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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

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Trustee Information Nights

**Enthusiastic about the library?
Serve on our Board!**

**Tuesday April 8 at 5:30PM
Thursday April 24 at 6:30PM**

Current Trustees will answer questions and describe their Trustee experience.

Registration Required

Look over the **FAQ for Potential Trustees** by going to kennebunklibrary.org and clicking the **About Us** tab.

Trustee Information Sessions - April 8 & 24

Are you enthusiastic about the library? Would you like to serve on our Board? We're expanding our Board, seeking new Trustees who will be active participants at monthly Board and committee meetings and serve as library advocates, promoting KFL in its mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect.

Interested? Look over the FAQ for Potential Trustees by going to kennebunklibrary.org and clicking on the "About Us" tab. Email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org to learn more including how to register for our **April 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** or **April 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in-person Information Sessions where current Trustees will answer your questions and describe their Trustee experience.

A Message From the Friends

Our Friends Only Appreciation Book Sale took place on March 12. We enjoyed many members wearing a hat in response to the "Mad Hatter" theme. Friends carried away bags full of great books at bargain prices. There were a lot of new



members that came to sign up for the year and enjoy the sale. Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to make this event possible.

Our next meeting will be held in person at KFL on **Monday, April 7 at 5:30 P.M.** We will be planning for the May Day Book Sale and Parade scheduled for May 3 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), and future events. All are welcome!

[Here is the link](#) for more information.



5K REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

[Registration](#) for the Kennebunk Free Library 28th Edition 5K is now open! **Preregistration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.** Same day registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Race Day: Friday, July 11. **(Same day registration costs are \$45 for adults; \$30 for children.)**

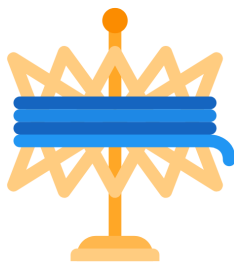
Our scenic, USATF-certified course begins and ends in the library parking lot, winding through peaceful local neighborhoods and the beautiful and perfectly-maintained Hope Cemetery and Woods trails.

Following the race, join us for a party on the library lawn, with live music, food, and a beer tent!

Prizes will go to the top male and female finisher in each of nine age categories.

Though we are not offering a separate virtual race registration, if you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to run your own course and send us photos. Please email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org or call us at (207) 985-2173 if you have any questions.

Library of Things:
Yarn Swift & Yarn Ball Winder Kit



April Featured Item from KFL's Library of Things: Yarn Swift & Yarn Ball Winder Kit

Attention all fiber artists! Our newest addition to our Library of Things is ready for circulation. This yarn ball kit contains a Nifty Swift Yarn Swift and a Yarn Ball Winder to quickly get your skeins ready for crafting. The kit checks out just like a book and can be found on the Library of Things bookshelf near the circulation desk.

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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

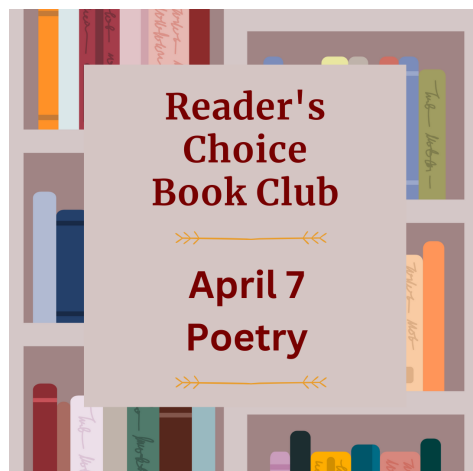


Cook and Share Cookbook Club - April 3

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! Join us on the first Thursday of every month, where we will gather to celebrate food through various dishes and themes! This month we meet on **Thursday, April 3 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

The theme this month will be anything *Vegetarian* or *Vegan*! Choose any dish that incorporates this theme. Along with the dish, bring the cookbook/recipe you used as well, so we can discuss it and go over all things food!

Please [email Becca](#) to let her know you will be attending.



