



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Summer Reading Programs Are Underway

Please make sure to [check out our brochure](#) which includes youth, teen and adult information. The Summer Reading Program *Build a Better World* will continue through August 12 and includes loads of programs and opportunities to win prizes.

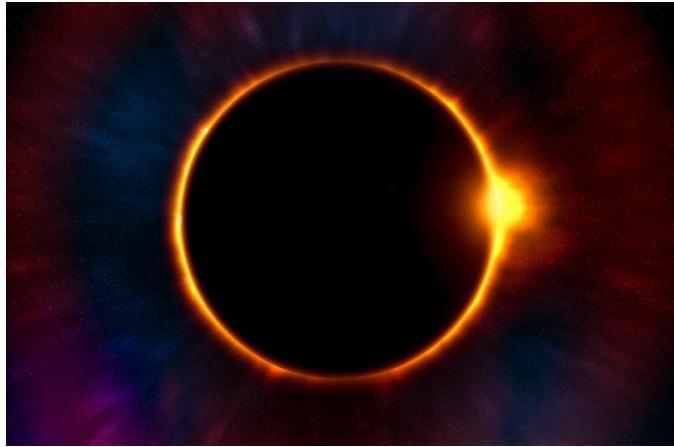
The Astronomical Event of the Decade

Professor Ian Durham discusses the details of this summer's solar eclipse

On **Wednesday, August 2 (NEW DATE)** at 6:00 p.m., we will welcome Professor Ian Durham from the Astronomical Society of Northern New England to present on what experts are calling "the astronomical event of the decade." On August 21, the continental U.S. will see its first solar eclipse in almost 40 years, the first to fully cross the country since 1918. Though the path of totality will be

south of us, here in Kennebunk we will still be treated to a 60% partial eclipse. Professor Durham will speak about why eclipses happen, different kinds of eclipses, how to view them safely, and what Kennebunk can expect during the "Great American Eclipse." We will have free eclipse-viewing glasses available to take home.

Ian is Professor and Chair of the Department of Physics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. His research focuses on relativistic quantum information and the foundations of physics and mathematics. In particular, he is interested in the 'big questions.' As such, he is a member of the John Templeton Foundation-funded Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi) and is the founding editor of The Quantum Times, which is a publication of the American Physical Society's Division of Quantum



Information (DQI). He recently completed a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of DQI, the world's largest organization dedicated to quantum information and quantum computing. He is currently serving as Treasurer of the Kennebunk-based Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), of which he has been a member for 15 years. He lives in Kennebunk with his wife, kids, and dog where he enjoys fly fishing, softball and other pursuits in his spare time.

Well-Attended Programs

We've seen outstanding attendance at many of our recent programs and we thank you very much for your support. KFL is doing our best to accommodate these large turn-outs by maximizing the seating available in our largest area, the Parsons Reading room.

Unfortunately, even with these efforts we have not had enough seating for all. KFL is aware of this and keeping it keenly in mind as we are constantly planning for the future. Your feedback is very important and helpful. Please ask for a feedback form and remember that programs without registration are on a first-come, first served basis and are often open to all ages.

The Sky's the Limit

Come learn about the summer skies in a portable planetarium with Scott Negley, Solar System Ambassador. This event will take place at Kennebunk Free Library on **Wednesday, August 9**, at 2:30 and 6 p.m., and is open to all ages. Registration is required.

Scott will be presenting his Summer Skies program, where participants will be invited into the planetarium to learn about constellations that are visible during the summer. He will also describe some remarkable NASA projects involving the solar system. We will have free eclipse-viewing glasses available to take home. Join us and take a trip to the stars!



