



February

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Library News and Events



New KFL Website Debuts February 1!

Our website is getting a makeover! The new look will make its debut on Wednesday, February 1. We will also be debuting our new events calendar, which will allow you to register for programs online. We think that the new site looks better and will be easier for you to use, but we would love to hear your feedback!



A Message from the Friends of KFL

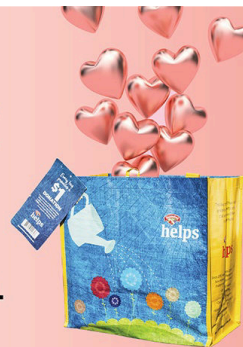
Friends HEART KFL! This month look for a romantic pop-up book sale near the main circulation desk and more children's books downstairs on the sale shelves.

And thank you to all who have renewed memberships or newly joined the Friends. Interested? You can find more information on the KFL website.

See you at the library!

Give this bag that's
**filled with
love**

For the month of February,
buy this \$2.50 bag and we'll receive \$1.
We'll love you. The environment will love you.
And they'll love it!



We'll receive \$1 for every purchase of this \$2.50
Community Bag at our local Hannaford for all of February.

Community Bag Program
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AARP Tax Help Not Available This Year

We are very sorry to announce that due to a shortage of volunteers, AARP is unable to offer tax assistance at KFL this year. Tax help *is* available through York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) in Sanford. Your Adjusted Gross Income must be under \$52,000 to qualify. To learn more, visit yccac.org/free-tax-preparation/ or call YCCAC at (207) 324-5762 ext. 2718.

KFL does have Federal 1040/1040 SR forms and instructions available at the library. Other forms and instructions, including any Maine forms, can be printed off at the library for \$0.10 per page. Please know exactly what forms you need, as library staff cannot provide advice.

Adult Programs

Tech Time - February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23



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 p.m. - 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.

Estate Planning for Families - February 2



On Thursday, February 2 at 5:30, parents and their children are invited to join us at the Kennebunk Free Library for a casual and easygoing program with local attorney Erin Sherman from Treehouse Legal. You will learn about the essential legal documents that make up an Estate Plan and how to name legal guardians for children in case something happens to you. Children are welcome to join and there will be special activities in the children's room for them while adults attend the program in the adjoining meeting room. Please call or email the library to register.

Reader's Choice Book Club - February 6

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday,

**Reader's Choice
Book Club**

Monday,
February 6
at 2:00 p.m.

This month's theme...
Your Choice



February 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room. This month's theme will be: Your Choice.

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!

21st Century Global Migration and Global Trade - February 6



The Camden Conference and Kennebunk Free Library will host Kathleen Sutherland on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. Sutherland will be discussing 21st Century Global Migration and Global Trade.

This discussion is a companion to John Sutherland's January 30 discussion: *Immigration to America During the Industrial Age*. Migration is caused by people searching for a better material life and safety. What is the effect of this migration process on global trade? We look at the late Twentieth and Twenty First Century picture and in particular the impact of increased migration to the

U.S. from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Discussion will also include the economic impact of migration from Asia and Africa to Europe.

Kathleen Howard Sutherland (Ph.D. Indiana University) is Associate Professor Emerita of Political Science at Bowling Green State University. She teaches at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine. She presented a paper on Somali and Sudanese refugees at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting.

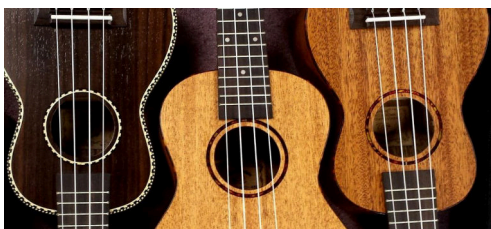
In Stitches - February 7, 14, 21, 28



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.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person inside the library. See our events calendar for more information.

Ukulele Group - February 8 (in-person) and 22 (Zoom)



This year we are making some changes in the Ukulele classes to make it more convenient and useful for you.

We'll continue to meet twice a month: the 2nd Wednesday at 3:30 and the 4th Wednesday at 5:00. We will be playing the same music at both sessions. But the focus, time and "venue" have changed. You have the choice of coming to both or either. Whatever works for you!