Reader's Choice Book Group - April 7

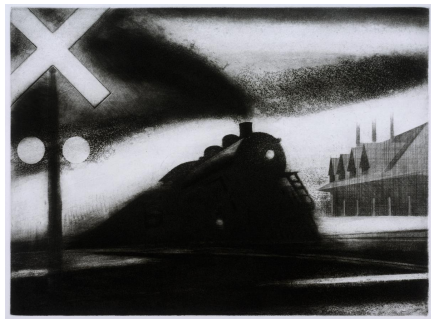
Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Poetry*.

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!



Silent Reading Circle - April 7

Want to join a book group, but also read whatever book you want without having to discuss it? Well then KFL has the book group for you! Join us on **Monday April 7th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** for Silent Reading Circle. Spend a couple of hours in our Reading Room with no pressure to chat, just dedicated reading time! Snacks will be provided.



Printmaking Discussion - April 8

Artist Brian Cohen will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss his 40-year career as a printmaker. He says "I began to make prints because I had to; a printmaking course was part of the curriculum of an art program where I was hired to teach...To learn more, I began to make my own etchings and soon fell in love with the medium. I learned from books and from gaps in my knowledge that showed up in my early etchings and in my

own teaching. The craft, history, and look of etching grew on me....Now I look at my work and reflect with some satisfaction that I continued to make art throughout my entire life, and I continue to make art now. I would like my work to be seen."

Brian D. Cohen is an educator, printmaker and painter. He founded Bridge Press in 1989 to further the association and integration of visual image, original text, and book structure. Artist's books and prints by Brian D. Cohen have been shown in over forty individual exhibitions, including a retrospective at the Fresno Art Museum, and in over 200 group shows. Cohen's books and etchings are held by major private and public collections throughout the country. He lives in Kennebunk and is an avid collector of books and prints, rides motorcycles, and plays classical viola.



Ukulele Group - April 9 and 26 (NEW MONTHLY GROUP)

Join us on **the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.**, and now **the fourth Saturday of every month at 2:00 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.

Evening Readers Choice Book Club - April 9

Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Reading Room



at the library, and our theme will be: Marginalized Book

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits the month's theme. For this month, choose a book that incorporates a marginalized element, be it the author or topic. 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!



Author Terese Horton - April 14

Author Terece Horton will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss her book *Rebecca's Gift*.

"On May 28, 1994, my life was shattered. A drunk driver crashed into the car carrying my family. In one moment, my ex-husband, Doug, his new wife, Robin, and my 11 year-old daughter, Rebecca, were killed. My nine-year-old son Oliver was trapped in the car with serious injuries. This is my story of grief and healing, and how I found strength and courage, faith, and trust, and ultimately the power of Love."

Terece Horton has been involved in the field of holistic health for more than 40 years. After her own personal tragedy, writing "Rebecca's Gift, her first book, has been part of her healing journey. A longtime resident of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Terece now lives - still close to the ocean - in Wells, Maine.



Creative Collective - April 15

Join us and express your creativity in our monthly evening group, the Creative Collective. This group will take place in the library on **Tuesday, April 15 from 6-7p.m.** Join us in a relaxed atmosphere with other creative people of all skill levels. Explore your creativity with whatever your passion is: handicrafts, journaling, sketching or doodling, coloring, crocheting, embroidery or knitting - all are welcomed! Please bring in any portable project you are working on along with your own supplies.



Trivia Night - April 16

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.



Craft Supply Swap - April 19

Are your closets filling up with craft supplies that you've always told yourself you'd use but are gathering dust? Would you like to try a new craft but haven't gotten around to buying the supplies?

Join us **April 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** for a craft supply swap! Bring your unused yarn, fabric, drawing, scrapbooking, jewelry-making, wreath making, and other supplies and swap them with fellow crafters! Who knows, maybe you'll end up with a new favorite hobby!

