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## Adult Programs

### Heart and Home Book Club - February 3

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group at Kennebunk Free Library. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. To join us for one or more meetings, simply drop in! On Monday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Maine*. Feel free to call or stop by the library for help finding a book.



## Georges Budagu Makoko - February

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The Camden Conference presents Georges Budagu Makoko at the Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. He is the founder of Ladder to the Moon Network and Co-founder and Publisher of Amjambo Africa Newspaper.



Georges was born in Democratic Republic of Congo and moved to Rwanda in 1994 due to political unrest in his country. He graduated from National University of Rwanda in Business Administration and moved to the United States in 2002, where he sought and received asylum.

He is the author of *Ladder to the Moon: Journey from the Congo to America*, a book about his life. Georges worked as Senior Property Manager with Avesta Housing. He was awarded 2012 Site Manager of the Year, a joint award from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service and Maine Rural Development. He serves as a motivational speaker and professional interpreter. He speaks more than six languages, including English, French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Lingala and Kinyamulenge. He strongly believes in advocating for peace, reconciliation and justice for all.

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## Jump Start Your Year - February 8, 15, 29

Do you have a goal you would like to reach this year? Would you like to join with other goal setters to help each other navigate the road to success? Look no further than **Jump Start Your Year! Goal Setting for 2020**, a new three-part series that will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the 8, 15 & 29 of February at KFL. The program will be facilitated by staff member Jenny Brown and executive coach May Ireland, and registration is required.



May Ireland is founder of [VirtualPeer.co](http://VirtualPeer.co) - a peer mentoring community. May started VirtualPeer because she truly believes you can achieve more when there are others sharing the journey with you. VirtualPeer brings people together into small online peer groups to work on shared professional goals and challenges. May's expertise is in leadership, learning and development. She is a qualified executive coach and has worked in the education, finance, technology and not for profit sectors.

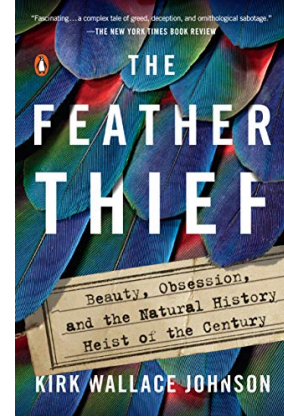
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## Nonfiction Book Group - February 10

Join us on Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

"Johnson (*To Be a Friend Is Fatal*) makes his true-crime debut with this enthralling account of a truly bizarre crime. In 2009, Edwin Rist, an American student at London's Royal Academy of Music, stole 299 rare and scientifically significant bird skins from the Natural History Museum at Tring, in Hertfordshire, England, plucked their feathers, and sold them for top dollar to men who shared his obsession with the

Victorian art of salmon-fly tying. Johnson explores the expensive and exotic hobby of salmon-fly tying that emerged in the 19th century and uses that context to frame Rist's story, including his trial. Rist did not serve jail time after his lawyers successfully argued that Asperger's syndrome was to blame for his crime. In the book's final section, Johnson goes deep into the exotic bird and feather trade and concludes that though obsession and greed know no bounds, they certainly make for a fascinating tale. The result is a page-turner that will likely appeal to science, history, and true crime readers." (Publishers Weekly, vol 264, issue 46)



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## Author Jack Flowers - February 12

Jack Flowers was drafted in 1967 and sent to Vietnam as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers, stationed near Saigon. He volunteered for one of the most hazardous duties - leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Tunnel Rats. According to Flowers, this was a life changing event from which he has never quite recovered but always remembered. Flowers says, "the Tunnel Rats were some of the most courageous soldiers to fight in Vietnam. All were volunteers, slightly built, cunning, rebellious, trained in demolitions and dedicated to ferreting out the enemy below. In the beginning of the war, entering a tunnel with only a flashlight and a pistol was almost suicidal. But over time the Army learned to successfully navigate the underground labyrinths, retrieve vital intelligence and destroy the tunnels."



On Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m., Flowers will be here to discuss his novel *Rat Six*, based on his own experience as a Tunnel Rat. Flowers describes writing the novel as "a catharsis cleansing his soul and putting into words the horrors of a war he had opposed."

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## Meditation Class - February 24

Meditation: Are you a beginner? Looking to deepen your practice? Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. for the first in a series of meditation classes with presenter Cindy Simon. All are welcome!

