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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



Gift Wrap Exchange - Through January 4

Have you been using the same wrapping paper for forever? Looking for something different this year, but are wary of adding another offering to the stacks of unfinished rolls in your closet/ garage? Switch things up this holiday season without spending a dime and avoiding extra clutter! Come join us at Kennebunk Free Library for our Gift Wrap Exchange! Until January 4, there will be a box in the mezzanine labeled "Gift Wrap Exchange". Participation follows a 'take one, leave one' policy. Other gift wrapping supplies besides wrapping paper are accepted as well.**

**Please follow this list as to what is accepted:

- UNUSED wrapping paper that is still on the roll
- Unused or gently used gift bags (no rips or tears)
- Unused ribbon still on the roll
- Unused bows, tags/stickers

Fires Are Back!

The one perk of a cold winter is the chance to read a good book in front of a cozy fire. Beginning on Wednesday, December 4, our fireplace will be lit every Wednesday and Thursday until the end of March (or until warm weather returns, whichever comes first).



Library Tidbits: The Book Drop

Have you ever pulled up to our book drop and noticed a closed sign? Have you wondered why? The book drop is made of two parts - the outer shell has a wheeled cart inside. When you drop your materials into the metal slots, they fall down into the appropriate side of the cart. Three times each day, staff brings the cart inside the library to unload. Luckily, we have a second option. On the left side of the main entrance door, there's a small door that leads to an indoor book drop (pictured below). If the drive-through book drop is closed when you arrive, you can use the back-up drop.

There are a few things we would like you to know about the book drop...

It fills up fast! On holiday weekends, we assign a staff member to come in to empty the drop on Sunday or Monday. Even with that precaution, it can sometimes be too full. If you are having trouble getting an item in the door, please do not force it. When there are too many books, they act as a lock for the cart, making it impossible to remove it. When that happens, it takes multiple staff members and a lot of time to try to wiggle books out from the top in an effort to free it. It can cause items to fall behind the cart and get damaged and frequently causes injuries to staff.

Media, like DVDs and audiobooks, and books go into the two different slots for a reason. The bottom of the cart has springs so it sinks as more books are added, minimizing the distance each item has to fall. Still they all land in one big pile. If light things and heavy things went into the same compartment, the light things would inevitably get squished. That's why we ask that some delicate items not be put in the book drop at all.

We have one other favor to ask. If you are pulling into the book drop lane and a staff member is emptying the book drop, please don't pull around us. It's a safety hazard and makes us nervous. It only takes us a minute to get the cart in and out. Please wait until we clear the road before pulling through.

We appreciate your help in making the book drop as safe and convenient as it can be for patrons, staff, and the books!



Happy Holidays to You!

We have some wonderful news to share regarding our 2024 Holiday Giving campaign.

Cole Harrison Insurance, George C. Harrington and Diantha C. Harrington, Thomas Hartfield and Mimi Gurbst, and KFL's Board of Trustees have pooled their resources to create the \$12,000

Holiday Giving Challenge Fund! Once Holiday Giving donations reach \$45,000, the Challenge Fund will be unlocked and KFL will receive this amazing \$12,000 Challenge Gift! We know you are as excited about this opportunity as we are, and want to do your part to unlock this amazing \$12,000 Challenge Gift. Your donation in any amount will touch our community members in more ways than you can imagine... [Click here to read the complete letter.](#)

Please join us as we come together to reach our goal of \$45,000 before December 31, 2024! Making a difference during the season of giving feels great and couldn't be easier. Simply send in your check or click on the button below to make your donation today. Thank you so much for your support!

[Give Now!](#)

Support KFL at The Burleigh on Wednesday, December 11!

The Kennebunkport Inn announced the return of their "Worthy Wednesdays," a great opportunity for diners to enjoy dinner at The Burleigh while helping benefit local nonprofit organizations & charities. On the second Wednesday of each month, The Burleigh will partner with a local non-profit group and donate 10% of the evening's revenues to that group. This December 11, from 5:00 p.m. to close, show your support for Kennebunk Free Library and enjoy a delicious dinner at The Burleigh! Click the link below to make your reservation today:

WORTHY WEDNESDAYS
with the Kennebunkport Inn

5PM - CLOSE
Wednesday
December 11th

Make your reservation today!

at **THE BURLEIGH**

Support KFL & enjoy a delicious dinner!