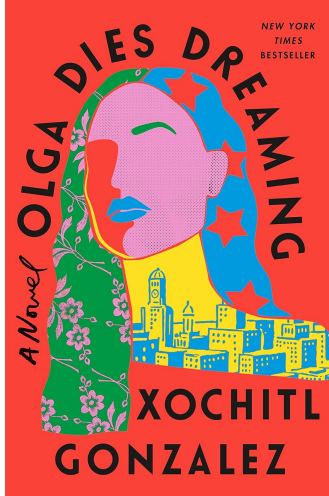
Donations can be dropped off at the library starting April 7 by appointment only. Donations are limited to two bags or one large tote per person; donations may be denied based on condition at staff discretion. Contact [Brittany](#) to set up a time. Supplies can also be brought during the swap. You don't need to donate in order to attend and take!

Any supplies not taken during the swap will be used by the library for programs, donated to local nonprofits, or recycled.

Fiction Book Discussion - April 22

Join us on **Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xóchitl González.

"Gonzalez's edifying debut follows a successful Puerto Rican Brooklynite with family baggage that increasingly disrupts her life. Olga, 40, a wedding planner and frequent guest on morning TV shows, rubs shoulders—and sometimes more—with her wealthy, powerful clients. Her older brother, Prieto, who is secretly gay, has risen through the local political ranks to become a U.S. congressman who represents their Sunset Park neighborhood. The siblings' beloved



papí, once a charismatic activist for Puerto Rican independence, fell into heroin addiction and died when Olga was still a teen, and their mamá remained true to the cause, leaving her children to work with a covert paramilitary group. Olga does not know, but Prieto has been the victim of blackmail for years by a couple of real estate moguls with whom she is acquainted, who've made a killing off their Puerto Rican community in Brooklyn. Details about their papí's life and tragic death, as well as his blackmailers' sinister intentions in Puerto Rico, add poignancy to Prieto's troubles, and each sibling faces a crisis of conscience when Hurricane Maria hits and their mamá issues a dubious ultimatum. The expository dialogue often feels stilted, but the characters' yearning to see the island thrive adds passion and complexity. Gonzalez elevates this family drama with a great deal of insight on the characters' diaspora and politics." —Publishers Weekly



Die Well Death Education - April 28

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, April 28 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** for the tenth 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.

This month we'll be watching and discussing the film *Bury Me at Taylor Hollow*.

John Christian Phifer spent 15 years working in the conventional funeral industry before leaving it all behind to create the first conservation burial ground in Tennessee. *Bury*

Me at Taylor Hollow is an unforgettable and hopeful glimpse into an alternative approach to death and dying in America. (56 minutes)

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Introduction to Color Analysis - April 30

Wearing the right colors will make a huge difference to your appearance, giving you a healthy vital glow. But how do you find the colors that are the best fit for you? Julie Cunningham will be at Kennebunk Free Library on **Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m.** to provide an introduction to color analysis. She will teach you how to identify the colors that suit you best.

Julie Cunningham is the owner of Julie Cunningham Color, a personal image and color analysis company. Over the last 30 years, Julie has color analyzed and personally advised thousands. She regularly conducts seminars for local adult education programs and business. She has an active relationship with area retail stores, dispensing wardrobe advice at seminars. She also works with local medical offices in helping support women in their quest for total mind and body health. She works from her image studio in

Portland, Maine, which is also the national headquarters for Julie Cunningham Color.



April Take-and-Make - Springtime Yarn Birds

This month, add some spring to your home using yarn to make a couple of cute birds! Kits will be **available beginning Tuesday, April 15, while supplies last.**

WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Cribbage and Carbs - Thursdays Beginning March 27 (NEW WEEKLY GROUP)

KFL will be hosting a weekly Cribbage meet up on **Thursday mornings at 10:00, beginning on March 27.** The first meeting we'll do an orientation, going over the rules of the game. After that, just stop in to play! Light refreshments will be served.



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays (previously Monday) from 12:30 - 3:00 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.



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 11:00 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 2:00 - 4:00**

p.m., and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.



