

Kennebunk Free Library

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The Library Staff and Board of Trustees wish you and your family all the best in the New Year!

The New Africa Comes to Kennebunk



On **Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00** KFL will host a panel of brilliant speakers as we kickoff our series on The New Africa. This series is sponsored by the Camden Conference, in partnership with the World Affairs Council KFL is a participating library bringing an extension of this conference to our community.

Currently only 1 percent of Tanzanian girls complete secondary school. The Mileme Girls School in rural Tanzania, a project of Africa Schoolhouse, provides a safe living environment that enables young women to gain an education and impact future generations. Aimée and Mark Bessire, founders of Africa Schoolhouse, will share their work with Sukuma communities and research on girls' education. Pamela W. Hawkes and T. Scott Teas of Scattergood Architects will discuss the design and construction of the Mileme Girls School using local sustainable materials and work crews.



On **Saturday, January 9 at 2:00** we will host artist, illustrator, educator and collector Toni Truesdale for our second installment in our series on The New Africa.

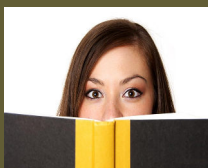
Toni will be discussing a variety of topics during her presentation including daily life (art and artifact), iconic mother figures of power, representations of life passages and storytelling. She will be showing some of her collection during this presentation and these items will also be on display at the library in February. A snow date has been scheduled for January 23 at 2:00.

Holiday Hours

The Library will be
CLOSED Friday,
January 1 to observe
New Year's Day

We WILL be open Sat.,
Jan. 2 from 9:30 AM to 5
PM.

We will also be CLOSED
on Monday, January 18
to observe Martin Luther
King Jr. Day.



Adult Reading

On **Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00** Damas Rugaba, president of the Rwanda Community Association of Maine, will share his experiences

Groups

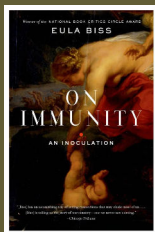
Non-fiction Book Group

Mon., Jan. 11

6:30 PM

On Immunity

by Eula Biss



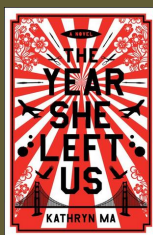
Adult Book Group

Tues., Jan. 26 at

1:00 PM

The Year She Left Us

by Kathryn Ma



'Tis the Season

to enjoy a fire in our
fireplace!

Join us in the
Parsons Reading Room
on
Wednesdays and
Thursdays now through
March.

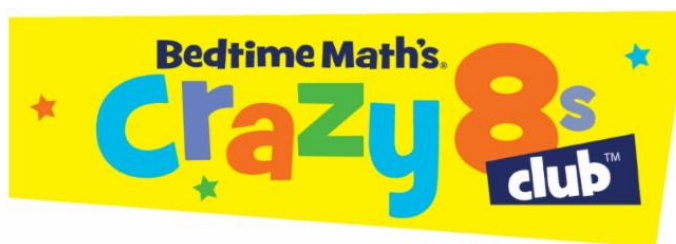
with immigrant integration in his talk, entitled *The Need for Immigration in Maine and the Challenges with Integration*.

Damas was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and moved to Rwanda in the early 90s during the Rwanda Patriotic Front's liberation war. He worked as a pilot for the Rwanda Air Force until 2000, when he moved to Portland, Maine. Since 2002, he has been



working for Unum Insurance Company in different positions, and now as a Financial Benefits Specialist. In January 2014, he was elected president of the Rwanda Community Association of Maine and also heads an Integration Center Project in collaboration with other immigrant community leaders. He is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with an MS in Community Development and an MBA. He lives in Westbrook, Maine with his wife and two children.

The Camden Conference is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to foster informed discourse on world issues. This year's conference will be held February 19-21, 2016.



KFL is offering hands-on games to get kids in kindergarten through second grade fired up about math! The Crazy 8's Club will meet for a total of 8 sessions every other Monday at 4:00 pm beginning January 11. Due to the Library's closure on the Patriots Day holiday, the final session will be on Tuesday April 19.