The 2nd Wednesday Group will meet in person at the library. That session will focus on the songs for the month in greater detail. It will provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have from your practice and learn from each other.

The 4th Wednesday Group will meet via Zoom at 5:00 pm, at least until daylight savings time begins. Here we'll just strum and pluck and yuck it up in the privacy of home — where no one else can hear you making ukulele fun and no one cares about bloop & errors! Less talk and more play.

If you are not already on the music mailing list, please email aatkins@kennebunklibrary.org to register.

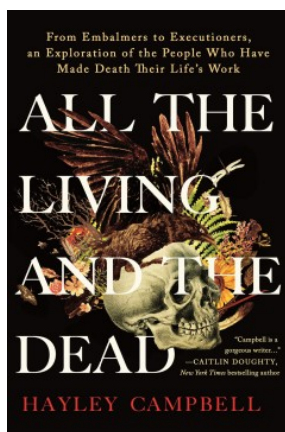
I Want to Work With Animals - February 8



Do you know a kid who loves animals or an adult still trying to figure out what they want to be when they grow up? On Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. Melissa McCue-McGrath is back at KFL to excitedly walk all ages through the many ways in which people can work alongside animals! She will introduce arson detection dogs used to solve criminal cases in the fire departments across the country, archeologist assistant dogs who have found 3,000 year old remains in Croatia, library cats who calm patrons, humans who use aqua-therapy to help baby elephants heal from injuries, and more! So if you are 3 to 93 and still dream of

working alongside animals, this is the talk for you! As a professional dog trainer and behavior consultant of nearly 20 years, Melissa has lots of experience working with people who "just love animals" and are looking to find their own way of working with them. You can find Melissa, when she's not playing Ukulele at KFL, teaching dogs at AWS, or you can listen anytime to her podcast, BewilderBeasts, at BewilderBeastsPod.com.

Nonfiction Book Group - February 13



Join us on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *All the Living and the Dead* by Hayley Campbell.

"We are surrounded by death. It is in our news, our nursery rhymes, our true-crime podcasts. Yet from a young age, we are told that death is something to be feared. How are we supposed to know what we're so afraid of, when we are never given the chance to look? Fueled by a childhood fascination with death, journalist Hayley Campbell searches for answers from the people who choose to make a living by working with the dead. Along the way, Campbell encounters funeral directors, embalmers, a man who dissects cadavers for anatomy students, and a former executioner who is responsible for ending 62 lives. She sits in a van with gravediggers who have

already dug their own graves, holds a brain at an autopsy, visits a cryonics facility in Michigan, and goes for late-night Chinese with a homicide detective. Through Campbell's probing, reverent interviews with these people who see death every day, Campbell pieces together the psychic jigsaw to ask- Why would someone choose a life of working with the dead? And what does dealing with death every day do to you as a person? A dazzling work of cultural criticism, *All the Living and the Dead* weaves together reportage with memoir, history, and philosophy, to offer readers a fascinating look into the psychology of Western death." - Novelist

Trivia Night - February 15



The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 is trivia night at KFL! Bring a team, join one of our friendly teams of regulars, or take on the challenge solo. Light refreshments will be served.

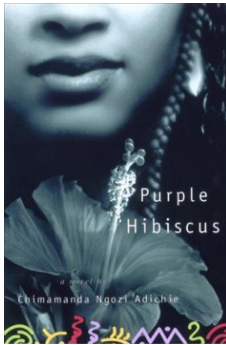
Digital Decluttering - February 16



It's so easy to clutter up our phones because they're not taking up any visible space. When it's out of sight and out of mind, decluttering our devices might not seem so important; but, when we can't find what we need, it can become a daunting task to try to clean it up. However, never to worry, KFL is here to help! Here to give you tips and tricks to begin and maintain a clean digital space, KFL's Technology Educator will hold an informative presentation on **February 16** from 10:30 - 11:30

a.m. to start you on the path of digital decluttering. In this program, we are going to learn how to organize digital photos and videos so you can find what you need quickly, and we will answer any other related questions you may have during this time. This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to all. If you have any further questions, please contact our Technology Educator, Emmaline, at (207) 985-2173.

