



April at KFL

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Library News and Events



Spring is almost here! That means the daffodil and narcissus bulbs planted after our fundraiser last fall are just about to make their appearance above ground. We would love to see your springy yard! [Email us your photos](#) or tag us on social media to share.



National Library Week

April 3 - 9 is National Library Week. The theme for National Library Week 2022, "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other.

To celebrate, we're bringing back our Book Bundle Raffles. Every time you visit the library during National Library Week, you'll receive one free raffle ticket. Choose the Book Bundle that you'd like to win. The more you visit the library, the better your chances!

Trustee Information Night

Do you live or work in Kennebunk or Arundel? Don't you just love KFL? Would you like to do more to help support it? If you would, we've got a message just for you! The Board of Trustees is seeking new members. This might be a great opportunity for you to support the Library in an exciting new way. Interested? Join current Trustees on Zoom for Information Night on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. We'll share what becoming a Trustee entails and answer all of your questions. Please [email the library](#) for the link.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

The Kennebunk Kennebunkport Arundel [Chamber of Commerce hosts a site](#) that provides a survey for interested volunteers to find a good fit with a local organization. The site also has a survey for businesses to provide information about volunteer opportunities. The business information survey is new and will be updated periodically by Kennebunk Free Library and posted to our website under our [Local Resources](#) section. The Chamber processes submissions from individuals that wish to volunteer.



25th Edition 5K Registration Is Open!

KFL's annual road race turns 25 this year! To celebrate we're making a few changes, starting with the new logo. Keep an eye on our website for other changes that will be revealed.

Some things are staying the same as ever: be one of the first 200 to register and claim a race t-shirt and one of our fabulous goodie bags. The race, on Friday, July 8, will be in person and the food, wine-and-beer tent, and music will be back! We will also be offering a virtual option for those who prefer to compete on their own schedule.

Register for In-Person

Register for
Virtual

Ben's Tiny Tech Tips

Mastering technology bit by bit

- Modern apps and software make it far too easy to never need your password. That's great but unfortunately this also means it is really easy to forget them. There is no one right way to manage your passwords, but having a process that you consistently follow is key. Be sure that you write down every new password as you create it. Store passwords in a place (physical or digital) that is convenient for you to access but safe from the prying eyes of others. Finally, ALWAYS update your passwords when you inevitably have to change them. Effective password management can prevent A LOT of technology headaches.

Staying safe online

- Be in the habit of checking the "About Us" page on any website you visit. What a website says (or doesn't say!) about itself will tell you a lot about the website's bias, expertise, and financial interests. The "About Us" page will help to put a proper frame around the rest of the information on their website. Although the exact name of this page varies from website to website, if this information is hard to find or completely absent, you should stop and ask yourself: Why...?"

Adult Programs

Tech Time - April 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29



Now more than ever, technology has become a constant in our daily lives. Though advertised as simple and easy, it moves too fast for most of us to keep up. Don't worry, the library is here to help!

Sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. to meet one-on-one with a librarian to try and help work through your questions. Whether it be trying to learn

to download one of our eBooks or Apps, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes to help troubleshoot a piece of software, our librarians will be your guide.

Appointments are 45 minutes long, so keep in mind there may only be time to discuss a small number of issues. If possible, make sure to bring your device with you with any associated logins that might be needed. Also, when setting up the appointment, help us help you by doing your best to describe the help you are looking for.

Contact us at 207-985-2173 x4 or via [email](#) to setup your appointment.

Reader's Choice Book Club - April 4



Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *A type of book you never or rarely read.*

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!

In Stitches - April 5, 12, 19, 26



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 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.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person inside the library; masks are required.

Writer's Workshop - April 6



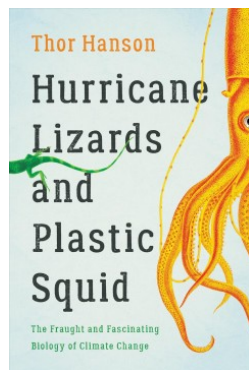
Beginning in April, the Kennebunk Free Library will host a four-month series of writing workshops on the first Wednesday of each month, led by Caroline Joy Adams, M.Ed. Workshops are limited to 12 participants. Please call or email the library to register. Each workshop will have a unique theme. On April 6 from 6:00-7:30, participants will be writing about "Winter's End,

Welcoming Spring.” On May 4, the theme will be “Planting the Seeds of New Possibilities”; on June 1, “The Power of Place”; and on July 6, “Memorable Characters, People of Influence.”

