

Kennebunk Free Library

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We had our doubts that it was ever coming, but now with our tables and umbrellas in the courtyard and the Adirondack chairs on the front lawn, we're ready to admit that summer might be here. At KFL summer means one thing - **it's race time!** Read all about our winning fundraiser below, and please join us!

Summer Saturdays @ KFL--Shortened Hours

Closed Fri. & Sat., July 4 & 5



During July and August, KFL will be opened from **9:30 AM to 1 PM**. Our wireless network is accessible outdoors, our [catalog](#) is online, and Marvel! databases for research is available 24/7. Also, we will be closed on Fri., and Sat., July 4th and 5th to celebrate Independence Day.

On **Fri., July 11 at 6 PM**, KFL will be hosting the 17th Edition of the annual road race, our largest fund-raising event of the year. Whether you're an avid runner or competitive walker, enjoy walking with friends and chatting, or prefer spectating to competing, our 5K race has something for everyone.



Book Sale!
Sat., July 26th
8:30 AM - 1 PM



Support the Library and satisfy your book cravings! Great deals on items never offered at previous book sales including new and used books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and even some vintage books.

Please call (207-985-2173) or **email** us if you have any questions.

**Summer Programs
for Youth**

The 17th Edition **ROAD RACE** 5K Run/Walk/Wheelchair



If you're one of the first 250 to register, you will receive goodie bags packed with gifts from local businesses and a 17th Edition Road Race T-shirt. Pick up a registration form at our circulation desks or register online at [Active.com](#). (If you had trouble with

online registration last year, don't worry: the registration process is much smoother with Active) If you don't have your schedule planned out months in advance, you can still register the day of the race. The registration and check-in tables will be open from 4 PM to 5:30 PM, giving you time to get to the starting line before the race starts at 6:00. This year we are able to process credit cards so you won't need to make a trip to the ATM first.



Not a competitor? Not a problem. There's plenty of fun to be had at the library. Starting at 6 PM (with the start of the race) the [Kennebunk River Band](#) will be playing on the library steps. A fabulous picnic dinner with sandwiches, chips, salads, and chowders catered by local restaurants will be available after the race. An assortment of delicious homemade desserts will be provided. Dinner is free to

racers - just show your bib - and available for a small \$5 fee for others. Additionally, a beer and wine garden will be open on the library lawn - \$5 for a glass of either. (How often do you have the opportunity to sip a glass of wine while lounging on the library lawn?) Just to be safe, we're going to be asking everyone for their ID - you may think you look over 21, but we think



KFL offers a wide variety of programs for our youth this summer! Check out our programs for children and teens!

Kennebunk Homeschooling Group
Mon., July 7 @ 2 PM



Parents are invited to drop in, ask questions and receive support, whether new to homeschooling, a seasoned parent / teacher, or are the option of homeschooling your child. Activities for children are provided. This drop-in group meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of every month from 2-4 PM. No pre-registration is needed.

Summer Storytimes



Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 10:15 AM, through Aug. 14. No registration needed, and all ages welcome!

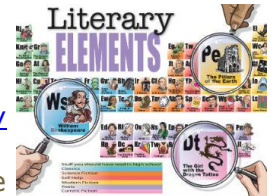
you all look young!

We have an amazing assortment of nearly [50 raffle prizes](#) to offer, all donated by generous local businesses. We also have two "super raffles" this year, both worth \$400: a private charter sail on the [Pineapple Ketch](#) and a round of golf for 4 with cart at the [Webhannet Golf Club](#). Stop by the Library anytime to view the available [raffle items](#) or to get a jump-start on purchasing your tickets. Winners will be drawn on race night, but you don't need to be present to win.

If you have any questions about the race or the raffles, give us a call at (207)985-2173 or [email.us](#).

Gardening Workshop

KFL is pleased to welcome a special guest from [University of Maine Cooperative Extension](#) York County office. On **Mon., July 7th at 10 AM**, Master Gardener George Hermans will talk about what you can do to improve the soil in your garden. No matter what you grow, the quality of your soil has a huge impact on the health of your plants, so knowing how to manage the health of your soil is crucial.



Hermans, a longtime Kennebunk resident and certified Master Gardener volunteer, has been gardening for many years, and we are excited that he can come share some of his expertise with us.