The BURLEIGH

10% of Proceeds (food & alcohol).
Donated to Kennebunk Free Library!

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,
December 2nd
2:00 - 3:00

This month's theme...

A Local Read
(New England)



Reader's Choice Book Club - December 2

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday December 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library and our theme will be: *A Local Read (New England)*.

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!



December 2

Kennebunk Free Library and the Camden Conference present Bill Hall at KFL on Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Ukraine and the Survival of Democracy in Europe.

The outcome of Russia's invasion of Ukraine seems a bellwether for the survival of democracy in Europe. This talk will examine democracy's status and prospects in eastern/central Europe as it relates to Ukraine's future as an independent nation. A solidly democratic neighborhood for Ukraine would strengthen Ukraine's position in the fight and in the eventual peace talks – and perhaps restrain Moscow from further attempts to rebuild the Russian empire.

Bill was an intelligence officer for the US Air Force, serving on active duty from 1969 until 1999, much of that time overseas - in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. He grew up in Virginia and received a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University and a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia. Bill is on the board of the Camden Conference and a past president of the World Affairs Council of Main. He and his wife, Nancy, live on Peaks Island.



Charcuterie Chalet Village Making - December 4

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for a cozy evening of gingerbread house decorating, but with a savory twist: Charcuterie Chalet Villages! Relax, channel your inner child, you're never too old to play with your food! We will use cream cheese, pepperoni, and cheezits (a full list of food items can be found below), to create our own tiny charcuterie villages. There will be holiday music and sparkling cider to enjoy as well. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones, either way we hope to see you there! Please note that there are limited spaces available, so make sure you [register to reserve your place!](#)

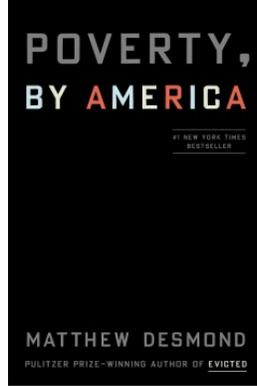
Food Item List:

- pepperoni
- cream cheese spread
- grated parmesan cheese
- green seedless grapes
- cheezits
- pretzels
- sparkling cider

Ages 18+ Only. Registration is Required.

Poverty, By America Book Discussion - December 4

One in 18 people in the United States lives in deep poverty, including 6 million children. Why is poverty so persistent after decades of work by federal, state and local groups to eliminate it? Can we dismantle it? Please join KHS history teacher Greg Smith and Select Board member Karen Plattes at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss Matthew Desmond's "Poverty, by America". We'll meet the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. starting October 2, 2024 through February 8, 2025.



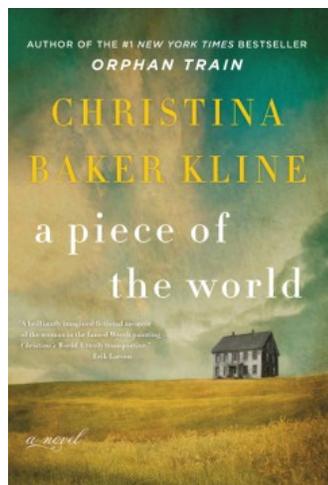
Desmond challenges preconceived notions of poverty. If we better understand the systems upholding poverty, we can begin to take actions to dismantle them. All are welcome! Sponsored by Many Towns, One Circle: Challenging Racism and Injustice and KFL. [Registration is required.](#)



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - December 5

Join us December 5 at 3:00 p.m. as we continue our new style of book group - a Cookbook Club! Cook & Share started in November, and each month we will be choosing a different theme or cookbook. This month the theme will be 'Festive Desserts'. Whether it's a long-standing family recipe you bake every year, or that recipe you've had earmarked for ages that you've always wanted to try, anything is welcomed! Bring the cookbook and the dish to share with others. We'll feast and share cookbook recommendations.

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



Fiction Book Discussion - December 10

Join us on **Tuesday, December 10** at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. The Fiction Book Discussion does not meet in November, and meets on the 2nd Tuesday of December instead.