Caroline Joy Adams is an artist, writer, and photographer. She has taught writing at the college level, in addition to hundreds of writing workshops over the past 20 years, including in Maui, Hawaii; Newport, RI; Woods Hole, Boston, and Martha’s Vineyard, MA; and Scottsdale, AZ. She is the author of seven books, including *The Power to Write: Seven Keys to Discover Your Writer Within*. Her newest title, *The Great Travels Writing Journal*, will be released this spring.

Adams says: “Life itself is a complex, ever-unfolding journey – and writing about the experiences and adventures you have had along the pathway can be a wonderful way to recall, pay tribute to, and share some of your memorable life moments. And if you prefer to explore writing fiction, that’s also a great way to get your creative energies flowing. Either way, whether you are most interested in memoir, fiction, or other forms of creative nonfiction, if you would like a chance to write in a fun supportive atmosphere, come join us for these workshops.”

Nonfiction Book Group - April 11



Join us on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid* by Thor Hanson.

"Biologist Thor Hanson tells the remarkable story of how plants and animals are responding to climate change: adjusting, evolving, and sometimes dying out. Anole lizards have grown larger toe pads, to grip more tightly in frequent hurricanes. Warm waters cause the development of Humboldt squid to alter so dramatically that fishermen mistake them for different species. Brown pelicans move north, and long-spined sea urchins south, to find cooler homes. And when coral reefs sicken, they leave no territory worth fighting for, so aggressive butterfly fish transform instantly into pacifists. A

story of hope, resilience, and risk, *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid* is a reminder of how unpredictable climate change is as it interacts with the messy lattice of life." -
Novelist

Smart Speaker Program - April 12

The Town of Kennebunk, an age-friendly community, in partnership with Kennebunk Free Library, is offering a Smart Speaker Program for older adults in Kennebunk interested in connecting with friends, family, their community or technology.

A workshop will be held on April 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kennebunk Free Library, where program participants will receive an introduction to smart speakers, an overview of features, one-on-one tech support to set up and use a smart speaker, and on-going support. Registration for this program is open to Kennebunk residents and is initially limited to 10 participants. All program participants who attend a workshop and receive one free smart speaker per household.

If registration exceeds 10 participants, a wait list will be created and if interest and funding allows, future workshops will be planned.

[Register](#)

Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating - April 12



Join us on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 for a demonstration of Ukrainian egg decorating with instructor Mary Mihailoff. The library has some tools available to borrow if you want to try it at home after the presentation.

Mary Mihailoff is a former resident of Kennebunk. For many years she has enjoyed the art of Ukrainian pysanka egg decorating with her children and friends. It is a peaceful activity during the introspective, quiet time of great lent, a preparation for Easter.

Beginner Ukulele - April 13



Are you new to ukulele or need a refresher before diving back in? Dan Riggall, leader of KFL's ukulele group will be teaching the basics of ukulele in a special session on Wednesday, April 13 at 3:00. Space is limited. Please [email](#) or call the library to reserve a spot.

Trivia Night - April 20



Carol's Trivia Night is back! Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 for an evening of fun, challenging questions. Play as an individual, bring your own team, or join a team at the library. Please call or [email the library](#) to RSVP.

Improv - New Session Begins April 23



Participants had so much fun with Improv, presenter Lisa Niedenfuhr will be returning to host another nine-week session! The new session begins on April 23, with a new time: 10:30 to noon. Stop in for one session, or join us for all ten. Class size will be limited. Please [email the library](#) to register.

Poetry Reading - April 23



Kennebunk Free Library will host a poetry reading on Saturday April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room. Local poets will read their works and poetry lovers will read some of their favorites written by others. Please join us to listen and enjoy the wonder of words! If you are interested in reading poetry, original or your favorites, please call the library 207-985-2173 or [email](#) to sign up for a five-minute time slot.

Take Note - April 25



Take Note will meet on Monday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.

What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Author Marie Laverriere - April 25

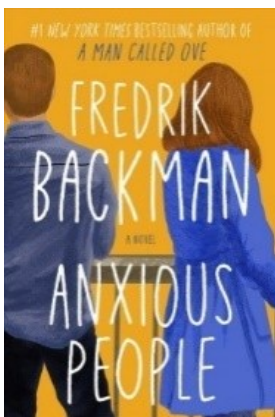


Marie Laverriere, author of *Minimalism for Well Being*, will be at KFL to discuss her book and the process of simplifying on Monday, April 25 at 6:00.

Laverriere says, "Simplifying one's life is very personal. We all do it differently. Some people dwell in big houses and live simply without clutter or lots of possession they don't need, while others live in tiny homes with minimal possessions. There is no wrong way to doing this but to get started may take a little help." In this presentation, Laverriere will share several tools to help get started in the process of choosing a simple life that works for you.

