Kennebunk Free Library Monthly E-Newsletter

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Who knew Winter would bring so much snow so fast? Good thing your library is open to provide you with warmth, programs, books, games, magazines, computers, and a warm cozy fire



additional

in our fireplace on Wednesdays and Thursdays. C'mon in!

Silent Art Auction at the KFL

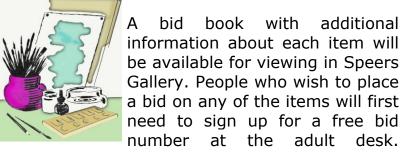
A recent plea for artwork, as a way to turn art that no longer appeals or matches décor into KFL, funds for the has resulted in an overwhelming response from the community. KFL has received over 70 pieces of art which will be on display in KFL's Speers Gallery starting Sat., Feb. 7. A public reception to kick off the auction will be held on Thurs., Feb. 12 from 5 PM to 7



Cabin Fever Book Sale

On Sat., Feb. 7 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, we will hold a blowout book sale--stock your shelves now for good reads this winter at affordable prices!

Whether you are looking for chick-lit, romance, thrillers, biographies, books, crafts, finance or history-we have it all! We also offer an assortment of vintage books for sale-there might just be a first edition in the group!



Limited items will be available to "buy it now" so your new art can go straight home with you!

Bidding will end at 4 PM on Sunday, March 1st at the conclusion of KFL's Library Mini-Golf Weekend; winners will be notified on Mon., March 2nd. Photos of the items will soon be available to view on the Library's website.

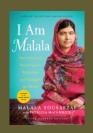
Please call (207-985-2173) or email us if you can lend a hand.

For more information, please **email** us or call the library at 207-985-2173.



Adult Reading Groups:

Non-fiction Book Group Mon. 2/9 at 6:30 PM I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai



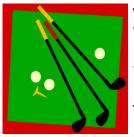
Adult Book Group Tues. 2/24 at 1 PM Whistling Season by Ivan Doig





Nifty Knitters

This informal group meets each week on Tuesdays at 11 AM. Drop in with a current handiwork project!



Third Annual Mini-Golf Weekend!

Want to get out of the house and have some old-fashioned fun? Then come to KFL on Sat. night, 2/28/15 and Sun. afternoon

3/1/15 to play mini-golf. An 18-hole golf course will be set up throughout the library along with twists and turns and obstacles to make playing more exciting.

Saturday night, Feb. 28 from 6 PM to 10 PM is

for the "over 21" crowd. A \$20 ticket will provide you with a home-made bowl of soup, bread and a tasty dessert with the opportunity to purchase beer and wine to enjoy before or after your round of golf.



Sunday, March 1 from 11 AM

to 4 PM is "family friendly"! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children-those under 2 years old are admitted for free. If you participated in golf the previous night, adults will pay half (keep your ticket stub for proof!). Raffle tickets, including a round of golf for four with carts, donated by Cape Arundel Golf Club, snacks and

beverages will be available for purchase.



This is the Library's third year offering Library Mini-Golf as a fun fundraiser. For those folks who like to golf as a group, call ahead to book your foursome. To set up for the event, the <u>Library will close early at 3 PM on Saturday</u>,

February

28.



American Girl Book Group

This winter we are reading the Kirsten series by Valerie Tripp. At our Feb. 11 meeting @ 4 PM we will discuss Kirsten's Surprise. At the Feb. 25 meeting at 4 PM we'll discuss Happy Birthday Kirsten

Holds for the books may be placed using our Minerva system, and the Library will also have extra copies available to check out at the Children's Room desk. Space is limited--please preregister to ensure we have enough craft materials, by email or by calling 985-2173 x5.



Legos Club

Meets Tues., Feb. 24 at 4 PM for Kindergartners and older children.

For more information and updates, please<u>email</u>us, visit our <u>website</u> or call 985-2173.

Russia Resurgent: Winter Programs

We have final programs in KFL's series of free community events this month. On **Mon., Feb. 23** at 6:30 PM (snow date is Wed.,



Feb. 25) Lisa Hayden will present Today's Russia in Contemporary Russian Fiction: One Translator's Experiences.

This program, led by literary translator Lisa Hayden, will look at ways contemporary Russian fiction writers address aspects of Russian history in their work. Lisa will read brief passages from stories and novels she has translated, offering thoughts on their authors, whom she saw in Moscow this fall, and cultural and historical themes they develop their fiction. translations include three forthcoming books that differ greatly in style and topic: Laurus, Evgenii Vodolazkin's novel about a medieval man; Addendum to Photo Album, Vladislav а Otroshenko's novella about a Cossack family in the early twentieth century; and The Women of Lazarus, Marina Stepnova's family saga that covers everything from a pre-revolutionary cookbook to secret science during World War II to post-Soviet ballet.

