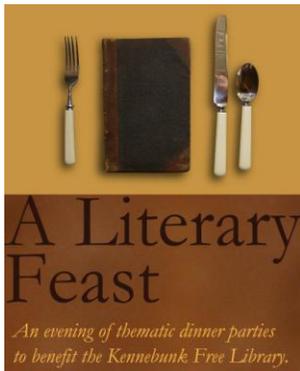




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A Literary Feast, Vol. III--Save the Date!



KFL is seeking potential hosts for A Literary Feast, Vol. III, scheduled to be held on Saturday evening and Sunday brunch on November 8th and 9th. This popular event invites guests to a dinner prepared by hosts featuring menu items related to a chosen book. For more information on this fundraiser, an introductory meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 9 at 6:30 PM at the Library, or contact Jill via [email](#) or phone at 207-985-2173 ext.103.

Makerspaces @ your library



Makerspaces are turning up all over the country. These are do-it-yourself workshop spaces encouraging tinkering and creating. Think shop class, science lab, home economics and art class all mixed in one. Often they involve a technological

leap beyond knitting and crafts. Think community centers with sewing machines, circuit boards, hard drives, wood burning tools, and soldering irons. Many include advanced technology such as 3-D printers and digital recording and mixing devices. Often set up with assistance from corporations, makerspaces incorporate science, technology, education, art, and math, what educators call "STEAM," to encourage participatory learning.

Libraries serve diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community. In addition to the items libraries lend, they function as community centers, a gathering place with activities for adults, teens and children. Many see makerspaces as a logical next step: libraries as centers for creating content as well as consuming content.

Already, libraries provide public access to computers for job applicants, copiers for tax filers and printers for students. Using community dollars to invest in something that may be beyond the reach of individual homes can fulfill a library's mission to serve the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community.

Some libraries, such as Fayetteville Free Library in NY, Westport Public Library in CT, Allen County Public Library in IN, offer 3-D printing to their patrons. These printers use melted plastic to form a three dimensional

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Library Hours

- Mon. 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Tues. 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Wed. 12:30 PM - 8 PM
- Thurs. 9:30 AM - 5 PM
- Fri. 9:30 AM - 5 PM
- Sat. 9:30 AM - 5 PM
- Sun. Closed

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!



Every parent wants their child to succeed, and one of the simplest ways you can ensure your child's academic success is by making a quick trip to the library. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the KFL joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make

using a 3-D printer. One parent used the 3-D printer at Johnson County Library in KS to print out the parts for prosthesis for her son's missing fingers (Christian Science Monitor, July 7 & 14 2014, p. 29). Websites such as [thingiverse](#) offer pre-made designs or people can design their own. Although there are no immediate plans for purchasing a 3-D printer for KFL, there may come a day when patrons will utilize one here.

Here at KFL, we offer less technological makerspaces. We have our weekly knitting group and monthly Legos Club. We're going to expand our offerings this fall, with our new Young Makers Club, open to children in grades 3 and up. Just as with our Legos Club, we'll provide the materials and the space, and the children will provide the creativity. We hope your children will join us!

Minerva--Your Questions Answered!



Q: What is Minerva and what are the benefits of joining?

A: Minerva is a consortium of over 60 Maine libraries who share resources. Because KFL is now a Minerva library, our patrons are able to request a variety of items - including books, DVDs, audio books, magazines, music CDs, and even some videogames - from all around the state. Essentially, our catalog has expanded from about 50,000 items available to you to more than 6 million.

Q: Why do I need a new library card?

In order to offer you access to so many new items, we needed to upgrade our old circulation software to a new system. New library cards are part of the upgrade.

Q: Do I really need to have my library card with me to borrow items?

A: Because we're dealing with a statewide system, we need to be sure that we access the correct person's record every time. There are many duplicate names in the state, and many of you have cards from Wells or from towns where you used to live. The best way to ensure that we are using the correct account is to scan your library card. Though we would prefer that you have your card, we will accept your Driver's License or other photo identification. **Did you know that you can take a photo of your library card's barcode on your smartphone and use the image as your card?!**

Q: Can I still put books on hold?

A: Absolutely. In fact, it's easier than ever. You can access the catalog from the library; at home through our website; or from your phone or tablet by accessing the "[mobile friendly pages](#)" from the KFL website; or through the [Library Anywhere app](#).



