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Library News and Events



Summer Reading Fun For All Ages!

Kennebunk Free Library's summer reading program is underway!! This year's theme is Level Up At Your Library, and all ages are welcome to participate! Kids and teens can fill out a summer reading bingo card or game board and earn raffle tickets for cool prizes! All ages will be eligible to enter a raffle in their age group. **The summer reading program will continue to run through August 16.** Some of the awesome programs we're doing this summer:

For adults:

- Adult Summer Camp
- Craft & Sip: Picture Frame Upcycling

For teens (ages 10 and up):

- Dungeons and Dragons
- Mario Kart Tournament
- No-Bake Bake Off

For kids:

- 31st Annual Pet Show
- Video Game Party

For all ages:

- Ice Cream Social Finale Party

Don't forget to enter into our Summer Reading Raffle for a 2026 State Park Pass!



A Huge Thank You to The Fabulous Find!

We are so happy to share that KFL recently received a grant of \$6,070.73 from The Fabulous Find, a nonprofit resale boutique in Kittery, Maine!

KFL shared The Fabulous Find's June profits with Barrington Library Foundation, D.A Hurd Public Library Association, Friends Supporting Wells Public Library, Friends of the Weeks Public Library, and William Fogg Public Library.

The Fabulous Find, a 501c3 non-profit organization (listed under A Caring Community), is a beautifully merchandized, boutique-style, resale shop at

139 State Rd (Route One) in Kittery which partners with different worthy, local non-profit organizations each month. All profits are donated to whatever organizations are selected by their board for that particular month. They opened in mid-July of 2010 and, with tremendous support from the community, in 15 years have given out over 3 million dollars to more than 150 local non-profits. Amazing!

Thanks to everyone who made donations and or shopped at The Fabulous Find during the month of June. Your support helped increase the size of our grant award – thank you! For more info on The Fabulous Find, head over to www.thefabulousfind.org . Thank you!



A Message from the Friends

Thank you to all Friends that worked to prepare for and host the book sale during the Blueberry Festival on July 26. The next opportunity to get involved is a sweet one: attend the **Seashore Trolley Museum Ice Cream fundraiser for KFL on Wednesday, August 20**. See details in this newsletter.

The Friends of KFL will be participating in the Arundel Heritage Day celebration in September. Details will be developing.

If you would like to join the Friends of KFL you will be welcomed! [Here is the link for more information.](#)

Ice Cream Night



Seashore Trolley Museum | Kennebunkport | Wednesday, August 20th | 5:30PM-7:30PM

Delicious Ice Cream Sundaes & Evening Trolley Rides!

Support two great nonprofits.

**Kennebunk Free
Library receives 50% of
the proceeds!**

\$12/person
(children 2 and under are free)



For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://icecreamnight.eventbrite.com>



Monthly Phone Wallpaper

Looking to change up your phone background? Like our Newsletter Banner? [Download our monthly phone wallpaper](#) and match with us! New backgrounds every month! [E-mail Amelia for assistance](#).

To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper from there.



Thank you to our community for making KFL's 28th Annual 5K our most successful fundraiser ever!

Because of your incredible support, our 5K and online auction brought in over \$76,000 to support our library! More than 80 local businesses sponsored the event, and over 100 businesses and individuals donated fabulous items for the online auction, showing how much our community cares about KFL.

It truly was a joyful day: nearly 400 runners and walkers took to the course, cheered on by a wonderful crowd of enthusiastic supporters. Both our top male and female finishers set new course records! Henri Rivard (17) of South Berwick, ME finished in 16:09, while Saeger Fischer (40) of Portsmouth, NH crossed the line at 19:39.

After the race, the celebration continued with gourmet sandwiches and sides from Crotux Catering at Garden Street Bowl, beer from Federal Jack's, and

live music from the Kennebunk River Band, playing for their 21st consecutive year at the 5K. It truly felt like a community party!