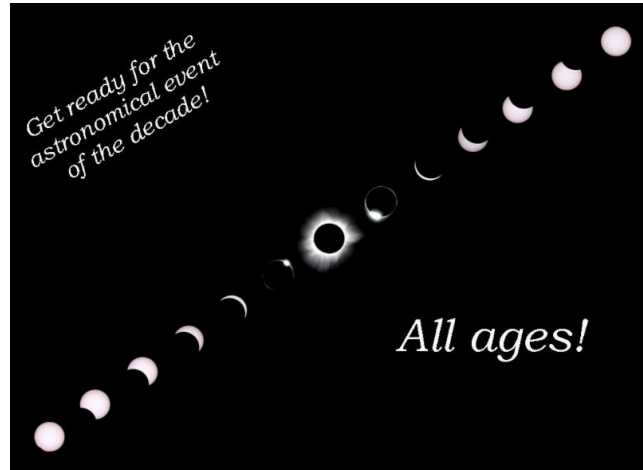
Scott Negley is one of NASA's Solar System Ambassadors. He is the director of Mainely Stars Planetarium, whose goal is to "help children reach for the stars". Scott Negley owns and operates a portable planetarium system for presenting astronomy programs to elementary and middle school classes in northern New England. Educated initially as an engineer, a binocular tour of the heavens ignited a passion for the stars that led him to the University of Pennsylvania for a M.S. degree in

astronomy and a 40-year career as an astronomy educator. He has been privileged to convey the splendor of the universe to students of all ages, initially as a university instructor, then as a school district planetarium director, adult school teacher and elderhostel instructor. As a Solar System Ambassador, Scott enjoys the opportunity to educate and inspire others with NASA's magnificent discoveries.

Make Your Own Solar Eclipse Viewer

On Monday, August 21, a total solar eclipse will sweep across America. Though we are not directly in its path, about 60% of the sun will be covered in Kennebunk. This is the first solar eclipse in almost 40 years to hit mainland America, and the first in almost a century to traverse the U.S. from coast to coast.

Except for a few minutes during a total eclipse, it is *never* safe to look directly at the sun. So, how do we prepare for this exciting event? Children and adults of all ages are invited to the library on **Thursday, August 17** at 3:30 p.m. to make a pinhole viewer, one of the easiest ways to watch an eclipse. Come learn about eclipses, how to safely view them, and what to expect on Monday. All materials will be provided. Make sure you are prepared for the astronomical event of the decade!



Pet Show



Our 25th Annual Pet Show with Dr. Odrzywolski, D.V.M., will be **Monday, August 7**, at 6 pm with a rain date of Monday, August 14. Show off your scaliest, furriest, feathery friends at the Library! Space is limited, so please register at the Library, or by calling 207-985-2173. Please make sure your pets are current on all shots before registering.

A Statewide Summer Reading Program with a Maine Twist

Author Debra Spark discusses her book for the Read ME program

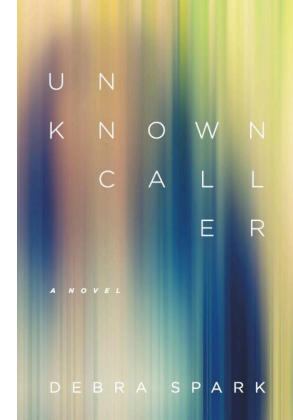
Join Debra Spark on **Saturday, August 5** at 10 a.m. as she discusses her fourth novel, *Unknown Caller*, which was selected for the Read ME program. *Unknown Caller*, tells the story of a brief, failed marriage and its complicated aftermath. Leaping effortlessly across decades and continents, it works to uncover the reasons for Idzia and Liesel's disappearance and the deeper puzzle of Liesel's identity. Spark's candid, intricate novel highlights the near-impossibility of truly knowing another person, the pain in failing relationships, and the joy in successful ones.

Debra Spark is a senior writer for Maine Home+Design and has received several awards including a National Endowment for the Arts

Fellowship. She lives with her husband and son in North Yarmouth, and teaches at Colby College and in the MFA Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College.

Read ME is a new statewide summer reading program that gets Maine's adults all reading the same books - by Maine authors and recommended by a Maine author. This year's recommendations, one fiction and one non-fiction (*The Moth*) by new or lesser-known Maine authors, were selected by Monica Wood.

