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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

Minerva/MaineCat Requesting Update

As we discussed last month, the interruption in interlibrary loans this summer was the result of a vendor that was not selected to be the courier for Maine's ILL system appealing the decision. The appeal hearing has happened and legally, a decision has to be returned by July 9 at the latest.

There are two ways this can go. The decision to award the contract to the selected vendor can be upheld. In that case, the new vendor would need time to get the service up and running - probably a few weeks. The other possibility is that the decision will not be upheld and the State Library would need to start from scratch in finding a new vendor. The selected vendor was chosen by the State Library with a lot of care and consideration. I am optimistic that the decision will be upheld.

[More information and potential work-arounds are available on our website.](#) The Maine State Library has an FAQ page that they are updating as new information becomes available. [It is available here.](#)

We are grateful for the patience, support, and kindness that you have shown staff this month. We are just as frustrated as you are with the situation and are looking forward to getting back to normal! While this goes on, we will continue to do our best to help you find the materials that you need. If you have questions or concerns, please bring them to [Michelle](#) or to [me](#).

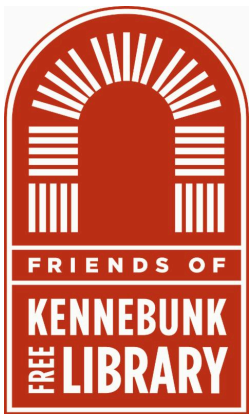
Allison Atkins
Assistant Director/Head of Adult Services



Monthly Phone Wallpaper

Looking to change up your phone background? Like our Newsletter Banner? [Download our monthly phone wallpaper](#) and match with us! New backgrounds every month! [E-mail Amelia for assistance](#).

To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper from there.



Friends of KFL Blueberry Festival Book Sale - July 27

The Friends of KFL are joining in the Blueberry Festival celebrations with a big book sale! Stop by between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to shop for books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles for all ages!

We will not be accepting book or media donations between July 15 and 27 to ensure that we have time to get books sorted and ready for the sale.



5K Auction - July 2 - 16

Our 5K Auction is back this year and it's bigger and better than ever!

There will be lots of cool, new offerings to bid on, including high end camping gear by [Nemo Equipment](#), a Queen Room plus Breakfast at the [White Sails Inn](#), a private Wine and Food Tasting Party for 8, tickets to the [Portland Symphony Orchestra](#), and more! These are in addition to gift cards from your favorites like Shield's Meats &

Produce, [Lala Luna](#), [Boulangerie](#), and [Pedro's](#); and must-have merchandise from places like [Cottage Breeze Day Spa & Boutique](#), [Daytrip Society](#), and [FatFace](#).

The auction goes live on July 2 and wraps up on July 16. Be sure to visit the KFL website to [find out more about the auction](#) and the auction link, once it is ready!

For now, you can check out a selection of auction items on display in the KFL foyer and buy 50/50 5K Raffle tickets at the circulation desk!



KFL's 27th Edition 5K!

There is still time to preregister for the 27th Edition 5K! Preregistration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10. Same-day registration opens at 4:00 on Friday, July 12.

Our scenic, USATF-certified course begins and ends in the library parking lot, winding through peaceful local neighborhoods and the beautiful and perfectly-maintained Hope Cemetery and Woods trails.

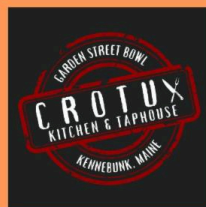
After the race, join us for a party on the library lawn! Meteorologist Jason Nappi will be MCing the event, the amazing Kennebunk River Band will be playing, Federal Jack's will be serving beer, and Crotux at Garden Street Bowl will be providing a fabulous meal (free to 5K participants with a bib; \$10 for everyone else). The menu is posted below.

Prizes will go to the top male and female finisher in each of nine age categories.

Please [email us](#) or call us at (207) 985-2173 if you have any questions .

REGISTER NOW!