The Crazy 8's Club, a brainchild of Bedtime Math, is a recreational math club designed to help kids enjoy math through building, running and jumping, making music, and making a mess. It is a totally new kind of math club. Participants get to do mischief-making activities like Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice and Toilet Paper Olympics, and they get to take home some cool gadgets, too.

Pre-Registration is required.

New Tax Help Procedures at KFL

The *bad* news is that we've transitioned from the "most wonderful time of the year" to the least wonderful - income tax season. The *good* news is that AARP is sending some of their amazing volunteers to help you prepare your taxes. Most of us don't even like





Teen Advisory Board

**Tues., Jan. 8,
3:30-4:30 PM.**

We will discuss potential teen programs and activities for January and February, so bring your ideas and your friends. Snacks will be provided.

Join us in Hank's Room.
Open to anyone in Grades 6-12.



Nifty Knitters

**Every Tuesday at 11
AM**

Bring a needlework project to work while chatting with other crafters, or bring in your project for others to help you.

Beginners Welcome!
Don't forget, KFL lends knitting needles & has wool available for the asking.

doing our own taxes - the AARP accountants volunteer their own time to do hundreds of tax returns for strangers. Please treat them like the heroes that they are!

This year, tax help will be offered every Thursday from 9:30-12:00, **beginning on February 4** and ending on April 14. Because this is a popular service, we want to make things as hassle-free as possible. To that end, we are implementing a new sign-up procedure this year. We will not be putting a sign-up sheet outside the door as we have done in previous years. Instead, library doors will be open at 9:30 sharp, with a sign-up sheet inside the library. We're hoping that being here at 9:30, rather than at 9:00, will minimize the overall time that you spend waiting.

The accountants are wonderful about staying until everybody has been seen, so don't feel that you have to camp out for an appointment. Everybody will have a turn. We know tax season is stressful for everybody so we appreciate your patience and your kindness to each other.

Studying and Stress-Busting

Studying and Stress-Busting will provide an opportunity for students to complete schoolwork and gather with friends in a relaxed and supportive environment. Group study sessions and project work are encouraged. There will also be a variety of 'stress-busting' activities available such as word games, coloring sheets and other creative projects. Melissa West, the teen librarian, will be on hand to assist with tricky homework questions and research needs.



This event will take place in the Reference Room at KFL between 3PM-5PM on **January 13th, 20th and 27th**. Snacks will be provided. Open to students in Grades 6-12.

Winnie-the-Pooh Day

KFL is celebrating Winnie-the-Pooh Day on **Wednesday, January 13** at 4:00 pm with children in grades K-5. The celebration will commemorate the birth of A. A. Milne on January 18, 1882. Milne is the beloved author of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories which he created for his son, Christopher Robin. Students will learn about the REAL bear that inspired the Winnie-the-Pooh stories, hear one of Milne's own stories and complete a craft project. Children are invited to bring a bear or stuffed animal for show and tell.





Homeschooling Group

Mon., Jan. 4 at 2 PM.

This drop-in group is open to homeschooling families and families considering it.



Legos Club

Children in kindergarten and older are invited to join KFL's Legos Club on

Tues., Jan. 26 at 10 AM.

Preregistration is required for this popular event or call 985-2173 x5.



Storytimes

Resuming Jan. 4

Mondays 10:15 AM
Peek-a-Book Babies

Tuesdays
10:15 AM Family
Storytime

Pre-registration is required.

KFL's Genealogy Group



The next meeting of KFL's Genealogy Group will be held on **Sat., Jan. 9**, from 10 AM - Noon.

Pam Stone Eagleson, Certified Genealogist, will present a lecture addressing a common problem faced by many family genealogists - how can you find an ancestor's parents if no document names them?