Marie A. Laverriere DMin, MA, MSW, practices minimalism and purposefully lives a simplified life. She moved out of an 800 square foot apartment into a 293 square foot cottage right across the street from the ocean in Scarborough, ME steps away from a sandy beach where she walks daily with her friend. She has a private practice as a mental health therapist (LCSW)/Life Coach and since Covid-19 has been working out of her tiny cottage doing Telehealth (meeting clients virtually for sessions). Sometimes she incorporates some of the tools from her books when working with clients. Simplify one's life can be a wonderful tool to finding peace. As a young child, Marie imagined a tiny cottage in her parents' backyard, filled with only the things she needed. It had two front windows with flower boxes. Fifty-three years later she found her tiny cottage, where she has been living for the past two+ years. Marie makes time to do what she enjoys such as writing, she published two books in 2021 on Amazon, the first one is *Minimalism for Well-Being: A Guide to Simplifying All Facets of Your Life* and the second one is *A Journey to Authenticity: Finding Freedom, Peace & Joy*. She has a passion for creating and offering workshops on self care, simplifying one's life as well as embracing the process in discovering meaning in one's life. Her web site has more information on her books and trainings MarieLifeCoach.com. Marie enjoys photography, she created a greeting card line using her photographs. She also enjoys to travels with her friend to warmer climates during Maine's cold months.

Adult Book Discussion - April 26



Join us on Tuesday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

"Eight people become unlikely friends during a hostage situation created by an inept bank robber.

In a town in Sweden, a desperate parent turns to bank robbery to help pay the rent. Unfortunately, the target turns out to be a cashless bank, which means that no robbery can take place. In an attempt to flee the police, the would-be perpetrator runs into a nearby apartment building and interrupts an open house, causing the would-be buyers to assume they're being held

hostage. After the situation has ended with an absent bank robber and blood on the carpet, a father-and-son police pair work through maddening interviews with the witnesses: the ridiculous realtor; an older couple who renovates and sells apartments in an effort to stay busy; a bickering young couple expecting their first child; a well-off woman interested only in the view from the balcony of a significant bridge in her life; an elderly woman missing her husband as New Year's Eve approaches; and, absurdly, an actor dressed as a rabbit hired to disrupt the showing and drive down the apartment price. Backman's latest novel focuses on how a shared event can change the course of multiple people's lives even in times of deep and ongoing anxiousness. The observer/narrator is winding and given to tangents and, in early moments, might distract a bit too much from the strongly drawn characters. But the story gains energy and sureness as it develops, resulting in moments of insight and connection between its numerous amiable characters.

A story with both comedy and heartbreak sure to please Backman fans." - Kirkus Reviews

Ukulele Group - April 27



Join us on Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m., for ukulele group with leader Dan Riggall. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by and play along. This month, the group will be held in person at the library. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music.

Take-and-Make: Spring in a Teacup



April's Take and Make kits will allow you to create your own succulent garden in a teacup! All supplies and instructions will be included. Kits will be available starting Monday, April 4, while supplies last. You can ask for a kit at the Adult Circulation Desk. A huge thank you to Snug Harbor in Kennebunk for their generous donation!

Teen Programs

Teen Magic the Gathering



Come and test out your Magic the Gathering deck among friends! Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet every other week on Thursday on April 14 and April 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Players are free to bring their own deck or use decks provided by the library. If you've never played before, feel free to come and learn at your own pace. Open to teens ages 10 and up! If you have any questions, call Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room at (207) 985-2173.

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers

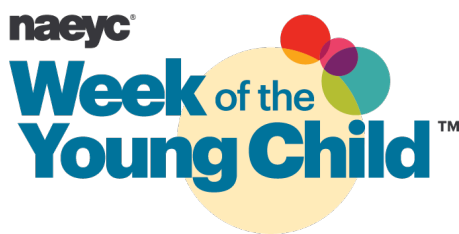


Now Meeting Every Monday of the Month!

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will now begin meeting every Monday on April 4, April 11, and April 25 from 3:30-4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the

starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This program is open to Teens ages 10 and up, and new players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, call Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room at (207) 985-2173.