THANK YOU TO OUR 5K EVENT SPONSOR!!



sandwiches

HAM

Applewood smoked
Ham & Swiss on
Ciabatta with Bread
& Butter Pickles and
Rosemary Honey
Mustard

VEGETARIAN

Mediterranean
Hummus,
Pickled Carrots,
Cucumber, Spinach and
Kalamata Olives

TURKEY

Roasted Turkey and
Aged Cheddar on
Ciabatta with Sriracha
Mayo, fresh Tomato
and Alfalfa Sprouts

SEA SALTED CAPE COD CHIPS

● CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

Ice Cream Night



Seashore Trolley Museum | Kennebunkport | Wednesday, July 31st | 5:30PM-7:30PM
Delicious Ice Cream Sundaes & Evening Trolley Rides!

Support two great nonprofits.
Kennebunk Free Library receives 50% of the proceeds!
\$12/person
(children 2 and under are free)



For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://icecreamnight.eventbrite.com>

ADULT PROGRAMS

Reader's Choice Book Club

Monday,
July 1st

2:00 - 3:00

This month's theme...

Nature and the Environment



Reader's Choice Book Club - July 1

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, July 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Nature and the Environment*.

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!

In Stitches

Fiber Arts Group

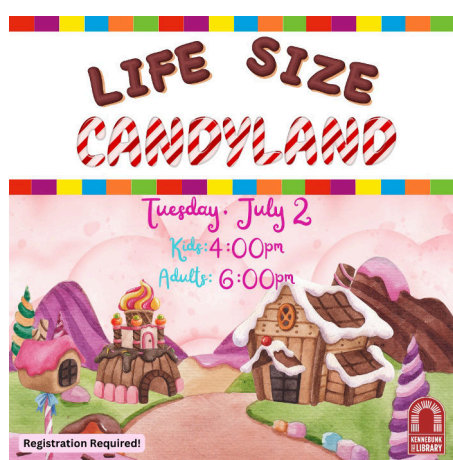


Meets every Tuesday
at 11:00AM

Come and craft with us!

In Stitches - July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.



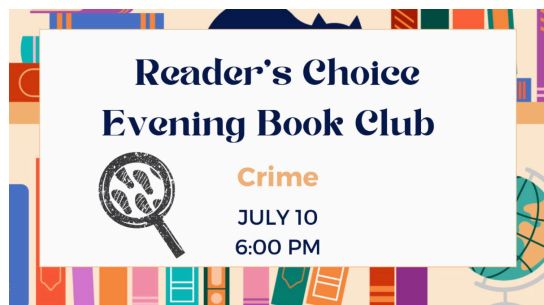
Life Sized Candy Land for Adults - July 2

Kids & families: 4:00 - 5:30 Join us to play Life Size Candy Land! We have turned the whole library into a candy wonderland, see if you can get through the Licorice Lagoon, climb through the Gumdrops Pass and sail through the Ice Cream Sea! Make your way through the game, collect some sweet treats, and reach the Candy Castle where you'll find even more fun and treats!

Adults 21+: 6:00 - 7:00 Come unleash your inner child with a special adults-only hour on our life-size Candy Land

course! Journey to the Candy Castle where you'll find a selection of drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and can make a schnapps sno-cone! This hour is restricted to adults aged 21+. Please bring an ID with you.

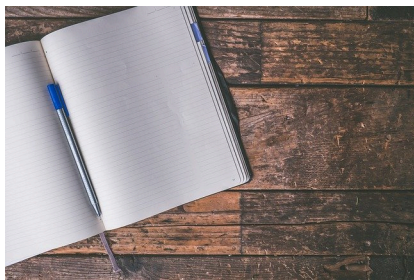
Registration is required for all ages. We will be doing timed entry to stagger people on the course. Please register and we will contact you to select a time slot.



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - July 10

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Crime*.

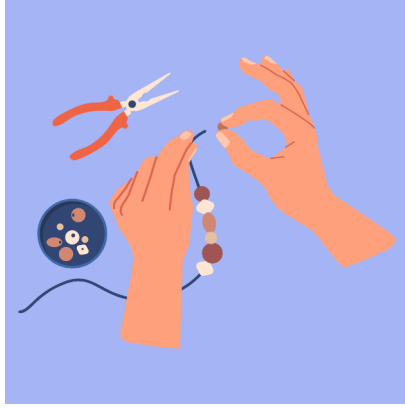
How does this book club work? You choose your own book to read, based on the monthly theme, and then join us for a casual and fun conversation. Everyone is welcome!