“The world of the woman immortalized in Andrew Wyeth’s haunting painting *Christina’s World* is imagined in Kline’s (Orphan Train) intriguing novel. The artist meets Christina Olson in 1939 when he summers near her home in Cushing, Maine, introduced by Betsy James, the young woman who knew the Olsons and would become Wyeth’s wife. The story is told from Christina’s point of view, from the moment she reflects on the painting; it then goes back and forth through her history, from her childhood through the time that Wyeth

Painted at her family farm, using its environs and Christina and her brother as subjects. First encountering Christina as a middle-aged woman, Wyeth saw something in her that others did not. Their shared bond of physical infirmity (she had undiagnosed polio; he had a damaged right foot and bad hip) enables her to open up about her family and her difficult life, primarily as a shut-in, caring for her family, cooking, cleaning, sewing, and doing laundry—all without electricity and despite her debilitating disease. Hope of escape, when her teacher offers her the chance to take her place, was summarily quashed by her father. Her first and only romance with a summer visitor from Boston has an ignoble end when he marries someone in his social class. Through it all, the author’s insightful, evocative prose brings Christina’s singular perspective and indomitable spirit to life.” – Publishers Weekly



Drop-In Block Printing - December 10

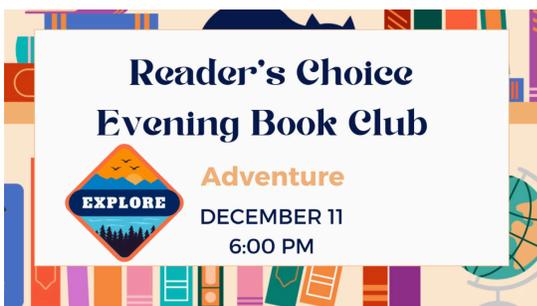
Have you taken one of our beginner block printing classes? Do you have experience with the craft but don't have the supplies? Come by KFL on Tuesday, December 10 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. for a drop-in evening of block printing! This will be an unstructured evening where we will supply everything needed to make a print. While there will not be a formal instruction component, we will be available for questions. [Registration](#) for this event is encouraged to give us a sense of the quantities of supplies needed, but it is not required. Attendees should be aged 18+. Please note that if many people are in attendance, some tools will need to be shared.



Holiday Sing Along with the Ukulele Group - December 11

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 3:00 for a Holiday Sing Along featuring KFL's ukulele group. The ukulele players will strum some holiday favorites and those of us who do not play an instrument can sing, kazoo, or clap along.

Holiday themed refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome, but adult beverages will be available to those 21+



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - December 11

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Adventure*.

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!

Craft and Sip: Pomanders - December 16

Join us on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. to make a pomander! Attendees will stud a fresh orange with cloves in a pattern of their choosing to make a fun, festive, and



fragrant pomander ball. Adult beverages will be available to enjoy during your crafting. Attendees must be aged 21+, space is limited, and [registration is required](#).



Writer's Group - December 17

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!

Author Talk: Holly Margeson Gamache and Steve Hrehovcik - December 17

Author, Holly Margeson Gamache, M.Ed. and illustrator, Steve Hrehovcik will be at Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss their book *Mr. Grieveley: A Story of Grief and Love*.

The author and illustrator will pair in discussing their collaboration and creation of the work. Gamache will read this unique and hopeful story of grief personified, while Hrehovcik displays his beautiful and emotive original enlarged digital images which bring the character and descriptions of one person's journey with grief to life.

Holly Margeson Gamache holds a BA in Creative Arts from Bradford College and an M.Ed in Curriculum Design and Instruction from Northeastern University. Gamache published a short epic poem in 2023 titled, *Mr. Grieveley: A Story of Grief and Love*, born from personal grief in the wake of the passing of both of her parents within three months of one another in 2019.

Since "retiring" in 2018 with a career of 35 plus years as a middle school performing arts teacher and children's choral director, she continues her love for instruction in higher education, designing and instructing curriculum for workshops and courses in creativity and communication. Music, theater, writing and photography are some of her favorite interests. Holly is also privileged to participate as a member of the *Center for Grieving Children* since 2023 and proud to have served as a Commissioner of the Advisory Board of Wells Parks and Recreation for 15 years.

Her greatest blessings are her loving husband, Ralph, their family and friends and beloved Beagle, Bailey and Siamese Cat, Willie. She is grateful to live in the incredibly resilient and beautiful state of Maine.

