



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Art Auction Fundraiser

Included in our auction is a contribution from 11-year-old patron and artist, Piper. Piper's "**Swing**" is acrylic on canvas and is one of many donations from talented, local artists.

Again this year we have received wonderful donations of art from our community. Paintings and prints, both large and small will be part of the offerings at Kennebunk Free Library's fourth annual silent art auction that will be held **January 5 to 20, 2018**. A bid book with additional information about each item will be available for viewing in Speers Gallery and on our website. People who wish to place a bid on any of the items will first need to sign up for a free bid number at the adult desk. Bidding will end at 5PM on Saturday, January 20 at the close of business. Winning bidders will be notified on Monday, January 22.

Kennebunk Free Library will continue to accept donations of artwork through December 31st.



Certified Genealogist Speaks on Divorce Records

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host Certified Genealogist Pam Stone Eagleson, on **Saturday, January 6** at 10:00 AM. Pam will discuss divorce records in genealogical research.

Divorce was alive and thriving throughout the nineteenth century. This lecture addresses the history of divorce in the United States and focuses on where to find these records and the information contained in them.

Pam uses the resources of several Maine, New England and national repositories. She regularly attends genealogical conferences and institutes. It is her hope that through her research, teaching

and consulting she will help bring your genealogy to life. For more information about Pam Stone Eagleson and her work please visit www.gen-nections.com.

The Genealogy Group is free, open to the public and meets nine times a year. We welcome all new guests.

Penguin Needle Felting - Class Full **Stay Tuned for an additional program in March.**

Join us on **Thursday, January 18** at 1:30 p.m. (snow date: 1/25 at 1:30 p.m.) when we welcome Danielle Bonney for a needle felting class. This is an easy art form that anyone can learn. Class size is limited so registration is required. **Email** or call 985-2173. Ages 10 and up welcome.

Danielle first learned about needle felting when she picked up a book at KFL three years ago and she's been creating ever since! All supplies including a felting pad, felting needles and wool for your penguin are provided. Please expect a two-hour class.

Danielle Bonney is a Fiber artist and lives in Kennebunk. She makes birds and other animals out of sheep's wool through a technique called Needle Felting. She teaches classes all over Maine and sells her animals through her online Etsy shop called **Wild Things Maine**, Restless Threads in Kennebunk, and Hurbutts, and has been commissioned by the National Park Service for larger birds.



Craft Program Poll

Our recent adult and family craft programs have been very popular. We've filled up every class so far and have had a waiting list. Typically KFL pays a fee to the instructor and then pays an additional supply fee per person (around \$4-\$10/person). In order to accommodate additional craft programs would you be willing to pay the supply fee? No one will ever be turned away from a program if the fee can't be paid. Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) to participate in our poll. Thank you.

6 Steps to Simple

Are you feeling overwhelmed and frustrated with too much "stuff" in your home and life? If you're ready to simplify, join simple living coach and consultant Lisa Luken for a presentation on "6 Steps to SIMPLE" at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, January 29** at 6:30 p.m. (snow date: 2/6 at 6:30).

Lisa will share a SIMPLE 6-step process to get focused, take action and find freedom and joy in your home and life. She will share simple living principles and decision-making questions that focus on the overall goal of creating a simpler home and life while also sharing practical how-to organizing tips.



Lisa Luken helps others simplify their homes, photos and lives. She works with clients across the US, empowering them to create and embrace simpler, more joy-filled lives. For ideas, inspiration and to learn more about Lisa's own personal simplifying journey visit her website and blog at www.SimpleJoyLiving.com.

Trivia Night - Play for money, play for glory!

Trivia Night is held on the last Wednesday of the month (**January 31** at 6:30 p.m.) in the Walker Room. Play alone or team up with friends--there's no limit on team size! Thirty questions; differing difficulty levels and subjects. Participants can either pay to play or play for free.

Pay to play: \$2 a head, the winning group gets half the proceeds, KFL gets the rest. Play for free: Free, but not eligible to win cash.

A Celebration of Maine Birds: Photos & Stories from a Birder's Big Year

Join us on **Wednesday, February 7** at 6 p.m. (snow date: 2/21 at 6) when we welcome back naturalist Josh Fecteau for his presentation, *A Celebration of Maine Birds: Photos and Stories from a Birder's Big Year*.



How many species of birds can one see in a year in Maine? Josh Fecteau sought to answer that question in 2017, and in this program he'll share photos and stories that take you on a statewide journey of avian appreciation. Along the way, he'll pass on some of his essential bird seeking strategies, on the off chance that you catch the birding bug!

Local naturalist Josh Fecteau is a wild food enthusiast and avid birder who maintains a website and natural history blog (joshfecteau.com) and takes pleasure in sharing his love of the wild with others by leading walks and workshops and presenting to audiences large and small.