Writer's Group - July 16

Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!

Craft and Sip: Jewelry Making - July 15



Join us on July 15 at 6:00pm for a night of crafting and sipping! All of our jewelry-making supplies will be put out for you to make your own bracelets and necklaces however you'd like! This is a 21+ event only. [Registration required.](#)



Trivia Night - July 17

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.

Because we're closed to celebrate Juneteenth on the 19th, Trivia Night will be on the 4th Wednesday this month.



Die Well Death Education - July 22

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, July 22, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the third session in the Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions - no registration is required.

Session two is a film: Barbara Karnes's *This is How People Die – Part Two: Labor of Dying*. *This is How People Die* addresses the normal dying process, from months before death through the actual moment of death. This film provides

the knowledge and tools for working with the end of life, presented with non-medical terminology. It is a practical guide for working with anyone facing end-of-life issues. Part Two will cover: labor of dying: pain, fear, unfinished business, religion, family dynamics, social masks, one to three weeks before death, days to hours before death, hours to minutes before death, what to say, near death experiences, etc. (56 minutes) Open discussion to follow as time allows.

Barbara Karnes, RN, is an internationally respected speaker, educator, author, and thought leader on matters of end of life. She is a renowned authority on the dying process and a leading educator for families, healthcare professionals, and the community at large. Barbara's award-winning DVDs and books about death and dying are changing lives - in this country and around the world. In her work, Barbara compassionately explains stages of the dying process, living with a life-threatening illness, pain management, and how people grieve.

She explains how important it is to take care of yourself as a caregiver and offers guidelines for professionals.

Barbara has dedicated the last 40 years of her life to the education, care, and support of dying people and their loved ones. The most useful and important things that she's learned along the way have been distilled into her materials.

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Bondeko Concert - July 23

Join us in the amphitheater at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 for a unique night of music with the band [Bondeko](#)! This is a family-friendly event, enjoyable for listeners of all ages. We will have some chairs available, but you're welcome to bring a blanket or your own comfy lawn chair. Feel

free to bring a picnic and enjoy your supper on the library lawn. We'll be serving sno-cones throughout the event.

Bondeko describes themselves as “the unlikely collaboration of neighbors in Portland, Maine’s migrant community: an Albanian crooner, a Guinian drummer, a French singer-songwriter, a Latin musician from Texas...

The result is a mix of hypnotic Roma melodies, festive Cumbia rhythms, Malenke sing-alongs, relentless Balkan tempos, peppered with heart warming waltzes and maybe even a lullaby in Portunhol if the vibe is right.

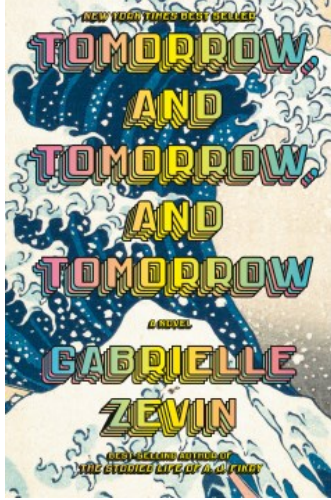
Each performance is a celebration of the joy of working across cultures with bandmates you may not even share a language in common with. And the night is never complete without some audience participation!

Bondeko is proudly from Portland, Maine, proudly international and proudly multigenerational.”

Fiction Book Discussion - July 23

Join us on Tuesday, July 23 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. Because of the current interruption in interlibrary loan services, KFL will have limited copies to borrow.

