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Library News

New Donated eBooks and eAudios added to Overdrive



A huge thank you to Overdrive, our ebook platform! They have donated 150 new titles - which they're calling the "COVID Response Collection" - to KFLs ebook/audiobook collection. There are a variety of genres included from cozy mysteries to thrillers to romance, even some nonfiction. All titles will be available to KFL until December 31. Best of all, these titles are what's called "simultaneous use" - multiple people can be reading the same book at the same time. This is a tremendous gift. Publishers set their own prices but ebooks typically cost \$55 - \$65 for 52 checkouts; new audiobooks are generally \$75 - \$95 for unlimited uses. The donation represents about a 25 percent increase in books available.

Help Us Reach Our Annual Appeal Goal

Every year KFL, a 501c3 nonprofit, needs to raise about \$200,000 to maintain our operations. With your help we can reach our 2021 Annual Appeal goal of \$58,000 by June 30, 2021. We are underway and have already collected over \$20,000. A mailing full of KFL information will be sent out in April. You can submit a check with the included donor card and envelope at that time or you can donate right now.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor and we will recognize you for your full-year's pledge.

Fireside Reader: \$1000 or more (\$84 or more per month)

Patron: \$500 - \$999 (\$42 - \$83 per month)

Benefactor: \$250 - \$499 (\$21-\$41 per month)

Partner: \$100 - \$249 (\$9 - \$20 per month)

Contributor: \$1 - \$99 (Up to \$8 per month)

If your employer offers matching gifts let us know and we'll do the work.

[Donate Now](#)

Seeking Board of Trustees Candidates

Don't you just love KFL? Would you like to do more to help support it? If you do, we've got a

message just for you! The Board of Trustees is seeking new members. And this might be a great opportunity for you to support the Library in an exciting and new way.

Interested? Go to the [KFL website Trustee page](#). There you can meet the current board, read their stories and find, at the bottom of the page, more information, including an application that you can download and print. Being a Trustee is a wonderful way to support KFL and the communities we serve.



Registration for the 24th Edition Road Race is now open! Be one of the first 200 to register to get a race T-shirt and goodie bag.

This year, we're hoping for the best of both worlds! We will be holding a virtual Road Race from June 21 - July 7. Run your own race course (or follow the traditional route) whenever it's convenient. We are also planning for an in-person race on July 9 in the hopes that in-person events may be possible at that point.

Road Race sponsorship opportunities are still available. [Click here](#) to learn about sponsorship levels and the perks that come with each.

REGISTER

Accepting Book Donations on Wednesdays 2:00-4:00

We appreciate your books, DVDs, and audiobooks donations. KFL uses these donations to raise money during our book sales or sometimes add to our collection.

We ask that you please adhere to the drop-off schedule, Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. When you arrive please proceed to the main entrance vestibule where you will be asked to confirm that all materials meet our [Donation Guidelines](#). KFL has a very generous community and as such, our donation guidelines help us fit our space and time constraints.

Adult Programs

What Would Rachel Say: Women Poets Speak - March 31



In honor of Women's History Month and Earth Day, the Planeteers of Southern Maine and the Kennebunk Free Library present "What Would Rachel Say: Women Poets Speak." Join us on Zoom for an evening of eco poetry with Kate Chappell, Natalie Dana-Lolar, Kathleen Ellis, Megan Grumbling, Meghan Sterling and Melissa Tukey. Check the library calendar and rotating display for the Zoom link.

Heart and Home Book Group - April 5



The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. Our virtual discussions take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting. If you've been thinking about trying out our book group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's book or young adult novel. Our

unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do book club," and everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings:

On Monday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Flight*.

On Monday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Mending*.

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

Maine Climate Action Plan Discussions - April 5, 13, 20, 27



What is the state climate action plan that you've been hearing about on the news? In honor of Earth Day, the Planeteers of Southern Maine and KFL have partnered to bring you a series of virtual events in April and May exploring Maine's new Climate Action Plan. The first night will give you an overview of the plan; then you'll hear from local organizations and people about what they're doing to support the environment.

Mon. April 5, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Maine Climate Action Plan Overview - Moderated by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Tues. April 13, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Maine Climate Action Plan - Natural and Working Lands: Discussion of how Maine's forests, farms, and fields could offset the majority of Maine's greenhouse gas emissions and create resiliency in Maine's forestry, agriculture, and outdoor tourism sectors.