Adult Book Discussion - February 28



Join us on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

"After staying with their aunt in Nsukka, Nigeria, Kambili and her brother return home changed by their newfound freedom. At home, they deal with their father, a religious fanatic, who has high expectations of them and his wife. And eventually Kambili tries to keep their family together after their mother commits a desperate act." - Novelist

Flash Fiction Fest - February 28



Celebrating short-short stories! Writers and writer wannabes mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. KFL will be hosting a **Flash Fiction Fest**. Original stories with 500 to 1000 words will be read to other writers and listeners. Please call or email the library to register to read your story. Light refreshments including wine will be provided. Age 21+

Camden Conference Programs

Five Southern Maine libraries – York Public Library, Scarborough Public Library, Prince



Memorial Library, Patten Free Library, and Kennebunk Free Library – are excited to announce that they will be joining forces this winter to bring you a series of virtual programs on Zoom featuring experts in global trade and politics, all sponsored by the Camden Conference.

This collaboration, proposed by York Public Library Assistant Director Sophie Smith, is the first time Maine libraries have pooled their resources to broaden the scope of Camden Conference programming available to their communities, allowing for a more thorough exploration of the topic. It also provides the unique opportunity for people from communities that span Southern Maine to come together to discuss global issues that affect us all.

Speaker in the series include:

- Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30: Peter Dugas on International Climate Policy & Trade
- Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.: Ula Polsky and Lindsey Jamison from the Roux Institute on Educating for the Future of Global Trade.
- Wednesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m.: John Doughty on the Global Space Race

The Camden Conference is a fantastic educational resource for Mainer: a world affairs conference that has been held annually in Camden since 1988. The 36th Camden Conference, *Global Trade and Politics: Managing Turbulence* held February 17-19, 2023, will highlight the importance of global commerce and how it impacts our everyday lives. Registration is required for all programs. Visit yorkpubliclibrary.org, scarboroughlibrary.org, princememorial.org, patten.lib.me.us or kennebunklibrary.org for registration links.

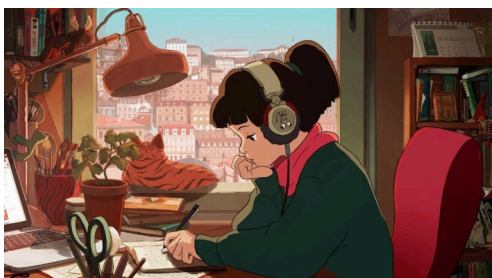
February Take-and-Make Kit: Emergency Tin Candles



This month's take-and-make kit repurposes Altoids-style tins into soy wax candles! Add the finished candle to your home emergency kit in case of power outages, throw it into a backpack to take along as a just-in-case on a hike or camping trip, or just enjoy the warm glow at home. This project involves handling hot wax, so care is required. Kits will be available starting Tuesday, February 7 while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Chill Gaming - February 9



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 for our event, Chill Gaming! Basically anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! Because of the holiday break, we will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **February 9th**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. There will be games provided by the library, but players are

free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out and have a good time listening to some lofi beats! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - February 13 & 27



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. Because of the holiday break, we will meet on Monday **February 13 & 27** 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, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up.

New players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call at (207) 985-2173.

Children's Programs



Valentine Making - February 4

There's no better way to show your love than with a handmade valentine! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Saturday, February 4 between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. to make a valentine for a friend or loved one! We'll have all the supplies ready – just stop in and get creative! Work together as a family or create your own valentines. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Furry Tales with AWS - February 10

What's better than sharing stories? Sharing stories with a furry friend! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. for our very first Furry Tales Storytime with Animal Welfare Society. We'll share stories and songs with Amanda from Animal Welfare Society and meet a guinea pig friend! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.