KFL will also have a discussion of *The Moth* on Tuesday, August 22 at 1 p.m.



Summer Art Sale

Our Summer Art Sale will take place from **Monday, August 7 through Saturday, August 19** during regular library hours. The Art Sale will include 24 select works, priced to sell, including original art, treasured illustrations, pop movie posters and more. The works will be displayed throughout the library.



Thank You

I want to thank our patrons, residents, and business owners for their overwhelming support of our library during our recent fundraising events.

The library's Annual Appeal, which ended June 30, 2017, is our largest yearly fundraiser and is essential to our providing a full range of library services. With the generous support of our community, this year we raised \$69,544.62, exceeding our fundraising goal by nearly 6%.

Our second largest annual fundraiser, the 20th Edition Road Race held on July 14 was also an overwhelming success thanks to a large number of participants, the strong support of local businesses, and an abundance of dedicated volunteers. This year we registered a record 620 runners and walkers who enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Federal Jack's and were entertained by the Kennebunk River Band in concert on the library's lawn. We also thank the many local businesses that sponsored the race and provided raffle items as well as the Kennebunk Police Department and Kennebunk Rescue for keeping the route safe for all our participants.

On behalf of the Staff and Trustees of the Kennebunk Free Library, I extend heartfelt thanks for your support during these key fundraisers and throughout the year. As a result we are able to continue to provide you with the high quality, personal service we have been proud of for over 100 years.

Jill LeMay, Director

To Benefit the Kennebunk Free Library



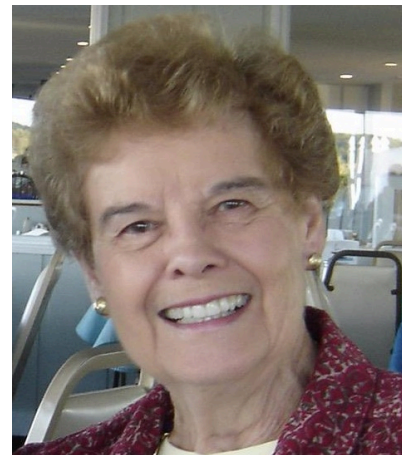
Rent a space at our Community Yard Sale on Saturday, **August 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** You'll receive prime visibility on Main Street, free advertising and all for a low cost to benefit KFL. Rent a 10'x10' space for only \$25. There are also a limited number of 30"x72" tables to rent at \$10 each. Please fill out and return the [application](#) to reserve your space.

Growing Up Franco-American

Join author, Lorraine Dutile Masure at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, August 21** at 6 p.m. as she discusses her book Growing Up Franco American (with no black patent-leather shoes). A Q&A session and signing will follow and copies will be available for purchase.

Intended for all, Growing Up is the intriguing story of courageous grandparent and parent immigrants who heartily embraced their new country, the United States, yet remained inherently true to many of their cherished Old World traditions. Acting as a cultural tour guide, Masure tells stories of what it was really like growing up with a rich Franco heritage across multiple venues of home, family, church, school, and other settings.

Lorraine Dutile Masure, a former university administrator, has lived in Maine most of her 83 years with a salty ardor she avows is incontrovertible. She joyfully enjoys presenting oral paraphrases of her book and leads Senior College classes about Broadway musicals. Although this is her first attempt at "book writing," she has been published a number of times locally, regionally, and once nationally. Otherwise she delights living in Maine, often penning observations of a more current nature under the supervision of her Jellicle cat, Molly.



Genealogy

Stay tuned for information on the upcoming Genealogy Group season. We will kick off on **Saturday, September 9** at 10 a.m. These programs are open to the public and generally are held on the first Saturday of each month.