Improv - Saturdays

Join us on **Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for a fun and relaxed morning of improv!



Bookish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is *buzzing* with bookish activities for you to do **beginning April 1st**, and it's the place to be for all things literary 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:

Blackout Poetry Kits

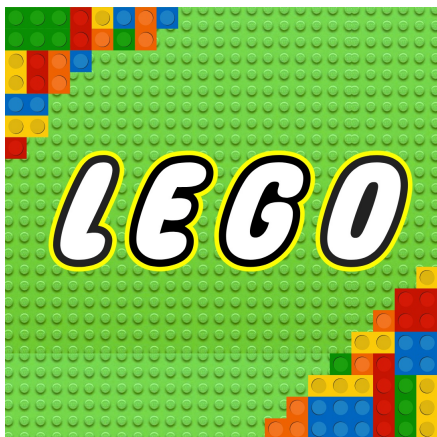
Feeling poetic? Celebrate National Poetry Month this April with blackout poetry! Using your creativity, transform old books, newspapers, and magazines into unique masterpieces by blacking out words to reveal new

meanings. Dive into the world of words and express yourself like never before. Happy writing!

Petal Picks: Book Loves and Leaves

They love me...they love me not... Now it's time to share your thoughts! Join our interactive bulletin board where you can share how you *really* feel about your favorite and least favorite books. For the titles that have won your heart, leave a pink petal for us all to adore, and for the titles that have done the opposite, leave a wilted yellow petal for us all to know what books left a bad taste in your mouth. Whether it's a plot twist that blew your mind, or a character you couldn't stand, we want to know which books you're picking, and which books you're leaving behind. You can just write the title, or leave an explanation if you would like. We can't wait to see your reviews!

This program is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is 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 Lego Build Displays - April 1

Starting **April 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 May, 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, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Dungeons and Dragons - April 7 and 14

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Trapped on the inherently evil plane of



existence, Carceri, we are faced with the consequences of portal jumping, and the heist of the century. We will be meeting on **Mondays: April 7, and April 14 from 3:30-4:30 P.M.** The library will provide all supplies, just bring your imagination! This program is dedicated to players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons. If you are a new player, we will have beginner sessions held on the 2nd Thursday of the month for you to make characters and learn about basic gameplay and writing D&D campaigns. This event is free, the space is wheelchair

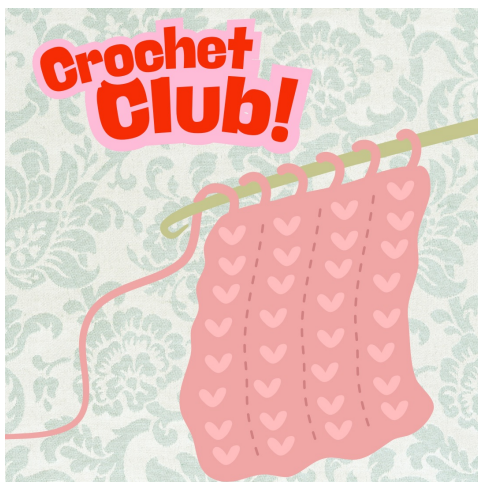
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Dungeons and Dragons Creative Writing Workshop - April 10

Welcome, young adventurers! Are you ready to create a world full of magic, monsters, and epic adventures? Whether you're new to Dungeons & Dragons or looking to improve your campaign-building skills, this session is for you! Join us as we explore the art of writing D&D campaigns—learn how to craft engaging stories, develop rich worlds, and create memorable quests. We will meet on **April 10 from 3:30-4:30 P.M.** to dive into the basics of campaign creation, discuss key elements of world-building, and brainstorm ideas for your campaigns. You're welcome to bring any campaign ideas

you've been working on, or start fresh with a brand new concept. The library will provide all the supplies—just bring your imagination! 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!



