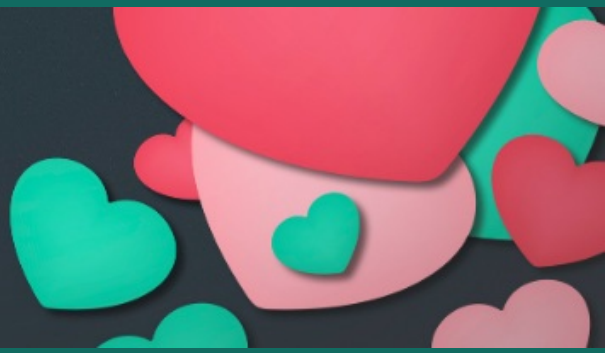


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Library News

AARP Tax Help Not Available This Year

We are very sorry to announce that we have heard from AARP that they will not be able to provide in-person tax help in our area this year. There is a possibility that they may be offering services in other towns/counties. They evaluated each area before making decisions, considering a number of factors. The National AARP plans to offer some additional information and resources in February. You can view their tax assistance information [here](#).

In the meantime, we do have 1040 forms and instructions available. If you need additional forms, [email us](#) the form numbers in advance and we can print them out for you to pick up during curbside services for ten cents per page. The federal income tax guide, which provides thorough instructions in a quite-easy-to-follow format can be accessed [here](#). We also have print copies available for checkout.

We have been researching additional tax help options and resources. The handout that we have put together is available [here](#). We will keep you updated with any new information that we find. We know that this is a tremendous hardship for those of you who have relied on this service. Though we are not at all qualified to provide tax advice, we are here to help you find people or resources who can.



Book Stacks and Recommendations for All Ages

Not sure what to read - or watch - next? Let us help! Tell us a little bit about your interests and some books or movies that you have enjoyed in the past. Our librarians will pick out a selection of books that we think you will enjoy. Give us a call, send us an email, or click on the buttons below to request your custom book stack. Be sure to have the last five digits of your library card ready.

Looking for recommendations? Check out the [Reader's Advisory](#) page on our website for popular new materials, staff picks, and more. Our [Lending Page](#) has tips and tutorials for browsing the library catalog.

Request an Adult/YA Book Stack

Request a Children's Book Stack

Request a DVD Stack



Check Your Spam

We have been having terrible trouble lately with email from all of our staff accounts ending up in your spam folders. In some cases, they have been disappearing altogether. We are investigating the problem and working on finding a solution. In the meantime, we want to make sure that you get a timely response to your emails.

We are answering all emails and website comment forms as they come in. If more than a business day has gone by without a response from us, please check your spam folder. If there is nothing there, give us a call. You can leave a message in the general mailbox if the library is not open. Addressing your questions and concerns is our top priority.

Adult Programs

Heart & Home Book Club - February 1



The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. Our virtual discussions take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting.

If you've been thinking about trying out our book group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's book or young adult novel. Our unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do book club", and everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings:

On Monday, February 1, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Hygge*.

On Monday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Resilience*.

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's

homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

In Stitches - February 2, 9, 16, 23



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 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.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.

Block Printing - February 2 or 23



Learn how to carve a small block print! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, February 2 or 23 at 6:00 p.m. to make a festive art print or card. Beginners are welcome, as are those with some block printing experience.

The library will supply take-home kits to be picked up in advance containing the supplies you need to make a print. We will meet over Zoom for an introduction to the block printing process, work on carving our blocks and practice printing. You will be able to keep

your carved block and printing paper, and return the tools and ink to the library after the program.

Space is very limited and registration is required. Please let us know which date you would prefer. As block printing uses sharp tools, you will need to sign a waiver when you pick up your kit. Kits can be picked up and waivers signed via our curbside service. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants close to the program date. Participants will need access to an internet enabled computer or device with camera and microphone that can be used near a workspace.

