



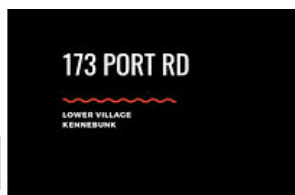
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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

Window Restoration

Keeping an old building in good shape can be an adventure! On September 3, restoration work will begin on the windows in the 1907 portion of the building. We are very excited to be moving ahead with this project, which was scheduled two years ago. Vendors who work on restoring historical details are in high demand so we are lucky to have a highly qualified company able to make time for us this year.

Nothing is changing - they're going to be replacing rotten and damaged pieces of the woodwork and fixing the mechanisms that allow the windows to open. The result will be better looking, more energy efficient windows that we can actually use! However, there will be some short-term interruptions. The restoration company will need to do some offsite work, so the windows will be boarded up for approximately 6-8 weeks. The Walker and Reading Rooms, along with some staff offices, will be unusable for at least the first week or so of the work, possibly longer. We will keep you up to date on what spaces are available as we know more.



Shop for a Cause - August 13

Shop for fun and unique gifts and support KFL at the same time! On Tuesday, August 13 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., shop for a cause at [173 Mercantile](#). Fifteen percent of the evening's sales will be donated to KFL!



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

Reader's Choice

Book Club

Monday,
August 5th

2:00 - 3:00

This month's theme...

*For a Better
Tomorrow*



Reader's Choice Book Club - August 5

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *For a Better Tomorrow*.

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

Fiber Arts Group



Meets every Tuesday
at 11:00AM

Come and craft with us!

In Stitches - August 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 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.

Early Families of Kennebunkport - August 7

Author Fred Boyle, 94, will be at KFL on Wednesday, August 7

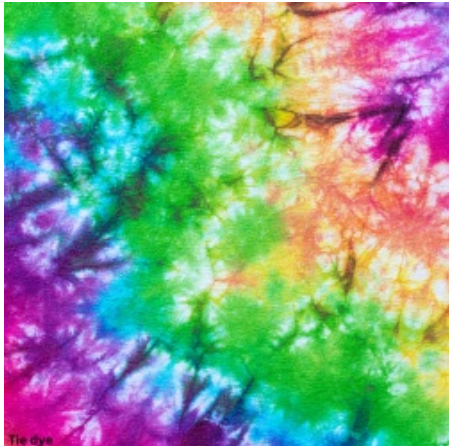


at 6:00 p.m. to discuss his latest book *Early Families of Kennebunkport, Maine*.

This new book shows the prominent families in the period of Kennebunkport's growth as a fishing and shipbuilding community. Unlike previous books in the Early Families series it will follow families up to 1850. Among the prominent families are those of Downing, Durrell, Fairfield, Goodwin, Huff, Hutchins, Lord, Merrill, Miller, Perkins, Walker and many others.

Fred Boyle, a native of Boston, MA grew up in nearby Medford. He graduated from Medford H.S. 1947, Colby College (A. B.), 1951, Boston U. School of Education (M. in Ed.) 1952 and Harvard School of Education (C.A.G.S.), 1969. After a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army he taught high school 1955-1985., his last twenty years at Lexington (MA) High School where he was a master teacher. His first book of genealogy was *Early Families of Sanford-Springvale, Maine*. Besides writing *Folsom Genealogy, Vol. IV* and *Hatevil Nutter of Dover,*

NH he has written a number of York Co. town genealogies, the last, his 8th in the series, *Early Families of Kennebunkport, Maine*.



Camp KFL! - August 13

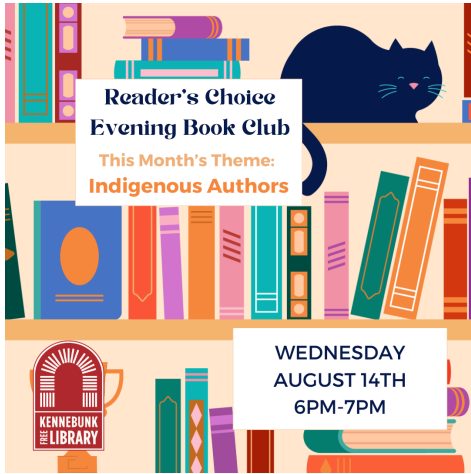
Feeling a little nostalgic (or even a little jealous) from kids having all the fun this summer? Fear not- we are ready to bring you right back to childhood for an evening filled with all the fun of summer camp, but for adults only! Join us on Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. where we will have all the classic camp activities from keychain and bracelet making (is it Gimp? Boondoggle? Scoobidoo?) to hand-clap and lawn games, tie dye, snacks, and more. Grab a friend or come and make one at Camp KFL! This event is for adults 18+. We will have bandanas available to tie dye but you are welcome to bring a shirt or other small item to dye as well. If the weather is good we will have an optional

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



Finale Party and Ice Cream Social - August 14

On August 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., drop in for a celebration of a fun-filled summer! We'll have a choice of ice cream or frozen treat, and there will be some fun games to play. We hope you can join us!



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - August 14

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Indigenous Authors*.

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!



Our Story is One - August 19

Join us on Monday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation with Baha'i activist Parivash Rohani.

[#OurStoryIsOne](#) is a global education and art movement that honors and commemorates the ten Baha'i women who were persecuted and killed 40 years ago in Iran for adherence to their religious identity. This is also a personal story for Maine resident, activist, and artist Parivash Rohani. The difficult road to gender equality in Iran has been shared by countless women of all faiths and backgrounds. [#OurStoryIsOne](#) is a story of resilience in the face of oppression.



Writer's Group - August 20

Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!

Trivia Night - August 21

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT



New England Natives with the Center for Wildlife (Adults Only) - August 21

On Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m., the Center for Wildlife will be at the Kennebunk Free Library with some of their non-releasable animal ambassadors for an adults-only educational program. Get to know these beautiful animals and the amazing work that the Center for Wildlife does every day, while sipping beer in our cozy Parsons Reading Room. This program is restricted to adults ages 21 and up.

Focusing on animals that live in New England, we will provide an in-depth introduction to the unique differences between raptors, reptiles, and mammals. Do snakes have fur? Do rabbits have scales? Are birds "cold-blooded"? Why do opossums have pouches? How do each of these animal groups adapt to our changing seasons? Using our amazing non-releasable animal ambassadors and interactive displays, the answers to these and other questions will be revealed. This hour long program will connect the audience with these beautiful ambassadors of their species as well as provide their natural and personal histories and empower audience members to help to steward the environment that we all share.

The Center for Wildlife is a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation organization in Cape Neddick, ME that cares for over 2,400 injured and orphaned wildlife every year. Thirty years since its inception, the Center for Wildlife is the largest wildlife medical facility in northern New England, serving a 100-mile radius in southern Maine and New Hampshire. "The Center for Wildlife's Vision is to instill a sense of understanding, responsibility, and compassion for our natural world leading to a society connected to nature and empowered to take action, and we do this through conservation medicine, environmental education, community empowerment, and advocacy."

Die Well Death Education - August 26

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, August 26, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the third 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.

Session Four is: The Importance of Legacy Work: What to Do, and Where to Start - Writing Your Own (or Someone Else's) Obituary.

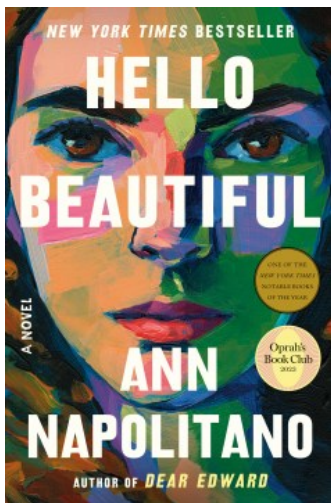


Legacy work is not about dying and death, it is about life and living; and creating your own legacy for your family, friends, and loved ones. Only YOU can tell your story, expound your personal wisdom, and express your feelings to and about others. It makes sense to start this sooner than later; preferably before you are dying. We will discuss different methods of documenting your legacy, including several prompt questions, etc.

Relying heavily on James R. Hagerty's book, *Yours Truly: An Obituary Writer's Guide to Telling Your Story*, we will discuss tips for telling your own story and preserving your personal history in a meaningful and engaging way in your obituary.

"Whatever your age or health, an inventory of your life so far can help you decide if you're on the path you intended, and if you aren't, lead you to another." – James R. Hagerty

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Fiction Book Discussion - August 27

Join us on Tuesday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Because of the current interruption in interlibrary loan services, KFL will have limited copies to borrow.

"Napolitano (*Dear Edward*) explores the meaning of love and family with this striking story of four Chicago sisters and the young man who enters their lives. William Waters, a basketball player from outside Boston, enrolls at Northwestern in 1978 on an athletic scholarship. After he starts dating fellow student Julia Padavano, he's embraced by Julia's three younger sisters—Sylvie, a romantic searching for a great love affair; Cecelia, an aspiring artist; and Cecelia's earnest and quiet twin, Emeline—and is delighted to find a loving and loud family so different from his own, his parents having grown taciturn after his older sister's death years before. William and Julia marry, while the

unmarried Cecelia gets pregnant at 17, Sylvie presses on with a job at a library, and Emeline works at a daycare where she fosters a crush on a coworker. After one character attempts suicide, the bonds of the expanding family are tested, and the Padavano women reexamine the limits of how much they're willing to sacrifice. The author breathes great life into her characters, and brings insight into their quiet moments as they gradually come into their own. This will move readers." - Publishers Weekly

Mah Jongg - Mondays and Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to drop in on Mondays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 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? Members of our friendly group were all beginners themselves just a couple of months ago. You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



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.



August Take and Make: Beaded Bookmarks

This month, pick up a kit to make a beaded bookmark! Kits will be available starting Monday, August 12, or while supplies last.

TEEN PROGRAMS

First Friday Fun: Snoopy Stuffed Animal - August 2



Looking forward to the weekend? Let's kick it off with an activity to take home from the library! Each first Friday of the month there will be a different crafting activity and Summer Reading pin for you to pick up. For this month, on **August 2**, there will be kits to make a Snoopy stuffed animal from felt available in the Walker Room (where we keep our YA books)! You can grab one of these crafts at any time, and the bags will be available until they are all taken.



Dungeons and Dragons - August 5 and 26

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 meet on the following Mondays: **August 5 and 26** 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 event is free, the space is

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



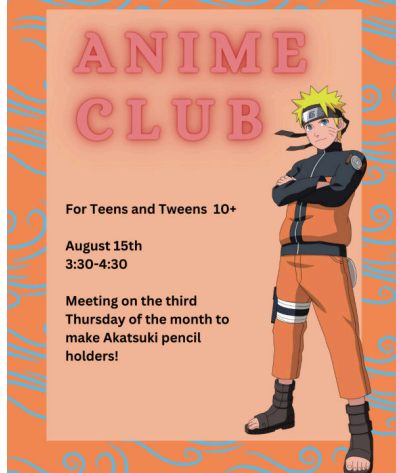
Chill Gaming: Super Smash Bros - August 8

Are you ready to chill, eat some snacks, hang out with friends, and play some games? This month's Chill Gaming Program will be an in-person Super Smash Bros Tournament! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, August 8, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The library will host the game, all you need to do is get ready for the battle! Registration is required for this event, and players will be organized into brackets to ensure that everyone has a chance to compete. This event is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call (207) 985-2173.

Anime Club - August 15

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **August 15**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to create pencil holders with Akatsuki designs! We will use recycled materials to make these holders. This program is designed for dedicated and new fans interested in learning more about the fandom. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any

questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Magic the Gathering - August 20



Looking to test out your new Magic the Gathering deck with friends? Join us to play on **August 20** from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.! There will be cards available to make a deck, but if you have your own, we encourage you to bring them! This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS



Honeybee Tea - August 1

Buzz, buzz! Bees are super creatures – as pollinators, they help plants grow and are an important part of food production. On Thursday, August 1, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., join us for a Honeybee Tea at Kennebunk Free Library! We'll learn about bees with stories, songs and crafts. Afterwards, we'll enjoy snacks made with honey and tasty drinks. Come dressed in your tea party finery or bee fashions! This program is for ages 4 and up. [Registration](#) is required and can be completed online.

Toy Swap - August 6

Do you have some toys that are ready for a new home? Bring them to the library! On Tuesday, August 6, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., bring a toy and switch it for a new-to-you one! Please bring only clean, gently used toys. Toys for all ages are welcome! Because available toys are coming

from donations, we cannot guarantee which toys will be available. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.



Beadcraft - August 7

In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend an afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



32nd Annual Pet Show - August 5

Kennebunk Free Library will be holding its 32nd Annual Pet Show on August 5 at 6:00 p.m. on the library's front lawn. In the past, the library has been visited by a variety of animals from cows to snails – and everything in between! Share your pet and receive a certificate! Owners can lead their pets across the library lawn for everyone to admire. Kennebunk Veterinary Hospital will be on hand to help give each pet a special title. [Registration](#) and signed waiver are required. One pet per child. Pets must be up-to-date on shots, on leash or caged, and accompanied by an adult. This year, we'll also be having a mini stuffed animal adoption at the pet show. Choose a stuffie to take home! Join us for a KFL tradition! In the event of inclement weather, the 32nd Annual Pet Show will be held on Monday, August 12, at 6 pm.

Center for Wildlife - August 8

Kennebunk Free Library is getting wild on Thursday, August 8 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.! The Center for Wildlife will be bringing their wildlife ambassadors to introduce us to New England native animals. Focusing on animals that



live in New England, The Center For Wildlife will provide an introduction to the unique differences between raptors, reptiles, and mammals. Using their amazing non-releasable animal ambassadors and interactive displays, The Center For Wildlife will teach us all about the amazing creatures in our own backyards. This hour long program will connect the audience with beautiful species ambassadors as well as provide their natural and personal histories and empower audience members to help to steward the environment that we all share. Registration is not required.



Kindness Crew - August 13

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, August 13, at 3:45. 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! This month, we'll talk about being kind to the earth! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!

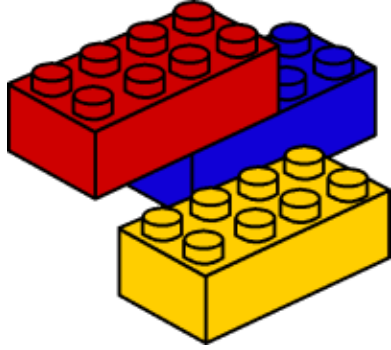


Finale Party and Ice Cream Social - August 14

On August 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., drop in for a celebration of a fun-filled summer! We'll have a choice of ice cream or frozen treat, and there will be some fun games to play. We hope you can join us!

Lego Club - August 15

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, August 15, from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Come

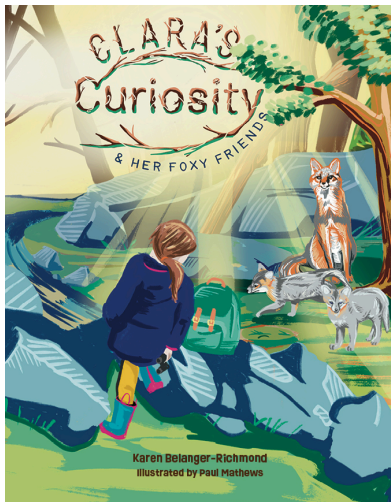


and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. Registration is appreciated.



Authors Maureen Lee and Jennifer Cooley- August 16

Who makes friends wherever he goes and always lends a helping hand? Toby does! A local mother and daughter team up again to author their fourth book in the series named *A Puppy in Maine*. This new book is entitled *Toby's Bear Cub Encounter*, and is about the adventures of Toby, a Golden Retriever, and his trek in the Rangeley area of Maine. On Friday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m., Maureen and Jennifer will visit the library to share Toby's latest adventure! "Our family went to Maine's Lakes and Mountains region to research the environment for the setting of this book," says author and illustrator Jennifer Cooley, a special education teacher. Maureen Lee, a physician in Biddeford, Maine, says that the visit was wonderful for the family who enjoyed hikes in the region with their Golden Retriever, Summer, the inspiration for this book series. Join us at KFL to meet Maureen and Jennifer, hear their latest story, and make a fun craft!



Author Karen Belanger-Richmond - August 19

Maine is full of opportunities for adventure, exploring, and making new friends. In Karen Belanger-Richmond's book *Clara's Curiosity & Her Foxy Friends*, main character Clara learns about all three! In Karen's story, Clara meets a family of Maine gray foxes. What will she discover about them and the natural world? Readers are invited to add their own stories and drawings about their outdoor adventures. *Clara's Curiosity & Her Foxy Friends* is best for young readers in grades K-4. Join us at KFL on August 19 at 1:00 p.m. to meet Karen, hear her story, learn about Maine gray foxes, and make a fun craft!

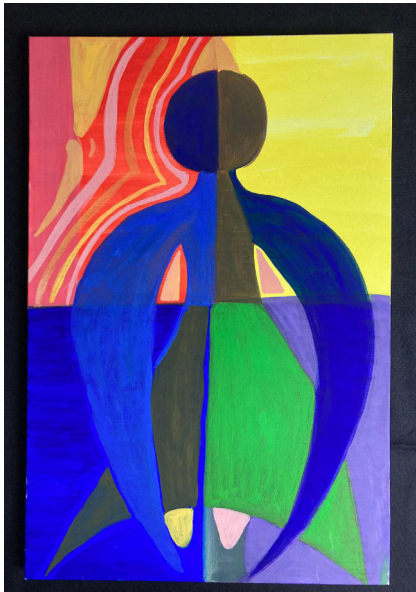
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It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On Mondays in August at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's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

- August 5
- August 12
- August 19
- August 26

SPEERS GALLERY



August Artist: Laima Vince

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit "Whimsical Works on Paper" by Laima Vince. The exhibit runs August 2-26 with an opening reception on Saturday, August 3 from 11:00 am - 12:45 pm.

Laima is an artist, teacher and literary translator based in Kennebunk, Maine and Vilnius, Lithuania. She has artistic training from the School of Visual Arts, Rutgers University, Hunter College, Columbia University, and the University of Southern Maine. She has exhibited in both Europe and the US. Her exhibit in Kennebunk features big, colorful paintings done in oil and in gouache.

Regarding the "whimsical" part of her exhibit title, Laima says "Through imagination, the artist lives on in the world of childhood, even as an adult. The stories, dreams, fears, and joys experienced in childhood live on inside the artist's mind

and become real again on the canvas or on a sheet of paper. This exhibit of paintings leads the viewer inside the landscape of imagination of my inner child. The mystical and magical characters in these paintings are images that I remember from fairy tales, stories, folk myths, and my dreams."

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase this fun and unique exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from August 2-26 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

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.

Books on order for August

August 6

[Shadow of Doubt](#) – Brad Thor

[Fire and Bones](#) – Kathy Reichs

[Shadow of Doubt](#) – Brad Thor

[The Lost Coast](#) – Jonathan Kellerman

[The Rose Arbor](#) – Rhys Bowen

August 13

[Angel of Vengeance](#) – Douglas Preston

[Joy](#) – Danielle Steel

August 20

[By Any Other Name](#) – Jodi Picoult

[This Is Why We Lied](#) – Karin Slaughter

[Backwater Justice](#) – Fern Michaels

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



is reading to her!

I wanted to use this opportunity to update everyone on our 2025-2030 Strategic Plan process. Following data gathering in the winter and spring, including a survey, focus groups, interviews, and KFL Trustee Board retreat, we have created strategic priorities. We are now building on those priorities with objectives and creating measurable goals within our standing committees. After committee feedback, we hope to have a draft plan to present to our full Board by September when we will then create the layout. A deliverable should be in your hands by late fall.

Pictured: Max switched roles with Ms. Maria. He

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

This July selection for the KFL Adult Book Discussion did not disappoint. When this book came out with little fanfare in 2022, it took word of mouth to be noticed. The author, in her own modern literary style takes the reader into a world that in my case, I had never been, gaming and game creation. Complex, interweaving, traumatic and poetic at times, I enjoyed every chapter. I loved the character development, even the bit players. I wanted to shake the protagonists Sadie and Sam as they let miscommunication and assumptions hurt and divide them. My favorite read this year so far. (Available as a book from KFL, audio through Libby.)

Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Based on the diary entries of Martha Ballard, a midwife in the 18th century in Maine, the author tells a good story. A murder and a rape reveal the ugly underside of a Puritan community in what was then part of Massachusetts. Don't look for literary writing but I did enjoy the view into life at that time in our history. (Available book from KFL, audio and book through Libby.)

The Women by Kristin Hannah

Fans of Kristin Hannah will love it and haters will hate it. People like me that appreciate her ability to tell a story will like it. As a child during the Vietnam War, I was very interested to hear about what was happening "in country" while we heard the news that we were winning and nightly body counts. What the government wanted us to hear. The reality that the combat nurses and doctors faced is tragically explained as well as the trauma of coming home and being shamed and disrespected. (Available as a book and audio cds from KFL, audio and book through Libby.)

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