“Zevin (Young Jane Young) returns with an exhilarating epic of friendship, grief, and computer game development. In 1986, Sadie



Green, 11, visits a children's hospital where her sister is recovering from cancer. There, she befriends another patient, a 12-year-old Korean Jewish boy named Sam Masur, who has a badly injured foot, and the two bond over their love for video games. Their friendship ruptures, however, after Sam discovers Sadie's been tallying the visits to fulfill her bat mitzvah service. Years later, they reconnect while attending college in Boston. Sam is wowed by a game Sadie developed, called Solution. In it, a player who doesn't ask questions will unknowingly build a widget for the Third Reich, thus forcing the player to reflect on the impact of their moral choices. He proposes they design a game together, and relying on help from his charming, wealthy Japanese Korean roommate, Marx, and Sadie's instructor cum abusive lover, Dov, they score a massive hit with Ichigo, inspired by The Tempest. In 2004, their virtual world-builder Mapletown allows

for same-sex marriages, drawing ire from conservatives, and a violent turn upends everything for Sam and Sadie. Zevin layers the narrative with her characters' wrenching emotional wounds as their relationships wax and wane, including Sadie's resentment about sexism in gaming, Sam's loss of his mother, and his foot amputation. Even more impressive are the visionary and transgressive games (another, a shooter, is based on the poems of Emily Dickinson). This is a one-of-a-kind achievement." – Publisher's Weekly



The Eastern Coyote in New England - July 29

On Monday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m., Chris Schadler of Project Coyote will be at KFL to discuss this fascinating species.

An eastern coyote is defined as much by its western coyote ancestry as by its DNA contribution from the Eastern wolf. "Our" coyotes vary physically and behaviorally from its smaller relative – while still carrying the incredible adaptability and canniness of

Wile E. Coyote. This program takes a deep dive into the ecology and behavior of this creature, its indefatigability and how it is the human who must adapt to live with the 'One Who Cannot Be Removed'.

On the horizon, however, is a native carnivore which fled the northeast during wolf removal and now may be trying to return: The eastern wolf. A look-alike to the coyote, it has been killed mistakenly for its similarity of appearance to the coyote. We'll talk about how the wolf and coyote might negotiate a truce in the northeast and how we might do the same.

Chris' interest in wild canids began in the 1970s as a volunteer at the Wolf Park in Battleground, Indiana. This opportunity and others inspired an eventual Masters in Conservation Biology at Antioch University in Keene. Her thesis focused on the Natural Recovery of the Eastern Timber Wolf in Michigan. Chris lived in Michigan and Minnesota during the early 1980s where her research into the gray wolf continued and her speaking career began.

Beginning in the early 1990s, Chris taught Forestry, Wolf Ecology and Environmental Conservation in the Natural Resources Department at UNH, receiving many teaching excellence awards. She also instructed and mentored adult degree candidates in the UNH System at Granite State College.

While wolf recovery was the focus of her early work, Chris' attention shifted to the Eastern Coyote when she and her flock of sheep moved to New England. She is now the NH and VT Representative for Project Coyote, a national organization promoting coexistence with coyotes. Chris co-founded the NH Wildlife Coalition, is a founding member of the North East Wolf Recovery Alliance and also Chairs the Webster Conservation Commission.



Mah Jongg - Mondays and Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to drop in on Mondays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to play Mah Jongg. The library has 3 sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? Members of our friendly group were all beginners themselves just a couple of months ago. You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

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 - 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.

July Take and Make: Pipe Cleaner Flowers

This month, pick up a kit to make a happy little sunflower or daisy bouquet! Kits will be available starting Tuesday July 16, while supplies last.



TEEN PROGRAMS

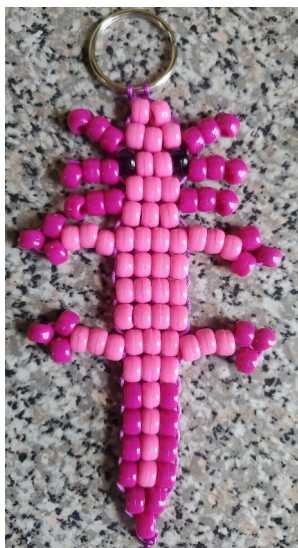


Dungeons and Dragons - July 1, 8, 15, 29

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, we will meet on the following Mondays: **July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 29** 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, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



First Friday Fun: Axolotl Beadcraft Keychains - July 5

Are you looking forward to the weekend? Let's kick it off with an activity to take home from the library! Each first Friday of the month there will be a different crafting activity and Summer Reading pin for you to pick up. This month, on **July 5**, there will be kits to make axolotl beadcraft keychains available in the Walker Room (where we keep our YA books)! You can grab one of these crafts anytime, and the bags will be available until they are all taken. This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to teens ages 10 and up! If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. To learn more about the fun programs we're offering this summer, visit the library or our website for more information!