Children's Programs



Week of the Young Child Family Fun Day - April 9

Kennebunk Free Library is partnering with York County Early Childhood Coalition and the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children to present a Family Fun Day on April 9. KFL will host a concert by KindKids at 10:30 a.m. A favorite of children and adults alike, Rob Duquette and Amanda "Panda" Duquette offer performances that are interactive and promote a positive message. KindKids' original music contains important lessons about kindness, mindfulness, compassion, family, friends, resilience, and silliness! KindKids' performance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. During the day, the library will offer fun activities, hours to be determined. Children's artwork supplied by Kennebunk's public Pre-K will be displayed at the library. If we have nice weather, the concert will be held outdoors. If not, we will be in the Reading Room inside the library. Masks are required for library programs.

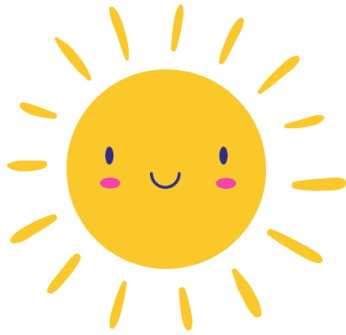
"The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 50 local, state, and regional affiliates. The purpose of the 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 19 - May 3

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 19-May 3. 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 4. All faerie houses submitted to the library by May 3 will receive a certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club. Stop by the Faerie Festival on May 7 from 9:30 to 11 and find Miss Maria to receive your certificate! Faerie houses will be on display at the library through May 14. May 14 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 May 3. We will share the photos on our social media!



Outdoor Storytimes - April 11, 19, 25

Outdoor storytimes are coming back to KFL starting April 11! We're so excited! On Mondays, 4/11 and 4/25, and Tuesday, 4/19, at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain or inclement weather, storytime will be held on Facebook Live. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on the morning of storytime, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. These events are free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call 985-2173. Upcoming storytime dates include:

- April 11
- **Tuesday, 4/19**
- April 25

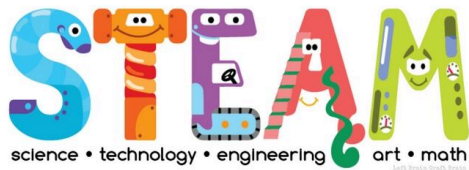


Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering crafts to celebrate springtime! Kits will be available starting Friday, April 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

STEAM to Go Kits

Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering STEAM To Go kits for grades K and up with all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This



month, we will be offering the materials to create butterfly feeders! Learn how to attract butterflies to your house with recycled materials, plus interesting metamorphosis and butterfly facts. Kits will be available starting Friday, April 1. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!



Book Stacks for Children

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 at ys@kennebunklibrary.org or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!



Scavenger Hunt at KFL

Calling all sleuths and searchers! Kennebunk Free Library offers a new scavenger hunt every month in the Children's Room. This month, come do some bird watching and find all the birds in the Children's Room! If you'd like to keep up the bird watching fun at home, ask us about our new Audubon Bird Watching Backpacks. Grab some bird books while you're at the library! Good luck, detectives!



Virtual Stories on Facebook

Want to add some more stories to your day? Join in virtually for stories with Miss Emmaline! Keep an eye on our Facebook page -- you will find videos from Miss Emmaline sharing fun stories and songs. Videos will typically be posted once a week. Our Facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary>. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page! Settle in and enjoy the stories!

Would You Rather?

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In March, we asked, "Would you rather live in a rabbit burrow or live in a bird nest?" 45 friends wanted to live in a rabbit burrow, while 33 friends would prefer to live in a bird nest. 8 friends thought both places sounded like a great home, and



placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!



Join Us for the May Day Parade!

Would you like to march in the May Day parade with the Friends and Trustees of the Library? During the month of April, we will be painting large banners to hold in the parade. We'll have the materials for painting the banners available on select days at the library. If you'd like to receive more information about the May Day parade, fill out this [Google form!](#)

Speers Gallery

April Artists: KES Pre-Kindergarten Students

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its April exhibition, **"Celebrating the Young Child"**, featuring the artwork of the Pre-Kindergarten students at Kennebunk Elementary School. The exhibit will be shown Monday, April 4 to Thursday, April 28.

The exhibit is in recognition of The Week of the Young Child™, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). 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. The 2022 Week of the Young Child is April 2 to April 8.

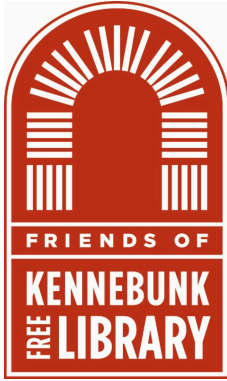


RSU 21 welcomed students in the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel to the Pre-K program at Kennebunk Elementary School in the fall of 2018, and we are so pleased to be sharing their artwork as part of this important focus on young children. The students in Pre-K at KES have enjoyed making art since the first day of school. They are encouraged to explore materials in order to learn more about the world, and art is one terrific way for them to do so. There are seven classrooms of students and each class selected their own focus for the artwork, so the exhibit will feature a variety of subjects and processes.