Steve Hrehovcik is an award-winning artist and designer, with illustrations and graphic art appearing in numerous books, magazines, newspapers and business publications. His

credits also included commissions to create paintings of portraits, homes and buildings, children's books, equestrian and pets, caricatures and cartoons, scenic views, plus reproductions of classical works of celebrated masters.

He is also a writer with more than 900 published articles. Other writing assignments include movie, theater and animation scripts, short stories and poetry. He has also published his book *Rebel Without a Clue – A Way-Off Broadway Memoir*, where he describes his journey in search of a career in the theater.

He lives in Kennebunk, with Carol, his wife of 58 years.



Beginner Mah Jongg Classes - Coming in January

Last January we held Mah Jongg classes that have grown into a regular group of players Mondays 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome at these times but many of you have expressed you really would like help getting the basics. Here is your opportunity, [please pre register](#). Come join us to enjoy this game of mental exercise, meet new people and just have some fun.

If anyone from last year's class no longer needs their copy of *A beginner's guide to American mah jongg : how to play the game and win* by Elaine Sandberg we would love to have them to give to new players. Just bring them to the adult circulation desk or put them into the book drop.

December Take and Make: DIY Gift Tags

This month, pick up a kit to create your own holiday gift tags. Kits will be available beginning December 9, while supplies last.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS



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.

**Spanish
Language**

**Conversation
Group**

Spanish Conversation Group - Mondays

Stop by the library on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish. Whether you are fluent in the language or just learning, all are welcome!



NEW WEEKLY PROGRAM French Language Discussion Group

Are you looking for an opportunity to converse in French? Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday nights at 6:30 for a French Language Discussion Group. All skill levels are welcome to participate but conversations will typically be at an intermediate to advanced level. We'll get to know each other while discussing the culture and customs, as well as the social, political, and economic environments, of Francophone communities around the world. No registration is required – just drop in!



In Stitches - Tuesdays

Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us every Tuesday at 11:00 for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet.

Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology Educator can be scheduled **Wednesdays** from 2:00 - 4:00

p.m., and **Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Appointments are 45 minutes long, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. When setting up the appointment, help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your charged device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.

Improv - Saturdays

Join us on Saturdays from 10:30 - noon for a fun and relaxed morning of Improv!



TEEN PROGRAMS



Dungeons and Dragons - December 2, 16, 23, 30

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:

December 2, December 16, December 23, December 30 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 - December 12

Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some games? Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **December 12**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! 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!



Anime Club - December 19

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **December 19**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to craft samurai swords from recycled materials and spend time with friends! Supplies will be available to make your sword at the library, just bring your imagination to craft your blade! 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!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS



December Take Home STEAM Kit - December 4

December's STEAM Kit from Kennebunk Free Library has a sweet twist! During the month of December, we will have all the supplies you need to decorate a gingerbread person. Kits will be available starting Wednesday, December 4, and will be available while supplies last. Decorating a gingerbread person will encourage spatial visualization and problem solving, not to mention artistic creativity! Each kit will include a gingerbread person, icing, and some candies to decorate with. Kits will be available downstairs in the Children's Room. Be sure to take a picture of your creation and email it to us at ys@kennebunklibrary.org! We will share the photos on our social media pages. We can't wait to see your gingerbread person!



Beadcraft - December 4

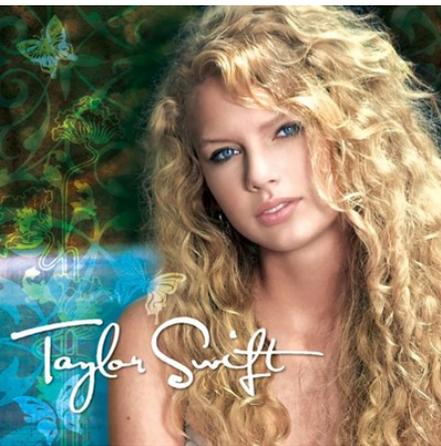
In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend an early-release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.

Kindness Crew - December 10



In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, December 10, at 3:45. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! In December, we'll talk about kindness and sweets – we'll even make a cookie trail mix.

This program is open to ages 6 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Happy Birth-Tay Party - December 13

Happy birthday, Taylor Swift -- even though we act like it's your birthday every day! Come celebrate her birthday in Style with us! On Friday, December 13 at 3:30 p.m. wear your favorite Bejeweled outfit and Shake it Off to some Taylor tunes! Make some crafts that shine like a Mirrorball and enjoy some Enchanted snacks! No registration is required.



