

June



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Library News and Events



Summer Reading Fun For All Ages!

Kennebunk Free Library's summer reading program is coming!! This year's theme is Level Up At Your Library, and all ages are welcome to participate! Kids and teens can fill out a summer reading bingo card or game board and earn raffle tickets for cool prizes! All ages will be eligible to enter a raffle in their age group. **The summer reading program will run from June 23 through August 16 with a Kickoff Carnival on June 24.** Some of the awesome programs we're doing this summer:

For adults:

- Chamber music with VentiCordi
- Adult Summer Camp
- Summer Concert with Bryan Frates

For teens (ages 10 and up):

- Demigod Days
- Dungeons and Dragons
- 39 Clues Amazing Race
- Escape Room
- Mario Kart Tournament

For kids:

- Drop-In Stuffed Animal Adoption
- Glow Party
- Life-Sized Candy Land
- 31st Annual Pet Show
- Video Game Party

For all ages:

- Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival
- Outdoor Board Game Evening
- Ice Cream Social Finale Party

We have even more program fun planned! Dates and times of all programs will be announced soon. Come play with us this summer!



The Fabulous Find - Donate and Shop in June!

Kennebunk Free Library is delighted to share that The Fabulous Find in Kittery is supporting libraries in June! Along with Barrington Library Foundation, D.A Hurd Public Library Association, Friends Supporting Wells Public Library, Friends of the Weeks Public Library and William Fogg Public Library, KFL will receive a portion of the organization's June proceeds.

[The Fabulous Find](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, sells designer clothing, jewelry, home accessories, furniture, music, and books to provide generous donations to fellow community non-profit organizations selected by the board of directors each month. KFL was the recipient of an \$11,000 donation in

the fall of 2022.

How can you contribute? Visit The Fabulous Find during the month of June to shop. They have a high-quality, ever-changing inventory and lots of great bargains! You can also take your gently used items to donate. The donation policy is [here](#). Make sure to let store employees know that you are donating as a supporter of KFL.



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

[Registration](#) for the Kennebunk Free Library 28th Edition 5K is now open! **Preregistration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.** Same day registration begins at 4 p.m. on Race Day: Friday, July 11. **(Same day registration costs are \$45 for adults; \$30 for children.)**

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.

Following the race, join us for a party on the library lawn, with live music, food, and a beer tent!

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

Though we are not offering a separate virtual race registration, if you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to run your own course and send us photos.

Please email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org or call us at (207) 985-2173 if you have any questions.

A Message from the Friends

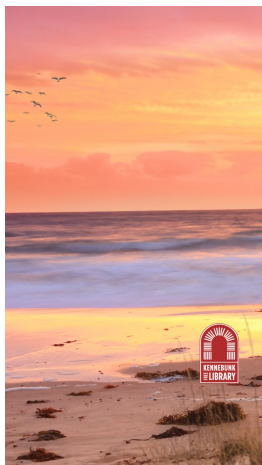
The May Day book sale was a great success thanks to generous donations of nearly new books from our community, the hard work of Peg with the weekly sorting group, and enthusiastic book-loving buyers. Friend representatives participated in the Kennebunk May Day Parade in



support of KFL and libraries. The day was a sunny, fun celebration of spring.

Friends have been invited to support KFL's important Road Race fundraiser by donating a gift card for the Road Race Auction. If you would like, drop off a gift card to the library by June 6.

Mark your calendar for the next book sale in conjunction with the *Blueberry Festival on July 26*. If you would like to join the Friends of KFL you will be welcomed! [Here is the link](#) for more information.



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.



Spring 2025 Annual Appeal

Hello Spring! The longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures mean that summer is on its way to Maine and that it's time to fundraise for all the creative programs and activities that are on the KFL calendar. Our dedicated volunteers and staff members prepared the Spring Appeal mailing that hopefully made its way to you. As an independent nonprofit, your support is vital to making our mission "to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect", come to life and for that we are truly grateful.