Identifying Robert Walker's Ancestry is a case study using indirect evidence to build a proof argument that follows the Genealogical Proof Standard. Identifying Walker's ancestry required research in ten counties of five states, DNA testing, and legal proceedings around a deed his father failed to execute.

The Genealogy Group is open to the public and meets nine times a year. For more information about Pam Stone Eagleson and her work please visit www.gen-nections.com.

This free program requires no registration; just come, share and learn! Drop-in's are always welcome!

Tail Waggin' Tutor



Jack, a five-year-old black Labrador Retriever, will be visiting KFL once a month as a patient, furry listener encouraging children to read. His first visit will be **Saturday January 16**

from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Students of all ages are invited to drop in to read to Jack.

Library Reading Dogs can help children increase their reading skills and become more confident readers. The dog provides a non-judgmental listener and children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency. Of course, associating reading with something fun like patting a dog helps too!

Jack is a certified therapy dog who also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He will be accompanied by his favorite people, Ursula and Katie Roesse.

No pre-registration is needed to participate. The program is free and wheelchair accessible.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

January Speers Gallery Artist



"Keepsakes by Kate", the acrylic works of Kate Banks remind you that art is suitable for the soul. It was launched in March of 2014 on Facebook with only nine paintings. There are now over 60. Kate was born with a deformity and dysplasia of the left hip. The artist behind this exhibit is a young inspiring individual from Maine, who because of her disability has always been an artist. Kate Banks strives to give back to the community by producing a variety of work that she hopes will remind people to smile among the chaos of the world.

As a 2005 graduate, Kate pursued her art goals by attending Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota Florida, Maine College

The "Brown Bag Lunch Series" is an opportunity for the community to connect with local authors in an intimate, casual setting. Authors will discuss their work every other Thursday through the winter.

Local Author **Emily Kinney** will discuss her novel *The Island of Lote* at KFL on **Thursday, January 7th**, from noon to 1PM in Hank's Room. Maine native Emily Kinney's debut novel focuses on 14 year old Milo Hestler who describes herself as a life-long victim of circumstances. Her parents have home-hopped with her all across the country, never fully settling down. Their last disastrous abode sends Milo begging to go to summer camp in farthest place she can think of: Australia. However, she never gets there. Near a remote, uncharted tropical island, Milo's plane malfunctions, forcing her to parachute into the ocean. Dragged ashore in the wee hours of the morning by a local island boy, Milo's real adventure begins. Through miscommunication, mishaps, mistakes, and misleading hand gestures, Milo finds herself adjusting to island life as the reluctant fiancée of her rescuer and unqualified parental figure of a tiny intellectual. Both hilarious and thought-provoking, *The Island of Lote* follows Milo's journey as she slowly learns to overcome her indignation and fury in order to consider the possibility of love. More of Emily Kinney's writing is available on her blog and on Pinterest, both titled Fueled by Whimsy.

Esther Pasztory will discuss her recent publication, *Aliens and Fakes: Popular Theories About the Origins of Ancient Americans*, on **Thursday, January 21**, from noon to 1 PM at KFL. Esther Pasztory, a recent resident of Kennebunk, is professor emerita of Columbia University. Her field is Pre-Columbian art history. She has published a number of scholarly books as well as several works of fiction. *A wonderful book about the myths and theories, some plausible and some preposterous, that have accumulated over the ages about the origins of the peoples of ancient America. Esther Pasztory treats them all with wisdom and wit...If all this were not enough, Esther Pasztory, turns her conclusion into the most readable introduction we now have of what everyone needs to know about ancient American art. Nothing could be a more appealing and acute entry into the subject as a whole.* From the foreword by David Freedberg, PhD, author of *The Power of Images*.

New Crafting Group

of Art, and then graduating from the University of New England earning her Bachelors in History with a Minor in Art. Kate is a member of the National History Honor Society.

