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Library News and Events



Summer is here and our 5K is right around the corner!

Registration is open for the 29th Edition of the KFL 5K, hosted by the Kennebunk Free Library. When registering for the 5K, you now have the option to purchase a t-shirt for race day for \$20. The community race will take place on **Friday, July 10**, welcoming runners, walkers, and families for an evening event that supports the library.

[Register Here](#)

The scenic, USATF-certified course begins and ends in the library parking lot, winding through neighborhood streets before heading onto the trails at Hope Cemetery & Woods. The route offers a mix of peaceful local roads and wooded trails.

Preregistration is open now and closes on July 8. Prices increase for same-day registrations. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in eight age

categories.

Following the race, participants and spectators are invited to celebrate on the library lawn with live music, food, and a beer tent. [Keep up to date at this page.](#)

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of the KFL 5K, and organizers invite past participants to share photos or stories from previous races. For information, email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org or call (207) 985-2173.

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Bedrock Gardens Passes Now Available!

We now offer day passes for complimentary admission to Bedrock Gardens in Lee, New Hampshire. The pass is for up to two adults and up to three children, valid for one date of admission.

A big thank you to our KFL Friends of the Library for providing this pass for our patrons!

For more information, contact the library at (207) 985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



2026 Spring Appeal



We **love** our Monthly Sustainers!



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Spring Appeal 2026

Here's something we love about our Monthly Sustainers: they make it possible for us to plan.

When we know reliable support is coming each month, we can anticipate what our community needs, invest in the resources and materials people actually want, and respond quickly when new opportunities arise.

If you've been thinking about a recurring gift, this spring is a wonderful time to start. Even \$10 a month adds up to something meaningful over the year. To learn more, [visit our website here](#). To make a donation, click below:

[Donate Here!](#)



News from the Friends of KFL

Thank you to everyone that helped or visited the May Day Book Sale on May 2! The town's parade stepped off at 1:30 pm rain free. This was a great community event. Thank you for your support of KFL!

On Friday May 15 the Friends held an Open House to share the process of sorting book, DVD and CD donations culminating in book sales that financially support KFL and put materials into the hands of our community. Light refreshments were served and it was successful in signing up additional help and getting to know each other better.

Save the date: The Blueberry Festival Book Sale will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, and Seashore Trolley Museum Ice Cream Social, July 29. Watch your email for volunteer sign up.

If you haven't joined for 2026, it isn't too late. Come into the library during regular hours or use this [link](#). **Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m.** Have a safe and restful summer.

Always grateful for your support,

Kat



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.

Adult Programs



Reader's Choice Book Club - June 1

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, June 1 at 2 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Coming of Age.**

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!



Open Hearts Open Mic - June 1

Open Hearts Open Mic will be the **first Monday of every month at 6 p.m.** at Kennebunk Free Library! Hosted by local writer Kacy Fallon, there are 10 slots, and sign-up is first-come, first-served. Writers and artists may share up to five minutes of their work. Admission is always free and open to the public.



Coastal Birds with Maine Audubon - June 4

Each spring migratory shorebirds such as Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and American Oystercatchers migrate to Maine's shores to nest and raise their young. On **Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 2 p.m.**, join Maine Audubon at Kennebunk Free Library to learn more about these birds, their habitats, behaviors, and conservation efforts to keep them safe and protect them for future generations. The presentation will feature time at the end for Q&A and materials to take home afterwards to learn more about endangered and migratory shorebirds.

Kevin Mullan, Outreach Coordinator for the Coastal Birds Project at Maine Audubon, is a former park ranger who spent time monitoring and protecting Piping Plover and Least Tern habitats on the beaches in southern Maine. He now works on the Coastal Birds Project to protect endangered Piping Plovers and Least Terns and educate the public on these rare birds.

Die Well Death Education - June 8

If you missed the first series of the Die Well Death Education Series at KFL, you have another chance to participate. It was so well received, we are offering the entire series again this year.



Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, June 8 at 1 p.m.** for the *eighth session* in the new year-long 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 Eight: VSED (Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking)

We will discuss VSED: Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking, which is a legal option for any mentally capable, determined, well-informed person as a means advance the time of their death. VSED requires significant caregiving and support, which we will discuss further. Short Film: Dying Wish: A Dying

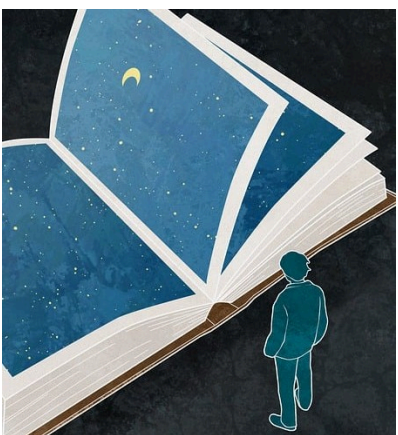
Doctor's Decision to Stop Eating and Drinking and Die with Grace . Retired surgeon, Michael Miller is dying of end-stage cancer and is determined to avoid the hospital at all costs. He's researched the dying process and believes that stopping eating and drinking will ease his suffering and result in a peaceful, more natural death. During his fast, Michael suffers neither thirst nor hunger. Buoyed by the legacy of this film, he enjoys a last meal, surrounds himself with art and music, and takes leave of his family. Medical ethicists speak about patients' rights, and hospice staff share their own, similar experiences of others who have mase this choice. (2008 - 29 minutes)

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Ukulele Group - June 10

Join us on the **second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.** to make some music in the library! Ukulele players of all skill levels are invited to stop in to play along. We will be choosing songs to play each month from *The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living*. Ukuleles and songbooks are available to check out from the library.



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - June 10

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet **Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m.** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

June's Theme is "Cookbook"

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits this month's theme. Readers can select from fiction or non-fiction, adult books, young adult, or children's, and everything in between. We hope you'll join us!



Trivia Night - June 10

Note: Trivia will be held on the second Wednesday of this month, on June 10.

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. 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.



KFL Movie Club - June 15

Not much of a reader but LOVE movies? Then please join us for our first inaugural meeting on **June 15 at 3 p.m.** where everyone is encouraged to bring in their favorite movie (either in person or mentally) and talk about what they love about it so much and what they love about movies in general. The discussion will be held in person at the library **every third Monday of the month.**

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. The Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main Street in Kennebunk, Maine. For more information please call 207-985-2173 or email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



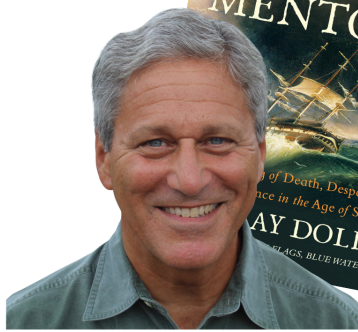
Craft and Sip: Recycled Plastic Lid Windchime - June 15

Join us on **Monday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m.** for a night of crafting and sipping! We'll be using recycled bottle caps and plastic lids to create windchimes perfect for adding color to your porch or yard!

All materials will be provided. This is a 21+ only event. **Registration required.**

"The Wreck of the Mentor" with Author Eric Jay Dolin - June 17

Eric Jay Dolin, author of *The Wreck of the Mentor: A True Story of Death, Despair, and Deliverance in the Age of Sail* (published June 2, 2026), will be at KFL on **Wednesday, June 17,**



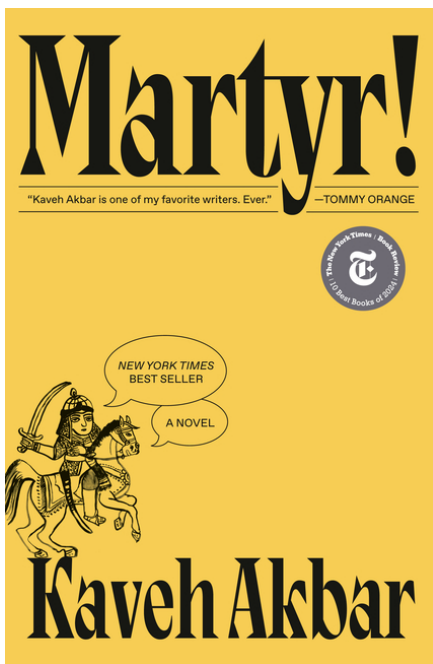
2026 at 6 p.m. to share the gripping tale. Lupine Books will be on hand with copies of Dolin's work available for purchase and signing.