Minerva Will Be Down Wednesday, August 2

We will NOT be able to:

- check out items with a license
- renew items
- place items on hold
- check out items on hold

We WILL be able to:

- check out items with your library card
- accept returns

Board and Card Games



Board and Card games now available for checkout. Stop by to browse our collection (near the jigsaw puzzles) and take one home.

Children's Programming

Solar System Beadcraft

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 are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun **August 1** at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#)

All craft materials will be provided.

Snuggle up for Pajama Storytime

Kennebunk Free Library will be offering Pajama Storytime on **Wednesday, August 2** at 6 p.m. Get cozy and enjoy some stories and songs. Come dressed in your PJs, and bring your favorite blanket or stuffed animal!

Summer Science

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! Ages 7 & up. Registration required. **Thursday, August 3** at 3:30 p.m. is Lava Lamps.



July 20 program, Bottle Rockets. Photo courtesy of Diane Hartwig

Farmer's Market

KFL will have a presence at the Kennebunk Farmer's Market on **August 5 & 12 from 9-11 a.m.** Stop by to say hello, ask a question, or join us for storytime at 10:00.

Family Game Time

Looking to spend some family time having fun? Come to Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, August 8** at 3:30 p.m. for outdoor game time. Indoor games will be available in case of inclement weather.

Yoga Building

On **Thursday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m.** children ages 5 and up with a partner are welcome to Yoga Building. A "partner" may be a friend, a sibling, a parent or other family member, or a caregiver. Please bring a blanket for covering during Resting Pose. No experience necessary. [Registration](#) and waiver required.

LEGO Club

The Lego Club is meeting on **Wednesday, August 23** at 4 p.m. Join us for an "open" building session and create-your-own designs! The Lego Club is open to children ages 5 and up, pre-registration is required. Come build a better world with us!

Summer Storytimes



Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:15 AM: (all ages) through 8/10
There will then be a Storytime break until September 18.

Teen Programming

D.I.Y. SOLAR OVENS

August 1 (NEW DATE)

3:30 p.m.

Drop-In for Ages 11 and up

RETURN TO HOGWARTS: 20 YEARS OF HARRY POTTER

August 2

3:30 p.m.

Ages 9 and up

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)

August 4, 11, 18 & 25

3:00 p.m.

Come play the Wii on the KFL projector screen. Handheld devices and trading card games also encouraged.

BUILD YOUR OWN ZONE

August 10

3:30 p.m.

ANIME AFTERNOON: CANDY SUSHI EDITION II

August 16

3-4 p.m.

Join Melissa the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films on the projection screen and everything anime in between. Candy Sushi Edition!

Playing with Color

"Playing with Color," artwork created by Dennis Rafferty's Watercolor Class will be on display in the Speers Gallery from August 1 to 31, 2017. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

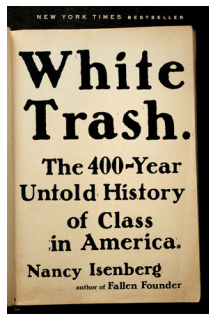
Exhibiting artists are: Jill Bedard, John Bubar, Ada Byrnes, Ellie Dunham, Jodi Gigante, Mary Elizabeth Grady, Cheryl Lunde, Pat Minichiello, Dennis Rafferty, Liz Roper and Sue Speers.



This exhibit is made up of the collected work of Dennis Rafferty's weekly art classes. These students have been attending for 1 to 2 years. The class is made up of many retired educators, year round and summer residents.

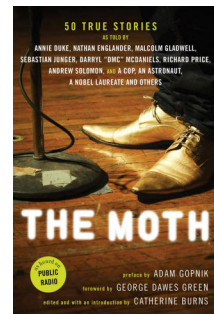
An opening reception will be held Friday August 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during The ArtTrail. The public is invited. The Kennebunk Free Library is pleased and honored to be able to present these very talented artists.

Reading Groups



Nonfiction Book Discussion
White Trash by Nancy Isenberg on
Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion
The Moth by various authors on
Tuesday, August 22 at 1:00 p.m.



