

# Kennebunk Free Library

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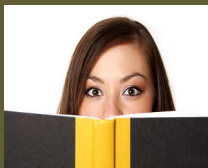


## Holiday Hours

The Library will be CLOSED  
Thurs., Dec. 24 through  
Sat., Dec. 26 to observe  
Christmas.

We will also be CLOSED on  
Fri., Jan. 1st to observe  
New Year's Day.

We WILL be open Sat., Jan.  
2nd from 9:30 AM to 5 PM.



## Adult Reading Groups

Non-fiction Book Group  
Mon., Dec. 14th



*The Library Staff and Board of Trustees wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the New Year!*

## **Holiday Bake Sale**

The fabulous bakers of Kennebunk Free Library will offer a 4-day bake sale on Wed., Dec. 2nd through Sat., Dec. 5th. New selections will be offered daily! Delicious, home-made, and beautifully packaged for holiday gifting!

And don't forget to enter our **free raffle**. A new opportunity to win everyday!

**Wed., Dec. 2 from 12:30 PM - 8 PM**

**Thurs., Dec. 3 from 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

**Fri., Dec. 4 from 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

**Sat., Dec. 5 from 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

## **A 12 Days of Christmas Book Sale**

Mark your calendars and be sure to stop by every day during the **12 Days of Christmas Book Sale**.

OK, it's actually only an 11 day sale but it will run from Dec. 1 - 12 each day the library is open.

Be sure to come ready to select nearly new, gift worthy books for your family and friends.



## **Thank you for supporting our Wreath Fundraiser!**

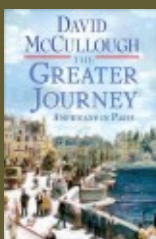


We appreciate our community's support of our Wreaths of Maine fundraiser. To get tracking information for your shipped wreaths: call 1-800-676-1132 AFTER the requested delivery dates, and provide the name and mailing address of the recipient. Wreaths of Maine will

6:30 PM

give you the tracking number for your delivery.

The Greater Journey  
by David McCullough



Adult Book Group  
Dec. 1st at 2 PM  
Rosie Project  
by Graeme C Simson



'Tis the Season

to enjoy a fire in our  
fireplace!  
Join us in the  
Parsons Reading Room on  
Wednesdays and Thursdays  
in December through March.



Teen Advisory Board  
Tues., Dec 8th,  
3:30-4:30 PM.

We will discuss potential

**Introducing . . . Michelle Conners**



**KFL's new Assistant Director and Adult Services Librarian**

"I started my tenure at Kennebunk Free Library on November 9th and since then I've been swept up in an exciting whirlwind of introductions and activities. I couldn't feel more welcomed and I love every second of it!"

Prior to Michelle's arrival at KFL, she served as Head of Lending Services at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook and before that worked as the Assistant Director at the Long Island Maritime Museum (NY). Michelle has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Communications from Adelphi University and a Masters in Library and Information Science from Queens College.

"I've spent half of my life in Florida and the other in my native New York before I moved to Maine a few years ago. I serve as the Maine representative (for the Maine Library Association) to the New England Library Association which means I attend meetings with wonderful minds all throughout our region making sure Maine libraries know what's going on outside our state and bringing Maine's innovative thinking to others."

"I'm very excited to get to know the KFL community and find out what you're interested in. For me...I am a sci-fi/fantasy reader that also loves to talk baseball, do yard work and play video games."

We are happy to welcome Michelle to KFL and invite you to stop by and talk books, baseball, Kennebunk, and other topics with her.

**The New Africa Comes to Kennebunk**



Since 1987 the Camden Conference has brought speakers in from around the world to discuss topics regarding timely regional and global policy issues in regions such as Japan, the Middle East and Russia.

This year's focus is on Africa. KFL is a participating library bringing an extension of this conference to our community. We will be hosting speakers discussing topics such as immigrant rights, Rwandan reconciliation and Tanzanian schools. There will also be community members presenting and displaying their personal collections of African art and clothing as well as book discussions.

Look for upcoming dates in January and February. For more information on the Camden Conference please visit [www.camdenconference.org](http://www.camdenconference.org).

teen programs and activities for January and February, so bring your ideas and your friends. Snacks will be provided.

Join us in Hank's Room.  
Open to anyone in Grades 6-12.



### Nifty Knitters

**Every Tuesday at 11 AM**

Bring a needlework project to work while chatting with other crafters, or bring in your project for others to help you.

Beginners Welcome!

Don't forget, KFL lends knitting needles & has wool available for the asking.



Homeschooling Group  
**Mon., Dec.. 7th at 2 PM.**

This drop-in group is open to homeschooling families and families considering it.