From the best-selling author of *Black Flags*, *Blue Waters* comes the story of the American whaleship *Mentor*, wrecked in 1832 on a remote reef in the western Pacific. With supplies dwindling, the eleven surviving crewmen face not only the miseries of shipwreck in unfamiliar territory but also the profound uncertainty of contact with the Indigenous people of the Micronesian archipelago of Palau, who within days approach the deserted men brandishing axes, clubs, and spears. In this gripping saga of cultural collision, tribal wars, and dashed hopes, award-winning historian Eric Jay Dolin vividly reconstructs

the *Mentor's* doomed voyage, the years of perilous captivity, and the delicate negotiations and fraught naval rescue mission that followed.

Illustrated by more than 100 images and maps, *The Wreck of the Mentor* is at once a powerful story of survival and a revealing window into the great Age of Sail—a time when maritime ambition collided with local sovereignty, and when the outcome of one voyage rippled across oceans and empires.

Eric Jay Dolin is the author of seventeen books, including *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America*; *A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes*; *Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates*; and *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution*. His forthcoming book (June 2, 2026), is *The Wreck of the Mentor: A True Story of Death, Despair, and Deliverance in the Age of Sail*. Dolin's books have won many awards including the John Lyman Award for U.S. Maritime History; Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in American History Book Award for Adult Nonfiction; Samuel Eliot Morison Book Award for Naval Literature; James P. Hanlan Book Award; and the Outdoor Writers Association of America Book Award. Many of his books have been chosen as "must reads" by the Massachusetts Center for the Book. Other honors include being chosen as a finalist for the Kirkus Prize, and as one of the best books of the year by *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *Kirkus Reviews*, the *Library Journal*, and *Booklist*. Dolin lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts, with his family. For more information, please see www.ericjaydolin.com.



Fiction Book Discussion - June 23

Join us on **Tuesday, June 23 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar.

“As a kid, Cyrus moved from Iran to Indiana with his dad after the plane his mother was on was accidentally shot down by the U.S. military. Now nearly 30 and recovering from addiction, Cyrus' obsession with martyrs leads him to a dying artist in Brooklyn in this highly anticipated debut.” -NovelList



All About Menopause - June 23

Half of the world's population has or will experience menopause and yet it is rarely discussed. Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, June 23 at 6 p.m.** for a discussion with nurse practitioner Harpswell Coffin. You'll learn what to expect from menopause, what is "normal", and have a chance to share any questions or thoughts about the process. This is an opportunity for the local community to attend an evening of information, discussion, questions, answers, and stories to help debunk myths or “Dr. Google” accounts of something that none of us have been prepped for.

Harpswell Coffin is a local nurse practitioner who has been working at Kennebunk Primary Care for the last 6 years. When not working, Harpswell loves to walk on the beach or on the ET. She loves to cook, garden, and travel whenever she has the opportunity. Harpswell lives in Arundel with her husband, two girls, three cats, and two guinea pigs.



Cook and Share Cookbook Club

We are taking a break for the summer. We will see you again in the fall!

For more information or any questions, please email Becca at rlong@kennebunklibrary.org.

Weekly Programs



In Stitches - Tuesdays

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 a.m.** 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.



Tech Talk Line - Tuesday Evenings

Are you stuck on a technology question, but can't visit the library during its regularly scheduled Technology Time Appointments? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Tech Talk Line**, all you need to do is call downstairs to the Children's Room to speak with our Technology Educator, Emmaline. Our Tech Talk Line will be open every Tuesday night from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** Calls can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones and tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If the line is busy during a call, please leave a voicemail so we can get back to you accordingly. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can schedule a 45-minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday, allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, 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.