February Storytimes

It's time for Storytime! On Mondays at 10:00 a.m., join Miss Maria inside the library for songs, stories, rhymes, and fun! Because of the 2/20 holiday, Storytime will be held on **Tuesday, February 21**. Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! These events are free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information,



please call 985-2173. Upcoming storytime dates include:

- February 6
- February 13
- **Tuesday, February 21**
- February 27



Beadcraft - February 1

It's time for Beadcraft! 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 1 at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend the afternoon on RSU 21's early release Wednesday! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is recommended but not required.



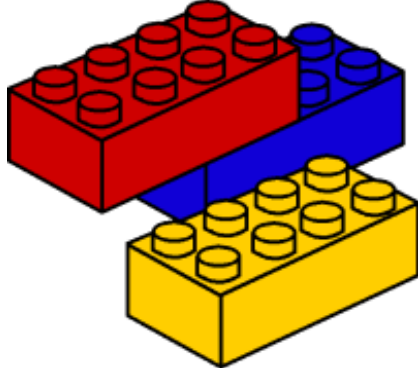
Junior Science - February 6

Have you ever wanted to be a spy? Come to Junior Science on Monday, February 6 at 3:45 p.m. to explore some spy methods! Learn how to write secret messages, take fingerprints, and maybe even solve your own mystery! Registration is required for this event. For ages 6+.



Kindness Club - February 14

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Start your new year off with kindness at the third meeting of Kennebunk Free Library's Kindness Club for kids. We will meet on Tuesday, February 14, at 3:45. This month, we will be creating lollipop flowers to share with others. 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. Parents are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Lego Club - February 24

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Friday, February 24, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Come and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. Registration is appreciated.

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! For the first time, we had our Would You Rather question posted at the adult circulation desk and in the Children's Room. In January, we asked, "Would you rather play a sport or play an instrument?" In the Children's Room, 44 friends wanted to play a sport, while 25 friends would prefer to play an instrument. 9 friends just couldn't decide and placed a sticker right on the center line. At the adult circulation desk, 18 friends would like to play a sport, and 22 friends would rather play an instrument. 3 would like to do both. In total, we had 62 votes for sport, 47 votes for instrument, and 12 votes for both. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for next month's question and vote for your choice!



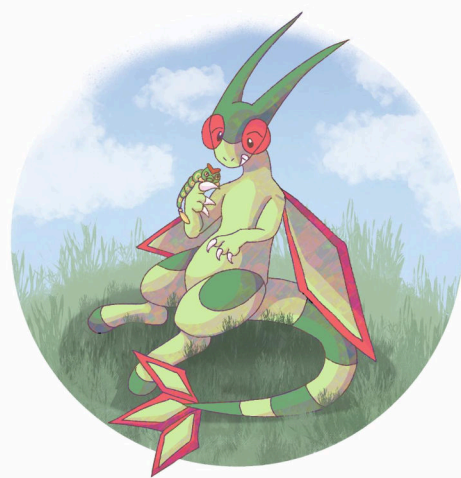
Speers Gallery

February Artist: Inspiring the Love of Art

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents "Inspiring the Love of Art", an exhibition of artwork created by students from The New School and School Around Us. This is the fifth year the library has hosted an exhibit by these young artists.

The exhibit will run February 2-27, and the public is invited to a reception on Wednesday, February 8, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The New School is a democratic high school located in Kennebunk, and School Around Us is a holistic co-learning community for homeschoolers ages 5-14. The arts are an important part of the curriculum at TNS and SAU, and local artists are frequently a source of inspiration and teaching for the



students. For example, this year students worked with Pamela Moulton, a fiber/installation artist in Portland. Josie Perkins teaches performance music and music theory. Rhonda Miller teaches visual art; 2-D and sculpture. Other local artists have enjoyed sharing their love of the arts. They give students the opportunity to interact with professional artists and form relationships with adults beyond their core teachers. The balance between academic pursuits and artistic expression meets the belief in holistic education for both schools.

This year the work of students includes puppetry, digital art, pottery and drawing from The New School and drawings and paintings from the School Around Us. Students have created, collected and prepared work, and are excited to see their voice and diligence celebrated on the wall of the Speers Gallery. Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to welcome back and display the works of these talented artists once again.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from February 2- 27 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

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.