Oil and Indigenous Peoples in the Russian Arctic - February 3

The Camden Conference and the Kennebunk Free Library present Laura Henry, Professor of Government at Bowdoin College, on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please visit the library's website at kennebunklibrary.org or email kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us for the Zoom link.

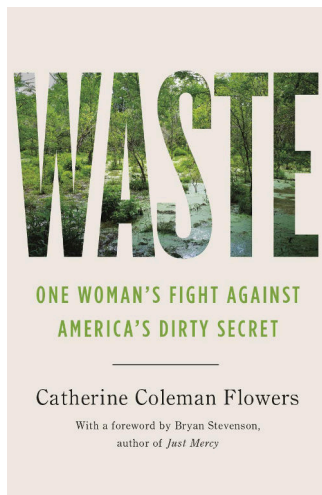
The rapid growth of the oil and gas industry in the Russian Arctic is crucial the country's plans for continued economic growth and international influence. However, many of these sites of extraction are located in close proximity to the country's Arctic Indigenous communities and overlap with their territories of traditional use, such as reindeer herding,



hunting, and fishing. In this talk, Professor Henry examines how oil companies interact with indigenous peoples and when they come into conflict and when they reach agreement. Examining several cases in the Russian Arctic and sub-Arctic, Henry considers how local communities navigate a complex political context in which global rules and standards that prioritize indigenous rights and environmental protection interact with domestic laws and institutions that tend to advantage industry. Research in Russian indigenous communities in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, the Komi Republic, and on Sakhalin Island also illustrates how expectations based on the Soviet era shape how communities engage extractive industries in order to ensure their economic and social well-being.

Laura A. Henry is a Professor in the Department of Government and Legal Studies at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Her research investigates Russia's post-Soviet transformation, focusing on state society relations, environmental politics, and the interaction of transnational and local actors. Henry's current book project (*Bringing Global Governance Home*) compares how NGOs from the BRICS countries use global agreements on climate change, HIV/AIDS, and deforestation to leverage policy change at home. Henry is the author of *Red to Green: Environmental Activism in Post-Soviet Russia* (Cornell University Press, 2010) and the co-editor of *Russian Civil Society: A Critical Assessment* (M.E. Sharpe, 2006). Her work has appeared in *Environmental Politics*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*, among other journals. She has been a Watson Foundation fellow and a Fulbright Scholar. Her research has received support from the National Security Education Program, the Social Science Research Council, and the International Research and Exchange Board.

Nonfiction Book Group - February 8



Join us on Monday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Waste* by Catherine Coleman Flowers. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Who pays serious attention to the millions of Americans living with or near conditions such as raw sewage, toxic water, and poisonous air? Flowers does. The founder and director of the Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (CREEJ) uncovers the unsettling details of living standards in stretches of her native Alabama as well as the urban Midwest, central California, coastal Florida, Alaska, Hawaii, Native American reservations, and elsewhere. Her account follows her activism that received attention for social justice work, from high school in Lowndes County through college to teaching at public schools in Washington, DC,

Fayetteville, NC, and Detroit, and then back to Lowndes County to organize around environmental justice issues. She describes leading CREEJ to help address both immediate and systemic impacts of inadequate sanitation, health disparities, and poverty in communities marginalized because of who lives there—people who policymakers and society at large dismiss as not worthy of respect, she notes. The book includes a foreword by Bryan Stevenson." (Library Journal, vol 145, issue 11, p98)

Journaling Meetup - February 10

Do you love to journal, keep a planner, or write



letters? Or would you like to learn more about these activities and how they might fit into your life? If so, join Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. for a Journaling Meetup to chat about... all things journaling. This meeting will be held via Zoom. New participants are always welcome!

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.



Community Chat - February 11 & 25

KFL invites you to grab a beverage and snack and join us on Zoom every other Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. for the chance to socialize with other humans! There will be no set topics or reading requirements, just the opportunity to chat for a while.

Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts - February 22 at 6:00

KENNEBUNK TOWN HISTORIAN
Kathy Ostrander-Roberts
LOCAL HISTORY SERIES

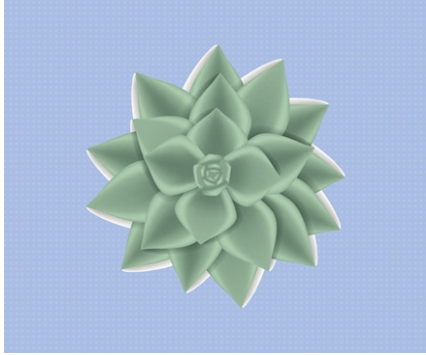
November 23: Kennebunk Poor Farm
December 15: Ken Joy Photo Collection
January 25: Cemetery Iconography
February 22: House Moving in Kennebunk
March 22: Women in Industry
April 26: History of Kennebunk's Churches
May 24: Statues and Markers for Veterans

This month, Kathy Ostrander-Roberts will be discussing buildings in the Kennebunk area that were moved from their original locations. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the Zoom link.

Previous discussions can be viewed on [KFL's YouTube channel](#).

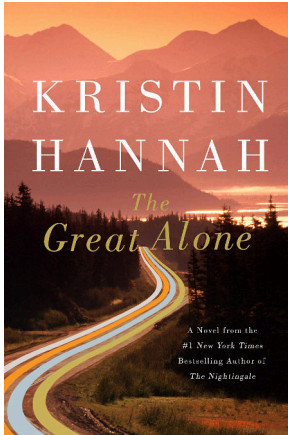
Take and Make: Succulent Kit - Available to pick up February 22

Feel like getting your hands dirty? Sign up for our Take and Make Mini Succulent program! We will supply materials and instructions for those who sign up. You can pick up your kit during our curbside hours and take it home to make your own mini terrarium!



We have a limited number of kits, so please call or [email the library](#) to sign up.

Adult Book Discussion - February 23



Join us on Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Set in 1974 Alaska, this sweeping tale follows a girl coping with the dangers of domestic violence. Though ill-prepared for the extreme and harsh conditions, 13-year-old Leni and her parents, Ernt and Cora, have to learn how to survive in the unforgiving wild of their new home on the Kenai Peninsula. With the help of the small-knit community of endearing fellow homesteaders, the Allbrights manage to just barely stay afloat. But Ernt, who has never recovered from the trauma of fighting in the Vietnam War, struggles with the isolation and the interminably dark days of winter. Leni grows up witnessing

her father (who is increasingly unable to control his paranoia and jealousy) abuse her beloved mother. Leni's greatest comfort and escape is her schoolmate and neighbor Matthew. Over the years, their friendship evolves into a forbidden romance. Hannah highlights, with vivid description, the natural dangers of Alaska juxtaposed against incongruous violence." (Tara Kehoe, School Library Journal, vol 64, issue 3, p128)



Ukulele Group - February 24

Join us on Wednesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

Teen Programs



Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play *Jackbox!* We also occasionally dabble in *Minecraft* and *Among Us*. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All teens ages 10 and up are welcome! Join us for fantastic programs and to spend time with friends.

ZOOM LINK

Middle School Book Group - February 17



Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, February 17 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss a book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8. The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

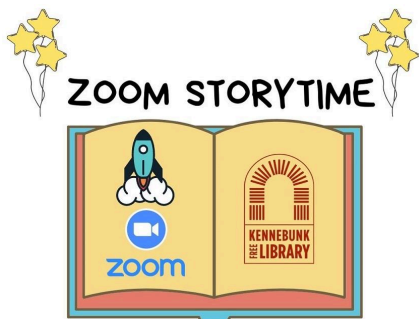
This month we will be reading *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.



Facebook Live Storytimes

Join us on Facebook Live every Thursday in February at 10:00 a.m. for stories and songs! Storytime is designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is invited to watch and participate! We'll have a great time! Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary> for storytime fun!



Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! From February 1 - March 1, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be most Mondays at 10:00 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please register [by email](#) or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- February 1
- February 8
- February 22
- March 1

All storytimes will begin at 10 a.m. Zoom Storytime Kits including crafts, shaker egg, scarf, and song sheet are available while supplies last! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available curbside. This month, we will be offering crafts to celebrate Black History Month! Kits will be available starting Monday, February 1. Visit us curbside to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

MSBA Virtual Challenge

Have you signed up for the MSBA Challenge on Beanstack yet? Through 6/30/21, students in grades 4-8 can earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title read and reviewed.



Readers will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org. If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or via email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us. MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!



Request a Book Stack

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us [via email](#), or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!

The 24th Edition Road Race is Coming!



This year, we're hoping for the best of both worlds! We will be holding a virtual Road Race from June 21 - July 7. Run your own race course (or follow the traditional route) whenever it's convenient. We are also planning for an in-person race on July 9 in the hopes that in-person events may be possible at that point. Registration will open soon.

Road Race sponsorship opportunities are now available. [Click here](#) to learn about sponsorship levels and the perks that come with each.

A Message From the Friends

Hope this note finds you engaged in hobbies, crafts, books, movies, music, and puzzles. All of these activities and more are available at our library and many are made possible by the generosity of people like you who are members of the Friends. Thank you for your continued support.

The board of the Friends would like to thank the staff for all they do behind the scenes to make the library still available to us.

Stay safe and well and remember to smile while wearing your mask. We will get thru this together.

For more information about what Friends do and how to become a member, please [visit the Friends page](#) on the KFL website.

Donna Gomez
President, Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library

New Books, Audio Books, and 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.

Hot New Releases on Order for February

February 7

[The Four Winds - Kristin Hannah](#)

[The Removed - Brandon Hobson](#)

[Blink of an Eye - Iris Johansen](#)

[Serpentine - Jonathan Kellerman](#)

[Blood Grove - Walter Mosley](#)

[The Shadow Box - Luanne Rice](#)

[Spoils of the Dead - Dana Stabenow](#)

February 9

[The Power Couple - Alex Berenson](#)

[A Simple Murder - Linda Castillo](#)

[The Other You - Joyce Carol Oates](#)

[Faithless in Death - J.D. Robb](#)

February 16

[Calder Brand - Janet Dailey](#)

[Death by Chocolate Snickerdoodle - Sarah Graves](#)

[Missing and Endangered - Judith Jance](#)

February 23

[The Kaiser's Web - Steve Berry](#)

[Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder - Joanne Fluke](#)

Search Tutorials

We know browsing the catalog can be a little intimidating, so we have created tutorials showing you how you can create searches to browse smaller parts of our collection. These videos will show you how you can find collections like graphic novels, tv shows, and audiobooks using the catalog. For children's items, they show you how you can find collections based on reading level such as easy readers and first chapter books. We hope these help make your searches easier and more efficient.

Adult/YA
Tutorial

Kids
Tutorial

A Message from the Library Director



We have been quite busy already in the New Year. We have welcomed Sarah Thompson as our new Administrative Assistant and Kat Boucher who previously held that position has become a Library Assistant. Road Race planning is underway, we'll be replacing our main entrance doors in the coming months, and we'll be holding our March Madness fundraiser on an online auction site. Please take advantage of our newly popular Book Stacks and as always, if you know someone in the community that needs help accessing library materials and services let us know.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Beowulf : a new translation by Maria Dahvana Headley

Ok, I hear your groaning. I too, have a dark history with this title, but let me explain. The author has done extensive studies of the earliest texts as well as multiple translations through the centuries. Just the introduction is worth your time, fascinating history of the tale telling, especially the downplaying of Grendel's mother. The epic poem itself it redone in current language and the story is engaging! Kings, queens, mead halls,

monsters, dragons and golden hoards in mountain caves – what's not to like?