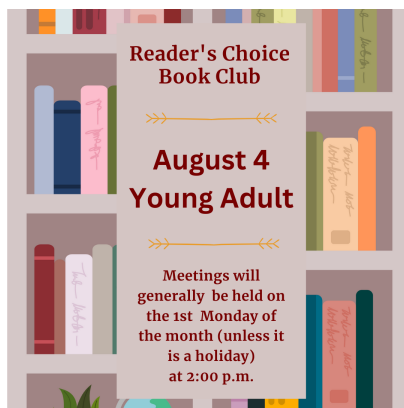
We are deeply grateful to our Event Sponsor, Weirs Motors, and Diamond Sponsors: Kennebunk Savings Bank, Appliance Advantage/Aspire Home, Crotux Catering/Garden Street Bowl, Green Clean Innovations, Maine Classic Car Museum, Nvest Financial Group, and Webhannet Charitable Foundation. Special thanks also to Corning, Kennebunk Outfitters, M&T Bank, Reform Physical Therapy, and all 80 event sponsors for their record-setting generosity.

Participants noted how beautiful and well-maintained the trails were at Hope Cemetery and Woods and appreciated the safe, well-monitored course, thanks to the Kennebunk Police Department's outstanding support.

And of course, this day would not have been possible without the 75 dedicated volunteers who hung banners, prepped fruit, set up tents and fencing, monitored the course, and supported countless details to bring this event to life. We are so grateful for your time and energy!

Thank you for making a difference in our community by supporting KFL and the 5K! See the full list of 5K sponsors, auction partners, and race results [here](#)!

Adult Programs



Reader's Choice Book Group - August 4

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Young Adult.**

How does this book club work? You choose your own book to read, based on the monthly theme, and then join us for a casual and fun conversation. Everyone is welcome!



Craft & Sip:

Picture Frame Upcycling - August 4

Up your frame game with KFL! Join us on **Monday, August 4 from 5:30 to 7:30** to upcycle plain picture frames into fun pieces of decor. All materials will be provided. ***This program is for ages 21+.** [Registration is required.](#)

This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please visit www.KennebunkLibrary.org or call the library at (207) 985-2173.

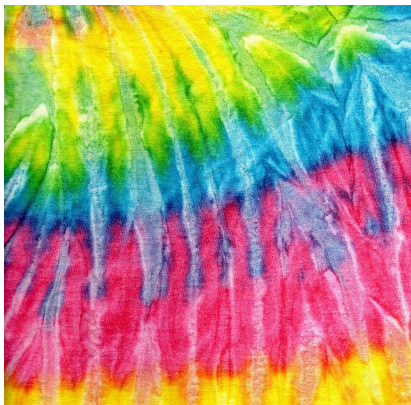


Salad in a Jar - August 5

Join Hannaford Registered Dietitian, Julia Williams, for a fun and interactive Mason Jar Salad workshop at the Kennebunk Library! On **Tuesday, August 5 at 6 p.m.**, learn how to build delicious, nutritious, and portable salads while picking up practical tips for balanced eating and overall wellness. Come hungry to learn!

***Please [register](#) before August 1 so we can pick up supplies.**

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call (207) 985-2173, email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org, or visit our website www.KennebunkLibrary.org.



Camp KFL: Adult Summer Camp! - August 12

Feeling a little nostalgic (or even a little jealous) from kids having all the fun this summer? Fear not - we are ready to bring you right back to childhood for an evening filled with all the fun of summer camp, but for adults only! Join us on **Tuesday, August 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.** where we will have all the classic camp activities from keychain and bracelet making (is it Gimp? Boondoggle? Scoobidoo?) to hand-clap and lawn games, tie dye, snacks, and more. Grab a friend or come and make one at Camp KFL! **This event is for adults 18+.** We will have bandanas available to tie dye but you are welcome to bring a shirt or other small item to dye as well. If the weather is good

we will have an optional nature walk so please bring sturdy footwear. To gauge the quantity of materials needed we are encouraging [registration](#) but it is not required. This program will be held rain or shine, with most activities moved indoors in case of inclement weather.



Ukulele Group - August 13

Join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. to make some music in the library! Ukulele players of all skill levels are invited to stop in to play along. We will be choosing songs to play each month from The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living. Ukuleles and songbooks are available to check out from the library.

