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Adult Book Discussion
Thurs. January 26th @11:15 AM
Helen Simonson's
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
Copies are available to borrow.
Drop-Ins are always welcome!

On Display
in the Speers Gallery
Beginning January: 17th
Architectural Renderings of the
1907 Kennebunk Free Library
(Gallery maintenance Jan. 2nd
through 14th)

Trivia Night in January.
1/25/2012 at 6:30 PM



The Library will be CLOSED
Monday, January 16th to
observe M. L. King Jr. Day

Inside Youth Services

Homeschooling Group

Our Homeschooling Group will meet on **Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 from 2-4 PM**. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with other homeschooling families, ask questions and get ideas. Parents considering homeschooling for their children are always welcomed. Activities for children will be provided.

This drop-in group meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of every month from 2-4 PM.



Storytimes Return Jan. 9th

Peek-a-Book Babies
Mondays at 10:15 AM
Family Storytime
Tuesdays 10:15 AM
Time for 2's & 3's
Thursdays 10:15 AM

Winter Beach Party



Cold weather keeping your kids cooped up? Bring them to a beach party at KFL! Kids in grades K-3 are invited to revisit summer with songs, summer games and sand art on **Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 4 PM**. To help ensure that we have enough supplies, pre-registration is required.

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 23, 2012 marks the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Dragon. Children in grades 4 & up are invited to learn more about Chinese culture and the holiday on **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 4 PM**. We'll have crafts and games to help celebrate. Please pre-register



To pre-register for programs that require it, please call 985-2173 x-5 or email ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us to let us know you are coming.

The Teen Zone

Teen Advisory Board Jan. 3rd 3:30 PM. Members of the Teen Advisory Board help make the library a special place for teens and tweens. Members recommend books and movies for the teen collection, help plan fun and exciting teen programs, and discuss current trends in technology. New members are always welcome. For more information please call 985-2173 x 5.

Teen Movie Night Jan. 3rd 5:30 PM. *Green Lantern* (2011; PG-13). "A test pilot is granted an alien ring that bestows him with otherworldly powers, as well as membership into an intergalactic squadron tasked with keeping peace within the universe." © IMDB. As always, free pizza is served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Anime Club Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th 3:30 PM. Anime is the Japanese word for animation. Anime Club includes practice drawing in the anime style, Asian inspired crafts, and manga and anime film discussion. KFL's Anime Club receives free monthly anime DVD's from Operation Anime, which are viewed and critiqued every other meeting.



Gaming at the Library 3:00 PM. A weekly gaming group that includes electronic games and fantasy board games. Gaming offers Wii sports, Wii Sports Resort, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, and Rock Band 2.

Kindle & Nook Tutorials



Now that KFL lends Kindles and Nooks, we are offering sessions to help individuals get acquainted with their own e-Readers.

Drop-in sessions will be held by KFL staff on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Thursday afternoons from 2 PM - 3 PM or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 985-2173.

Genealogy Group

Sat. Jan. 7 at 10 AM Problem Solving Roundtable

Please email (kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us) or call Janet (985-2173) to submit your "stumper" so the group can help you out. Remember to include what you already have and where you found it!

Sat. Feb. 4 at 10 AM Kathy Ostrander Roberts, Kennebunk Town Historian

"Six Feet Under: Burial Traditions in the Kennebunk's."

Historians can tell a lot about past cultures by studying what the people wore and how they lived. They can tell just as much by looking at how they died and how they treated their dead — and that will be the topic of discussion which will



feature Kennebunk Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts.



Ostrander Roberts will discuss, among other things, how changes in our culture bring about changes in burial traditions. For example, the dearly departed who died prior to the 1850s were laid out on the kitchen table, washed and put in plain burial gowns made of cotton or wool.

A notation in the diary of local selectman and shopkeeper Andrew Walker describes someone being buried in his best suit of clothes for the first time in town. After that, burials became more elaborate, featuring wakes, eulogies and funeral homes for the first time, in part due to new embalming techniques.

Ostrander Roberts will also discuss the evolution of gravestones since colonial days.

The genealogy Group meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10 AM (with the exception of the April 7th meeting which is at Noon and features professional genealogist Maureen Taylor, "The Photo Detective" presenting "Identifying and Dating Family Photos."

Upcoming Fundraising Events con't

Friday, July 14th, 6:30 PM: 15th Edition 5K Run/Walk: Help support the library while running/walking through scenic downtown Kennebunk and through Kennebunk's well known historic district. Local vendors are sponsoring a light dinner for participants served on the Library's front lawn (a nominal fee is charged to those not running/walking). Also featured is a 50/50 raffle and a beer garden! The event also includes a raffle with prizes from many local merchants. Picnics are always welcome so bring the whole family!



Pre-registration is available through the KFL website—participants have already begun to sign up! The first 200 registrants will receive a free T-shirt and goodie bag. Don't miss this fun family event, now in our 15th year!

Adult Book Discussion Group

One of Amazon's Best Books of the Month, Helen Simonson's *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* is a sure winner! "Change is threatening the little world of Edgecombe St. Mary. Lord Dagenham is about to sell off part of his ancestral estate to developers, and Pakistanis have taken over the village shop. Major Ernest Pettigrew is definitely old school, but he has been lonely since his wife died, and though he is prey to various unattached ladies, it is with shopkeeper Mrs. Ali that he forms a bond, nourished by their mutual interest in literature." --Quinn, Mary Ellen © 2010 Booklist. Join us for a lively discussion of this great book on **Jan. 26 at 11:15 AM!** Copies are available to borrow at the adult circulation desk. Kindle editions are available for \$11.99 at amazon.com.