Pictured: Painted Bunting in May in Palermo, ME



The Threat & Consequences of Climate Change to World Order

Andrew Stancioff will present on Monday, February 5 (snow date: 2/12/18) at 6:00 PM. His presentation, *The Threat and Consequences of Climate Change to World Order*, is sponsored by the Camden Conference, in cooperation with the World Affairs Council. KFL is a participating library bringing an extension of this conference to our community.

Climate Change or "Global Warming" has enormous implications for the future of humanity and the earth itself. The threat of climate change will have an impact on many aspects of our daily lives and those of future generations. We will see more and bigger storms, floods, higher sea levels, melting ice caps and glaciers, and the disappearance of many species of plants, animals and insects. In the near future we can also expect the impact of climate change to affect human behavior more and more negatively, resulting in security threats to our country from within and from outside as other parts of the world become destabilized by the effects of climate change. Many of the present day conflicts have climate change at their core. These include the droughts in Syria and Iraq and food insecurity in the region of Nigeria, Chad, and Niger that have produced Boko Haram.

Andrew Stancioff is a geologist, natural resource planner, analyst,

and manager with 35 years of experience in geology, hydrology, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, climatology, and oceanography. He has 40 years of experience in developing countries and 25 years in Africa. During the last ten years, Stancioff has worked to develop methods and models to monitor and evaluate poverty and conflict in areas under stress from overpopulation and overuse of natural resources and other forms of degradation. He is presently working on finding financing to plant trees in Africa to create natural CO2 sinks and sources of food. He has been involved in modeling, demographic health and environmental data in support of famine and conflict early warning systems. Mr. Stancioff has lived in Spruce Head, Maine for the last 10 years where he has been active in supporting the Camden Conference on various committees.



The Camden Conference is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to foster informed discourse on world issues. This year's conference, *New World Disorder and America's Future*, will be held February 16-18, 2017. For more information about the Camden Conference, visit www.camdenconference.org, email info@camdenconference.org, or call 207-236-1034.

Children's Programming

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, January 5** at 10 a.m.

This class offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to gather to share the joys and challenges of parenthood. Skills developed will focus on identifying and understanding a child's four basic feelings, calming ourselves down and the positive effect of mirror neurons with your child.

Stevie has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for over 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Storytimes

It's time for storytime! Join us at KFL for stories, songs, and rhymes during our next storytime session. Start building your child's early literacy skills and have fun at the same time! Storytimes are designed for different ages, but anyone is welcome! Our next session will be held January 8-April 20 at the following times:

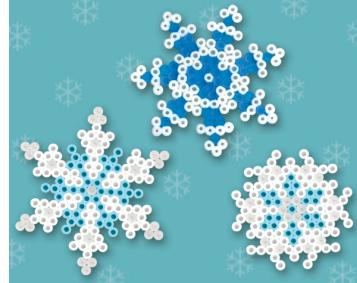
- Mondays at 10:15: Peek-A-Book Babies (ages 0-2 years)
- Tuesdays at 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5 years)



Beadcraft - Snowflakes

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 (with caregiver) and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun **Wednesday, January 10** at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be

provided.



Imagination Station - Static Electricity!

Join us on Thursday, **January 11** from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. for Imagination Station: Static Electricity! Come explore the "shocking" things static electricity can do. All Imagination Station programs are drop-in; stay the whole time or come when you can.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for this series of programs showcasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) - in ways that are fun and accessible for all ages. Find out how stuff works, why things happen, and what makes our world the way it is.



Mad Science: Airplanes!

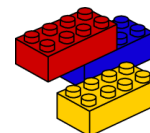
Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Mad Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Our next session, Airplanes!, will be held on **Monday, January 22**, at 4 p.m. All programs are open to ages 6 and up. [Registration is required.](#)

At December's Mad Science the kids had so much fun making their own kaleidoscopes! They learned about mirrors and prisms and reflecting light. Each kid left with a kaleidoscope able to create multiple different images and reflections.



LEGO Club

Come join us on **Wednesday, January 24** at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own heart's content. [Registration is required.](#) for kids in grades K and up.

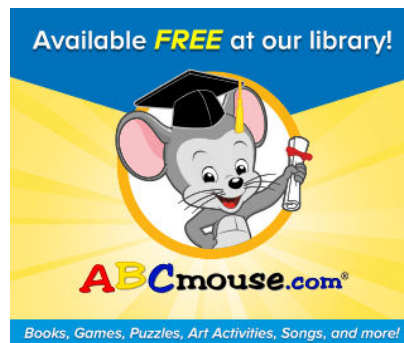


Fiber Art Studio

Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to an ongoing drop-in fiber arts program, the last Thursday of the month. January's meeting will be **Thursday, January 25**, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. Each month we will have a different craft you can try, but you are always welcome to bring whatever project you are currently making instead. Knitting, sewing, and cross-stitch help will be available. This month we will be making key chains to help find things in the cold!