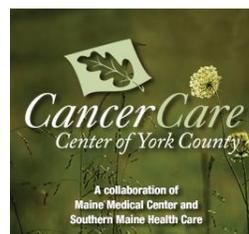
Q: Can I renew books online?

A: Yes. From our website, go to the library catalog, just as if you were requesting a book. On the top right-hand corner of the screen, select "My Library Account." When prompted, enter your name and library card number. On the right hand side of the screen, you'll see a box with your account activity. You can click on any of the words to manage that part of your account. As always, you can call the library to renew--please have your

sure that every student has the most import school supply of all - a free library card.

Stop in today to sign up! Parents, please bring a photo ID to sign up your child if s/he is under 12 yrs.

Cancer Programs at KFL



[The Cancer Center of York County](#) will

present two free programs at the Library. On **Sept. 29 from 6 PM-7:30 PM**, Henri Benoit, Esquire and Anna Benoit, LCSW will present "Social Security and Disability Insurance as it pertains to a Cancer Diagnosis." Benoit is the Senior Attorney in the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein Social Security Disability practice. This presentation will clarify the requirements to qualify for Social Security and Disability Insurance and the filing process.

On **Oct. 1 from 1 PM-2 PM**, Dr. Christopher Toth, DPM will present "Foot Neuropathy and What You Can Do." Dr. Toth is affiliated with Southern Maine Health Care Physicians, specializing in Podiatric

Q: Can my family members pick up books that I put on hold?

A: Yes, there are two ways to ensure that another person is able to pick up items for you. The simplest is to give that person your library card, which we accept as permission. When you got your new Minerva card, you received two copies. You can swap spare cards with your spouse so you'll each have a copy of both cards. The same applies to parents-Mom or Dad can keep one copy of the kids' cards.

The other option is to "link" accounts-one card provides access to all of the linked accounts. To do that we need permission from all parties (except children under 12). You'll both need to come in at the same time with your cards. Our default position is to protect your private information (including books ordered) from everyone, including your spouse, until you tell us otherwise.

For visual steps of how to renew items and place holds, view our complete Minerva [brochure](#).

A Successful Annual Appeal Concludes

Our Annual Appeal ended on June 30th. We are thankful to individuals, businesses, foundations and the Towns of Kennebunk and Arundel; we exceeded our goal of \$61,000 with \$62,255 in donations received.

Libraries are the one place where people of all ages and backgrounds can find and freely use a variety of resources, along with the expert guidance of librarians. We strive to continually strengthen our community by keeping library resources and programs current. Your generous support allows us to continue to provide the collection, programs, services, and events that make KFL such an important and valued part of our community.

Thank you for making a difference with your gifts to the Kennebunk Free Library. For a listing of donors, please click [here](#). We truly appreciate your generosity and continuing support.

KFL's Genealogy Group Meets

Since 2009, KFL has hosted free genealogy programs for those interested in researching their family roots. These free programs require no registration; just come, share and learn! This season's calendar will offer a broad spectrum of topics.



On **Sat., Sept. 6, at 10 AM**, Michael Brophy, a nationally known, professional genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area will present "Descendancy Research." Brophy further explains his presentation: "researching living descendants of your ancestors can give your family history new life and excitement. Learn what traditional genealogy and reverse genealogy have in common and how they differ. We will discuss the reasons for conducting the research along with proper methodology, sources and some exciting websites to explore."

Brophy has served as Program Director and Publicity Director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council. He was the first Treasurer of the New

Medicine and Surgery. Foot neuropathy is damage of the nerves in toes. When the nerves are damaged, they don't function properly. Dr. Toth will explain what foot neuropathy is and treatment options.

For more information about these programs, please contact the Cancer Care Center of York County at 207.459.1600 or via [email](#).

KFL's Adult Book Discussion Groups

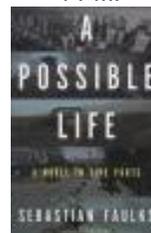


The Adult Nonfiction Book Group
Mon., Sept. 8
at 6:30 PM.



[Space Chronicles](#)
by Neil deGrasse Tyson

The Adult Book Discussion
Tues., Sept. 23
at
1 PM.