This free program will be held outside in our fairy garden, weather permitting; otherwise we will move indoors to Hank's Room. For more information, call the library at (207)985-2173 or [email.us](#).

Minerva News



KFL joined the MINERVA consortium of Maine libraries on Thursday, June 26 after years of patiently waiting for new libraries to be accepted and a month of intense preparation.

During the first three weeks of June, over 54 KFL supporters volunteered over 420 hours assisting library staff in affixing new barcodes on nearly 45,000 items and converted their records accordingly. Our library's MINERVA catalog is now available via our [website](#), and with a new library card patrons can search the catalogs of over 60 other public, private and collegiate libraries and request items for delivery here at KFL. The transition has not been without its bumps and dips and we truly appreciate our community's patience as our technical difficulties have been worked through and staff ramps up to new screens and processes.

Minerva Workshops

We're holding two tutorial sessions, **Wed., July 2 @ 6:30 PM** and again on **Wed., July 9 @ 1 PM** to help you learn how to navigate the Minerva catalog: how to find items, set up an account, reserve items and see what you currently have checked out to you. No reservations are needed.



Library Card?

All KFL patrons need to get a new 14-digit card in order to borrow items &

place holds.

Over 500 patrons have already registered for their new card. It only takes about 4 minutes and we



have extra stations set up to help with the flow. Please remember to bring in your current library card as well as your driver's license.

We'll also offer drop-in help as needed--just ask at the circulation desks.

Summer Reading: What We're Reading This Month



Summer Skies with Scott Negley

Traveling Planetarium
Tuesday, July 29th
Two shows: 3 PM & 6:30 PM
Ages 5 and up

Space is limited--please
pre-register. Adults welcome.



Yoga for Children Tuesday, May 20 @ 4 PM Ages 5 & up

Tues., July 8 @ 1:30 PM
Tues., August 12 @ 2 PM

Pre-registration and signed
waiver are required. Call the
Children's Room at 985-2173 x-
5 or [email](#) us to reserve a spot
for your family.



Wed., July 30 @ 6:30 PM

at **DUFFY'S TAVERN
& GRILL**

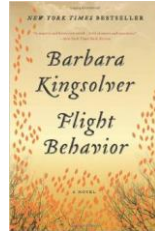
Join in the brain-straining fun!

in need of.....

- bubble wrap
- padded mailing envelopes
- Keurig coffee machine
- plastic grocery bags

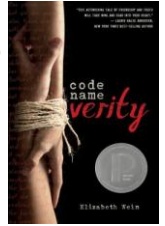
Thanks in advance!

Non-Fiction Book Group (meets on the second Monday of the month @ 6:30 PM) **Behind the Beautiful Forevers** by Catherine Boo (Mon., July 14th @ 6:30)



Young Adult (at Heart) Book Group

-for adult readers of YA literature-(meets on the third Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 PM) **Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein (Wed., July 16th @ 6:30)

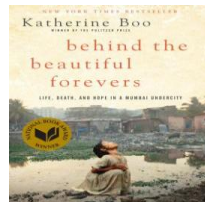


**Adult Book Club: Science Meets Miracle
Barbara Kingsolver's Flight Behavior**
Tues., July 22 @ 1 PM &
Tues., July 29 @ 6:30 PM

To allow as many who would like to attend the discussion, the adult book club will meet twice. No registration is needed. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the adult circulation desk.

Start Your Engines!

KFL Announces Creative Book Contest!



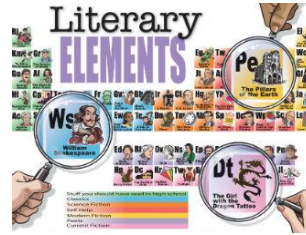
Starting July 7th, we will begin accepting submissions for our Creative Book Contest. Using standard book easels that KFL will provide, you may create accessories for titles that build on the content of the book. Using the *Odyssey* on the left as an example, the artist has the figure carrying a suitcase. Willa Cather's *My Antonia's* figure might be displayed adorned with a bonnet and holding a wash tub.

A few paperback books are available for you to use to create your artwork. Bring in your submission by July 31st to the adult desk. Creative Book Art will be on display for the month, and fellow patrons will vote for their favorite. The winner with the most votes will receive a fine free year as their prize!