The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett

Calling all “Pillars of the Earth” fans because here is the prequel! It begins in 997 CE at what will be Kingsbridge, but prior to the bridge it is known as Dreng’s Ferry. England is being attacked by the Welsh and the Vikings as the people struggle to survive life in the Dark ages. Follett is great at showing us how the rich and the poor lived and loved. He is also good at depicting good and evil among the rich, the poor, different cultures and the church. Great story line and characters and best of all, Follett left another hundred years before “Pillars” timeframe for another prequel. You won’t be disappointed.

Fatima / director, Marco Pontecorvo

I loved this movie! The story of the Blessed Mother Mary’s apparitions to three peasant, shepherd children is shown through the tumult of the effects on the family, the town, the church and politicians. It so beautifully depicts Portugal toward the end of World War I: the people, how they dressed, lived and earned their living. The special features on the making of the movie were fascinating.

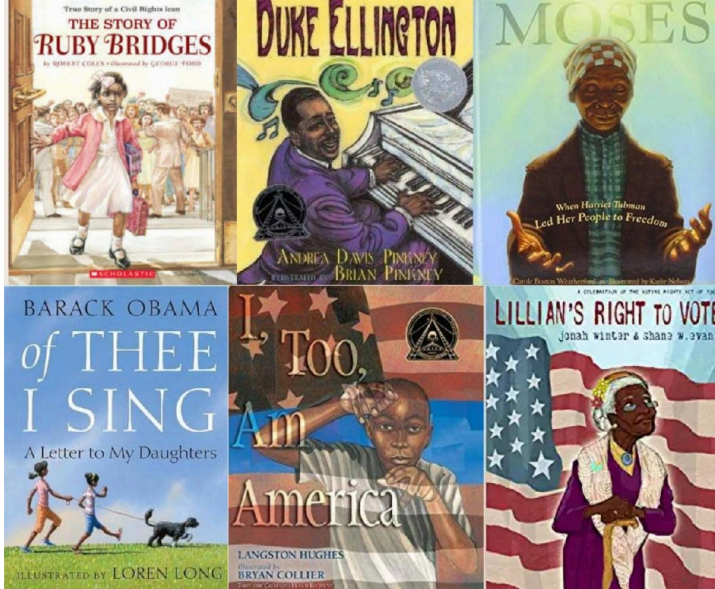
Jenny, Library Assistant

February is a great time to peruse ***Wildflowers and Winter Weeds*** written and illustrated by Lauren Brown to learn the winter forms of many of our local wildflowers. (Note: An older edition of this book is titled *Weeds in Winter*, and a newer edition is titled *Weeds and Wildflowers in Winter*.)

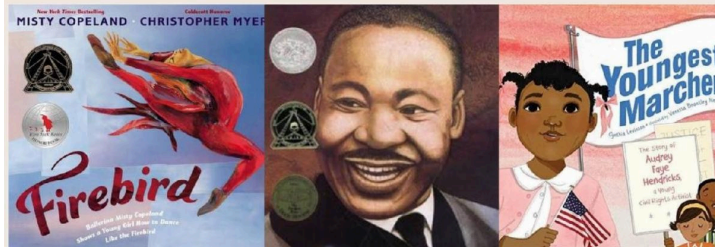
The book starts with a finder key, and the illustrated glossary that follows is very helpful for both learning botanical terms and using the key. The plant accounts are organized by family, and for many of the families, a short description of the family introduces the member plant or plants. For each plant, the author provides both a scientific name and one or more common names and includes a description alongside a black and white illustration. I like that the illustrations are not perfect examples of the plant but rather look the way you would find the plant after time and weather have left their marks.

I enjoyed reading this book while I was warm and cozy indoors, but it definitely motivated me to get outside, enjoy some walks in the cold fresh air, and pay attention to these plants who might otherwise escape my notice. I was also able to “key out” (i.e. identify using the finder key) a type of Speedwell (*Veronica sp.*) and discovered that the unopened seed capsules are heart-shaped!

Denise, Library Assistant



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