Tues. April 20, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Maine Climate Action Plan - Energy: Discussion of accelerating expansion of clean energy resources and technologies as necessary developments in countering the Climate Crisis and as an opportunity for economic growth in Maine.

Tues. April 27, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Maine Climate Action Plan - Transportation; Buildings and Infrastructure: Discussion of steps to reduce the state's transportation-sourced greenhouse gas emissions, and strategies to mitigate emissions and support resilience in Maine buildings.

In Stitches - April 6, 13, 20, 27

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 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.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.

Earth Day Trivia - April 6



Do you know the names of the shells you find at the beach? The birds that visit your backyard? Are you a whiz at identifying trees and plants? Come put your knowledge to the test in advance of Earth Day at this month's Zoom trivia night, focusing on the flora and fauna of New England! This quiz is a blend of challenge levels suitable for adults and families. Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the nature around us through trivia! Visit the calendar or rotating display on the library website for

the Zoom link.

Journaling Meetup - April 7



Do you love to journal, keep a planner, or write letters? Or would you like to learn more about these activities and how they might fit into your life? If so, join us on Wednesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. for a Journaling Meetup to chat about... all things journaling. This group meets every other month, and this meeting will be held via Zoom. New participants are always welcome!

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

Virtual Poetry Reading - April 10

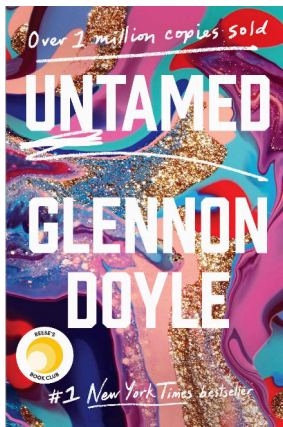


Listening to others read original poems or favorites from other poets is always engaging. Reading your poems or favorites to others is fun too! Join the Kennebunk Free Library as we host a Zoom virtual poetry reading on Saturday April 10 at 2:00 pm in celebration of National Poetry Month. Each participant will be given a 5-minute time slot to read one or more poems.

Please let us know that you are interested in reading by calling 207-985-2173 or by

email kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us All are welcome to attend the Zoom to listen.

Nonfiction Book Group - April 12



Join us on Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

An activist, speaker and philanthropist offers a memoir wrapped in a wake-up call that reveals how women can reclaim their true, untamed selves by breaking free of the restrictive expectations and cultural conditioning that leaves them feeling dissatisfied and lost.

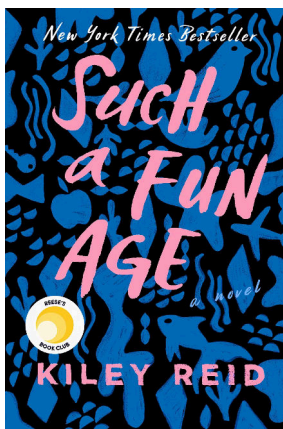
Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts - April 26



This month, Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts will be discussing *The History of Kennebunk's Churches*. Join us on Zoom on Monday, April 26 at 6:00. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the link.

Previous discussions can be viewed on [KFL's YouTube channel](#).

Adult Book Discussion - April 27



Join us on Tuesday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Say you're a white, professional woman in the midst of a late-evening crisis. Would you call your African American babysitter, catching her at a friend's birthday party, and ask her to come tend to your toddler? Say you're that African American babysitter. After taking your charge to the local market, wouldn't you be annoyed, then humiliated, then downright scared and angry when a security guard accuses you of kidnapping? Say you're that white woman, wanting to right this wrong, and giving the sitter a raise or an edible arrangement isn't quite the right

path. Would you go crusading with self-righteous, even self-serving zeal, not really checking in with what your babysitter wants or needs? If you were that babysitter, what would be your next move? Especially if you loved that toddler and thought you were good at your job? Aren't you curious to find out how put-upon Emira deals with her clueless brand-marketer boss? ... In her debut novel, Reid illuminates difficult truths about race, society, and power with a fresh, light hand. We're all familiar with the phrases white privilege and race relations, but rarely has a book vivified these terms in such a lucid, absorbing, graceful, forceful, but unforced way." (Library Journal, vol 144, issue 9, p90)



Ukulele Group - April 28

Join us on Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

Teen Programs



Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play *Jackbox*! We also occasionally dabble in Minecraft and Among Us. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All teens ages 10 and up are welcome! Join us for fantastic programs and to spend time with friends.

