



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Over There, Over There

***Over at the Brick Store Museum Program Center June 3 at 10 a.m.**

In *Last of the Doughboys*, Richard Rubin introduced readers to a forgotten generation of Americans: the men and women who fought and won the First World War. Interviewing the war's last survivors face-to-face, he knew well the importance of being present if you want to get the real story. But he soon came to realize that to get the *whole* story, he had to go Over There, too. So he did, and discovered that while most Americans regard that war as dead and gone, to the French, who still live among its ruins and memories, it remains very much alive.

Years later, with the centennial of the war only magnifying this paradox, Rubin decided to go back Over There to see if he could, at last, resolve it. For months he followed the trail of the American Expeditionary Forces on the Western Front, finding trenches, tunnels, bunkers, century-old graffiti and ubiquitous artifacts. But he also found an abiding fondness for America and Americans, and a colorful corps of local after-hours historians and archaeologists who tirelessly explore these sites and preserve the memories they embody while patiently waiting for Americans to return and reclaim their own history and heritage. None of whom seemed to mind that his French needed work.

Based on his wildly popular *New York Times* series, *Back Over There* is a timely journey, in turns reverent and iconoclastic but always fascinating, through a place where the past and present are never really separated.

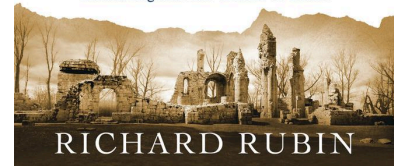
Co-sponsored by Kennebunk Free Library, the Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group and the Brick Store Museum, this event will take place at the Brick Store Museum's Program Center (4 Dane Street, just behind the Museum) on **Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** Books will be available for purchase through Nonesuch Books and a signing will follow the discussion.

Richard Rubin is the author of *Back Over There* from St. Martin's Press. He is also the author of *The Last of the Doughboys: The Forgotten Generation and Their Forgotten World War* and *Confederacy of Silence: A True Tale of the New Old South*, as well as scores of pieces for *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and *Smithsonian*, among others. A fifth-generation New Yorker, he now lives in small-town Maine, which baffles his neighbors.

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One American Time-Traveler, 100 Years
Since the Great War, 500 Miles of Battle-Scarred
French Countryside, and Too Many Trenches,
Shells, Legends and Ghosts to Count



Magician Norman Ng Kicks Off Summer Reading

Prepare to have your mind blown! Come be amazed and astounded by the magic of Norman Ng in the Norman Magic Experience! The performance will take place **Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m.** All ages are welcome!

The Norman Magic Experience is an exciting fusion of magic, comedy, and audience participation! It features never before seen magic, laugh out loud comedic situations and the best part? It stars you, the audience! Norman combines original and amazing magic tricks with his unique style of storytelling, action, and audience interaction. He swings stuff, smashes stuff, and makes hundreds of people suspend their disbelief with every show. The curtain is pulled back and the audience is invited to a world where anything is possible.



Norman is known for bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to his shows. He views his show as a conversation with an audience rather than a performance for them. He involves the audience in ways no other performer does.

Starting **June 23** come pick up your Summer Reading Program packet: Children, Young Adults and Adults. Keep a lookout for the SRP brochure - soon arriving in your inboxes.

The Castle: Stories of the Portsmouth Naval Prison

Award-Winning Filmmaker Neil Novello will be showing historical photos and video clips from his video documentary called, The Castle: Stories of the Portsmouth Naval Prison on **Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m.**



Although, the Naval prison closed in 1974, it still stands today overlooking the Piscataqua River adjacent to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME. Novello's presentation chronicles the 66 year history of the Navy's only maximum security prison in the world where as many as 50,000 sailors and Marines spent time.

Film includes 90 year-old footage of the prison from a silent Hollywood movie where Naval prisoners were used as extras and a clip from May 1945 which features rarely seen

footage of captured German U-Boat crews escorted to the Naval prison.

