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## 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

### March 2015

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| 3/1 Library Mini-Golf, 11-4 PM      | 3/13 Pi(e) Day-Pie Sale                                 | 3/26 Free Tax Help, 9:30-Noon                            |
| 3/2 Peek-a-Book-Babies, 10:15 AM    | 3/13 Teen Gaming, 3 PM                                  | 3/26 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM                        |
| 3/2 Homeschool Group, 2 PM          | 3/14 Pi(e) Day-Pie Sale                                 | 3/27 Teen Gaming, 3 PM                                   |
| 3/3 Family Story time, 10:15 AM     | 3/16 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM                       | 3/30 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:30 AM                        |
| 3/3 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM           | 3/17 Family Story time, 10:15 AM                        | 3/31 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM                               |
| 3/3 Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 PM    | 3/17 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM                              | 3/31 Family Story time, 10:15 AM                         |
| 3/3 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM       | 3/18 K'bunk Cntr. for Health & Rehab, 1 PM              | 3/31 Lego Club, 4 PM                                     |
| 3/5 Free Tax Help, 9:30-Noon        | 3/19 Free Tax Help, 9:30-Noon                           | 3/31 KFL Board of Trustees Meet,<br>public welcome, 7 PM |
| 3/5 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM    | 3/19 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM                       |  |
| 3/5 Anime Club, 3:30 PM             | 3/19 Anime Club, 3:30 PM                                |  |
| 3/6 Parenting Class, 10 AM          | 3/20 Teen Gaming, 3 PM                                  |  |
| 3/6 Teen Gaming, 3 PM               | 3/21 New Friends Informational<br>Meeting, 10 AM        |  |
| 3/7 Genealogy Group, 10-12          | 3/23 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM                       |  |
| 3/9 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM    | 3/24 Family Story time, 10:15 AM                        |  |
| 3/9 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM | 3/24 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM                              |  |
| 3/10 Family Story time, 10:15 AM    | 3/24 Adult Book Discussion, 1 PM                        |  |
| 3/10 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM          | 3/24 New Friends Informational Meeting,<br>6:30-7:30 PM |  |
| 3/11 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM | 3/25 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM                     |  |
| 3/12 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM   | 3/25 Trivia Night, 6:30 PM                              |  |
| 3/12 Free Tax Help, 9:30-Noon       |   |  |
| 3/12 Pie Day Preview                |   |  |



# Library News

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## Help Us Write the Next Chapter: Be a Friend...Bring a Friend!

Come learn about the ways Friends support the Library. To learn more about the Friends, two informational meetings have been scheduled: **March 21 at 10 AM** or **March 24 at 6:30 PM**

For more information, look for the Friends membership brochure available at our circulation desks, or call (207-985-2173) or email us: [kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us)



## Celebrate Pi(e) Day on March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

$\pi$  On March 14<sup>th</sup> 1794 - Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin machine, revolutionizing cotton industry in the southern US states. On March 14, 1879, Albert Einstein, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist and one of the great thinkers of the ages, was born. And on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the KFL will celebrate Pi(e) Day!



On **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, KFL will offer home made pies for sale. There will be quite a variety of pies—fruit pies, pot pies, quiches, whoopee pies and pizza pies to name a few—to choose from. Arrive early each day for the best selection.

A Pie Day Preview—small samplings of pies/pieces for donation—will be offered on Thurs. March 12th.

## KFL's Genealogy Group Meets

KFL's Genealogy Group meets on **Sat., March 7 from 10-noon**. This month's meeting will feature two genealogists, both with specialties in Polish Genealogy.

Tim Firkowski will present "Finding The Family: Problems, Successes & Rewards." Tim's presentation will review the process he used to locate over 3000 relatives from his family, scattered in over 26 countries around the world. He will discuss the problems, successes and rewards of finding family through examples from his research. Other problems one may encounter during research include dealing with records in other languages and using the Julian & Gregorian calendars when searching relatives from the 19th century. "Every success of finding a relative brings you one step closer to assembling that jigsaw puzzle called family." Using the example of his personal research, Tim will discuss how he was able to connect with a huge number of people in his family in Poland, which received a lot of media attention, and help solve some Polish historical mysteries.