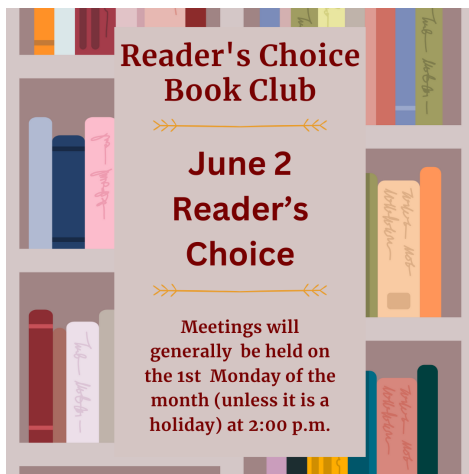
Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Kennebunk Free Library. Your support fuels our passion, drives our mission, and transforms our community—one story at a time. Please find more detailed information here:

[Spring Appeal letter 2025](#)

[Spring Appeal infographic 2025](#)

If you have already donated – Thank you! If not, please take a moment to send in your check or [donate online TODAY](#).

Your support is deeply appreciated!



Reader's Choice Book Group - June 2

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

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!



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - June 5

It's time for Summer! Come kick off the first month of Summer with us by enjoying a fresh and festive dish of your choosing. **Our theme this month is Summer Delight**, so think fresh, local and bursting with flavor. Summertime is a time for juicy tomatoes, fresh herbs, corn on the cob and mint tea, or even a delightful peach cobbler! Pick a dish that puts you in the Summer spirit and bring it in to share!

We will be meeting on **June 5, from 3 to 4 p.m.!** **This will be our last meeting until September, so we'd love to see as many of you as possible!**

Please [email Becca](#) to let her know you will be attending.



Seedling and Plant Swap - June 7

Did you have a lot of luck with starting your seeds early this year? Are your house plants growing like mad with the return of warm sunny days? Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. for a seedling and plant swap. Bring healthy excess seedlings and plant cuttings you might have to give away and take something new home to try!

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.



We will be joining the Kennebunk Land Trust to look for buds, sprigs and the changes around us to interpret the signs of spring. Additionally, you can learn more about our Summer Reading Program while there! [Click here to register](#) and learn more! We hope to see you there!



Foraging for Edible Mushrooms - June 9

Foraging for Edible Mushrooms; Starting with a Foolproof Few for Your Area. Collecting and eating wild mushrooms is an exciting pastime but an intimidating prospect for the beginner. There are so many different mushrooms and some of them are devilishly difficult to tell apart. And some of them are poisonous, a few dangerously toxic. However, there are a number of common mushrooms that are great edibles, easily identified and without toxic look a-likes.

These *Foolproof* mushrooms may provide you with all the mushrooms you ever want! Join mushrooming author and teacher Greg Marley at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m.** for a talk devoted to some common “foolproof” mushrooms found in the Northeastern US. This talk will be especially valuable for someone who is just starting out or wants to learn mushrooming.

Greg Marley has been studying, growing, collecting and cooking and eating wild mushrooms for 50 years. He is a frequent speaker and lecturer and teaches mushroom identification and ecology to hundreds of new foragers. For more than 2 decades he has consulted in cases of mushroom poisoning across New England. Greg is the author of *Mushrooms for Health; Medicinal Secrets of Northeastern Fungi* (2009) and *Chanterelle Dreams, Amanita Nightmares, The Love Lore and Mystique of Mushrooms* (2010). He lives and mushrooms along the coast of Maine.

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Ukulele Group - June 11 and 28*

(*NEW MONTHLY GROUP)

Join us on **the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.**, and now **the fourth Saturday of every month at 2 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.

Ukulele will be taking a break for the summer.



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - June 11

Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, June 11, at 6 p.m.** in the Reading Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Illustrated World**

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits the 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!