Since 1985, Neil Novello's award-winning career includes - documentaries, television news, and family biographies. His documentaries about the Portsmouth Naval Prison in Kittery, Maine were featured at the New Hampshire & Portland Maine Film Festivals & available on DVD. For more information go to: novellospeaks.com

MaineStage Shakespeare to Perform at KFL

The MaineStage Shakespeare ShakeStars will present abridged versions of the upcoming season's plays. A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed on **Monday, June 5** and The Winter's Tale on **Wednesday, June 7**. Both programs start at **6 p.m.**

The Shakestars and friends will perform in a Reader's Theatre style reading from script and performing the various roles of the play. Readers may perform multiple roles while never leaving their seats. This style emphasizes one of the theories that Shakespeare's plays were meant to be heard and acted. So please join us, relax, sit back and enjoy listening to one of the Bard's most complicated and hilarious comedies in A Midsummer's Night Dream on Monday. Return again to hear



various scenes from *The Winter's Tale*, a play with unexpected twists sure to capture everyone's imagination.

At Shakestars, MaineStage's summer camp for children, campers receive tailored instruction in acting, voice, movement, stage combat, textual interpretation and all the many skills required to improve not only their knowledge of Shakespeare but gain self-confidence as well. Camp is taught and directed by the actors who perform in their principal productions. For more information visit mainestageshakespeare.com

Save with Maine Accessible Home Tax Credit

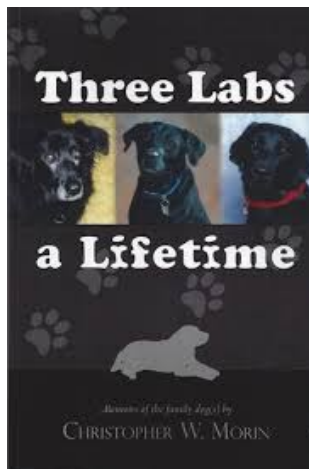
Co-chair of the Maine Government Relations Committee, Robert Picone, will discuss the Maine Accessible Home Tax Credit on **Thursday, June 8 at 2 p.m.**

This new tax credit is available for qualifying work billed in 2017 and for individuals earning \$55,000 or less annually who are making their residence accessible for a person with a physical disability or hardship who lives in their house. Examples of eligible work include making tubs and showers accessible and installing access ramps and grab bars.

Robert is a long-time resident of Kennebunk, volunteer with the National MS Society and executive producer of the talk show *Issues That Matter* which airs on Biddeford Public Access.

Local Author Talks Dogs

Portland author, Christopher W. Morin, will discuss his book *Three Labs a Lifetime* on **Saturday, June 10 at 10 a.m.**



There are few things in life as special or as meaningful as dog ownership. They're with us for such a short period of time, but what they give us in return is immeasurable-and timeless-and is never forgotten. Every canine breed is interesting and distinct in its own right, but there's something inherently magical and wondrous about Labrador retrievers that make them seem the perfect American family dog.

This is the story of three black Labrador retrievers who helped shape and define my family's very identity over the course of three decades. Included are stories and anecdotes-some amusing, others sad-chronicling the lives of these three exceptional dogs as recalled from my memory and past personal experiences.

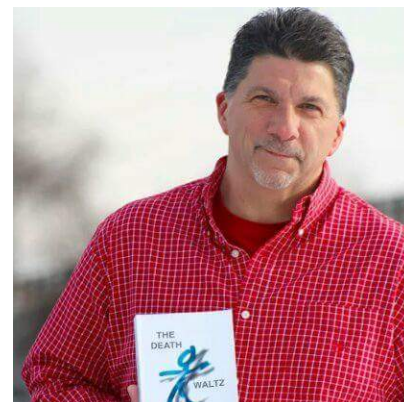
Three Labs a Lifetime is Morin's fourth book. He has also authored *A Tale of Life & War* and *The Rebel's Wrath*.