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 you troubleshoot your next steps, 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 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 to 12 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.



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays from 10:30 to 3 p.m.** to play Mah Jongg. The library has **4** sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? 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.



Living with Grief (aka Grief Group) - Thursday Afternoons

KFL is now hosting a weekly Grief Group, led by retired RN Carol MacLeod. **Every Thursday morning from 11 to 12:30 p.m.**

Because of the sensitive nature and confidentiality of this group, and for more information, **please contact Carol MacLeod (Facilitator) before joining.**

Her email is mugbob66@gmail.com and her number is (207)-468-0668.

Drop-In Tech Time - Thursday Afternoons

Looking for some quick Tech Help? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Drop-in Tech Help Service**, all you need to do is visit the library on **Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Our Technology Educator, Emmaline, will have a reference desk available for you to find local resources, and help you with your quick technology questions. Visits can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones, laptops, or tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less.** If during a session we



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Improv - Saturdays

Improv - Sessions will be held **every Saturday from 10:30 to 12 p.m.**

Teen Programs



Book-ish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is full of bookish activities for you to do **beginning June 1**, and it's the place to be for all things literary right now! Whether you're flying solo or hanging out with friends, you can do these activities at your own pace, so no rush, and no pressure. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Book in a Jar Contest

How well do you know your favorite books? Come test your skills this month to guess the title of the books that have been shredded and placed into mason jars. At the end of the month, we'll announce the answers!

Fill Your Cup with Kindness

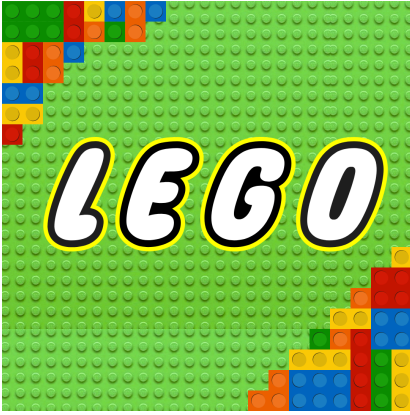
As we wrap up another school year, let's be gentle with ourselves as we finish exam season with some art and kind words. Design a mug and leave a heartwarming note for our window display for you and others to see. Congratulations on completing another year!

Interactive Display: Rainbow Collage

While April showers may bring May flowers, June brings rainbows out! This June, help us decorate the Teen Space with our new interactive display. There will be various magazines and scraps that

you can cut out to help us create a multimedia collage with the help of the community. Just remember that it's ROYGBV!

Teen/tween programming is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens and Tweens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions about these programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Aspen downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Lego Displays

Starting June 1, come on over to the library to build with Legos! With building bricks provided by the library, you can place your amazing creations in the "Drop-Off" box for Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Aspen are super excited to showcase your work in the Teen Room for the whole month! Feel free to create as many designs as you like, but please make sure to leave enough Legos for everyone else to have fun too. At the end of the month, your creations will then be taken apart so you can build something new in June, but we

will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Teen Take and Make: Felt Shrimp Charms! - June 1

Looking to add a lil guy to your collection? With felt, beads, pipecleaners, and sewing supplies, you'll be able to make a felt shrimp pal of your very own. These kits will be available **starting on Monday, June 1**, in the Teen Room. **Supplies are first come, first served.**



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

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. As we begin to learn more about our villain, the Death Knight, we will explore further into Carceri to solve the time loop mystery, and to learn more about the loot guarded within the magically sealed spire within the city of Aetria. We will be meeting on **Mondays: June 1, 8, 15 and 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**. The library will

provide all supplies, just bring your imagination! This program is dedicated to players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons. **If you are a new player, we will have beginner sessions held on the 2nd Thursday of the month for you to make**

characters and learn about basic gameplay and writing D&D programs. We look forward to you joining the adventure!