ABCmouse.com

KFL is now offering [ABCmouse.com](http://www.abcmouse.com) Early Learning Academy - a high-quality online educational resource for young children. ABCmouse.com is a comprehensive early learning site for children ages 2-8+, covering reading and language arts, math, science, social studies, art and music. It features 8,500+ learning activities, including books, games, puzzles, songs, art activities, and more. Best of all, it makes learning fun! Come explore ABCmouse.com when you visit the library!



Friends in the New Year

Happy New Year from the Friends of the Library. It is said that a book "is a gift that you open again and again", and we are all about making that happen. Want to know more? Please visit our link on the [library website](#) for information on how Friends support the library, how to become a Friend, and how to contact us.

We invite you to attend our next meeting, on **Monday, January 8**, 2018 at 6 PM downstairs in Hank's Room. We welcome volunteers to help at our WinterFest Book Sale, to be held **Saturday, February 3**, and to sort donated books during the weeks leading up to the book sale. There will be a group book sorting on January 4 at 1 p.m. Donations for the book sale will be accepted through January 25.



Teen Programming

TEEN THURSDAYS

January 4, 11, 18, & 25

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Join Melissa in the Walker Room for help with homework, DIY crafts and book recommendations.

FRIDAY FUN

January 5, 12, 19, & 26

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ease into the weekend with a new program at KFL: Friday Fun. Do you want a space to talk about your favorite fandom or new favorite book? Do you want to raid the Library's craft closet for holiday gift inspiration? Do you want to tinker with technology? If you answered yes to any of these questions: This is the library program for you.

P.S. The Wii and tabletop games will still be available on Friday afternoons.

ANIME AFTERNOON:

January 17

4-5 p.m.

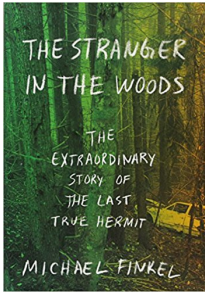
Join us for an afternoon of otaku games and anime inspired crafts.

Consider Now, Consider for the Future

KFL is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. There are currently openings available and leading up to our new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018, we'll also be on the lookout for additional trustees.

This is a very exciting time for KFL. We're about to enter into a new strategic planning process which will result in a visionary five-year plan. Would you like to bring your ideas and skills to the table? Thank you for your consideration.

Reading Groups



Nonfiction Book Discussion

The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel on
Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Dark Matter by Blake Crouch on
Tuesday, January 23 at 1:00 p.m.



Did You Know? KFL Raises 25% of Our Operating Budget

Your support helps KFL achieve our mission to serve the diverse cultural, informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. Each year, we much raise about 25% of our operating budget through fundraisers. Fundraisers include our upcoming Art Auction, Road Race (21st Edition coming up July 13!), Holidays Wreaths, and many, many others.

Frustrated with Technology?

Join us on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our 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.

Please bring your device with you. **Our January dates are 5, 12, 19, & 26.**

Firewood Needed

Somehow the time for firewood has crept up on us once again. Your firewood donations would be appreciated to keep our reading room warm and cozy during the winter months. Please call us at 207-985-2173 or [email](#) us if you would like to make a donation.



Well-Attended Programs

We've seen outstanding attendance at many of our recent programs and we thank you very much for your support. KFL is doing our best to accommodate these large turn-outs by maximizing the

seating available in our largest area, the Parsons Reading room.

Unfortunately, even with these efforts we have not had enough seating for all. KFL is aware of this and keeping it keenly in mind as we are constantly planning for the future. Your feedback is very important and helpful. Please ask for a feedback form and remember that programs without registration are on a first-come, first served basis and are often open to all ages.

January Calendar of Events

Jan. 1: CLOSED - Happy New Year
Jan. 2: In Stitches, 11 a.m.
Jan. 3: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 4: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 5: Art Auction begins (through Jan 20)
Jan. 5: Parenting Class, 10 a.m.
Jan. 5: Tech Time, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Jan. 5: Friday Fun, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 6: Genealogy Group, 10 a.m.
Jan. 8: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 8: Friends Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jan. 8: Nonfic Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 9: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 9: In Stitches, 11 a.m.
Jan. 10: Beadcraft, 1 p.m.
Jan. 11: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 11: Imagination Station, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 12: Tech Time, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Jan. 15: CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 16: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 16: In Stitches, 11 a.m.
Jan. 17: Anime Afternoon, 4 p.m.
Jan. 18: Needle Felting, 2 p.m.
Jan. 18: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 19: Tech Time, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Jan. 19: Friday Fun, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 20: Art Auction Ends
Jan. 22: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 22: Mad Science, 4 p.m.
Jan. 23: Family Storytime, 10: 15 a.m.
Jan. 23: In Stitches, 11 a.m.
Jan. 23: Adult Book Discussion, 1 p.m.
Jan. 24: Lego Club, 4 p.m.
Jan. 25: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 25: Fiber Art Studio, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26: Tech Time, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Jan. 26: Friday Fun, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 29: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 29: 6 Steps to Simple, 6: 30 p.m.
Jan. 30: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 30: In Stitches, 11 a.m.
Jan. 30: Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 31: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.

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