Where does most of your awareness and attention go? Do you live in the moment? Are you aware of your breath? Relax and imagine peaceful scenery, learn deep stillness and quiet, utilize positive affirmations, and rid your mind of negative chatter. Learn to bring meditation into your everyday life and discover deeper relaxation, sleep, patience, and calm.

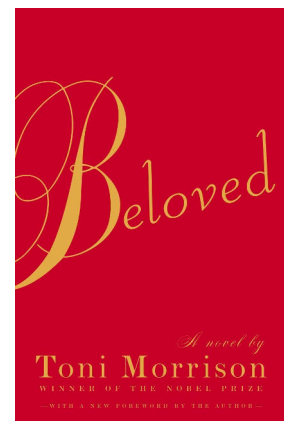


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## Adult Book Discussion - February 25

Join us on Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Morrison encapsulates the horror of slavery and the consuming passion of motherhood in a single act of defiance by a runaway slave. The pivotal event occurs when Sethe, the slave, murders her infant daughter rather than permit her recapture. The story of Sethe's violation, her determined escape, and its horrific consequences is slowly played out in memory and gossip, as Morrison hints at the terrible secret in the woman's past--a legacy so dreadful that she has



alienated the black community, driven off her two sons, and sent her remaining daughter into her own form of exile. Sethe is haunted not only by her own memories and her neighbors' reactions, but also by the ghostly presence of the murdered girl, who is called simply Beloved and who appears just as her mother, released from prison, seems ready to embark on a normal, loving relationship with a man. Sethe's history, too awful to be narrated in a straightforward, chronological manner, is related in kaleidoscopic fashion, complete with the shatteringly eloquent and accurate dialogue that Morrison has displayed in her earlier fiction, such as Song of Solomon (Booklist 73:1704 J1 15 74).

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## Ukulele Group - February 26

On Wednesday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m., come to KFL for the fun of making music in the library. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by to play along. Instructor Dan Riggall combines basic instruction with the opportunity to play some songs.



The library has a limited number of ukuleles available. Please let us know if you will need to borrow one. We will do our best to accommodate you.

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## Trivia Night - February 26

Wednesday, February 26 is Trivia Night at KFL. Play alone or bring a team (or join one of our friendly groups of regulars). Admission is free, but players who choose to pay a \$2 entry fee are eligible to collect a share of half of that night's pot if their team wins. (Of course, if you're playing alone, you keep the whole half.) The other half goes to purchasing items for the library's collection. Join us at 6:30 p.m.



## In Stitches - February 4, 11, 18, 25

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 for "In Stitches", our handicrafts group! This is a great opportunity to expand your skills and learn from others, about knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidering, or other handicrafts while enjoying the company of others. Bring a project you are working on, or come learn from the very beginning (please bring your own supplies). Knitting help will be available.



In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Walker Room. No registration is needed, just drop by for as long as you like.

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## AARP Tax Help - February 6, 13, 20, 27

It's tax season again at KFL! This year, like last year, the federal 1040A and 1040 EZ forms have all been combined into one 1040 form. The 1040 forms and booklets have arrived at the library and will be available at the adult circulation desk. As in recent years, we will not be receiving any state forms. Library staff will be more than welcome to help you print any forms from the IRS or state website for just \$.10 per page. We can also provide you with instructions for ordering forms to be mailed to you directly.

If you need some help preparing your taxes, we will once again be hosting AARP Tax Aides every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The first session this year will be held on February 6, with the program running through April 9. People will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis only. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the lobby when the library doors open at 9:30.



So let's talk about the wait.... Unfortunately, because of insurance regulations, we are unable to allow anyone into the library before we open, regardless of how cold, snowy, or miserable it is outside. We would encourage you to come close to opening time and wait for your appointment inside the library. The heroic AARP volunteers have been great about staying until everyone has been seen. We will have hot chocolate, marshmallows, and snacks available, a fire blazing in the fireplace, and plenty of reading material. All-in-all it will be a far more pleasant wait than standing outside in the snow before we open.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the adult circulation desk: (207) 985-2173 x4. We look forward to facing the inevitable frustrations of the 2020 tax season together!