Teen Study Space - June 5 and 12

It's Finals Season! Need a study spot before exams? The Teen Space is reserved for you on Fridays, so you can prepare for testing week, whether alone or with friends. The room will only be available to Teens 10+ who need to study, and we will have snacks and supplies for you to use as well. All you need to do is visit the Teen Room on **Friday, June 5 and 12 anytime from 3 to 5 p.m.**



Teen Booth: Summer Reading Kickoff! - June 22

Dive into summer by checking out our Teen Booth at the Summer Reading Kickoff! Not only can you sign up for Summer Reading, grab your packet and sign-up prize, and learn about the fun prizes and future programs we will have for you this summer, but you can also get the first taste of our upcoming Teen Summer Camp: Tribute Tuesdays. Channel your inner Annual Hunger Games Tribute from the Hunger Games series by discovering your District Name, creating a braided bookmark inspired by the colors of your favorite book in the series, and entering into the Reaping. Join us on **Monday, June 22 from 3**

to 5 p.m. for all of this fun and more! This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up.



Teen/Tween Crafting Saturday: Clay Snails - June 27

Looking for a slow Saturday activity to pass the weekend? We have just the craft for you! This Crafting Saturday, we have all of the supplies you'll need to make your very own clay snails out of clay for bodies and marbles for the shells. Usually, we have supplies available for you to take home or to use in the Library, but since Miss Emmaline and Miss Aspen will be performing at Portcon (come play D&D with us on Saturday!), we will only have supplies that can be picked up and completed outside of the Library. Just stop by the Teen Room on **Saturday, June 27th, anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** to pick up your kit and

get crafting!

Children's Programs



Beadcraft - June 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, June 3, at 1 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 - June 9

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, June 9, at 3:45 p.m.** to hear a story about kindness and make a craft. 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. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!

This will be our last meeting before a summer break.



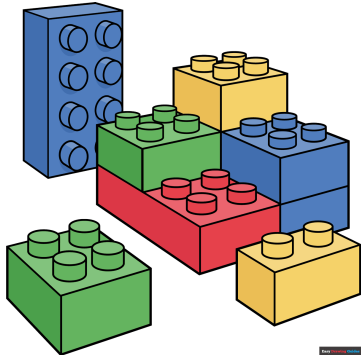
We Love To Play - June 11

There are so many ways to play! Join us on **Thursday, June 11 at 10 a.m.** for a morning of sensory play celebrating food! Explore fun, sometimes messy activity stations and play spots themed on fruits, vegetables, and more. Come play with us, and wear clothes that can get messy just in case! No registration is required. This program is designed with ages 1-4 in mind, but everyone is welcome.



Farm Fun Party - June 22

This year's summer reading theme is Plant a Seed, Read, and Kennebunk Free Library is ready to grow some fun! On **June 22 at 3 p.m.**, KFL will host a Farm Fun Party – and you're invited! Come dressed as your favorite farm animal! Our party will include a fun craft for all ages, games, a teen booth, and tasty treats. Sign up for the summer reading program while you're here! Let's kick off the summer and have fun 'til the cows come home!



Lego Club - June 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, June 25, from 3:45 to 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 but not required.



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 June at 10 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held at the Kennebunk Free Library. When the weather is nice, we'll be outside in the amphitheater; on gloomy days, we'll be inside the library in Hank's Room. Remember to bring sunscreen, water, and a blanket to sit on! We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- June 1
- June 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29



Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On **Thursday mornings in June**, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. **Playtime starts at 10 a.m. and Miss Maria will read a story at 11 a.m.**, but feel free to drop in anytime! We usually leave the special toys out until around 11:30. Friends are welcome to come and go as they please! Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. Our last Family Fun Play before we take a summer break will be on **Thursday, June 18**.

This month, on **June 11**, we'll take a break from our regular play group to have a special Sensory Play Day! Join us for sensory activities all about food. Make sure to wear clothes that can get messy! Come play and make new friends at the library!