The public is invited to attend a free artist's reception on **Monday, January 11 at 6:00.**



Wed., Jan. 27th
@ 6:30 PM

Cabin Fever



More details coming soon about our Cabin Fever party and silent auction scheduled for

Saturday, Feb. 27, 6-9 PM

Crafting Friends is a new group meeting in the reference room the first Wednesday of each month, beginning **January 6th**, from 5:30-7:30 PM. Open to the public, this group meets to socialize and work on individual and varied craft projects. Bring your current project and all supplies whether it be fiber work, a sewing project, paper or beading creations. As long as it can be done on your lap or small table you can bring it! Future dates are February 3 and March 2.



Classic Comedy Film Series

Feeling the drag of shorter winter days? KFL is pleased to present a classic comedy film series starting Tuesday, **January 5th**, from 5:30pm until 7:30pm in Hank's Room. Bundle up, get out of the house, and laugh a little beginning with the films of Laurel and Hardy hosted by Jim Macmath!



Jim Macmath is the leader of the Maine chapter (a.k.a. "tent") of Sons of the Desert, an international consortium of Laurel and Hardy enthusiasts. There are more than 100 tents worldwide that share the timeless humor of Laurel and Hardy movies with the public.

Stay tuned for future viewing dates.

Making Sense of the Civil War-- A Let's Talk About Program



This facilitated book discussion series is offered by the Maine Humanities Council, and explores different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present:

- [Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam](#) by James McPherson
- [America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150th Anniversaries](#)

These books are available to borrow at the adult circulation desk.

The final date in this series will be held on Tuesday **Jan. 12** at 6:30 on. Registration is required for this series. Please call 985-2173 or email.us.

January Calendar of Events

Jan. 4: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM

Jan. 4: Homeschool Group, 2:00 PM

Jan. 5: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Jan. 5: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Jan. 5: Classic Comedy Film Series, 5:30 PM
Jan. 6: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
Jan. 6: New Africa Discussion - Tanzanian Schools 6:00 PM
Jan. 7: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
Jan. 7: Author Talk - Emily Kinney, 12:00 PM
Jan. 7: Knittin' Mittens, 4:00 PM
Jan. 8: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Jan. 9: Genealogy Group Discussion - Pam Eagleson, 10 AM
Jan. 9: New Africa Discussion - Feminine Identity in African Art, 2:00 PM
Jan. 11: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
Jan. 11: Crazy 8's, 4:00 PM
Jan. 11: Artist Reception, 6:00 PM
Jan. 11: Nonfiction Book Group - *On Immunity*, 6:30 PM
Jan. 12: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Jan. 12: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Jan. 12: Teen Advisory Board 3:30 PM
Jan. 12: Let's Talk About It Book Group, 6:30 PM
Jan. 13: Studying & Stress Busting, 3:00-5:00 PM
Jan. 13: Winnie-the-Pooh Day, 4:00
Jan. 14: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
Jan. 14: Knittin' Mittens, 4:00 PM
Jan. 15: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Jan. 16: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10:00 AM
Jan. 19: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Jan. 19: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Jan. 19: Yoga Series, 4:00 PM
Jan. 19: Friends Meeting, 6:30 PM
Jan. 20: Studying & Stress Busting, 3:00-5:00 PM
Jan. 21: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
Jan. 21: Author Talk - Esther Pasztory, 12:00 PM
Jan. 21: Knittin' Mittens, 4:00
Jan. 22: Teen Gaming, 2:30
Jan. 25: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
Jan. 25: Crazy 8's, 4:00
Jan. 26: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Jan. 26: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Jan. 26: Adult Book Discussion - *The Year She Left Us*, 1 PM
Jan. 26: Legos Club, 4:00 PM
Jan. 26, Trustee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Jan. 27: Studying & Stress Busting, 3:00-5:00 PM
Jan. 27: New Africa Discussion - Immigration & Integration in Maine, 6:00 PM
Jan. 27: Trivia Night, 6:30
Jan. 28 Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
Jan. 28: Knittin' Mittens, 4:00 PM
Jan. 29: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM

We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via [email](#), phone (207/985-2173) [Facebook](#) or in person.