Lisa Hayden lives in Scarborough, Maine. Her translations from the Russian have appeared in journals and anthologies, and her blog, Lizok's Bookshelf, focuses on contemporary Russian fiction. Lisa received an MA in Russian literature and lived in Moscow during 1992-1998.



Wed., Feb. 25 @ 6:30 PM

Carol may be retired, but she's still leading Trivia with Susan!

Join in the brain-straining fun!



Super Mario Brothers Wii Party

Friday Feb. 20, 11 AM to 1 PM for grades 3-5



Color and Light Thurs. Feb. 12 @ 3:30 PM

Calling all artists, grades K and up! Are these grav winter days getting you down? Why not add some color to your window? Using construction paper and tissue paper, we'll create a faux stained glass window. This craft is fun for a variety of ability levels depending how nogu

Additionally, the final two films will be shown on Tues., Feb. 3 and Tues., Feb., 10, both at 6 **PM**. All programs are free and require no registration. The programs are offered conjunction of the 28th Annual Camden Conference: Russia Resurgent which will take place in Camden in February 2015.

Click *here* for a full description of programs and presenters.

Slight Tweak to KFL's Renewal Policy



Our official circulation policy is to allow one 3-week check out on all of our items, followed by one 2-week renewal - assuming, of course, that nobody else is waiting for the item. Still we

know that life gets busy and sometimes despite your best efforts, five weeks is just not enough time to finish a book (ask anybody who attempted Doris Kearns Goodwin's Bully Pulpit). So, in the past we've usually allowed a second renewal on items that belong to us and have nobody waiting for them.

Here's the problem: Without getting into the boring minutia of circulation software, holds placed in a certain way are not visible to us until an item is checked in. So when we give one patron an extra renewal, another patron may be stuck waiting a very long time for the item. We've come up with a compromise that we hope will make everybody happy.

If the initial 5-week check out is not enough time, bring the item into the library. We'll check it in, make sure that nobody is waiting for it, and then check it back out to you. In many cases, you will still get the extra time, but wait times will also be reduced for patrons with holds. If you need to pass the book on to another patron, we

complex you would like your window to be. Children under 8 might do better with a caregiver helping them.

Please pre-register by <u>email</u>or by calling 985-2173 x 5

Minecraft in Your Library?

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KFL is considering starting a Minecraft program students in grades 6-12. online building game where plavers climb mountains. venture into dark caves, and build anything they want.

If you are interested in a potential Minecraft program at your library, please let us know by calling 985-2173 x5 or by emailing us. Your voice counts!



Friday Feb. 6 at 10 AM

This ongoing, drop-in class is led by Stevie Westmoreland, LCPC, LMFT. No registration is needed, and you do not need to attend all of the classes. Join us!

can put you back on the wait list.

As always, if you have any questions about our policies we're happy to answer them. Stop by the circulation desk or give us a call at 207-985-2173 or email us.

Free Income Tax Help at the KFL



Free tax help is available at KFL from 9:30 AM to Noon every Thursday from February 5th though April 9th.

Tax help has been provided for many years at the KFL by AARP, who annually provides training Minecraft is an award winning to their representatives. No reservations are taken--tax help sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up begins at 9 AM. Services include answering your tax questions and e-filing your return. Please bring with you vour previous year's returns and any other related tax documentation.

> The KFL provides some of only the most frequently used IRS tax forms; however, the library has copies of most all of the IRS forms which may be photocopied at 10¢ per copy. The state of Maine does not provide any state tax forms to the Library-forms are available only by calling (207/624-7894), writing your requests (mail to: Maine Revenue Services, PO Box 9107, Augusta, ME 04332-9107) or by ordering online.

You may also download forms from the Maine government website. KFL offers its computers for downloading these forms for a 25¢ per page fee. KFL staff can help you download forms from the internet; however, staff cannot help you with your tax related questions.

For more information please call the Library at 985-2173 oremail us.

Support Maine Libraries

- Support Maine Public Libraries by donating via your Maine Income Tax form using Schedule CP Charitable Contributions and Purchase of Park Passes.Donating \$5 or more is this easy. How?
- Go to your Maine Income Tax form Form 1040ME
- Locate Schedule CP which is used for voluntary charitable contributions to any of the organizations listed. [Schedule CP is also used to purchase a park pass for entry into Maine State Parks].
- Look for Maine Public Library Fund in section A.
- Choose to donate _\$5 _\$10 _\$25 or more.
- Maine taxpayers using the I-File system will also see the Maine Public Library Fund on the Schedule CP voluntary contributions page.
- If you have any questions, see Maine Revenue Service (MRS) or consult your tax adviser.