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- June 4
- **June 11 - We Love to Play! Sensory Play Day**
- June 18 - Last Family Fun Play Before Break!

Speers Gallery



June Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents "**Tree Stories**" by **Cathryn Falwell**. The exhibit will run **June 6 through 29**, with a **reception on Saturday, June 6 from 1 to 3 p.m.**. All are welcome.

Cathryn's exhibit features a collection of larger drawings inspired by walking in the Maine woods and along the lake shore of her home in Auburn. She will also show selected illustrations from her children's picture book "David's Drawing." She works in charcoal, print relief and cut paper collage.

Cathryn had a career in printmaking for many years and then pursued her dream of making children's picture books. She has written and illustrated more than two dozen books and received many awards from them, including the Katahdin Award for Lifetime Achievement presented to her by the Maine Library Association in 2015. Her current work is a celebration of trees and the natural environment, and she hopes her work invites viewers to take a walk, enjoy the wonders of nature, and perhaps make drawings of their

own.

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to showcase the works of this unique illustrator.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from June 2 through 29 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

Books on order for June

June 2

[A River Red With Blood](#) – John Connolly
[Land](#) – Maggie O'Farrell
Alan Opts Out – Courtney Maum
[Clive Cussler Cold Fire](#) – Graham Brown
[The Children](#) – Melissa Albert
Cooking the Borderlands – Claudette Zepeda
Field Guide for the Formerly Villainous – Autumn K. England
[The Fire Agent](#) – David Baerwald
[The Jellyfish Problem](#) – Tessa Yang
[Stuart Woods' Deep Water](#) – Brett Battles
Red Like Orange – Charles Akl
[The Wreck of the Mentor](#) – Eric Jay Dolin
[Whistler](#) – Ann Patchett

June 8

[Rocket's Red Glare](#) – James Patterson

June 9

52 Weeks of Scrap Yarn – Laine
[Contrapposto](#) – Dave Eggers
[Daughters of the Sun and Moon](#) – Lisa See
[The Missed Connection](#) – Tia Williams
[Pool House](#) – Mary H. K. Choi
[Transcendent](#) – Laverne Cox
[Two Ships](#) – David S. Reynolds
[Villa Coco](#) – Andrew Sean Greer

June 16

A Murder in Springtime – Martin Walker
[Choke Point](#) – Brad Thor
[The Frenzy](#) – Joyce Carol Oates

Communion – J. D. Vance
Dearly Departed – Chip Pons
Estrogen Interrupted – Rebecca Dunsmoor-Su
Heaven's Graveyard – Grace Curtis
Hell of a Regiment – Jared Peatman
In Defense of Sunlight – Rowan Jacobsen
[Songs of the Dead](#) – Brandon Sanderson

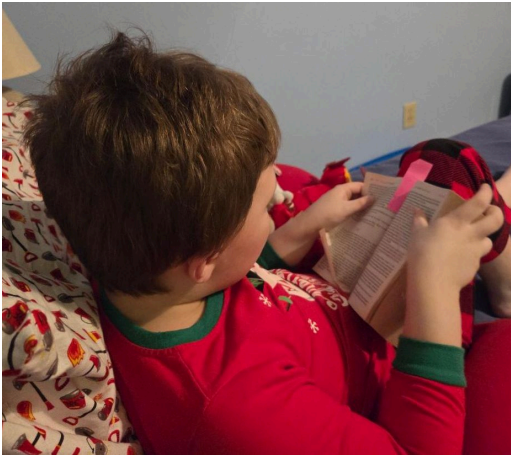
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[A Pair of Aces](#) – Marie Benedict
Abby Offsides – Anna McCallie
[It Could Have Been Her](#) – Lisa Jewell
[Wait and See](#) – Iris Johansen
Nine Lives – Catherine Steadman
The Sixth Nik – Daniel Kraus
[Weddings](#) – Danielle Steel
Whisper Creek – Allison Brennan
[When You Loved Me](#) – Beatrice Williams