Aleksandra Kacprzak is a genealogical researcher in Poland. She graduated from the Copernicus University in Toruń where she studied archival science. Aleksandra also completed the Eastern European Genealogy research course in Salt Lake City. Aleksandra is a European correspondent and resource person for the Polish Genealogical Society of CT and the Northeast, a genealogical lecturer, a member of Polish Genealogical Societies, a licensed tour leader, and a consultant for Ancestry.com consultant in Poland.

Drop-in's are always welcome! For more information, please call the library at 207-985-2173 or email us: [kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us)

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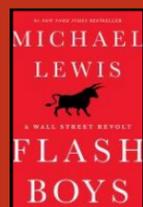
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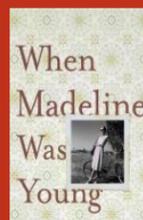
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Non-Fiction Book Group:  
Mon., March 9 at 6:30 PM



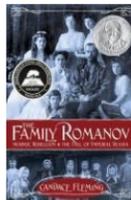
The Flash Boys  
by Michael Lewis

Adult Book Discussion Group  
Tues., March 24 at 1 PM



When Madeline Was Young  
by Jane Hamilton

## New to the Teen Zone: *The Family Romanov*



We've seen a lot of discussion at KFL about Russia lately with the Russia Resurgent programs. The conversation continues in the Teen Zone with the publication of a new book called, *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia* by Candace Fleming. This fascinating narrative history was selected as a finalist for the YALSA Excellence in Non-fiction Award.

The *Family Romanov* is the story of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and the tragic murder of his family in 1918 at the hands of the Bolsheviks. During his reign, Tsar Nicholas II was the wealthiest monarch in the world, whose extravagant lifestyle was in stark contrast to the lives of the poverty-ridden peasants. This discrepancy between the very rich and the miserable poor figured largely in what ultimately became the fate of Tsar Nicholas and his family.

The Bolsheviks were intent on creating a completely free, equal, and classless society, which they saw as an improvement to their present day conditions. In 1903, 4 out of every 5 Russians were peasants. Russian people never felt an affinity with the royal family, nor did they have confidence in their rulers to effect positive change.

Another factor in the national conflict was the family's controversial association with the quasi mystic, Rasputin, who was viewed with great distrust by the Russian people. Empress Alexandra, desperate for a cure of her son's hemophilia, heavily relied on Rasputin whom she believed could cure her son. The people of Russia resented Rasputin's influence and power over the royal family.

The narrative format is engaging, accessible and a great choice for teens interested in European history. Students will come away with a good understanding of the social conditions in Russia preceding the October Revolution. This well researched book includes thirty-two pages of photographs, a bibliography, primary sources, online resources, extensive footnotes and an index.

## Teen Book Review by Bernie Alie



One of my favorite books of 2014 is *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles, a phenomenal example of historical fiction and a National Book Award Finalist. Set during Freedom Summer, 1964, the struggle for voting rights is viewed through the eyes of Sunny, a 12 year old white girl and Raymond, an African American boy.

In this well researched novel, we are immediately steeped in the culture of the times through photos, song lyrics, and quotes from famous and obscure folk alike. Interspersed throughout the book are primary source materials including excerpts from diaries, recruitment pamphlets from the Ku Klux Klan, and news clippings from the day.

Activists are invading Sunny's town, encouraging the African American folks to register to vote in 1964 Greenwood MS. They know that only through the vote could their race rise up against the oppression of the segregated South. While the passage of the Civil Rights Bill emboldens some members of the African American community, it appalls and angers some white members of the community. In Raymond's part of town, families are divided over Civil Rights activism because the risk of losing their jobs outweighs their belief that they can create any kind of permanent positive change. Ray hears white people calling his parents "Mr." and "Mrs." for the first time in his life. Sadly, this change is slow, and Ray's youth limits what he is allowed to do to help in the movement. He decides to step beyond his parents' wishes, and takes action on his own.