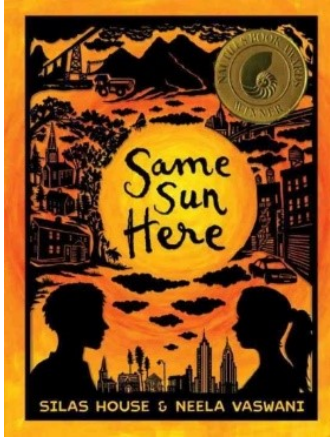
ZOOM LINK

Middle School Book Group - April 28

Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, April 28 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss a book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.



This month we will be reading *Same Sun Here* by Silas House. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.

Children's Programs



Virtual Faerie House Exhibition

It's time for the faeries to return to Maine! Build a faerie house to welcome them back. Faeries love the outside, so we encourage using natural materials when building your house, like bark, sticks, leaves, and stones. Starting April 5, you can pick up a grab and go bag with some faerie house building materials to get you started! After you build your faerie house, take some photos of it! Send us at least three pictures of your faerie house from different angles, and give your house a name. The Seacoast Garden Club will give each house a title, and we will create certificates. With your permission, we will also post the photos on our social media pages for everyone to see! Send your information to ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us. You can send us your pictures anytime in April, but for a certificate, send them by April 27! We can't wait to see your faerie houses!



Virtual Week of the Young Child Family Festival

Abacadabra! Kennebunk Free Library is partnering with York County Early Childhood Coalition and the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children to present a virtual and take-home Family Festival on during the month of April. On Saturday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m., Magic Fred will "Zoom in" for a virtual magic show! Magic Fred will show us some amazing magic tricks, and he will even give us a mini magic lesson. Be sure to stop by for your magic kit with common household items so that you can take part in the lesson, plus some instructions for other simple tricks! Kits will be available starting Monday, April 5. Note: the magic lesson portion of the show is recommended for ages 5 and up, while the performance is for all ages. Thank you to the

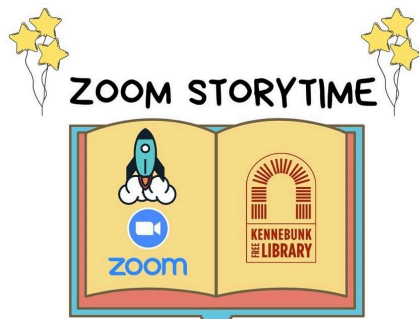
Friends of the Library for sponsoring Magic Fred.
Join us for some amazing, astounding fun!

“The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 50 local, state, and regional Affiliates. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.”



Take and Make Kits: Faerie Festival Edition

What would Faerie Festival be without a faerie crown and wand of your very own? Starting April 19, grab a take and make kit for some magical faerie crafts! Be sure to dress in your faerie finery on May 1, Faerie Festival Day, for some at-home fun! Although Faerie Festival is a little different this year, we will still celebrate the faeries' return to Kennebunk. Don't forget to make a faerie house and send us pictures!



Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! From March 15 - April 26, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be most Mondays at 10:00 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please register by email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- April 5
- April 12
- April 26

All storytimes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Storytime Kits including crafts, shaker egg, scarf, and song sheet are available while supplies last! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!

Facebook Live Storytimes

Join us on Facebook Live on Tuesdays in April at 10:00 a.m. for stories and songs! Storytime is designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is invited to



watch and participate! We'll have a great time! Storytime Live dates are:

- April 6
- April 13
- April 20
- April 27

Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary> for storytime fun!



MSBA Virtual Challenge

Have you signed up for the MSBA Challenge on Beanstack yet? Through 6/30/21, students in grades 4-8 can earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title read and reviewed. Readers will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org. If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or via email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us. MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!

Request a Book Stack

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us [via email](#), or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!

Below are some human and animal friends enjoying their book stacks! Clockwise from the top left are Amos, Shok, Ellen, Leroy (cat), a book stack, and Story.