Christopher W. Morin was born, raised, and currently resides in Portland, Maine. He received a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Maine at Orono. He is a history enthusiast and has enjoyed creative writing since penning his first short story back in second grade. Find out more at <http://christophermorinauthor.com/>

The Death Waltz

Local author, Terry Powers, will be discussing his book *The Death Waltz* on **Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m.**

The Death Waltz consists of eight separate tales of men in different points of their lives dealing with death. Survivor's stories are woven with the lingering effects of losing a loved one; a dance with death that creates the very fabric of the shattered lives of those left behind. The death of a wife, a brother, a life once lived... are examined through the lens of the men struggling to move on, after finding themselves without someone, or something, they never imagined being without. The decision of surrendering to or fighting



the inevitable end of life's journey touches the lives of everyone involved in each story. Growing up around death where his family cared for hospice clients, author Terry Powers pens incredibly touching heartfelt stories that give insight into the male mind as it deals with loss, and how death affects a wider circle than we could ever imagined.

Powers is a first time author who is also a letter carrier in Saco. He joined the USAF at 17 and was a military policeman for several years. After leaving the service, he was a private investigator, a counselor, a newspaper writer and a retail manager before joining the USPS.

It's No Secret...

You and many others know that Kennebunk Free Library is an outstanding library that offers great programs and services by a friendly and qualified staff. We thank you for appreciating what we offer, what we do, and who we are. However, we cannot make these significant contributions to our community without your support. Today, we ask you to support our efforts with a tax-deductible gift to Kennebunk Free Library's 2017 Annual Appeal. We need your financial help to continue to provide the great services, programs, and access to information that you have come to expect and appreciate.

Kennebunk Free Library is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization funded by both public and private contributions. This year the Library must raise nearly \$200,000 to supplement funding from municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel. Your generous contribution is an essential part of our annual budget and makes you a key partner in our success. With your help, we can reach our 2017 Annual Appeal goal of raising \$66,000 by June 30, 2017.

If you have already answered our appeal, **thank you!** If not, I hope we can count on your support. Please make a tax-deductible gift online at www.kennebunklibrary.org, by mail or next time you are in the library. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Jill E. LeMay, Director

Pre-Race Packet Pick-Up on June 20.

Avoid the lines race day and stop in between 5 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20 to pick up your goody bag! This includes your bib and t-shirt. There are a limited amount of goody bags left so make sure to [register](#) today!



Children's Programming

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

The 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 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Farmer's Market

KFL will have a presence at each Kennebunk Farmer's Market Saturday in June; **June 6, 10, 17 & 24 from 9-11 a.m.** Stop by the say hello, ask a question or to join us for storytime at 10:00.

Flag Day Beadcraft

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! Students entering Grades 1 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on **Wednesday, June 7 at 1 p.m.** (It's an Early Release Wednesday.) All craft materials will be provided. [Registration is required.](#)



Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor will be at the Library on **Saturday, June 17 from 10-11 a.m.** to listen to children read. Patrons of **all ages** and abilities are encouraged to sit with Jack, and experience the pleasure of reading to such a non-judgmental listener.

Jack is a certified therapy dog, and will be accompanied by his favorite humans, Ursula and Kate Roese. He also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Yoga Building

On **Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m.** children ages 5 and up with a partner are welcome to Yoga Building. A "partner" may be a friend, a sibling, a parent or other family member, or a caregiver. Please bring a blanket for covering during Resting Pose. No experience necessary. [Registration](#) and waiver required.

Storytimes



Thursday, June 1 @ 10:15 a.m.: Time for 2s & 3s (toddlers)
Storytime break from June 2 - June 25

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:15 AM: Summer Storytime (all ages) through 8/10

Calling all Friends! (and future Friends)

The Friends of Kennebunk Free Library is hosting a Book Sorting Party on Wednesday, **June 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM**. We invite you to come and learn what happens between the time books are generously donated to the library and then end up in the book sales.



"Our community is very generous with their book donations and we need help to sort and categorize them. We hope to recruit a few new volunteers to help with this process", says Director Jill LeMay.

Once trained, book sorting volunteers can set their own schedule. Pre-registration is required for this event. Either call the library 985-2173 or email kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us

[Learn more about joining the friends.](#)

Senator Angus King's *Your Government, Your Neighborhood*

Senator Angus King Constituent Services representative Katie Fellows will be at KFL on **Thursday, June 8 from 10-11 a.m.** Senator King's staff is ready to listen and work on your behalf to help resolve issues you may have experienced with federal agencies. Acting as a liaison between you and the federal government, Senator King's office can often help you answer questions, find resources, or resolve problems. They can make inquiries about the status of your situation and review the steps taken thus far to ensure your case is being handled properly.