Design Your Own Book Cover

Though we are told from childhood to "never judge a book by its cover," we all know that a good cover will draw us right in to a book. But what about that book whose cover does not reflect who it is? The classic with the terribly plain cover, the wonderfully thought-provoking book that looks like a bit of fluff, or the beach read that looks like a daunting intellectual slog; Some books just got the short end of the stick when it comes to representative covers. We have all picked up - or not picked up - a book based on its cover, only to have our expectations dashed.

What if you could design your OWN cover for your favorite mis-represented book? Well, now you can. The Kennebunk Free Library will be having an ongoing display of new-and-improved covers for our and your favorite books, now through the end of the summer. To participate, draw/paint/photo-shop/collage a cover for a book of your choice (we will have some suggestions out on display), then bring your artwork to the library. We will make a photocopy to put on the cover (if we own the title) and put it on display!

We will have examples, ideas, and supplies on display **through the end of August**, so please stop in and let your creative juices flow.



You're Invited to Color

In building a better world, don't forget to make it colorful! This summer, we invite you to relax and get your creative juices flowing by coloring at the library. Colored pencils and fine-point markers as well as staff-designed coloring pages are now available in the reading room for patrons and visitors of all ages to enjoy. There is also a summer reading banner everyone can collaboratively work on



Did You Know? Text Notifications

Do you find yourself impatiently checking your e-mail to see if the book that you requested has arrived? We have great news for you! You are now able to get real-time notifications via text when your items arrive. You will also get notices when items need to be renewed.

There are just a few simple steps to set up your text notifications: In the library catalog:

- click on "My Library Account" in the top right-hand corner and log in using your last name and barcode number
- select "Modify Personal Information" and fill in the box marked "Mobile Phone Number" (use xxx-xxx-xxxx format) and check the "Opt In" button underneath.
- scroll all the way down to the bottom of the screen and click "Submit."
- within a few minutes, you'll get a text message asking you to "Reply YES to subscribe to SMS Library Alerts."
- you will then get a message "Congrats! U subscribed to SMS Library Alerts."

The only "catch" is that you will receive one text for each item that arrives. If 15 books come for you in one day, you will get 15 texts. You can, of course, opt out at any time. All you have to do is text "STOP." If you have questions or problems, give us a call - we'll be happy to help.

August Calendar of Events

July and August Saturdays we are open from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Aug. 1: Summer Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 1: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 1: Beadcraft, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 1: D.I.Y. Solar Ovens, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 2: Return to Hogwarts, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 2: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 2: Pajama Storytime, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 2: Solar Eclipses, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 3: Summer Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 3: Summer Science, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 4: Teen Gaming, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 5: Author Debra Spark, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 7: Summer Art Sale Begins
- Aug. 7: Summer Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 7: 25th Annual Pet Show, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 8: Summer Storytime: 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 8: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 8: Family Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8: Let's Talk About It Book Discussion, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 9: Summer Skies Planetarium, Session 1 (2:30 p.m.); Session 2 (6 p.m.)
- Aug. 10: Summer Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 10: Yoga Building, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 10: Build Your Own Zone, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 11: Bedtime Math Party, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 11: Teen Gaming, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 11: Art Trail, 5-7 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Last Day of Summer Reading Program
- Aug. 12: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 14: Pet show rain date, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 14: Nonfiction book group, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 16: Anime Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Make an Eclipse Viewer, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18: Teen Gaming, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Community Yard Sale, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Summer Art Sale Ends
- Aug. 21: Author Lorraine Masure, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 22: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 22: Adult book discussion, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 23: Chair Chi, 2:30 p.m.

Aug. 23: Lego Club, 4 p.m.
Aug. 25: Teen Gaming, 3 p.m.
Aug. 29: Nifty Knitters, 11 p.m.
Aug. 29: Let's Talk About It Book Discussion, 6 p.m.
Aug. 29: Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Aug. 30: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.

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