**The Saturday Ukulele Group will be taking a break for the summer. We'll see you again in the fall!*

Finale Party and Ice Cream Social - August 13

On **August 13 from 4 to 6 p.m.**, drop in for a celebration of a fun-filled summer! We'll have a choice of ice cream or



frozen treat, and there will be some fun games to play. We hope you can join us!



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - August 13

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 13, from 6 to 7 p.m.** in the Reading Room at the library, and **our theme will be: A Book On Your TBR List.**

Have a book that you've been meaning to read? Now is the time! Join us this month with a book from your TBR list. It can be any type of book!

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits the month's theme. Readers can select from fiction or non-fiction, adult books, young adult, or children's, and everything in between. We hope you'll join us!



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Southern Maine Energy Navigators at KFL - August 15

Stop by KFL **between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, August 15** for a chat with Southern Maine Energy Navigators.

Southern Maine Energy Navigator is here to offer free technical and financial support to homeowners whose primary residence is in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kittery, Wells, and Ogunquit who are interested in making energy upgrades.

Energy Navigators can help you:

- Determine where to begin your energy upgrade journey
- Connect to other available programs
- Navigate current rebates and tax credit
- Cover project costs for eligible homeowners
- Select and vet the contractor for your project
- And answer any questions that come up along the way!

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. The Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main Street in Kennebunk, Maine. For more information please call 207-985-2173 or email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



Father/Son Author Talk - August 19

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m.** for a special father/ son author talk featuring Steve and Josh Hrehovcik.

Steve Hrehovcik will present a reading and visual presentation of his new children's book *The Rabbit Said to the Bird*. He will also discuss his writing career, along with his many excursions pursuing a life in the theater, highlighted in his book *Rebel Without a Clue – A Way-Off Broadway Memoir*.

Josh Hrehovcik has published nine travel books covering the area from Hampton Beach, New Hampshire to Portland, Maine. He will highlight his photographic style, his choice of subjects and experiences as the author of the "Retro Roadtrip Family of Travel Books."

Copies of their works will be available for sale and signing.



Trivia Night - August 20

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. is trivia night at KFL! Bring a team, join one of our friendly teams of regulars, or take on the challenge solo. Light refreshments will be served.



MECollab: Scrap Craft Programs - August 21

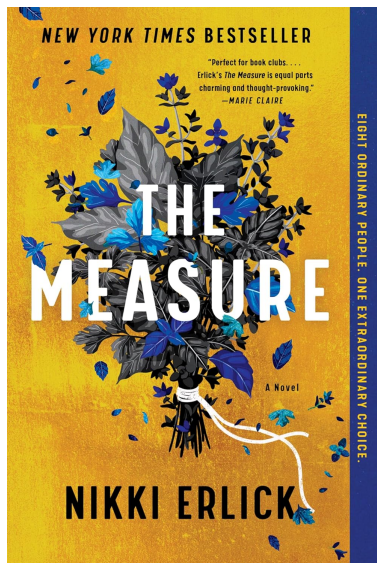
KFL is teaming up with other libraries to offer a series of scrap craft programs. On **Thursday, August 21 at 12:30 p.m.**, learn to make a rag rug for use underfoot or as decoration. In this class we'll teach you how to use extra fibers to make a rug. We'll go over a variety of techniques and tools, but concentrate on utilizing what extra fiber you can forage, and easy to find tools and backing. Leave with inspiration from modern rug designers, knowledge of traditional techniques and the beginnings of a locker-hooked rug.

This class is being taught by librarians from Curtis Memorial Library. There are two ways to participate. Join us in person at KFL for a viewing party. We'll have all the materials that you'll need to complete the project and we'll enjoy some light refreshments and craft together. [Register here for in-person crafting.](#)

You can also join from home. Visit the Curtis Memorial Library website to register for the Zoom

link.

Welcome to our MECollab craft class series. You can expect to see a craft class each month at your local library. Each of these craft classes has been designed to use minimal purchased tools, many of which can be borrowed from your local library. These craft classes will also try to provide you with options to purchase ecologically responsible craft materials or provide you ways in which you can acquire your consumable materials for free.



Fiction Book Discussion - August 26

Join us on **Tuesday, August 26 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick.