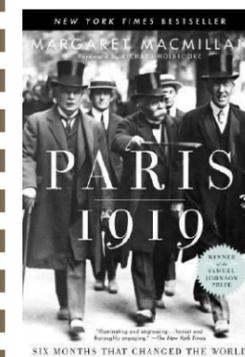
New Non-Fiction Book Group Begins

For six months in 1919, after the end of "the war to end all wars," the Big Three--President Woodrow Wilson, British prime minister David Lloyd George, and French premier Georges Clemenceau--met in Paris to shape a permanent peace. In this significant work of narrative history, Margaret MacMillan gives a vivid and intimate view of those crucial days, which saw new political entities--Iraq, Yugoslavia, and Palestine, among them--born out of the remnants of bankrupt empires, and the borders of the modern world redrawn.

The multiple award-winning book, *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World*, will be discussed in three weekly evening sessions, each focusing on a different aspect of the book. Discussions will be held on Tuesday evenings, **February 28th, March 6th and March 13th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.**

Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Library. In an effort to include our commuter friends, this book will be available to borrow in audio CD format. The book may also be purchased as an E-book, available from Google Books for \$13.99.

The Library has never tried a non-fiction book group and we are excited to offer this to our patrons. Considering that there are a tremendous number of non-fiction readers, we hope that this program will be launched successfully. KFL staff member Adam Bohanan will be the discussion facilitator—several readings of the book have convinced him that it would be a worthwhile book to discuss, especially considering the currency of its decisions and its lasting influence on the international scene.



Calendar of Events

Library Hours:
 Mon. 9:30-8 Thurs. 9:30-5
 Tues. 9:30-8 Fri. 9:30-5
 Weds. 12:30-8 Sat. 9:30-5

Story Times Resume January 9th!

Peek-a-Book Babies: Mondays at 10:15 AM | *Family Storytime:* Tuesdays at 10:15 AM | *Time for 2's & 3's:* Thursdays at 10:15 AM
Teen Gaming: Every Friday, 3 PM-4:45 PM

January 2012:

- 1/2 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1/3 Teen Advisory Board , 3:30 PM
- 1/3 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
- 1/4 Email Basics, 10 AM
- 1/7 Genealogy Group, 10 AM
- 1/9 Homeschooling Group, 2 PM
- 1/10 Winter Beach Party, 4 PM
- 1/11 Email Basics, 10 AM
- 1/12 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 1/13 Writers Group, 10 AM
- 1/16 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1/18 Email Basics, 10 AM
- 1/24 Chinese New Year Celebration, 4 PM
- 1/25 Trivia Night! 6:30 PM
- 1/26 Adult Book Discussion Group, 11:15 AM

- 1/26 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 1/29 Opera at the Library, 1 PM

February 2012:

- 2/7 Friends of the Library Meet, 11:30 AM

The fireplace in our Reading Room is ablaze every Wednesday and Thursday through March 31st. There's always a puzzle under way too, in case you run out of reading materials or just want to linger a bit longer....



Speers Gallery Exhibit for January:
 1907 Architectural Renderings of the
 Kennebunk Free Library

KFL Display cases in January:
 Memorable Children's Books

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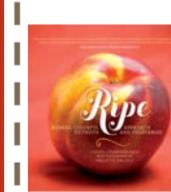
Upcoming Fundraising Events

KFL plans several fundraisers throughout the year to meet our commitment of fundraising 25% of our operating expenses. We also plan events to offer a variety of venues that appeal to a wide range of interests. Three fundraisers are on the docket for this Spring and Summer. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.



Academe
 Maine Brasserie & Tavern

Thursday, April 26th, 2012: Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon. The historic Kennebunk Inn will be the site of this luncheon event, featuring current fashions provided by the finest women's clothiers in Kennebunk, and modeled by your friends and neighbors. Savor the Inn's delicious offerings while enjoying a forecast of this season's fashions.



Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012: Cheryl Sternman Rule is an award winning food writer whose work has appeared in a wide variety of national food magazines and websites, including *EatingWell*, *Cooking Light*, *Health*, *Sunset*, *Body + Soul*, *Vegetarian Times*, *iVillage*, *Culinate*, and more. She is also the voice behind the popular food blog *5 Second Rule*. Cheryl's first cookbook, *RIPE: A Fresh, Colorful Approach to Fruits and Vegetables*, will be published by Running Press in April 2012. Event plans include an author presentation as well as dinner prepared by a local restaurant using locally grown food and recipes from Cheryl's cookbook.



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Opera at the Library

After a two year hiatus, opera returns to KFL! This winter, four crowd-pleasing comedic operas on DVD will be shown in the comfort of our elegant Reading Room. Mark your calendars now for the four showings, all held on Sundays at 1 PM (doors will open at 12:30 PM). There will be a short intermission with light refreshments.

- ◆ **February 5th** • Rossini's *Il Barbiere Di Siviglia* with Joyce DiDonato and Juan Diego Florez; directed by Antonio Pappano and Moshe Leiser
- ◆ **March 4th** • Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte* with Miah Persson, and Luca Pisaroni; directed by Nicolas Hytner
- ◆ **March 18th** • Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* with Juan Diego Florez and Ruggero Raimondi; directed by Grischa Asagaroff (permission pending)
- ◆ **April 1st** • Puccini's *Tosca* with Raina Kabaivanska and Plácido Domingo; directed by Gianfranco De Bosio (permission pending)
- ◆ **April 22nd** (snow date)

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who have purchased the DVDs as well as the room-darkening shades and the enhanced sound system.



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