Annual Appeal Draws to a Close

Thank you for your generous response to our 2014 Annual Appeal! Our goal of \$61,000 was nearly met (99.9%) with \$60,922.04 donated from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. From the donation box to dedicated Clynk refunds to memorial donations to responses to our spring appeal - your ongoing donations and accompanying support is both gratifying and humbling. We continue to work at our mission "to serve the diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of our community" and appreciate your support.

KENNEBUNK ART WALK
3RD
FRIDAY
ART WALK
HERE
5-8 PM



Astronomy Nights

KFL is pleased to be part of
Kennebunk's Art Walk.

Speers Gallery and the Maine Children's Book Illustrators Gallery will be open to the public from 5-8 PM on Fri., July 18. Additionally, library services will be available during that time.

We are pleased to offer three "Astronomy Nights" at KFL as part of KFL's summer reading program. The Kennebunk-based [Astronomical Society of Northern New England](#) (ASNNE) is an all-volunteer non-profit educational organization founded to promote public awareness of astronomy. In keeping with our Summer Literary Elements theme, two of its members will present a series of Astronomy programs during July.



On Tues., July 8 at 6:30 PM, Ian T. Durham will present a program on the planet Uranus and its moons, all 27 of which are named after characters in Shakespeare or the works of Alexander Pope. Ian is Associate Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Physics and Director of the Computational Physical Sciences program at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. His research focuses on quantum information, complexity theory, the foundations of quantum mechanics and cosmology, and anything else that piques his interest. He is a member of the Foundational Questions Institute and serves as secretary /treasurer of the American Physical Society's Topical Group on Quantum Information. He has been a member of the Kennebunk-based ASNNE for 13 years. He lives in Kennebunk with his wife, kids, and dog where he enjoys fly fishing and other pursuits in his spare time.

On Tues., July 15 and Tues., July 22 at 6:30 PM, Carl Gurtman will present "Measuring the Heavens - From Ancient Times on". Carl has been interested in astronomy since his earliest years. He is currently a Director of ASNEE. Carl is also interested in vexillology, the study of flags, bicycling, running, & tennis. He retired as the Assistant Nuclear Engineering & Planning Manager after a 37-year career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He and his wife Linda, also retired, live in York, and have three adult children, and four grandsons, four and under.

July Calendar of Events

- July 3: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- July 4: LIBRARY CLOSED
- July 5: LIBRARY CLOSED
- July 7: Gardening Workshop, 10 AM
- July 7: Homeschool Group, 2 PM
- July 8: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- July 8: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- July 8: Yoga (ages 5-8), 1:30 PM
- July 8: Astronomy Program, 6:30 PM
- July 9: Minerva Tutorial, 1 PM
- July 10: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- July 11: 17th Edition Road Race!**
- July 14: Inspiring Artists (ages 9-12), 2 PM
- July 14: Pet Show, 6 PM
- July 14: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- July 15: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM

July 15: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
July 15: Crime Scene Analysis (grades 6-12), 1 PM
July 15: Astronomy Program, 6:30 PM
July 16: York Center for Wildlife, 2 PM
July 16: YA Book Group, 6:30 PM
July 17: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
July 17: Science Sleuths (ages 9-12), 3 PM
July 18: Teen Gaming, 3 PM
July 18: Kennebunk Art Walk, 5-8 PM
July 21: Pet Show Rain Date, 6 PM
July 22: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
July 22: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
July 22: Adult Book Discussion, 1 PM
July 22: Science of Surfing (grades 6-12), 1 PM
July 22: Astronomy Program, 6:30 PM
July 24: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
July 24: Protecting Marine Mammals (grades 6-12), 1 PM
July 25: Inspiring Artists (ages 9-12), 10 AM
July 26: Book Sale, 8:30 AM-1 PM
July 29: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
July 29: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
July 29: Planetarium Show, 3 PM & 6:30 PM
July 29: Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
July 30: Teen Book Group (grades 6-12), 1 PM
July 30: Trivia Night @ Duffy's, 6:30 PM
July 31: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM

We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via [email](#), phone (207/985-2173) [Facebook](#) or in person.