"It happened quickly and without warning: all across the globe, from remote villages to crowded high-rises, small boxes appeared in front of every adult's door. The sturdy boxes were made of something close to mahogany, but it was their contents that turned the world upside down: each one contained a string, quickly understood to correlate to the length of its recipient's life. Between the word-of-mouth spread and tireless news coverage, chaos ensued. Society splintered into ""long-stringers"" and ""short-stringers,"" those destined to live long, healthy lives versus those now awaiting cancer diagnoses or fatal accidents. One small group of people stubbornly refuses to open their boxes, determined to live their lives exactly how they had been before.

Echoing Emily St. John Mandel's *Station Eleven* and Claire Fuller's *Bitter Orange*, Erlick's debut (a Read With Jenna book pick and instant best-seller) is a futuristic thought experiment set close to the present day. Using a thoughtful and genuine group of characters to outline society's widely varied reactions to the strings' arrival, Erlick highlights the Herculean efforts needed to look beyond prejudice and predisposition." -- Booklist



Die Well Death Education - August 25

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, August 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** for the thirteenth session in the Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions - no registration is required.

In Session Thirteen, we will discuss the film: 'Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall', as well as DWDE Series Wrap Up

Prison Terminal is a moving documentary that breaks through the walls of one of America's oldest maximum-security prisons to tell the story of the final months in the life of a terminally ill prisoner and the hospice volunteers, themselves prisoners, who care for him. Prison Terminal draws from footage shot over a six-month period behind the walls of the Iowa State Penitentiary and provides a fascinating and often poignant account of how the hospice experience can profoundly touch even the forsaken lives of the incarcerated. (39 minutes) Open discussion to follow.

We will also wrap up the Die Well Death Education series – discussion, suggestions, questions, thoughts, etc.

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.

Weekly Programs



In Stitches - Tuesdays

Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet.

Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology

Educator can be scheduled **Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.**,

and **Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**. Appointments are 45 minutes long, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. When setting up the appointment, help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your charged device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.

Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays (previously Monday), from 12:30 to 3 p.m.** to play Mah Jongg. The library has 3 sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? You're welcome to watch and learn. Want lessons? Future newsletters will announce a springtime class signup. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



See you in the fall!

The following programs are taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall:

- Fourth Saturday Ukulele Group
- Improv
- Cook & Share Cook book Club
- Creative Collective

We look forward to seeing you again after the summer!

Teen Programs



Game-ish Activities in the Teen Room!

Usually, we are *buzzing* with bookish activities in our library's teen room, but for summer reading, we are Leveling Up with Our Library, and it's the place to be for all things game-ish right now! Whether you're flying solo or hanging out with friends, you can do these activities at your own pace, so no rush, and no pressure. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Interactive Bulletin: Yo-Ho, Yo-Ho, a Writer's Life for Me

Ahoy, writers! Set sail into the wordy seas with this month's interactive display! If you're headed starboard to the Teen Space this month, we have just the activity for you. X marks the spot for your treasure - a basket filled with words! Once you take your wordy loot, you can craft a tale, compose a poem, or even create a wanted sign, and then share 'em with yer mates on the board. Unleash yer creativity, ye landlubbers! We can't wait to read your adventuring tales!

We Hope You're Having a Berry Good Summer!

Summer is the ideal time to indulge in the sweet abundance of fresh berries, and to help us decorate for the season, we need your help! **For the month of August**, we are adding a touch of

enchantment to the Teen Space with strawberry and blueberry coloring sheets. These illustrations, ready for you to color and cut out, will be displayed on our windows and nestled onto our shelves for all to enjoy. We are berry excited to see your designs!

August 2nd: Super Mario Flower Pens

Let's a-go into August! Visit the library this month for a power-up - a Super Mario Fire Flower Pen Topper! For our 3rd gameish activity this season, we will have all of the supplies you will need to begin crafting in the Teen Space on **Saturday, August 2nd**. Supplies are first come first served for the first two weeks of the month, and you can either complete your craft at the library, or take it home to do later. Happy crafting!