Chill Gaming: Legos - July 11

Ready to chill, eat snacks, play some games, and build some Lego structures? 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! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **July 11**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The library will provide games and Legos, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Anime Club - July 18

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **July 18**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. to create minifigures of your favorite anime/manga/book characters! We will use recycled materials to make these minifigures, and they can be used to decorate your shelves or desks. This program is designed for dedicated and new fans interested in learning more about the fandom. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Magic the Gathering - July 23



Looking to test out your new Magic the Gathering deck with friends? Join us to play on **July 23** from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.! There will be cards available to make a deck, but if you have your own, we encourage you to bring them! This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Science: Solar Oven S'mores - July 24



Who says we need to have a campfire to roast s'mores? On **July 24** from 1:00 - 2:00p.m., we will meet in the amphitheater to harness the energy of the sun to make one of the best summer snacks with solar ovens! Using the scientific method we will construct hypotheses on how to best roast marshmallows under the sun, and we will test our theories by creating solar ovens from recycled materials. As we wait for our marshmallows to melt, we will log the times and internal temperatures of

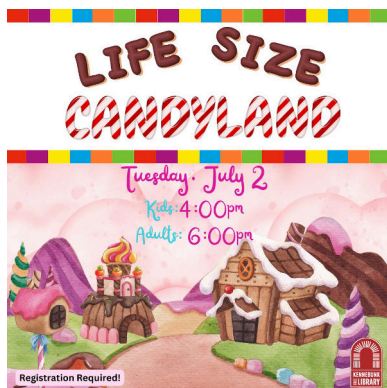
the ovens, and we will make ice cream in a bag to make sure we stay nice and cool outside in the summer heat. And, of course, once our experiment is over, we will have s'mores to snack on too! All supplies will be provided by the Kennebunk Free Library, just make sure you wear comfortable clothes and bring sunscreen since we will be out in the sun. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Registration is required, and it is available via the library's calendar. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. To learn more about the fun programs we're offering this summer, visit the library or our website for more information!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS



Junior Science: Seed Bombs - July 1

Join us on Monday, July 1 at 3:45 p.m. to make seed bombs out of recycled paper, a fun way to spread native wildflowers around your community! Learn all about native plants and why they matter! For ages 5+. Registration Required.



Life Size Candy Land - July 2

Have you ever imagined YOU were the one walking through Candy Land? Come take a journey through a sweet wonderland on Tuesday, July 2. Kennebunk Free Library will be transformed into the board game you know and love – come follow the path through the Licorice Lagoon, the Gumdrop Pass, and the Ice Cream Sea, among other stops. Whether you're a Candy Kid now or looking to live out your childhood dreams, we have an opportunity for you! From 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Candy Land is reserved for families to take a sweet stroll along our game path. From 6:00 - 7:30, grown-ups aged 21+ are invited

for an adults-only Candy Land adventure featuring special treats. **Registration is required** for this event. Registrants will specify a time-slot for their trip through Candy Land; this can be done online, by phone, or in-person at the library.



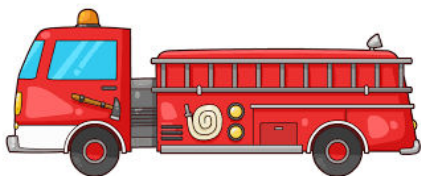
Beadcraft - July 3

In the mood to get creative? 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, July 3, at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend an early release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Kindness Crew - July 9

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, July 9th, at 3:45. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This program is open to ages 6 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! This month, we'll talk about being kind to ourselves and practice some self-care! 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. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Visit from Kennebunk Fire and Rescue - July 15

Come to the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m. to meet our local fire fighters and learn about fire fighting! Kennebunk Fire and Rescue will come visit us at the library to teach us about what it takes to become a firefighter, and how to keep ourselves safe. An emergency vehicle will be available to see up-close! All ages are welcome.