Books on order for February:

February 7

[Someone Else's Shoes – Jojo Moyes](#)

[Unnatural History – Jonathan Kellerman](#)

[More Than Meets the Eye – Iris Johansen](#)

[Victory City – Salman Rushdie](#)

[Encore in Death – J.D. Robb](#)

February 14

[Death of a Traitor – M.C. Beaton](#)

[3 Days to Live – James Patterson](#)

February 21

[Every Man a King – Walter Mosley](#)

[A Calder at Heart – Janet Dailey](#)

[The Last Kingdom – Steve Berry](#)

February 28

[Storm Watch – C.J. Box](#)

[The Maltese Iguana – Tim Dorsey](#)

A Message from the Library Director



As I'm writing this note, the Town is recovering from its recent winter storms and power outages. We were very happy to open our doors to help a waiting line of people who were looking for heat, bathrooms, WiFi, and a place to charge their devices. Even when our power went down for an hour, we were able to hook up one of our WiFi hotspots which provided internet for those that chose to stay. While it is never a preference for our community to face hardships, we are glad to know that we can offer a safe and warm place for those who need it.

My hope is that everyone knows that KFL is always a place for people to come when they need help or entertainment or education or

Pictured: My son recently turned three and he has discovered his love for books!

Staff Picks & Messages

Ian, Library Assistant

The Wild Hunt by Emma Seckel

This book covers so many themes and yet never feels overwhelming. Touching on everything from love and grief to Celtic mythology and a post-World War II world, this is a beautifully written book. Leigh returns Edinburgh to her childhood home on an unnamed Scottish island where a mystery involving the disappearance of a local boy slowly unfolds. Hanging over the story are the Slauch, creatures of Celtic legend that represent souls after death.



House of X/Powers of X by Jonathan Hickman with art by Pepe Larraz

This is the book that kicked off Jonathan Hickman's reboot of the X-Men books back in 2019. I've been catching up on the Dawn of X storyline and was reminded at how refreshing and exciting his vision of the franchise was. As with a lot of Hickman's work expect big ideas and themes along with a fair amount of humor sprinkled in. This is fairly accessible for anyone wanting to start with X-Men books but be sure to keep the X-Men wiki open while you read.



Margaret's Unicorn by Briony May Smith

As a father to a four-year-old girl, I have read my share of unicorn books. This one is by far my favorite. Lovely illustrations accompany a sweet story about a little girl moving to a new home and finding a friend to help her with the transition. Highly recommended for any parents looking for a fresh unicorn story.



Kat, Library Assistant

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

This modern twist on David Copperfield takes us to Appalachia through the foster care system, the opiate crisis, teen pregnancy, and child labor. Damon and his best friend and neighbor "Maggot" are big losers in the parent lottery. The characters are engaging or infuriating but seem "real". The author offers us a sympathetic view into generational poverty and passed on trauma. This is a raw, filter less story but I was not tempted to look away.

Romancing the Home – Stylish interiors for Modern Living by Steward Manger with Jacqueline Terrebone

Looking for some inspiration to freshen up your home's interior? Want to imagine what a clutter free home might look like? I do. This book could have been subtitled "Fifty Shades of Beige". That isn't a bad thing, I guess beige replaces grey this year. Travel the world with the designer and see what he does with a Scottish Castle, a New England beach home, a Paris apartment, a London townhouse, a contemporary penthouse, etc. I enjoyed the beautiful photography and varied architecture. A fun escape on a wintry day.

Dinners With Ruth by Nina Totenberg

With the passing of Barbara Walters, I was drawn to learn more about women that busted into male territory in the 1960's. Of course, getting another prospective of RBG was very attractive. I didn't know much about Nina Totenberg before reading this memoir and I am glad "to make her acquaintance". Washington DC was a lonely place for women during this time and friendships based on mutual support were vital to fulfilling this new role for women: career and family. I loved the personal insight into the powerhouse, tiny woman judge Ginsberg, as well as her tender love story marriage with Marty. Audio available on Overdrive.



February is Black History Month.
Here are a few newer books from our collection
to read during Black History Month and beyond.