August 9th: Animal Crossing Bell Bag

Visit our Library Island this month for another game-themed craft! **Beginning August 9th**, we will have all of the supplies you will need to make an Animal Crossing Bell Bag. Supplies are first come first served for the second two weeks of the month, and you can either complete your craft at the library, or take it home to do later. As Isabelle says, "What better way to start a wonderful day?"

These programs are free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and they are open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions about these programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Craft Kits: Summerween Ghost Family Portraits - August 1

Join us for the end of Summerween, a unique celebration from the series *Gravity Falls* that blends the spirit of Halloween with the warmth of summer! On **Friday, August 1**, stop by the library to create a ghost family portrait in person or take supplies home with you to craft independently. Supplies are first come first served, and you can find these kits in the Teen Room, waiting just for you!

This program is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, just reach out to Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia in the children's room downstairs, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Lego Build Displays - August 1

Starting August 1, come on over to the library to build with Legos! With building bricks provided by the library, you can place your amazing creations in the "Drop-Off" box for Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia are super excited to showcase your work in the Teen Room for the whole month! Feel free to create as many designs as you like, but please make sure to leave enough Legos for everyone else to have fun too. At the end of the month, there will be ribbons awarded for your designs. Your creations will then be taken apart so you can build something new in September, but we

will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If

you have any questions, just reach out to Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia in the children's room downstairs, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Dungeons and Dragons - August 4, 11, 25

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Taking a break from our school year campaign, we're continuing our heist campaign in the Infinity Branch Megalopolis! Each week we will get closer to the prize, but the character you will be playing will be completely randomized from a pool of characters created by your peers. This month, we will be meeting on Mondays: **August 4, 11, and 25 from**

3:30-4:30 p.m. The library will provide all supplies, just bring your imagination! This program is for beginners and seasoned players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Demigod Days: Camper Finale - August 5

Join us for the final session of our weekly Demigod Days: Camper Finale! We'll close out camp this summer with a Camp Halfblood tradition—capture the flag! Campers will have to channel their inner child of Athena to outsmart the other team in a field of monsters and magic. Then, we'll complete a craft inspired by the Big Three: Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades. We'll finish the evening off by gathering round to make s'mores and paper plate laurels as a celebration of all of our hard work this summer battling monsters and completing quests for the gods. Join us on **Tuesday, August 5th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in Hank's Room for this final session. All sessions will be rain or shine events.

Registration is required to attend this event. Please register ahead of time with the link provided, or through our website calendar. You may attend this event without having attended the rest in the series.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mario Kart Tournament - August 6

Are you ready to chill, eat some snacks, hang out with friends, and play some games? This summer reading, we are Leveling Up Our Library with an in-person Mario Kart



Tournament - wahoo! We will meet on **August 6, from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.** downstairs in Hank's Room for the Grand Prix of the summer. The library will host the game and provide all of the consoles, all you need to do is get ready for the big race!

Registration is required for this event, and can be filled out on our calendar. Once you arrive, players will be organized into brackets to ensure that everyone has a chance to compete for a prize - Nintendo eShop Gift Cards for the first 3 winners!

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's

room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

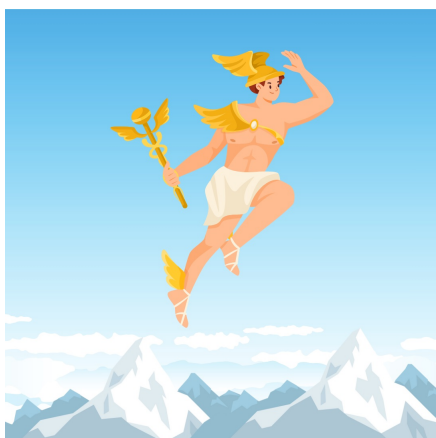


No-Bake Bake Off - August 7

Have you ever wanted to be a contestant on Chopped or Cupcake Wars? Feel like baking but it's too hot to turn on the oven? We've got the perfect program for you: join us for a fun afternoon of competing in our No-Bake Bake Off! Each team will receive the exact same ingredients (including potential gluten and nut allergens) and have a set time to make their most delicious no-bake treat. Then, teams will have the opportunity to test and rank their competitors' bakes in categories such as taste, presentation, and texture.