Messy Art - July 17

What's more fun than making a mess? Join us on Wednesday, July 17 from 2:30-4:00 p.m., and get your hands dirty while creating art! Try painting with spray bottles, bubble wrap, and more. Wear clothes that can get messy!

This program will be outside the library. In the event of inclement weather, we have scheduled a rain date of Thursday, 7/18 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.



Bubble Party - July 22

Life is the bubbles! Join us for some soapy fun outside Kennebunk Free Library on July 22 at 10:00 a.m. Come make bubbles of all sizes, and of course, make them POP! This program will be in place of our regularly scheduled outdoor storytime. In the event of inclement weather, we will have our Bubble Party on Monday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m.

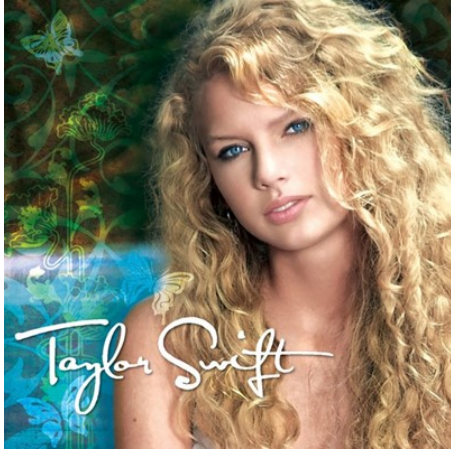


Junior Science: Bottle Rockets - July 22

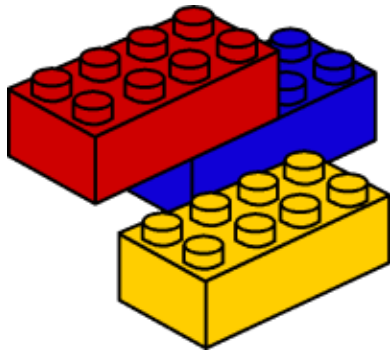
Time to blast off! Join us on Monday, July 22 at 3:45 p.m. for a bottle rocket bonanza! Bring your own plastic bottle or use one that will be provided. Decorate it and watch it fly! For ages 5+. Registration Required.

Taylor Swift Party, KFL Version - July 24

It's KFL, hi! Are you a Swiftie? On Wednesday, July 24, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., you belong with us at Kennebunk Free Library! We're celebrating the one-and-only Taylor



with a Taylor Swift Party, KFL Version! We're fearless when it comes to party possibilities: treats, crafts (friendship bracelets, of course!), a photo spot, and plenty of blank space to shake it off to your favorite Taylor tunes. We're going to have a great time – are you ready for it?



Lego Club - July 25

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, July 25, from 3:45-4:30 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.

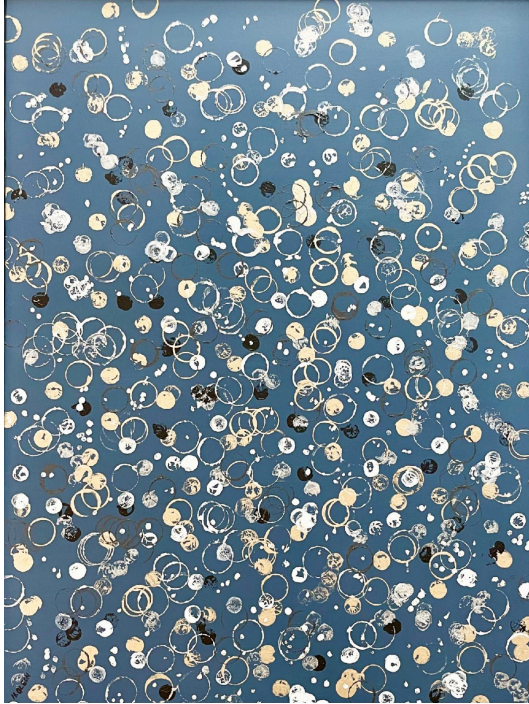


Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On Mondays in July at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. We have two special programs in place of Storytime in July! On July 17 at 10 am, Kennebunk Fire and Rescue will join us for their annual visit! They'll share a story, talk about fire safety, and bring along an emergency vehicle. This is a rain-or-shine event. On Monday, July 22, at 10 am, we are having a Bubble Party! If the weather does not cooperate, we will have Storytime indoors, and the Bubble Party will be rescheduled to July 29. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- July 1
- July 8
- **July 15 – with Kennebunk Fire and Rescue!**
- **July 22 – Bubble Party!**

SPEERS GALLERY



July Artist: Helen Olson

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit "Reimaging Reality" by Helen Olson of Kennebunk. The exhibit runs July 1-31 and features abstract paintings done with acrylics.