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[Dead But Dreaming of Electric Sheep](#) – Paul Tremblay
[Enter the Nightmare](#) – Jayne Castle
The Housewife – Natalie Barelli
[The Shampoo Effect](#) – Jenny Jackson

A Message from the Director



Kennebunk Free Library is a member of the [Sustainable Library Initiative](#). We are also in the process of going through their [Certification Program](#) (SLCP). As stated on their website, this program “provides library leaders with a tested, structured path forward to increase your library’s commitment to environmental stewardship, economic feasibility, and social equity”. KFL’s Facilities Committee is overseeing this process with participation from trustees and staff members. So far KFL has completed actions such as establishing a [Sustainability Policy](#), incorporating commitments to sustainability in job descriptions and staff performance reviews, and adding a section to our [website](#). We still have many actions to complete to become certified,

but we are very happy with our progress and happy to be learning so much along the way.

Michelle

Pictured: My son paging through [Fall of Giants](#) by Ken Follett

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

My hold on the copy of the audio version finally became available. I see why it has become so popular. This slow paced, character driven parable-like story takes you to a gentle imaginary southern

town and shows how small acts can have a profound effect on the people around you. If you liked *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles you will like this. Need a break from the chaos? You will like this.

(Available book from KFL, large print and audio cds from Minerva, Libby as a book and audio)

The House of Hawthorne by Erika Robuck

A friend that shares my preference for historical fiction recommended this book to me. Recently, I watched the PBS series by Ken Burns *Henry David Thoreau* and enjoyed it. Ralph Waldo Emerson is an friend and neighbor, as well. This book gives a different perspective to this group of brilliant minds in mid-nineteenth century life lived together in Concord, NH from Hawthorne's wife, Sophia Peabody's view. Sophia is an artist herself, exploring painting and poetry as time allows while having babies, surviving without enough money and supporting her writer husband. The author spins a fictional tale of intense and passionate romance between the Hawthorns who lived properly of course, in the cultural norms of the time. I truly enjoyed this read.

(Available as a book from Minerva)

The Lord of the Rings-Fellowship of the Ring by JRR Tolkien; screenplay by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens & Peter Jackson

It is surprising to me that many "younger" people have never seen this fantasy/adventure epic. From the very beginning in the shire of the Hobbits, preparing for a going away party for Bilbo Baggins, and the arrival of Wizard Gandolph the Grey, we become emersed in this magical place. Composer Howard Shore wrote an incredible score, and cinematographer Andrew Leslie created a fantastic world. Once the stage is set, a dramatic shift starts the adventure. After watching the trilogy multiple times, I hadn't seen it for about 15 years and was delighted. If you haven't seen it or it has been a while, I recommend this movie experience.

(Available DVD from KFL)

Denise, Library Assistant

Theo of Golden, a debut novel by Allen Levi, is a quiet, reflective story about how small, intentional acts of kindness can transform a community. It follows Theo, an 86-year-old man visiting Golden, Georgia, who purchases hand-drawn portraits from a local artist and "bestows" them upon their subjects, sparking meaningful connections across town.

This is a character-driven rather than plot-driven novel, moving at a deliberate, sometimes slow pace that fits its calm, meditative tone. It's easy to see why the book resonates with readers, with its thoughtful, introspective writing and emphasis on kindness and decency. It offers a welcome sense of comfort and humanity in trying times.

I especially appreciated the ending, which remains true to the book's reflective spirit. *Theo of Golden* is a warm, sincere read with a clear message about the ripple effect of kindness, love, and grace. Readers who enjoy gentle, life-affirming fiction will likely find it meaningful.

If You Loved *Theo of Golden*, Try These...

- *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston – A heartwarming story of a lonely man finding a second chance at family.
- *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg – A gentle tale of "found family" and simple wisdom.
- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt – A quiet, meditative debut about grief and unlikely connections.
- *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman – A cranky man's rigid world is softened by persistent neighbors.
- *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce – A reflective, slow-burn journey of hope and human connection.
- *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson – A charming look at dignity and friendship in a small community.

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