Join us on **Thursday, August 7th, from 2 to 3 p.m.** in Hank's Room to show off your baking expertise! **Registration**

is required to attend this event. Please register ahead of time with the link provided, or through our website calendar. Ingredients will be a surprise during the event so that competitors put their imaginations to use, but **please indicate any allergies that your child has when you register.** This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Demigod Days: Hermes Delivery Service - Starting August 12

Although camp is over, there are still fun passive activities based on your favorite Greek gods and goddesses in the teen room! This week Aphrodite and Hermes will be the main focus. Add your favorite YA book from the shelves in the Teen Room to our Aphrodite Book Display to share your most beloved book with others! Then, we'll have all of the supplies available to write letters to the authors that you admire most. Once you're satisfied with your letter, place it in our Mount Olympus Mailbox so Hermes can send it for you! Come into the library anytime starting on **Tuesday, August 12th** to do

these fun passive activities.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or

Children's Programs



33rd Annual Pet Show - August 4

Kennebunk Free Library will be holding its 33rd Annual Pet Show on **August 4 at 6 p.m. on the library's front lawn**. In the past, the library has been visited by a variety of animals from cows to snails – and everything in between! Share your pet and receive a certificate! Owners can lead their pets across the library lawn for everyone to admire. Kennebunk Veterinary Hospital will be on hand to help give each pet a special title. [Registration](#) and signed waiver are required. One pet per child. Pets must be up-to-date on shots, on leash or caged, and accompanied by an adult. Join us for a KFL tradition! In the event of inclement weather, the 33rd Annual Pet Show will be held on Monday, August 11, at 6 pm. [Registration required.](#)



Beadcraft - August 6

In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on **Wednesday, August 6, at 1 p.m.** What a great way to spend an afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Video Game Party - August 6

Lets-a-go! Join us on **Wednesday, August 6, at 3 p.m.** for a fun game-filled party based on some of our favorite videogames! Make Mario, Pokemon and Minecraft crafts while jamming out to some videogame tunes! No registration is required. Note: we won't be playing video games at this party, but we'll be celebrating video games with treats, crafts, and fun!



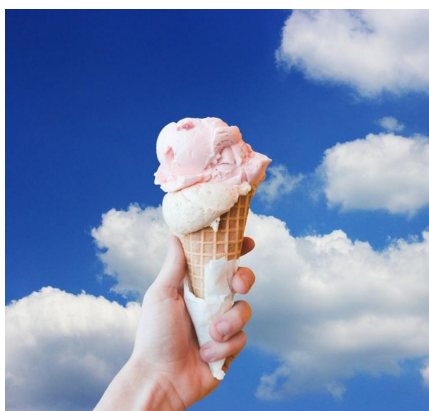
Sensory Play Day - August 7

There are so many ways to play! Join us on **Thursday, August 7, at 10 a.m.** for a morning of rainbow sensory play! Explore fun, sometimes messy activity stations and play spots in every color of the rainbow. Come play with us, and wear clothes that can get messy! No registration is required. This program is designed with ages 1-4 in mind, but everyone is welcome.



Kindness Crew - August 12

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, August 12, at 3:45 p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This month, we'll share a story about mermaids and make a mermaid craft! This program is open to ages 6 and up; [registration](#) is appreciated but not required! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!

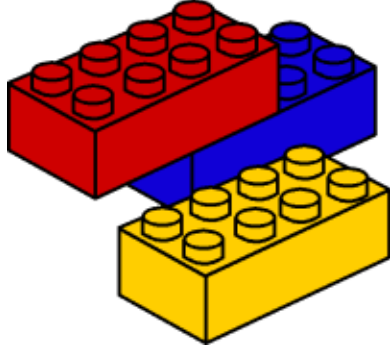


Finale Party and Ice Cream Social - August 13

On **August 13 from 4 to 6 p.m.**, drop in for a celebration of a fun-filled summer! We'll have a choice of ice cream or frozen treat, and there will be some fun games to play. If the weather is nice, we'll bring out the sprinkler! Be sure to bring a bathing suit, sunscreen, and a towel. We hope you can join us!