New Books, Audio Books, and 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

Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

Hot New Releases on Order for April

April 6

[Broken - Jenny Lawson](#)

[First Person Singular - Haruki Murakami](#)

[Animal Instinct - Davis Rosenfelt](#)

April 13

[Turn a Blind Eye - Jeffrey Archer](#)

[When the Stars Go Dark - Paula McLain](#)

[Death With a Double Edge - Anne Perry](#)

[Ocean Prey - John Sanford](#)

April 20

[A Gambling Man - David Baldacci](#)

[Legacy of War - Wilbur Smith](#)

April 27

[Sooley - John Grisham](#)

[Whereabouts - Jhumpa Lahiri](#)

[Finding Ashley - Danielle Steel](#)

A Message from the Friends

Happy Spring!

Thank you for your wonderful donations and for following our guidelines. And a special thank you to our volunteers who collect, sort, and prep for our future sales. Our shelves are filling up with books in wonderful condition and we are planning an outdoor sale soon.

Along with the Trustees, the Friends are grateful for your support of March Madness. Congratulations to the raffle winners. The Friends are always looking for help and it is a great way to meet people and do something for our community. Many hands make light work as the saying goes.

We invite you all to join us for our spring meeting on Monday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. Visit the [Friends page](#) on the KFL website to learn about how the Friends support the library and for the Zoom link.

Enjoy this spring and happy reading!

Donna Gomez

President, Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library

A Message from the Library Director



I want to kick off spring with a big thank you. With your votes we got a [third place \(\\$1,000\) Love Your Community Award](#) from Northeast Credit Union. I welcome you to check out our [Trustee page](#) which has been updated to include bios and photos as we did a few months back for our [staff page](#).

In the coming weeks we will announce our phased reopening plan to start welcoming the community back into the library with computers and browsing by appointment. You will be able to schedule your appointment by calling us or through our website.

I am also proud to announce that KFL received a grant for the virtual [Family Place Libraries Training Institute](#). With this grant two of our librarians will receive training through the spring and will be bringing back what they've learned to the whole staff for the benefit of the library and the entire community.

Kat, Library Assistant

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

The author lets us in on the challenges of stereotyping and the failure of many Americans to see Asian Americans as anything but foreigners using humor. The protagonist in this work of fiction, Willis Wu works as an actor in Hollywood competing for roles for “Generic Asian man”, “Disgraced Son”, or the epitome of roles “Kung Fu Guy”. This book helped me to understand Americans of Asian descent’s situation before the events of the past year added a new layer of difficulty.

Eat a Peach: A Memoir by David Chang

David Chang is a James Beard award winning chef. His first restaurant was Momofuko Noodle Bar in New York City in 2004. This book is a raw and honest autobiography of the youngest son of a deeply religious Korean family. Chef Chang takes us through the hard work and struggles that have culminated in great professional success in restaurants, a TV show and now, author. His personal life took longer to stabilize but happily comes together. The book ends just as the Pandemic closes down the food industry and the author gives his insight on the future of the industry.

Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World by Dalai Lama and Franz Alt

We are called to pay attention to the environmental emergency at hand and do what we can in big ways and small. The Dalai Lama shares his admiration of Greta Thunburg and the young people she has rallied to press the world to respond.

The book records a conversation between The Dalai Lama and his friend, Franz Alt. It is an easy read and very timely. Let this book get you into an Earth Day mindset and explore how you can help this cause today and for future generations.

Jenny, Library Assistant

[*Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners*](#) by Suzanne Ashworth begins with a discussion of the history and importance of seed saving within families and communities, the contributing factors to a recent loss in plant diversity, and the ways readers can help to preserve the many heirloom plant varieties that still exist, including purchasing, growing, saving, and sharing heirloom seeds. She then explains the basics of botanical classification, pollination, and flower structure and describes ways to maintain varietal purity and how to clean and store seeds. Next, the author discusses each of the major plant families, including their taxonomy and general seed saving information, as well as more detailed information on how to grow and save seeds for each species within that family group, including input from the book’s U.S. regional advisors. The guide wraps up with a short bio for each regional advisor, information about a handful of seed saving organizations, and a comprehensive glossary. I learned that saving varietally pure seeds takes a lot more time and consideration than I thought, but I also found encouragement and knowledge to start saving a few of my own seeds this year, such as garden peas!

Denise, Library Assistant



**April is National Poetry Month.
Request a Book Stack of Poetry Books.**

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