### **Meet Someone New!**



This fall, Julie has been offering a series of programs called Meet Someone New for children in grades 2-5. Each program highlights an individual from our People & History collection. This month's program introduces Thomas Gallaudet and Annie Sullivan, on **Wed., Dec. 15 at 4:00 PM.**

In 1814, Thomas Gallaudet went to Great Britain and Europe in hopes of learning the best method to teach deaf children so that he could help his deaf neighbor, young Alice Cogswell.

She inspired him to make the long and dangerous journey because of her "bright spirit." When he returned home he brought Laurent Clerc with him and together they developed the language now known as American Sign Language. They also started a school in Connecticut that spawned deaf schools all over America.

Annie Sullivan became Helen Keller's teacher in 1887. Helen had an illness when she was only 1½ years old that left her blind and deaf. Annie and Helen fought many battles at the beginning of their relationship but they became the deepest of friends as Annie taught her how to read and write, giving her the gift of communication.

Come learn about these extraordinary individuals and create an art project using the Braille alphabet. Preregistration is required. Please call 985-2173 x-5 or [email](#) us.

### **Star Wars Activities for Teens**

Celebrate the release of the most recent Star Wars installment with activities on Sat., Dec. 19th. Activities will include Star Wars-themed trivia, creative craft interpretations of iconic characters and 'The Force's Favorite Tool': duct tape. Snacks will be provided.

Hank's Room  
From 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
Open to anyone in Grades 6-12

### **Making Sense of the Civil War-- A Let's Talk About Program**



This facilitated book discussion series is offered by the Maine Humanities Council, and explores different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present:



## Legos Club

Children in kindergarten and older are invited to join the KFL's Legos Club on **Tues., Dec. 29th at 10 AM.**

Preregistration is required for this popular event or call 985-2173 x5.



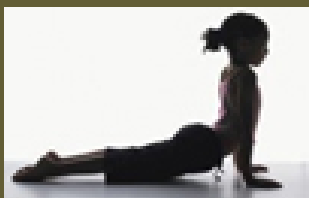
## Storytimes

Mondays 10:15 AM  
Peek-a-Book Babies

Tuesdays  
10:15 AM Family  
Storytime

Thursdays 10:15 AM  
Time for 2s & 3s

Storytimes will take a break after Thurs., Dec. 10, and will resume the week of Jan. 4, 2016.



## Beginning Yoga Series

The last class in the Beginning Yoga for Kids series will be offered on

- [Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam](#) by James McPherson
- [America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150th Anniversaries](#)

These books are available to borrow at the adult circulation desk.

Dates of this series, held on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM are:

**Dec. 8,** and Jan. 12, 2016. Registration is required for this series.

Please call 985-2173 or [email](#) us.

## **KFL's Genealogy Group**



The next meeting of KFL's Genealogy Group will be held on **Sat., Jan. 9, from 10 AM - Noon.**

Pam Eagleson will present "A Genealogy Proof Standard Case Study: Identifying Robert Walker's Ancestry".

This free program requires no registration; just come, share and learn! Drop-in's are always welcome! For more information, please call the library at 207-985-2173 or visit the Library's [website](#) for the full roster of this year's Genealogy Programs.

## **Modular Origami**



Geometry and crafts unite at Kennebunk Free Library on Sat., Dec. 12 starting at 10:30 am. Eva Szillery of Maine Mathematics Science and Engineering Talent Search will present modular origami to students from grade three through adult. Middle school and high school students interested in engineering careers will especially enjoy the hands-on learning opportunity.

Participants at the workshop can choose to create one of two different three-dimensional stars, combine multiple stars to create a wreath, or build a three-dimensional 2016 desk calendar. Instruction will be given at 10:30 am and repeated at 11:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Preregistration for a particular timeslot is required. Reservations for earlier timeslots are strongly encouraged to enable time to complete more complicated pieces.

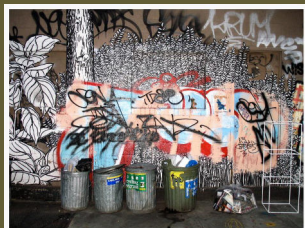
The program is free and wheelchair accessible. For more information or to pre-register, please call 985-2173 x-5 or visit our [website](#). Further information about modular origami can be found at <http://mmsets.org>.

## **School Vacation Week Events**

Thursday, Dec. 3rd at 4PM.

Preregistration and a waiver are required or call 985-2173 x-5

## December Speers Gallery Artist



**Colliding in space >< (urban street art)** offers viewers an opportunity to explore the beauty, irony, tension, conflict and promise in these striking images of city walls from Portland, Maine to Israel and Japan through the Caribbean.

Photographer John Ripton recorded these urban images in several countries during the last two decades. He refers to the images as art detritus, "urban street art...that emerges from the interplay of largely anonymous artists, vandals, public officials, local weather, entrepreneurs, and neglect."

The public is invited to attend a free artist's

### Legos Club

Tues. Dec. 29

10:00 am \*Please note earlier time!

Kindergarten and older. Pre-registration is required.