We meet some of the SNCC workers, and locals on both sides of the conflict. One of the activists, who reminds Sunny of her deceased mother, softens Sunny's heart towards the "invaders." Sunny never considered the fact that African Americans might want to watch a movie (con't next page)

## Pet Therapy & Its Benefits

Pet Therapy and its many benefits will be discussed on **March 18th at 1 PM**. The "Capable Canine" will chat about the safety benefits of obedience training and the therapeutic offerings that dogs can offer. No registration is needed for this free program.

For more information, please contact the Kennebunk Center for Health & Rehabilitation at 207.604.7147

## Thanks to Volunteers, KFL's Obituary Database is Now Up-to-Date

An avid reader and patron of the KFL for the last 30 years, Leo Martel brings to the library a wide set of skills which he willingly shares to the library's benefit. Leo began volunteering at KFL and his wife, Mae, in June 2014, when we were knee-deep in re-barcoding our books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and even puppets. His methodical approach and computer skills helped the library and staff to complete the project on time.



A long-lingering project next awaited Leo. First, a bit of background: using funds granted to the KFL from a New Century Grant, a new microfilm reader was purchased in 2001 (a new improved microfilm machine replaced it in 2014 with Huntington Common Grant funds); volunteers began culling obituary information from microfilm of the York County Coast Star and its predecessors (the newspapers date back to the 1880's), and entered the information into a database.

In 2013, Margaret Doane took up the project, after completing another, long-lingering project of inventorying KFL's vertical file. A former bank teller with many skills including incredible attention to detail, Margaret recorded newspaper issues and dates of obituaries from the microfilm, and brought the database up to December 31, 2013. After hundreds of volunteer hours, including the 50+ hours that Margaret put in, the "obituary project" was ready for its "finishing touches" from Leo.



With many volunteers collecting data and entering it into the database over the years, it came as no surprise that there were inconsistencies and errors in the database. Lots of them! Leo systematically attacked them, and on February 18, 2015, Leo declared the project officially up-to-date. Our next step is to load the database onto our website for individuals to explore information about their ancestors.

When not volunteering at the KFL, Leo enjoys reading, playing violin, theatre, fishing and knitting. Margaret, who also volunteers for Habitat for Community and Kennebunk Baptist Church, enjoys traveling, visiting with her family and eight grandchildren and a variety of handicrafts.

KFL appreciates the many volunteers who complete a variety of tasks-from cleaning DVDs to shelving to helping with book sales. If you have the time and want to help, we will train you for the task of your choosing! Please talk to any staff member if any of the following tasks appeals to you:

- Unpack crates of books (8:30-9:30 AM, Mon.-Fri.)
- Pack crates of books (1 hr. between 2 PM and 5 PM, Mon.-Sat.)
- Collect requested items from our shelves (9:30-10:30 AM, Mon.-Sat.)
- Clean DVDs (3hrs./week)
- Prepare DVDs & Music CDs for circulation (1-2 hrs./week)
- Prepare magazines for circulation (1 hr. 2-3 days/week)
- Shelf DVDs & Audio CDs (1hr., Mon.-Sat.)
- Shelf books (2 hrs., Mon.-Sat.)



## New Collection Items Circulate Throughout Maine!

Since the creation of KFL's Whitten Puzzle collection in October 2014, new puzzles have continue to be donated to the collection. Can you imagine that patrons all over Maine have been requesting them from our library?

Puzzles are included in the Minerva catalog and patrons can find them there to request them. Like books and DVDs, puzzles can be checked out for three weeks and renewed once more (for two weeks) as long as no one is waiting.

Unfortunately, the winter seems to be stalled here--so why not borrow a puzzle for those cold, wintry nights?



## Teen Book Review (con't)

at the "white" local theatre, attend her "white" church, or even swim in the "white" town pool. Sunny finds all these changes and the anger in the townspeople confusing and scary.

The book is appropriate for students in grades 5 and up. Mature readers will absorb a deep slice of US history through the telling. Although marketed to youth, adults will also gain insight into the everyday acts of bravery that pushed this country towards equal rights. As race issues are still relevant today, it is good to be reminded of the power of our vote, the struggle of a past generation of Americans and their hopes and dreams for a better future.

## We Need...Can You Help?



←Oatmeal or similar containers with plastic lids for various raffle contests.



Padded mailing envelopes (used is fine) for shipping books to other libraries. →