[A Possible Life](#)
by Sebastian Faulks

England and Irish genealogy subjects.

Mike was featured on the Irish TV series Dead Money, a genealogy TV show about heir searchers. In 2010, Mr. Brophy was hired to conduct research for the NBC television program Who Do You Think You Are? on an episode dedicated to the family history of actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

The next meeting of the Genealogy Group will be a Panel Discussion on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 AM - 12 PM on the topic "Genealogy Blogs and Podcasts."

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

Kennebunk's ArtWalk -- Only One Left!



KFL's two galleries are included in Kennebunk's ArtWalk! September's exhibit features the work of Alice Hoffman and Shannon Smullen. Don't miss this last opportunity of the season on **Fri., Sept. 19 5-8 PM** for an artists' reception and to also view our Children's Book Illustrators Gallery with original art from Maine picture book

illustrators--including Dahlov Ipcar and Barbara Cooney.

Summer Reading--Teens "Celebrate Science!"



Ninety-one students participated in KFL's Teen Summer Reading Incentive Program, "Celebrate Science," by reading a total of 1,564 hours and attending science based teen programs such as: "The Physics of Surfing," "Crime Scene Investigation" and "D.I.Y Whale Conservation."

Studies have shown that a student who discontinues reading over the summer months can quickly lose the reading and comprehension skills they learned during the school year. Summer reading incentive programs encourage teens to read and explore the literature of their own choice and at their own pace, helping students to maintain or even improve their reading and comprehension levels for the new school year.

Encouraging teens to read over the summer can be difficult. Family vacations, summer camps, and long days at the shore leave little time for reading. In addition computers, smart phones and videogames offer an alluring alternative. That's where the incentive comes in! For each hour of reading the participant received a raffle ticket; they could also receive a raffle ticket by attending a teen specific science based programs. Each ticket could be entered to win one of the fifteen prizes available - the more each participant read equaled more chances to win!

The program was a huge success. One teen who participated in the event gave up all electronic media for six weeks and logged 120 hours of reading!

Library Photos: A Picture is Worth

Parenting Class



Our Parenting Class led by Stevie Westmoreland, LCPC, LMFT moves to the first Friday of the month starting **Sept. 5. We meet at 10 AM.** This is a drop-in group discussing ways to increase our parenting skills through community, wisdom and neuroscience.

Homeschooling Group

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Homeschooling Group will meet on the second Monday this month, **Sept. 8, at 2 PM.** This is a drop-in meeting; no pre-registration is needed. This is an opportunity for homeschooling families to get together with others and exchange ideas or ask questions. Newcomers to homeschooling or families exploring the option are welcome to drop in to learn more. Activities for children will be provided. Future meetings will be on the first Monday of the month.

Library Staff

Library Director
Jill E. LeMay

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We are ramping up publicity of our events to let the community know all that we offer! KFL staff may take photos or videos of participants, individually or in groups, attending Library programs and activities. Photographs or videos may appear in Library publications or other Library publicity. If a Library patron does not wish himself/herself or his/her child to be

photographed, the patron must notify the Library staff.

September Calendar

- 9/1 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 9/2 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 9/5 Parenting Class, 10 AM
- 9/5 Gaming at the Library, 3 PM
- 9/6 Genealogy Group, 10 AM
- 9/8 Homeschool Group, 2 PM
- 9/8 **Minerva will not be available to users today**
- 9/8 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- 9/9 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 9/9 A Literary Feast, Vol. III, Informational Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9/12 Writers Group, 10 AM
- 9/12 Gaming at the Library, 3 PM
- 9/15 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 9/16 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 9/16 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 9/16 Young Makers Club, 4 PM
- 9/17 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM
- 9/18 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 9/18 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 9/19 Gaming at the Library, 3 PM
- 9/19 Kennebunk Art Walk & Artists' Reception, 5-8
- 9/22 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 9/23 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 9/23 Adult Book Discussion, 1 PM
- 9/24 Trivia Night, 6:30 PM
- 9/25 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 9/26 Gaming at the Library, 3 PM
- 9/29 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 9/29 Cancer Care Center Presentation, 6 PM
- 9/30 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 9/30 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 9/30 Lego Club, 4 PM
- 9/30 KFL Trustees Meet, 7 PM, Public Welcome

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