Helen shares this message: "My intention is to challenge the viewers to delve deeper into their own perception of the world and the unfamiliar. Through the lens of abstractions, I want to open the viewers' eyes to the possibility of alternative realities and spark a sense of curiosity and introspection."

In addition to painting, Helen loves to cook, and says "A sense of joy fuels my creative process whether I'm mixing paint or whipping up a new recipe. For me, inspiration often simmers in a pot on the stove or explodes in a burst of color on my palette. Like

cooking, my paintings are a delicious blend of passion, experimentation, and a healthy dash of intuition...come explore my world of vibrant colors and unexpected textures, where every brushstroke is a splash or flavor, and each composition a carefully crafted dish for the soul."

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase the dynamic work of this local artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from July 1-31 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 & 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 July

July 2

Flashpoint – Catherine Coulter
The Cliffs – J. Courtney Sullivan
Dog Day Afternoon – David Rosenfelt
The Moonlight Market – Joanne Harris

July 9

Confessions of the Dead – James Patterson
The Summer Pact – Emily Griffin
A Death in Cornwall – Daniel Silva
The Burning – Linda Castillo
A Refiner's Fire – Donna Leon
Warrior King – Wilbur Smith

July 16

The Conditions of Unconditional Love – Alexander McCall Smith

July 23

Calder Country – Janet Dailey

July 30

Hard to Kill – James Patterson

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Happy New (Fiscal) Year to KFL. Starting July 1, KFL enters FY25. Thank you to all who have contributed toward our fundraising over the last year. I encourage everyone to stop in this summer to check out what you make possible. Further, I encourage you to try something out you haven't before. This may mean trying out a new book genre, attending a program, or coming out for a fundraiser. Below is a quick highlight of our summer events. Be sure to pick up a summer reading program booklet the next time you're in.

Storytime - Mondays (7/1, 7/8, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12) – 10 am

[27th Edition KFL 5K](#) - 7/12

Messy Art - 7/17 - 2:30 pm

Bondeko concert - 7/23 - 6 pm

Seashore Trolley Museum Ice Cream Night – 7/31 – 5:30-7:30 pm

Shop for a Cause at 173 Mercantile – 8/13 – 4-7 pm

Summer Reading Finale Party/Ice Cream Social - 8/14 – 7 pm

Center for Wildlife - 8/21 – 6 pm

Pictured: Max switched roles with Ms. Maria. He is reading to her!

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan

Yes, that Amy Tan! Prolific writer of fiction and nonfiction alike, I have enjoyed many of her titles but not for a while. This is a refreshing diary of retreating from the chaos of the world to observe the beauty and peace of one's own back yard. Though so successful at writing, she puts in the time and work to develop a new talent: drawing. This book is a merging of all three: retreat, diary and drawing. Very enjoyable and a quiet respite for the reader. (Available book from KFL, audio and book through Libby.)

CBS Sunday Morning Channel 13 Sunday 9 to 10:30 am

I am often surprised at the people that have never watched Sunday Morning. This weekly news magazine includes interviews, stories about the arts, current events, human interest stories, obituaries, commentaries, statistics, humor and ends with a few minutes of nature. Hosted by Jane Pauley since 2016, this show has been on the air since January 28, 1979. If I could only watch one TV show, this would be it.

Political Brew – Channel 6 Sunday Morning at 6:45 (first cup) and 7:45 (second cup)

Want to hear civil political discourse about local, national and sometimes, global issues? If so, tune in to hear opposing views discussed respectfully. Moderator Zack Blanchard does a good job keeping the conversation on topic for an informative and inspirational exercise in civil debate. (Transcripts are available online newscentermaine.com)

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