Popular *Let's Talk About It* Program Returns

KFL has once again been selected as the recipient of a grant from the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library for the *Let's Talk About It* program. This program consists of a series of books on a central theme. This year the series is "[Becoming American: Struggles, Successes, Symbols](#)".



A facilitator, Rebecca Dawson Webb, adds depth and breadth to the conversation, creating a good atmosphere for discussion and making sure everyone feels free to share their ideas and questions with one another. The program will take place on the following Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. 6/6, 6/27, 7/18, 7/25, 8/8 & 8/29. (Please note a few dates have changed since the original posting). Sets of books will be loaned to participants. [Registration](#) is required. All books are currently available for pick-up.

6/6- Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo A. Anaya
6/27 - Go Tell It On The Mountain by James Baldwin
7/18 - An Orphan in History by Paul Cowan
8/8 - The Way to Rainy Mountain by N. Scott Momaday
8/29 - The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

Rebecca Dawson Webb loves being a scholar/facilitator for MEHC programs, including *Let's Talk About It*, *New Books, New Readers*, and *Domestic Violence Prevention Book Group*. She's a long time writing coach, teacher, and editor, who leads memoir and therapeutic writing workshops. She is passionate about facilitating productive, meaningful conversations and about helping people share their stories.

Teen Programming

TEEN THURSDAYS (Thursdays)
June 1 & 8
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Head to the Library after school ends, and spend Thursday afternoons with Melissa. This is a drop-in any time event, no registration required. Open to teens in Grades 6-12. Play a game with friends. Color, create or collaborate. Get help with homework. Find a new favorite book.

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)
June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Come play the Wii on the KFL projector screen. Handheld devices and trading card games also encouraged.

June 2, 9 & 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m. June 23 & 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Earlier start time through 8/19)

ANIME AFTERNOON

June 14

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join Melissa, the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime files on the projection screen and everything anime in-between.



Rent a space at our Community Yard Sale on Saturday, **August 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** You'll receive prime visibility on Main Street, free advertising and all for a low cost to benefit KFL. Rent a 10'x10' space for only \$25. There are also a limited number of 30"x72" tables to rent at \$10 each. Please fill out and return the [application](#) to reserve your space.

Photographing the Book

"Photographing the Book," the works of Drew Sanborn and Margaret Lindsey Sanborn will be on display in the Speers Gallery from June 1 to 30. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

This exhibit is a blend of similar, yet differently focused, sensibilities. Because Margaret and Drew photograph and exhibit together, they often spend hours working at the same location. "It could be an old farm, a rare book library, an historic location, or an unusual landscape," explains Drew. "We mix our work together," says Margaret, "rather than grouping mine and his separately. That way, the viewer sees similar subjects from multiple viewpoints and only later may detect individual styles."



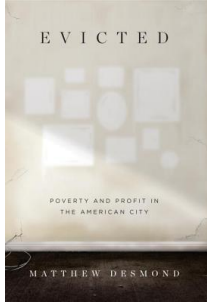
Although their work ranges over a variety of subjects, a common thread is their interest in books and history. They prowl around antiquarian bookstores and libraries where collections of vintage books can be found. Their own and their friends' collections of antique books are all viewed with a contemporary eye to finding beauty in those forgotten, and maybe no longer valued, objects.

They arrived at their mutual interest in the arts by individual routes, although both have now retired from careers in academia and returned to their family home in Maine. Margaret, with a Ph.D. in medieval literature from the University of New Hampshire, was a teacher and college dean. Prior to taking up photography, she drew, painted, and is currently learning tapestry weaving. Drew was a writer and editor for college and university publications but is a long-time photographer. He has a master's degree in visual arts and poetry from Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

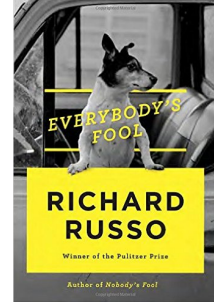
Reading Groups

Nonfiction Book Discussion -
Evicted by Matthew Desmond on

Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Adult Book Discussion -
Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo on
Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.