Teen Crochet Club - April 17

Join our Crochet Club and let's stitch, chat, and create! Whether you're a crochet pro or a total beginner, this club is the perfect place to learn new skills, share your creations, and make some new friends. You can bring your own supplies or borrow hooks and yarn from our Library of Things! Feel free to drop in or stay for an hour to work on projects with some company! We will meet on **April 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have questions about the program, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Recycled Craft:

Design Your Own Planter - April 24

Looking for a fun, creative way to celebrate the planet this Earth Day? Embrace the Earth this April with a recycled craft! Join us for an afternoon to create a planter for your very own spider plant! We will meet on **April 24 from 1:00-2:15 P.M.**, exploring how to upcycle old trash into new treasure and reduce pollution by seeing waste with a new eye. Using a combination of recycled materials including empty yogurt, applesauce, and pudding containers, and decorating supplies such as duct tape, gems, and googly eyes, we will create our own person-shaped planters. **Registration is required** to attend this event. Please [register](#) ahead of time with the link below, or

through our website calendar. 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!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS



Beadcraft - April 2

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, April 2, at 1 p.m.** What a great way to spend an early-release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Kindness Crew - April 8

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, April 8, at 3:45p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a 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!

Hippity Hoppity Storytime - April 12



Hop to it – Kennebunk Free Library is having a special Storytime celebrating bunnies on **Saturday, April 12, at 1p.m.!** We'll twitch our whiskers, wiggle our noses, and, of course, do lots of hopping while sharing songs and stories about bunnies. Our puppet friend Ami the Bunny will say hello! Afterwards, we'll have crafts and activities fun enough to hop over. **Storytime will run from 1-2, and crafts will be available until 4:30.** This event will be following the Easter Egg Hunt at the Waterhouse Center sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department – hop on by the library after the festivities! Storytime will be geared towards ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required.

KFL's Hippity Hoppity Storytime is a celebration of The Week of the Young Child™! "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."

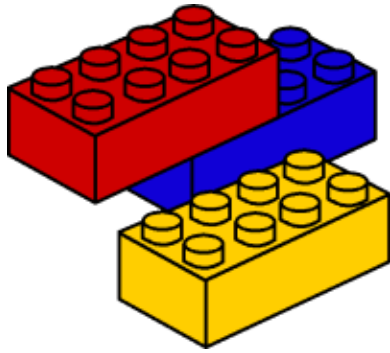


Faerie House Exhibition - April 21 through 29

It's faerie house time! Build a faerie house to welcome the faeries back to the garden at Kennebunk Free Library! Faerie houses will be accepted at the library from April 21-April 29. We want to display your faerie house in the library! Help us do this by building a house with a base no larger than 14" by 14", and no taller than 30". Please use natural materials only! There will be a selection of natural materials available in the library starting April 1. All faerie houses submitted to the library by April 29 will receive a certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club. Stop by the Faerie Festival on May 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 and find Miss Maria to receive your certificate! Faerie houses will be on display at the library through May 10. May 10 is the last day to pick up faerie houses. Would you prefer to keep your faerie house at home? Snap a photo and send it to ys@kennebunklibrary.org by April 29. We will share the photos on our social media and you will receive a title and certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club!

In summary:

- April 1: First day to pick up natural materials at the library to inspire your faerie house
- April 21: First day to bring your faerie house to the library for display
- April 29: Last day to submit your faerie house or a photo of your faerie house to the library
- May 3: Faerie Festival!
- May 10: Last day to pick up your faerie house to take home



Lego Club - April 24

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on **Thursday, April 24, from 3:45-4:30 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 recommended but not required.



Storytime - Mondays

Hello, friends! 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 March at 10:00 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held in Hank's Room at the Kennebunk Free Library. **Because of the holiday closure, we will be having Storytime on Tuesday, April 22.** We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- April 7
 - April 14
 - **Tuesday, April 22**
 - April 28
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Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On **Thursday mornings** in March, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out some special toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from **10 am to approximately 11:15 am**; however, friends are welcome to come and go as they please. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required.