Noon Year's Eve Pajama Party - December 31

Happy 2025! A new start is fun, but it's tough to stay up late! Instead of trying to make it until midnight, join us for a pajama party at Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, December 31 from 11-12:30. We'll have a fun craft or two, yummy treats, and space to dance. We'll have a countdown to noon! Party activities will be geared towards ages 3-10, but everyone is welcome!



Storytime - Mondays

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 December at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in Hank's Room at the Kennebunk Free Library. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- December 2
- December 9
- December 16
- December 23
- December 30



Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On Thursday mornings in December, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 11:15 a.m.; however, friends are welcome to come and go as they please. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- December 5
- December 12
- December 19
- December 26

SPEERS GALLERY



December Artist: Noelle Argenti

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library welcomes back photographer Noelle Argenti for another exhibit of "Photosbynoelle." Noelle last exhibited here in 2022. The current exhibit runs December 1-31.

Noelle lives in Watertown, MA and visits coastal Maine in all four seasons. She enjoys taking photos of beautiful spots in Ogunquit and York. She has also taken photos of other places she's traveled to including California, Montana, Yellowstone National

Park, Castle in the Clouds in NH, and Acadia National Park.

Noelle has also captured many incredible sunsets in her own backyard. Although she enjoys taking pictures in her hometown, she is more inspired to take pictures of coastal Maine with its unique and diverse varied landscapes and visuals. Noelle says, "Coastal Maine has captured my heart forever."

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

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from December 1-31 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library

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.

Popular New Releases for December

December 3

Stuart Woods' Golden Hour – Brett Battles

Bellevue – Robin Cook

Locked in – Jussi Adler-Olsen

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Our 2025-2029 Strategic Plan is complete! The Plan, Community Profile, and Community Survey Results [can all be found at this link](#). The process, which took the better part of a year to complete, was headed by the Strategic Plan Subcommittee consisting of Assistant Director/Head of Adult Services, Allison Atkins, and Trustees Vicki Lyons, Linda DeFelice, Kate Ostell, Judy Pitchforth, Jim Perry, and former Trustee, Lori Parkinson. While the Plan is set in place, Board Committees and KFL Staff are now tasked with establishing an action plan to pursue their strategic priority. This is an exciting time for KFL and we thank the community again for participating

in this process.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: KFL staff members on Halloween. Standing left to right: Becca Long, Brittany Kashar, Emmaline Bruce, Allison Atkins, Claudia Spelman, Maria Richardson, Kate Seated left to right: Sarah Thompson, Aspen Kraushaar, Amelia Becker

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

RecipeTin eats dinner: 150 recipes for fast everyday meals by Nagi Maehashi.

When I saw this book returned in the book drop, I knew I had to order it. Great pictures, easy to follow directions and usually using ingredients already on hand. This was perfect to get me out of a dry spell of not knowing what to cook. I made the recipe for meatloaf (so different from my usual), chicken fingers (same), a stir fry sauce named Charlie, and a bacon and cabbage skillet dish. There are so many I want to try using a variety of proteins and tastes from other cultures that I purchased a copy. (book available from Minerva) Last month KFL started a cookbook group where participants bring in a cookbook and a dish from it to share. The theme was comfort food, I brought the yummy bacon cabbage dish. We had a great time. I ordered a cookbook because I loved the black bean burgers a participant brought. Join us for Cook & Share Cookbook Club Thursday, December 5 3:00—4:00 PM.

Ladder to the moon: a journey from the Congo to America by Georges Budagu Makoko ; edited by Vivien Kooper

This author presented the KFL October Camden Conference on Voting and Other Acts of Civil Engagement in Maine's Immigrant Community. He shared about his work with the immigrant population in Maine, the experiences that forced their migration, the hardships faced to get to America and the difficulties they face in their new country. Georges survived the Rwandan Genocide of the late 1990s. In his book he tells of the culture he was raised in and the shock and horror of events that forced him to leave his country. This short memoir gave me a better understanding of asylum seekers. (book available from Minerva)

The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory by Tim Alberta

Are you curious about the rise of Christian Nationalism in America? Do you wonder how we got where we are today? This book takes you back to the roots of the movement. (Available from KFL as a book, Libby as an audio)

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