If you've been interested in attending a book discussion but have been hesitant to try, give us a shot. It's all the fun of reading and talking about a book without any of the homework. If you prefer to just listen you can come and do that too. We encourage different perspectives and strive for a variety of genres including classics, science fiction, historical fiction, graphic novels, psychological fiction and the list goes on. Attendees are also welcome to provide input for future book discussion titles. Copies of the books will be available to you to check out on your library card each month.

7/25/2017 - Unknown Caller by Debra Spark

8/22/2017 - The Moth: 50 True Stories by Multiple Maine Authors

9/26/2017 - The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah

10/31/2017 - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

12/5/2017 - The Last Painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith

Unknown Caller and The Moth: 50 True Stories are part of the Read ME statewide summer reading program, selected by Maine author Monica Wood that gets Maine's adults all reading the same books. Be sure to join us at KFL on Saturday, August 5 at 10 a.m. for a program with Debra Spark as she discusses her book.

Did You Know? College, Career & Vocational Materials

A specialty College, Career, & Vocational (CCV) section for items from both adult and YA nonfic items has been created. This section is scoped to house practical guides and directories for higher education and career options, exam prep books, and books on financing college. It does not include more narrative style books or items focused on the social aspects of higher education- those will remain in the nonfic stacks.

CCV items are identified with a spine label that starts with CCV and a red sticker alongside the spine label. These items **do** circulate, though they are kept at the start of the reference aisle underneath the maps and reference college directories. Note that since they circulate, the location you will see in the catalog is still Adult Nonfiction. The call number starting with CCV is the clue to tell you that the item is in the new section.

Renewing Your Library Card

The next time you're in make sure to find out when your library card needs to be renewed. If it's soon we can update your account. We renew cards every year to ensure your contact information is up-to-date. You can also find out when your card will expire through your online account.

Crafting Friends

The Crafting Friends is a group open to the public that meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

The crafting friends show off their latest project: a quilt for their founder, who recently lost her husband.



June Calendar of Events

- June 1: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
- June 1: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
- June 2: Parenting Class, 10:00 AM
- June 2: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
- June 3: Genealogy Group, Author Richard Rubin @ Brick Store Museum, 10:00 AM
- June 5: Reader's Theater - A Midsummer Night's Dream, 6:00 PM
- June 6: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- June 6: Let's Talk About It Book Series, 6:00 PM
- June 7: Beadcraft, 1:00 PM
- June 7: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
- June 7: Reader's Theater - The Winter's Tale, 6:00 PM
- June 8: Your Government, Your Neighborhood Constituent Hours, 10-11 AM
- June 8: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
- June 8: Maine Accessible Home Tax Credit, 2:00 PM
- June 9: Teen Gaming, 2:00 PM
- June 10: Author Chris Morin, 1:00 PM
- June 12: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- June 13: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- June 14: Anime Afternoon, 4:00 PM
- June 14: Friends of KFL Book Sorting Party, 6:30 PM
- June 16: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
- June 17: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10:00 AM
- June 17: Stories of the Portsmouth Naval Prison, 2:00 PM
- June 20: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- June 20: Road Race Goody Bag Pick-Up, 5-8 PM
- June 23: Teen Gaming, 3:00 PM
- June 26: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- June 26: Author Terry Powers, 6:00 PM
- June 26: Magician Norman Ng, 6:00 PM
- June 27: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- June 27: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- June 27: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 PM
- June 27: Let's Talk About It Book Series, 6:00 PM
- June 27: Trustee Meeting (Open to the Public), 7:00 PM
- June 28: Trivia Night, 6:30 PM
- June 29: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- June 29: Yoga Building, 11:30 AM
- June 30: Teen Gaming, 3:00 PM

*No Chair Chi this month

*KFL will be closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4

STAY CONNECTED:

