entitled "Honesty and Catkins – A Life's Work of Beauty" by artist Florence Nellie Holland will be on display in the Speers Gallery during January. For more information, click [here](#).

### Parent Focus Group

**We're seeking input into how we can better serve you and your family.** It was input from parents like you that encouraged us to increase our programming and to specifically target teens. But that was back in 2004. It's time to update!



Please join a discussion with members of our [Board of Trustees](#), and be part of our Long Range Plan. We've got multiple meetings scheduled, which we hope to receive input from parents of children and teens. If you are unable to attend one of them, feel free to drop us a note or [email](#) Library Director, Jill LeMay.

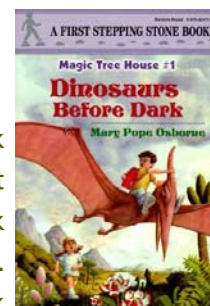
Meetings will be held on [Sat. Jan. 26 at 10:30 AM](#) and [Tues, Jan. 29 at 4 PM](#). Let us know if you'll need childcare during either meeting. The Tuesday meeting takes place during our Legos Club, open to children ages 6 and older who have pre-registered. We are hoping parents will stay for the Focus Group during this time.

We'll also [meet at the end of storytimes during the week of Jan. 28-31](#). We'll bring out toys to entertain the kids while the grownups talk. We hope to hear from you!

### Magic Tree House Book Club for Grades K-4

Wed. Jan. 16 at 4 PM

Imagine... a tree house filled with books! Pick one up, and you are transported to a different time and place! This is just what siblings Jack and Annie find in the woods near their house. Our newest book club for children will join Jack and Annie for adventures across a broad spectrum of fact, farce and fantasy. Each month, we will focus on a different title in the series, and bring it alive with crafts, games and more. The Library will have extra copies for children to read ahead of time. This month's selection will be [Dinosaurs Before Dark](#), the first book in



the series. Call or [email](#) to reserve a copy for your child!

Let us know if you need  
childcare for siblings.



### Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC, will be leading a monthly parenting class on **Friday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 to 11 AM**. Each month, a new topic is addressed. In our January meeting, we will work on developing reflective language that fosters right and left brain integration.



Stevie Westmoreland,  
Licensed Marriage and Family  
Therapist & Licensed Clinical  
Professional Counselor

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. The program is FREE, and no registration is necessary. For more information, please visit Stevie's [website](#), or call her at 985-2511.



### How to Download Free E-books for Kindles

**On Thursday, Jan. 31 at 3 PM**, we will hold a class to demonstrate how to download e-books onto a Kindle using websites that offer free e-books. There will be time for questions and answers, and hands on help too!

Should there be enough interest, we will hold classes for other e-readers such as i-pads and Nooks.

### January CALENDAR

- 1/1 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1/2 Computer Class, 10 AM
- 1/2 Paper Cuts Writing Group, 12:30 PM
- 1/3 "Let's Talk About It" Book Discussion, 1 PM
- 1/5 Genealogy Group, 10 AM
- 1/5 Artist's Reception, 2:30-4:30 PM
- 1/7 Homeschooling Group, 2-4 PM
- 1/8 Tween Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
- 1/8 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
- 1/9 Computer Class, 10 AM
- 1/9 TED Talks @ KFL, 7 PM
- 1/10 Anime Club, 3:30 PM

1/14 Teen Writers' Group, 3 PM  
1/14 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM  
1/15 After School Yoga Stretch, 4 PM  
1/16 Computer Class, 10 AM  
1/16 Magic Tree House Book Club, 4 PM  
1/16 Paper Cuts Writing Group, 6 PM  
1/18 Parenting Class, 9:30 AM – 11 AM  
1/21 LIBRARY CLOSED  
1/23 TED Talks @ KFL, 7 PM  
1/24 Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM  
1/24 Anime Club, 3:30 PM  
1/26 Parent Focus Group, 10:30 AM  
1/28 Parent Focus Group, 10:45 AM  
1/28 Teen Writers' Group, 3 PM  
1/29 Parent Focus Group, 4 PM  
1/29 Legos Club, 4 PM  
1/30 Paper Cuts Writing Group, 12:30 PM  
1/30 Trivia Night, 6:30 PM  
1/31 Parent Focus Group, 10:45 AM  
1/31 E-books for Kindles, 3 PM

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