Coastal Birds With Maine Audubon - June 16

Come meet Dr. Katie Burns, the Outreach Coordinator for Maine Audubon's Coastal Birds Project at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.!** The Coastal Birds Project is an effort to monitor and conserve Maine's endangered shorebirds, namely Piping Plovers and Least Terns.

Katie first got involved with the Coastal Birds Project back in 2013, when she joined the project as a summer

intern. After 12 years of working on a wide variety of conservation projects and completing her PhD, Katie has recently returned to the project as the Coastal Birds Outreach Coordinator. Katie will be giving a presentation on Maine's endangered shorebirds, with a large focus on Piping Plovers and their conservation. She will also provide educational materials for anyone who would like to learn more about how to help these tough little birds!

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.



Trivia Night - June 18

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.



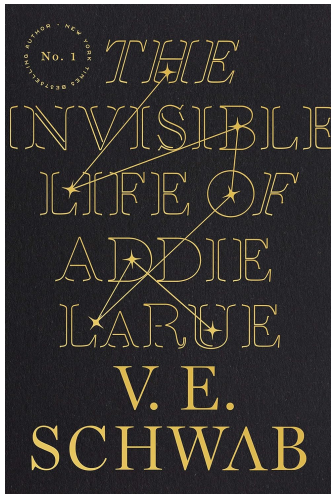
Die Well Death Education - June 23

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, June 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** for the eleventh 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.

Most people think there are two basic body disposition options: burial and cremation. Not true! There are many more than that, several of which are far more affordable than the “standard offerings” from a funeral home.

This month we will discuss the Body Disposition Options available in Maine and review and discuss the “The Funeral Rule,” a law implemented and enforced by the Federal Trade Commission in 1984 (amended in 1994), to protect consumers when purchasing funeral goods and services. In short, protecting consumers from unscrupulous selling practices in the funeral industry.

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Fiction Book Discussion - June 24

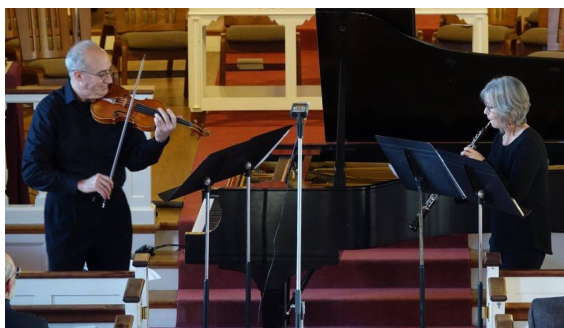
Join us on **Tuesday, June 24 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab.

“Schwab (the Shades of Magic series) crafts the tale of one woman’s desperate drive to be remembered into a triumphant exploration of love and loss. The story hops across time as it follows the life of Adeline “Addie” LaRue from the French countryside in the early 1700s to New York City in 2014. As a young woman, Addie makes a deal with the devil to save herself from the tedium of an arranged marriage, asking for “a chance to live and be free.” The devil grants her immortality but curses her to a life of horrible isolation: no one she meets will be able to remember her. The first half of the book —as Addie learns the limits and loneliness of her curse—is as devastating as it is prescient in these self-isolating times. Which makes Addie’s

eventual meeting with Henry, the first person to remember her in some 300 years, all the more joyous. This sweeping fantasy is as much a love story as it is a tribute to storytelling, art, and inspiration. Schwab’s diverse cast is beautifully rendered, and the view of human connection on offer is biting and bitter, yet introspective and sweet. This ambitious and hopeful work is a knockout.” -Publishers Weekly

Outdoor Board Game Evening - June 25

Join us on **Wednesday, June 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** for an evening of playing board games under the shade trees in our amphitheater! We will have games from our collection to play or you can bring one of your own. We will have games for all ages and snacks will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the rain date for this program will be Wednesday July 2, from 5:30 - 7:30.



Venti Cordi - June 26

Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Thursday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m.** for a concert by chamber music group VentiCordi. They will present a program for all ages featuring the music of Richard Rodney Bennett, Telemann, and Bill Matthews, and will finish with the beloved children's classic *Ferdinand the Bull* for violin and narrator. This 45-minute, informal concert will allow time for

questions and interaction with musicians Kathleen and Dean.

VentiCordi, led by Artistic Directors Kathleen McNerney, oboe, and Dean Stein, violin, has presented critically acclaimed concerts throughout Maine since 2009. Their innovative programming combines winds and strings for truly unique musical experiences. Learn more about VentiCordi at www.VentiCordi.com

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.



Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts - June 30

On **Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**, Kennebunk Town Historian Kathleen Ostrander Roberts will be at the Kennebunk Free Library to discuss her new book: *Unmarked Graves and Forgotten Lives, The Enslaved Persons of Color in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells and Arundel Maine*.

In the book, Roberts shares her research on the individuals of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells and Arundel, Maine, who were enslaved prior to 1800. This research included deeds, written histories and local diaries as well as archaeological evidence uncovered at the site where several previously enslaved people, who were finally emancipated, came to live on the outskirts of Kennebunk between 1790 and 1831. Roberts shares probate records, church records and other primary sources which give

important information about the names of many of these individuals and those who enslaved them. Images of some of the artifacts found at the site help give insight into how they lived as they

transitioned from slavery to freedom. Robert's goal is to inform and further shed light on New England's complicity in the slave trade in Colonial York County, Maine which was, at that time, part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

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.

Weekly Programs



Cribbage - Thursdays

(NEW WEEKLY GROUP)

KFL will be hosting a weekly Cribbage meet up on **Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.** Just stop in to play!



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays (previously Monday), from 12:30 to 3 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? You're welcome to watch and learn. Want lessons? Future newsletters will announce a springtime class signup. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.

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 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 to 4 p.m.**,

and **Thursdays from 10 a.m. 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.



Improv - Saturdays

Join us on **Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for a fun and relaxed morning of improv!

After June 28th, Improv will be taking a break for the months of July and August. We will see you again after the Summer!

Teen Programs



Bookish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is *buzzing* with bookish activities for you to do beginning **June 2**, 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:

Bookish Oracle: Let the Dice Decide Your Reading Fate

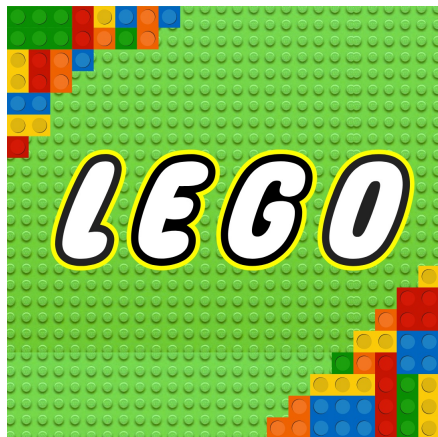
KFL's Teen Programming Librarians will be hosting a collaborative Dungeons and Dragons performance **at PortCon on June 28th**, and we wanted to share a bit of bookish insight with you before the big event! Are you

interested in discovering your bookish future, but don't know where to begin? Let's roll the dice and see what's in store. To discover your next adventure, bookish words of wisdom, a clue to your next mystery, or something more, roll the giant 6-sided dice block 3 times, and add the numbers together for your fortune. Best of luck, your fate is in your hands!

Summer Bucket List Bulletin

Summer is here, and we want to know what you hope to do during the break! Join our interactive bucket list bulletin board where you can share your ideas for the summer. This can include what books you're excited to read, your favorite songs of the summer, what activities you look forward to, your favorite summer-time snacks, or really anything that makes you happy about this time of year! We can't wait to see what's on your list!

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



Teen Lego Build Displays - June 2

Starting **June 2**, 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 Claudia 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, there will be ribbons awarded for your designs. Your creations will then be taken

apart so you can build something new in July, but we will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, just reach out to Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia in the children's room downstairs, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Teen Craft Kits: Beaded Bow Keychains - June 6



Start your June by designing a summery beaded bow keychain! In this month's Teen Craft Kit, you'll hand bead and tie your own multifaceted bow, which can be attached to a bag, set of keys, or whatever you'd like! On **Friday, June 6th**, stop by the library to take supplies home with you to craft independently. You can find these kits in the Teen Room, waiting just for you!

This program is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Dungeons and Dragons - June 2, 16, & 30

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. The markets of Carceri whisper your party's names as your reputations grow in this time loop mystery, and we will embark on our search for Lynx, the Drider wanted for information and supplies.

We will be meeting on Mondays: **June 2, June 16, and June 30 from 3:30-4:30 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.

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 or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Booth Summer Reading Kickoff - June 24

Dive into summer by checking out our Teen Booth at the Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival! Not only can you sign up for summer reading, grab your packet, and learn about the fun prizes and future programs, but you can also get the first taste of our upcoming Teen Summer Camp: Demigod Days. Channel your inner Camp Half Blood camper from the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by picking out a godly parent pin, grabbing wings for your shoes, receiving a prophecy from the oracle, and taking a picture at our mythological photobooth! Join us on **Tuesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 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. If you have questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Programs



Beadcraft - June 4

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 4, 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 10

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, June 10, at 3:45 p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This month, we'll be sharing a story about kindness and rainbows. 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!



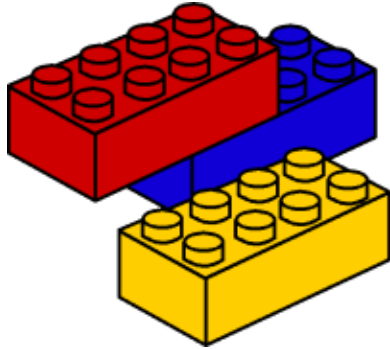
Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival - June 24

Come one, come all to KFL's first ever Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival! Join us on **Tuesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 p.m.** This year's summer reading theme, Level Up At Your Library, is all about games! We'll be getting our summer reading game on with carnival treats, crafts, activities, and of course, games! Try your luck at the duck pond, test your skill at the hula hoop toss, and more! Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program – you'll even get to take home a free book! Are you 10 years or older? Stop by the teen booth to sign up for our teen program and pick up a free book! Come play with us this summer!

Stuffed Animal Adoption - June 25



Do you have room in your heart and your home for a new stuffie? On **Wednesday, June 25, 1 to 4 p.m.**, Kennebunk Free Library will be an adoption center for stuffies that are looking for their furever homes! Drop in during adoption hours to pick out a stuffie to keep. We'll have all sorts of animals to choose from! You'll also receive an adoption certificate to take home. Give your stuffie a check-up at the checkup station before you go! While you're at the library, sign up for this year's summer reading program! Leave the library with everything you need for a summer of fun AND a new friend!



Lego Club - June 26

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 26, 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 recommended 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 10:00 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 can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- June 2
- June 9
- June 16
- June 23
- June 30

Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On **Thursday mornings** in June, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out 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.



Come play and make new friends at the library! **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 noon. **Because of the holiday closure, there will be no Family Fun Play on June 19.** Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required.

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- June 5
- June 12
- **June 19 CANCELED**
- June 26

Our last session of Thursday Family Fun Play until the fall will be Thursday, June 26.

Speers Gallery



June Artists: Bill McCarthy & Barney Cutrer

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"Perspectives by a Pair of Painters"** by Bill McCarthy and Barney Cutrer. **The exhibition runs June 2 through 30, with an opening reception on Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 3 p.m..** All are welcome.

Bill McCarthy's love of art began in his youth, where art class was his favorite subject in school. Since then, he's worked a broad variety of jobs until 20 years ago when he devoted himself to painting, drawing and watercolor. Although mostly self-taught, he has taken lessons with local artists including Dennis Poirier. Along with Cutrer he appreciates van Gogh, although he mostly admires the Dutch painters of the 16th and 17th century, such as Remembrance, Vermeer, Hal's and others. Bill says "So far I've sold a number of my works to collectors here in Maine also, New York

and Michigan and have been featured at the Newburyport Art Association. My intention is to continue painting, plein air and studio work. I hope my paintings speak for themselves."

Barney Cutrer was born in Spain and raised in the Midwest. In his early 20's he traveled throughout the world, before settling in Maine. He has been painting since his early teens, and his favorite subjects usually have to do with nature, depending on his mood. He is drawn to Impressionism, his favorite artist being Van Gogh. Barney says "Bill and I have been friends for many years, sharing our interests in art and life. His love of painting is an inspiration to me. We hope to paint together now that I have retired."

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to welcome these talented friends for their joint exhibit in our Speers Gallery.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from June 2 through the 30 at

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

Popular New Releases for June

June 2

[The First Gentleman](#) – Bill Clinton

June 3

[Stuart Woods' Finders Keepers](#) – Brett Battles

[Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie](#) – James Lee Burke

[Badlands](#) – Douglas Preston

June 10

[The River Is Waiting](#) – Wally Lamb

[Knave of Diamonds](#) – Laurie R. King

June 17

[Fox](#) – Joyce Carol Oates

June 24

[Don't Let Him in](#) – Lisa Jewell

[The President's Shadow](#) – James Patterson

[A Mother's Love](#) – Danielle Steel

[The Death Mask](#) – Iris Johansen

A Message from the Director

Kennebunk Free Library is a thriving organization for many different reasons. Of course, we have a wonderful staff, but we also have many volunteers that keep our operations flowing smoothly. Some of our volunteers contribute once a month or once a week or help with ongoing projects.

We also need volunteers for our big events like



our 28th Edition 5K taking place on Friday, July 11. We especially need help on our course, offering directions to participants and cheering them on.

If you're able to help out at our 5K, [please fill out the form at this link](#). You can also share this link with your family and friends. Further, if you're interested in other volunteering opportunities at KFL, [please fill out and return the form at this link](#).

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: Senator Joe Rafferty (Senate District 34), Sharon Kelly (Berwick Public Library, Director), Michelle Conners (Kennebunk Free Library, Director)

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, From the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement by Sharon McMahon

"Hope" is what I feel after reading this book. By golly, if they could do what they did, under nearly impossible circumstances, we can stop this avalanche of threats to civil rights, the rule of law, and the Constitution. We may need to be patient, but there is a lot to emulate in these portraits of twelve ordinary American citizens who built this country that we love. Many of the names will be familiar to you, others I heard of for the first time. These amazing stories need to be told. The author gets a bit snarky at times, in an amusing way and as deserved. (Available as a book from Minerva, audio from Libby)

Conclave a film directed by Edward Berger, produced by Tessa Ross and Juliette Howell, screen play by Peter Straughan

This star studded and timely fictional representation of the Papal Conclave of the Catholic Church is a work of art. It takes you into a story based on what happens when a new pope is selected through the ancient process of conclave held in the Sistine Chapel. Once the stage is set the movie is riveting. The cast of Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow and my favorite, Isabella Rossellini. It was totally worth watching just to hear Rossellini's voice. Intriguing twists are sprinkled throughout, of course. (Available DVD from KFL)

Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton

Like so many of us, the pandemic opened the author to see the beauty that surrounded her that her normal busy life overlooked. It is a meditation and the audio book lead me through the literal garden path of exploring English nature. If you need to fill your mind with words of calm this could be the book you are looking for. Sidenote: One of the writers for Jeopardy may have read this book while developing the category "Baby Animals. The answer is "leveret," and the question is "What is a baby hare?" Readers become very familiar with this word. (Available from KFL in print,

Libby as audio)

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