Kennebunk Free Library is happy to display these budding artists' work.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from April 4-28, 2022 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.

A Message From the Friends



The Friends of KFL have big plans for May Day! In addition to a May Day Book Sale on May 7, the Friends will be working with the KFL Trustees to represent KFL in the May Day parade. Everyone is invited to join. [Email the library](#) for more details. Thank you to the Friends book sorters, who have book sale preparations well underway, and to the Parade committee for all of their hard work!

Thank you to all of the Friends who contributed items and their time to make the March Madness auction a success!

The next Friends Meeting will be held on Zoom on Monday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend, whether you're a current Friends or just curious about what the Friends do to support the library. Meeting documents are available [here](#).

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 March

April 5

[Sister Stardust – Jane Green](#)

[A Family Affair – Robyn Carr](#)

[Sea of Tranquility – Emily St. John Mandel](#)

[Crimson Summer – Heather Graham](#)

[The Candy House – Jennifer Egan](#)

April 12

[The Investigator – John Sandford](#)

[Three Debts Paid – Anne Perry](#)

April 19

[Dream Town – David Baldacci](#)

[Beautiful – Danielle Steel](#)

[Death of the Black Widow – James Patterson](#)

April 26

A Message from the Library Director



The idea of Spring providing renewal feels extra special this year as we emerge from a rough winter with drastic cold spells coupled with sharp rises in the price of oil as well as a surge in Covid-19 cases. It is beginning to warm, the positivity rate has lowered, and while we won't let our guard down, it is nice to pause and take in what is around us.

We have started to hold in-person programs with more regularity again and with that comes the same challenges we faced pre-pandemic. When arriving for a program, please leave yourself time to find a parking spot. Once our neighbor, Kennebunk Savings Bank, closes for the day, you are welcome to use their parking lot for library visits. Unfortunately, we have limited capacity for our programs, so we appreciate your understanding if we run out of space.

While we no longer are requiring masks for regular library use, we are requiring masks for our programs. If you do not have a mask, we can supply you with one. Once the weather becomes even more cooperative we expect to move some of our programs, especially our storytimes outside.

Staff Picks & Messages

Jennifer, Library Assistant

The Sixth Extinction, Elizabeth Kolbert

I can't recommend *The Sixth Extinction* enough. This book is as heartbreaking as it is compelling - the Pulitzer Prize was well-deserved. Each chapter is an ode to its chosen topics, a varied selection of unique and wonderful things that perhaps are all the more beautiful because they are now disappearing if not already gone. Whether you look at Kolbert's essays on bats, corals, or glaciers, we can observe our path of destruction. This is a painful reminder of what our way of life is doing to our home.

However, Kolbert doesn't leave you down in the dumps. While *The Sixth Extinction* details the tragic stories of species and systems on the edge, it also captures the work of humans going to incredible lengths to save them. Reading about running a frog hotel in the Amazon, creating banks of DNA samples, or giving a rhino an ultrasound, it is clear a lot of people put in Herculean amounts of effort to save what we can. It is truly inspiring for what we as individuals can do, not only in our daily lives, but also with our voices and our votes."

Kat, Library Assistant

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

Dannie is a corporate lawyer in New York City. She manages every area of her life down to the minute. She *knows* where she will live and work in five years, even in ten years. As she expects, her boyfriend asks her to marry him at a lovely restaurant. When they get home, she falls asleep and has a very realistic dream. She wakes up very shaken by the dream where she is in a beautiful apartment with another man having a romantic interlude.

Four Lost Cities – A Secret History of the Urban Age – Annalee Newitz

This book takes on the archeological explorations of four cities using modern techniques designed to reveal important information on how common people lived in ancient times. Newitz explores the rise and fall of four ancient cities, each the center of a sophisticated civilization: the Neolithic site of Çatalhöyük in Central Turkey, the Roman vacation town of Pompeii on Italy's southern coast, the medieval megacity of Angkor in Cambodia, and the indigenous metropolis Cahokia, which stood beside the Mississippi River where East St. Louis is today. It is very readable and easy for a person new to archeology to understand and appreciate.

Renegades Born in the U.S.A by Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen

I enjoyed spending a few hours flipping through the many pictures, reading captions and going more in depth when interested. The conversations about their different prospective of events and their shared experiences were informative and engaging.

Denise, Library Assistant