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## Tech Time - February 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for our ongoing service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

Technology is becoming more complicated so we're here to help. Having difficulty downloading the cloudLibrary app? Got a tablet for your birthday and need help setting it up? Please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173. This service has quickly become very popular so your patience in waiting for an accommodation is greatly appreciated.



This service is intended to help educate you about your device or to troubleshoot minor technology issues. Our goal is that you'll leave our session with the confidence and knowledge to troubleshoot your own future technology hurdles.

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## Teen Programs

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### Friday Fun

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m. we will be conducting amazing experiments, building creative crafts, or playing great games! These programs are a great opportunity to see your friends and watch something explode! For teens ages 10 and up.

This month, on the 7th, we will be creating Frozen Bubbles; on the 14th, we will be making Paper Bag Stars; on the 21st, we will be holding a game tournament; and on the 28th, we will be experimenting with squishy circuits!



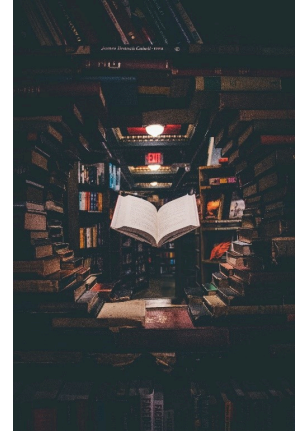
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### MSK Teen Book Group - February 25

Join us on February 25 from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. at the MSK library.

This month, each member of the group will be reading an Advanced Readers Copy of a book of their choosing. Snacks will be provided as we discuss the book, spend time with friends, and even play a game or two. This program is open to MSK students of all grades. Kids should be picked up at the school at 3:45 p.m. or be prepared to take the late bus home. This program is put on in collaboration with the Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport. Please visit either library to reserve a copy of the book.

On January 21, we held our monthly meeting and discussed *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann. The kids really enjoyed this month's book and had a lot of fantastic things to share. We also discussed new ideas for a name for the club and a logo. We ended the meeting by attempting a word puzzle.



## Children's Programs

### Junior Science: Rubber Band Helicopters! - February 3

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Come join us on Monday, February 3 at 4:00 p.m. as we make Rubber Band Helicopters! We will create our own helicopters and discuss how they fly.



January's Junior Science was a blast as we completed a series of Yeast Experiments! We discussed how yeast survives and the effect it has on our food. Then we attempted to inflate a balloon by filling a bottle with yeast and warm water, feeding it sugar to make it bloom, then capping the bottle with the balloon. We were met with limited success but the kids enjoyed discussing what might have gone wrong with the experiment.

### Beadcraft - February 5

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, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. No registration required.



### African American Read-In - February 12

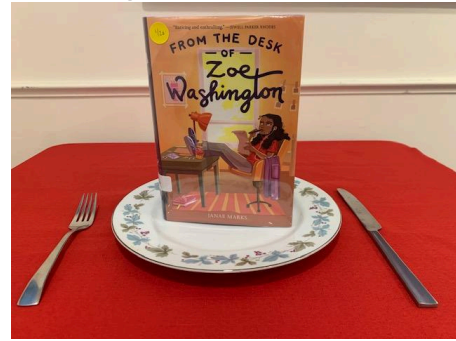
In honor of Black History Month, join us for an African American Read-In program on Wednesday, February 12 at 3:45 p.m. We will read various



picture books by African American creators, and explore learning and creativity stations. This program is part of the National African American Read-In, a month-long event occurring during Black History Month. According to the National Council of Teachers of English, "The National African American Read-In is the nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month." This program is open to all ages. The books are written for readers age 4-8 years old, but can be enjoyed by anyone. No registration is required.

## Black History Month Book Tasting - February 18

From Jacqueline Woodson to Jason Reynolds, African American authors write stories that make us laugh, cry, and think. In honor of Black History Month, join us for a Black History Month Book Tasting program on Tuesday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. Readers will have the opportunity to sample and "taste" middle grade novels written by African American authors. This program was inspired by the National African American Read-In, a month-long event occurring during Black History Month. This program is open to ages 8 and up. We will be sampling middle-grade novels, which are directed towards readers ages 8-12. Space is limited, and [registration is required](#).



## Discovery Station - February 19

Full STEAM ahead to Discovery Station at Kennebunk Free Library! Discovery Station is a monthly STEAM program designed for children 2-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through activities that support curiosity and creativity. STEAM activity stations will give children, with their parent or caregiver, an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning while having fun!

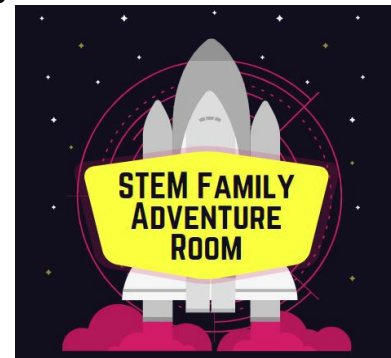


Join us on Wednesday, February 19, at 3:45 p.m. and have fun with this month's theme, All About Dinosaurs! The program is limited to 12 children, and [registration is required](#).

## STEM Family Adventure Room - February 20

Get your thinking cap ready, because we have a space ship to save! Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to KFL on Thursday, February 20 between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. to try their hand at our drop-in Adventure Room. Complete challenges as a family to try to get our poor beleaguered space ship back on track. The room will probably take 30-40 minutes to pass, but plan an hour if you want to complete all the challenges offered.

All ages are welcome, but puzzles will be primarily geared to families with children ages 4-11. Caregivers of toddlers are warned there will be small choking-hazard pieces to some puzzles. This event is suggested for families with children, but adults are also welcome to come try their hand at the challenges.



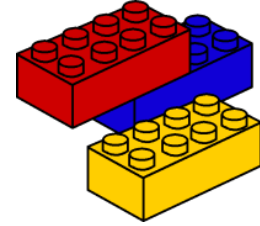
## Drop-In Craft - February 21

Are you ready to get crafty? Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, February 21 between 3:00 and 4:30 to make a flashlight craft - no batteries required! Stop by for a fun activity during February vacation. Please note that this craft requires permanent markers. An alternative project will be available. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



## LEGO Club - February 26

Come join us on Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! This month come join us for a building challenge that will push your building abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own imagination. [Registration](#) is not required but recommended, for kids ages 4 and up.



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## Storytimes

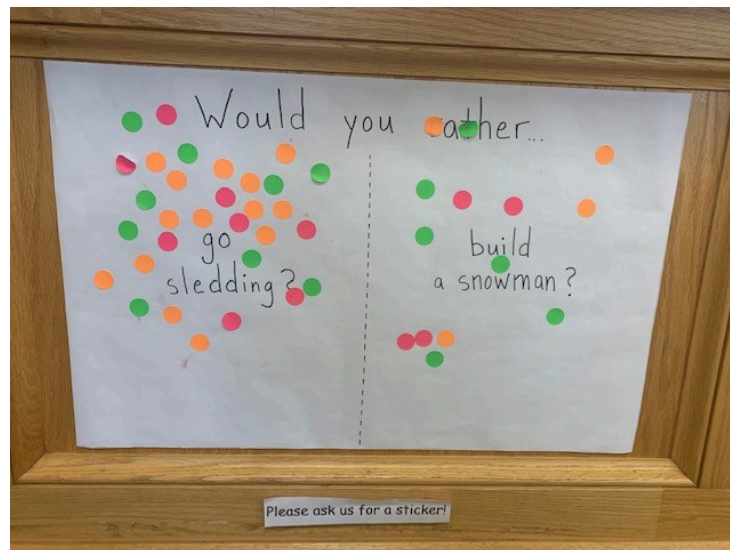
Mondays @ 10:15: Peek-a-Book Babies (ages 0-2)  
Tuesdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5)



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## Children's Room Announcements

- The results are in! 31 people are ready for sledding, and 14 people want to build a snowman! Make sure to visit us downstairs to answer this month's question!



- **COMING SOON:** The Windows and Mirrors Book Club is returning! This program will be a special book club for children and a grown-up to participate in together. Our first meeting will be Monday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. Registration will be required. Keep an eye out for more details!

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## Speers Gallery

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### February Artist: The Center Artists

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its February 2020 exhibition, "**The Center Artists**", the works of George Acker, Florence Damon, Marlene Engdahl, Alan Platt, and Kay Simmons.

These artists represent a portion of a larger group that meets every Friday at **The Center**, 175 Port Road, Kennebunk. The



class is led by teacher and painter Liz Armstrong. It is a diverse group in terms of prior painting experience and years of practice. The group's commonality is their medium, which is acrylics, and their love of painting. Each artist has developed their own style. Local landscape, seascape and floral subjects are frequently the inspiration for their paintings. Several of the represented artists in the group have been invited to show their work in the Kennebunk River Club show and some group members have also been successful in selling their work.



All members paint for their personal enjoyment and individual painting goals and support each other in class. Often in class, one student's work will open a discussion led by their teacher on an aspect of painting such as composition, color or form which is then useful for others. Many of the group members paint outside of class.

The Center Artists group vary in ages between 60s and 90s. They exemplify the very worthwhile practice of lifelong learning and demonstrate that new goals can be reached at any age.

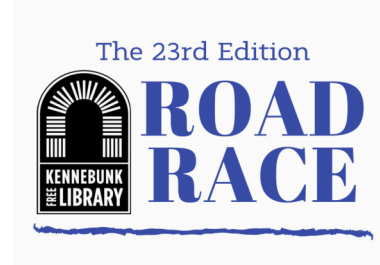
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## Library News & Events

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### 23rd Edition Road Race

It may be hard to believe, but summer is on the way! With summer comes the 23rd Edition of our annual Road Race, which fall on Friday, July 10 this year. In honor of the Bicentennial Celebrations for the town and the state, the logo (and t-shirts) this year will be a festive Bicentennial blue.



Registration opens on February 10. Be sure to register early to ensure that you are among the lucky 200 to collect one of our fabulous goodie bags!

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### A Message From the Friends

I hope your holidays were joyous and filled with good cheer.

As we start off 2020, I hope you will take advantage of the many programs that our library offers. I think that there is something for everyone and a good way to pass the time. So come learn something new or revisit a craft, spend time with the book groups or just sit by the fireplace and read that book you have always wanted to.

The Friends will now be offering POP UP BOOK SALES starting this month. Each month will have a theme. This month's theme will be Romance, Mysteries, and Beach Reads, to dream of summer. The dates of the sale are Feb. 7 -14.

In the future, other themes may include gardening, sports, travel, and cookbooks as well as DVDs and CDS. Prices will be very reasonable and the sales will run a week in length.

Thank you for your support of our library,  
Donna Gomez, Friends of KFL President

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## New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

[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

**Hot New Releases on order for February:**

(Click on the title to go to the item record in the catalog & place a hold.)

**February 1**

[Last Day](#) - Luanne Rice

**February 4**

[The Museum of Desire](#) - Jonathan Kellerman

[Crooked River](#) - Preston & Child

[Golden in Death](#) - JD Robb

**February 11**

[Salt River](#) - Randy Wayne White

**February 24**

[Blindside](#) - James Patterson

**February 25**

[The Warsaw Protocol](#) - Steve Berry

[Coconut Layer Cake Murder](#) - Joanne Fluke

[Death by Chocolate Frosted Doughnut](#) - Sarah Graves

[The Big Lie](#) - James Grippando

[The Splendid and the Vile](#) - Erik Larson

[Trouble is What I Do](#) - Walter Mosley

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## February Calendar of Events

Feb 3: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 3: Heart & Home Book Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Feb 3: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.  
Feb 4: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 4: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
Feb 5: Beadcraft, 1;00 p.m.  
Feb 5: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.  
Feb 5: Camden Conference: Georges Budagu Maokoko, 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 6: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 7: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 7: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 8: Jump Start Your Year, 10:00 a.m.  
Feb 10: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 10: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.  
Feb 11: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 11: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
Feb 12: African American Read-In, 3:45 p.m.  
Feb 12: Author Jack Flowers, 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 13: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 14: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 14: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 15: Jump Start Your Year, 10:00 a.m.  
Feb 17: Library Closed  
Feb 18: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 18: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
Feb 18: Black History Month Book Tasting, 2:00 p.m.  
Feb 19: Discovery Station, 3:45 p.m.  
Feb 20: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Feb 20: STEM Family Adventure Room, 1:30 p.m.  
Feb 21: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 21: Drop-In Craft, 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 21: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 24: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 24: Meditation, 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 25: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Feb 25: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
Feb 25: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.  
Feb 25: MSK Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Feb 25: KFL Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Feb 26: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m.  
Feb 26: Ukulele Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Feb 26: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.  
Feb 27: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 28: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Feb 28: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 29: Jump Start Your Year, 10:00 a.m.

STAY CONNECTED:



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