### Crafts for New Year's Eve

Thursday Dec. 31

10:00 am

Grades K-3; younger children will do better with a helper

We will make shakers and party hats in preparation for your New Year's Eve festivities, so bring your creativity and go wild! Please pre-register so we have enough supplies. Thanks!

### Family Yoga

Ring in the New Year with Family Yoga on December 31 at 1:30 pm for ages 4 and up!

Never tried yoga before? As we turn into the New Year, now is the time to introduce something new into your life, renewing your commitment to good health, family and community. Consider joining Susan Mirisola, Registered Yoga Teacher, for a program that includes deep breathing for calming and focusing the mind and body, individual poses for stretching and strengthening the spine, partner and group poses for fun and connection, as well as a game or two. We will close with a Resting Pose snuggled under a warm blanket, listening to gentle music to relax and rejuvenate the system. Please bring a blanket to cover and a yoga mat if you have one. No experience is necessary.

Space is limited. [Preregistration](#) and [waiver](#) required for each participant.

### Brown Bag Lunch Series

Local author Susan Doherty will discuss her debut novel, "A Secret Music", on Thursday, December 17, from noon to 1 PM.

Set in 1937 Montreal, "A Secret Music" is about Lawrence Nolan, a sensitive fourteen-year-old music prodigy who grows up in the shadow of his mother's mental illness. Under the burden of this shameful secret he raises himself and his younger brother. Lawrence counteracts the pain and mounting mistrust caused by his mother's emotional absence by escaping into the intensity of Chopin and Schubert, the only language he understands. The novel tells the story of a talented young boy forced to confront the weight of his own conscience, set in a time when radio was in its infancy and live performance a vehicle for recognition.

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. Visit our [website](#) or call (207) 985-2173 for more information.

### Annual Library Card Renewal

reception on **Saturday, Dec. 5th from 2:00 to 4:30 PM.**



**No Trivia this month!**

**Save the Date for  
January Trivia on  
Wed., Jan. 27th  
@ 6:30 PM**



**Wanted:  
Library Substitutes**

**We are currently accepting applications for the position of Library Substitute. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to  
Jill E. LeMay, Director  
c/o KFL 112 Main Street  
Kennebunk, ME 03801 or  
email  
kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us**

If you have difficulty requesting items online or downloading titles, your library card may have expired. If you renew online when your expiration date is less than two weeks away, Minerva will use your card expiration date as the due date, rather than giving you a full renewal period.



It's simple to renew. Just come to the library and verify that the address, phone number, and e-mail address listed on your account are correct. (Even if you haven't moved in the last 20 years, we still need to ask - we might have typed something in wrong or confused your mailing address and your physical address.) If everything is accurate, we simply reactivate your card for another year. The whole process takes about 20 seconds.

If you've moved in the last year, we will simply need something official showing your new address - your driver's license, a bill, a lease, etc. - as we did when we first opened your account.

All card renewals will need to be done in person rather than on the phone or online, but we promise to make it quick and painless. Other than that nothing changes - anything you put on hold before the card expired will remain on hold. Just stop in to update your information, and everything will be reactivated instantaneously.

## **December Calendar of Events**

- Dec. 1: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Dec. 1: Nifty Knitters -11 AM
- Dec. 1: Adult Book Group, 1PM
- Dec. 1: 12 Days of Christmas Book Sale Starts
- Dec. 2: First day of the Holiday Bake Sale
- Dec. 3: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
- Dec. 3: Beginning Yoga for Kids, 4 PM
- Dec. 4: Parenting Class, 10 AM
- Dec. 4: Teen Gaming, 3 PM
- Dec. 5: Speers Gallery Artist Reception, 2 PM
- Dec. 7: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15
- Dec. 7: Homeschool Group, 2 PM
- Dec. 8: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Dec. 8: Nifty Knitters -11 AM
- Dec. 8: Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- Dec. 8: Let's Talk About It "Making Sense of the Civil War", 6:30 PM
- Dec. 10: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
- Dec. 11: Teen Gaming, 3 PM
- Dec. 12: 12 Days of Christmas Book Sale ends
- Dec. 12: Modular Origami, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- Dec. 14: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15: Nifty Knitters -11 AM

Dec. 15: Meet Someone New, 4 PM  
Dec. 17: Local Author Talk, 12 noon  
Dec. 18: Teen Gaming, 3 PM  
Dec. 19: Star Wars Activities, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Dec. 22: Nifty Knitters -11 AM  
Dec. 24 - 26: Library Closed  
Dec. 29: Legos Club, 10PM  
Dec. 29: Nifty Knitters -11 AM  
Dec. 29: Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM  
Dec. 31: Crafts for New Year's Eve, 10 AM  
Dec. 31: Family Yoga, 1:30 PM

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We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via [email](#), phone (207/985-2173) [Facebook](#) or in person.