Last year's donations were used to increase the <u>Maine Download Library</u> book collection. Great for all Maine Libraries and readers!

Author Visit

KFL is pleased to host Bellwether Prize finalist Frank O. Smith, author of "Dream Singer" on **Wed., Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM**.



Dream Singer is the story of Elijah McCloud, a Native American elder who lives reclusively in the mountains of the west. As young man, he was noted for having the ability to see in dreams the way the people were to move to meet the future. But he selfishly lost the gift, and became estranged from his family, his

tribal heritage, and himself. A seemingly chance crossing of paths with a thirteen year old runaway boy who has witnessed a killing in a rail yard ends up changing both their fates. Part love story, tragedy, and mystery, Dream Singer is a story of betrayal of love and the quest for redemption, where listening to dreams and the spirit of the land is critical for Elijah and the boy in staying ahead of the killer . . . and staying alive.

Smith began his career as magazine freelance writer in the South, writing about life in a Trappist monastery in Georgia, Civil Rights activist Julian Bond, and crossing the continent by freight train, among other stories. Today, in addition to writing fiction, he is a ghostwriter, writing coach, and writing instructor at the Maine College of Art. He lives on the coast of Maine.

Dream Singer, Smith's debut novel, is now available in print and as an eBook. It was a finalist for the Bellwether Prize, created by best-selling novelist Barbara Kingsolver "in support of literature for social change." The book was also named a 2014 Notable Book of the Year in Literary Fiction by "Shelf Unbound," the international, indie book review magazine.

For more information about this program, please <u>email</u> or call the Library at 207-985-2173.

Long Term Care Seminar

KFL is offering a free informational seminar about Long Term Care Insurance and Maine's State Partnership Program on **Wed., Feb. 11 at 6:30 PM** in Hank's Room. Dan Bellemare, Certified Long Term Care Specialist will cover topics such as: What is long term care and how does it apply to you? What is Maine's State Partnership Program and how do you qualify? How does one protect one's home, income and assets in the

event of a life altering change in health?

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call the Library at 985-2173 or <a href="mailto:email

February Calendar of Events

- Feb. 2: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 2: Homeschool Group, 2 PM
- Feb. 3: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 3: Adult Book Discussion, rescheduled from January, 1 PM
- Feb. 3: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- Feb. 3: Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 PM
- Feb. 3: Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
- Feb. 3: Russia Insurgent Film Series, 6 PM
- Feb. 5: Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 5: Tax Help, 9:30 AM to Noon
- Feb. 5: Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- Feb. 6: Parenting Class, 10 AM
- Feb. 7: Cabin Fever Book Sale, 8:30 AM-1 PM
- Feb. 7: Genealogy Group, 10 AM
- Feb. 9: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 9: Non-Fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 10: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- Feb. 10: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 10: Russia Insurgent Film Series, 6 PM
- Feb. 11: American Girls Book Club, 4 PM
- Feb. 11: Long Term Care Presentation, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 12: Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 12: Tax Help, 9:30 AM to Noon
- Feb. 12: Color & Light Craft, 3:30 PM
- Feb. 12: Art Reception & Bidding Begins, 5 PM-7 PM
- Feb. 13: Teen Gaming, 3 PM
- Feb. 16: LIBRARY CLOSED
- Feb. 17: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Feb. 17: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- Feb. 17: Russian Insurgent Film Series, make-up date 6 PM

Feb. 18: Kennebunk Health & Rehab

Presentation, 1 PM

Feb: 18: Author & Poet, Frank O. Smith, 6:30 PM

Feb. 19: Tax Help, 9:30 AM to Noon

Feb. 19: Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM

Feb. 19: Anime Club, 3:30 PM

Feb. 20: Teen Gaming, 3 PM

Feb. 23: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM

Feb. 23: Today's Russia in Contemporary Fiction, 6:30 PM

Feb. 24: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM

Feb. 24: Nifty Knitters, 11 AM

Feb. 24: Adult Book Discussion Group, 1 PM

Feb. 24: Legos Club, 4 PM

Feb. 24: KFL Board of Trustees, 7 PM, Public Welcome!

Feb. 25: American Girls Book Club, 4 PM

Feb. 25: Today's Russia in Contemporary Fiction, 6:30 PM- snow date

Feb. 25: Trivia Night, 6:30 PM

Feb. 26: Tax Help, 9:30 AM to Noon

Feb. 26: Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM

Feb. 27: Teen Gaming, 3 PM

Feb. 28: LIBRARY MINI-GOLF! 6 PM-10 PM March 1: LIBRARY MINI-GOLF! 11 AM-4 PM March 1: Art Auction Bidding Closes,, 4 PM

We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via email, pho