Lego Club - August 14

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on **Thursday, August 14, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.** Come and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. [Registration](#) is appreciated.



Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On **Mondays in August at 10:00 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- August 4
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25

Speers Gallery



August Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"Matti's World" by Matthew Crowe. The exhibit runs August 1 through 30 with a reception on Saturday, August 23 from 10 to 12 p.m.. All are welcome.**

Based in NH and Maine, Matthew Crowe has been honing his art since childhood. He began with a game of scribbles—taking a scribbled drawing and turning it into a character. From his imagination, Matthew went on to develop his technique by creating different groups of paintings that focused on one skill in particular. His first series centered on mouths and teeth. He experimented with realistic and imaginary creatures, light and dark, large and small and always bold, vivid color. Matthew is currently working on a series of flower characters to investigate emotion, even going so far as to have some characters that show emotion without any faces at all.

During the long winter months Matthew is a professional Freeski coach and travels with his

team globally, helping them prep for high level events with the goal of the 2026 Winter Olympics. When he travels, he sketches to create new ideas to bring home to the canvas.

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to welcome this unique artist to our Speers Gallery.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from August 1 through 30 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

New Books, Audio Books & DVDs

Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.

[Click here](#) for a look at books that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

Popular New Reads for August

August 5

[Jenny Cooper Has a Secret](#) – Joy Fielding

[Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure](#) – Rhys Bowen

August 12

[We Are All Guilty Here](#) – Karin Slaughter

[For Richer for Poorer](#) – Danielle Steel

[Kiss Her Goodbye](#) – Lisa Gardner

[Crossfire](#) – Wilbur A. Smith

August 19

[Emma on Fire](#) – James Patterson

[Something to Look Forward to](#) – Fannie Flagg

August 26

[Smuggler's Cove](#) – Fern Michaels

[Tomlinson's Wake](#) – Randy Wayne White

A Message from the Director

This month I must highlight some of the great contributions that make Kennebunk Free Library such an amazing place.

Our Spring Appeal wrapped up at the end of June, raising over \$62,000. This Appeal takes a tremendous turnout of staff and



Sincerely,
Michelle

volunteers to send out such a massive mailing and to process all of the donations.

Our 5K that was held on July 11, had dozens and dozens of staff and volunteers contributing to the success of this event. It was a beautiful day with 457 registered participants, and thanks to everyone who pitched in, it went safely and smoothly.

Thank you everyone!

Pictured: Max reads Elephant and Piggie books to my best friend, Jordan.

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

This was the book selection for the June Fiction Discussion Group. At the very end of the 1699s in France, Adeline LaRue is born into a typical peasant family and faces the drudgery of being female and lack of any say in her own life...forever. On the night before her forced marriage to the widower of her friend who recently died in childbirth. Adeline cries out to god, any god to save her. The devil shows up and offers her freedom for the price of her soul. This book is like riding a thought-provoking roller coaster, if there is such a thing.
(Available as a book and large print from KFL, audio on Audible)

Secrets of Adulthood – Simple Truths for Our Complex Lives by Gretchen Rubin

This one hour of musing on aphorisms. Merriam-Webster's definition is "a concise statement of a principle". The author suggests using simple aphorisms to uncomplicate things when we often overthink situations and problems. An example is if it isn't broken, don't fix it. This was a fun diversion and would be great for a short road trip.
(Available in print from KFL and audio from Libby read by the author)

On Golden Pond: directed by Mark Rydell, written by Ernest Thompson 1981

It's a love story, an end-of-life reflection, an advertisement for the importance of old people and young people spending time together, a pitch for getting yourself out into nature and the importance of forgiveness. Lovable curmudgeon Norman (Henry Fonda) and his doting wife Ethel (Katharine Hepburn) are visited by their daughter Chelsey (Jane Fonda) who is still carrying the pains of her childhood. The plot thickens when Chelsey and her fiancé, a dentist, Bill (Dabney Coleman) leave his teenage son Chris (Christopher Rydell) for a month of summer on Golden Pond. Oh yes, it is also a fish story.
(Available on DVD from KFL)

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