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- **April 3 CANCELLED**
 - April 10
 - April 17
 - April 20
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SPEERS GALLERY



April Artist: Laura Dauphinais

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents "Near and Far in Black and White" by Laura Dauphinais. The exhibit runs April 1-30, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 5 from 2-4 pm. All are welcome. **The exhibit runs April 1-30, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 5 from 2-4 pm.** All are welcome.

Laura's exhibit features black and white digital prints taken locally as well as in her travels beyond Maine. She has included select images from different countries, seasons and genres. Laura says, "I hope to demonstrate how monochrome images can cause a familiar scene to appear so much more striking and dramatic than some of their color counterparts and perhaps allow the audience to see details they may not have noticed otherwise. Shadows and empty black spaces seem to intensify the details of the main subject."

Although Laura has taken pictures her whole life, it has been in retirement that she has been able to focus on learning more about photography and do more experimenting with the hobby she loves. As mainly a landscape photographer, after a career in Engineering she came to Maine to indulge in her hobby. Her images have supported multiple non-profits through auction donations, documenting events and special projects, as well as conserving artifacts. Laura has had images published in books, social media and other publications.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase the work of this talented photographer.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from April 1-30 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 Releases for April

April 1

[Overkill](#) – J. A. Jance

[The World's Fair Quilt](#) – Jennifer Chiaverini

April 8

[The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits](#) – Jennifer Weiner

April 15

[Strangers in Time](#) – David Baldacci

April 22

[Great Big Beautiful Life](#) – Emily Henry

[2 Sisters Murder Investigations](#) – James Patterson

[Summer Light on Nantucket](#) – Nancy Thayer

[Sealed With a Hiss](#) – Rita Mae Brown

April 28

[25 Alive](#) – James Patterson

April 29

[A Mind of Her Own](#) – Danielle Steel

[The Murder Machine](#) – Heather Graham

[Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin](#) – Sarah Graves

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



National Library Week is April 6-12. Celebrations include:

Monday (4/7) is [Right to Read Day](#). You can check out *The State of America's Libraries 2024* [at this link](#).

Tuesday (4/8) is [National Library Workers Day](#). You can nominate a stellar library worker [at this link](#).

Thursday (4/10) is Take Action for Libraries Day. Check out the American Library Association's advocacy page [at this link](#).

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: From right, Michelle Conners and Dan Riggall join WGME anchors Katie Sampson and Jeff Peterson.

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Hope: The Autobiography by Pope Francis

What were the experiences that lead to this humble man becoming Pope? Who are the people that mentored and taught Pope Francis? What does he want us to know about what he has learned, seen and helped form his beliefs? The story is told of his family's immigration from Italy to Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1929, growing up in his neighborhood, living through political

unrest in Argentina, his early priesthood and the days leading up to his election as Pope in November 2013. He shares his love of opera, books, poetry, humor, our environment and most of all, people and especially children. A timely read as Pope Francis struggles with his health and speaks out against injustice in our country. (Available from KFL as a book)

Grief is For People by Sloane Crosley

Each person's grief is unique, even different losses by the same person deviate. The author shares her journey coming from a very different mindset than my own which is faith based. I found her articulate description of her day-to-day survival following traumatic loss very helpful in helping to understand and support someone grieving. Losing a loved one to suicide is a complex life event and has many feelings and responses to the loss. This is a valuable memoir from a candid author that is good at sharing her experience. (Available from KFL in print, Libby as audio read by the author, Minerva large print)

Cabin: off-the-grid adventures with a clueless craftsman by Patrick Hutchison

When I heard of this book's release, I knew I would be interested. It did not disappoint! A young man, feeling unanchored in his life, miserable in the job he got using his degree, adrift in the world, and decides to buy a tiny cabin in dismal condition in the wilds of the Pacific Northwest for \$7,500. With no skills, no tools, little money, and a dream he embarks on a journey of learning, tranquility, and growing into adulthood. I loved this "laugh out loud" feel-good read with relatable personalities, even the acknowledgments. (Available as a book from Minerva, audio from Libby read by the author)

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