

# Kennebunk Free Library

Monthly E-Newsletter

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## Children's Room Update



## Worthy Wednesdays



**David's KPT** in Kennebunkport will donate 10% of proceeds (starting at 4:00) on **March 16** to KFL.



Registration is now open.

Thank you to our sponsors!

As some of you have heard by now, we've had a bit of an emergency in the Children's Room. A hot water valve in the Children's Room ceiling burst, saturating materials and furnishings with hot moisture. The steam has dissipated, the water has been vacuumed, and we are now in the process of assessing and repairing the damage.

All of our Children's books, dvds and cds have been boxed and sent to be frozen and dehumidified. I am hopeful that most will be saved. We have work crews cleaning and refurbishing the Children's Room. The room will remain unavailable to the public until the work is completed and the books, dvds and cds have returned home.

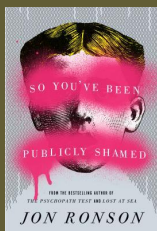
Luckily, many of our items were in children's homes being read when this event occurred! As these items have been returned to the Library, we have placed them in the Reference Room for more children to borrow. They have not come in contact with the wet items. Please come browse what we have! As always, you can request items from Minerva and pick them up upstairs. And the Wells Public Library will allow our patrons to borrow items at the Wells Library with your KFL library card for the duration of this closure.

I know that some families don't usually get an opportunity to enjoy the rest of the Library. I hope this gives you a chance to take a look around and maybe see something new. Perhaps you'll find some new music cds, a magazine, or dvds for yourself while you are upstairs. On Wednesdays and Thursdays through March, we have a fire in the

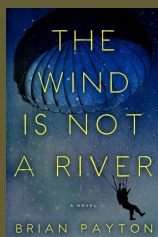


## Adult Reading Groups

Non-fiction Book Group  
Mon., March 14  
6:30 PM  
*So You've Been Publicly Shamed*  
by Jon Ronson



Adult Book Group  
Tues., March 22  
1:00 PM  
*The Wind is Not a River*  
by Brian Payton



'Tis the Season  
to enjoy a fire in our  
fireplace!  
Join us in the  
Parsons Reading Room  
on  
Wednesdays and  
Thursdays now through

fireplace. Take a moment to appreciate the beauty of this building. I love the woodwork upstairs, especially above the fireplace! This is YOUR library!

Because we are plucky New Englanders, our fine Children's Room staff continues to offer quality programming for the enrichment of our children. Join us downstairs in Hank's Room for storytime and more.

I've had kind words and offers of help from many of you in the community. At this time, we don't have room to store book donations. Any donated books will be sold at our booksales. We haven't learned what our insurance will cover, but financial donations will help us meet any shortfall. Your kind words and belief in us is always welcome. We love what we do here. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this event.

Bernie - Children's Librarian

## Sealed Bid Auction for Vintage Library Cabinet

For many years, visitors to Kennebunk Free Library have both admired and inquired about our vintage library display cabinet. Finally, we are ready to offer this iconic piece of KFL history a new home and at the same time raise funds for the Library.

We are accepting sealed bids until 3:14pm on Pi(e) Day, March 14, when bids will be opened. All interested buyers may make a sealed bid offer and the highest bid over the \$500 minimum wins. Bids must be dropped off at the adult services desk.



This beautiful birch cabinet is currently on display near the adult services desk on the main floor of the library. Its dimensions are 14"D x 32.25" W x 6' H. It includes five rows of 9.5" drawers, two rows of 14.5" drawers and three alternating rows of drawers 9.5" x 19.5". The cabinet is topped with three display racks.

## Focus Group

You are invited to let us know what you think! Join us for a focus group this spring where we are looking to gather opinions, beliefs, and attitudes about the services we currently provide our community and hear your ideas about how we can improve as we plan for future growth.

The focus groups are open to all community members. Focus groups

March.



### Parenting Class

**Friday, March 4  
10:00 AM**

This ongoing, drop-in class is led by Stevie Westmoreland, LCPC, LMFT. No pre-registration required and you do not need to attend all of the classes.



### Teen Advisory Board

**Tues., March 8,  
3:30-4:30 PM.**

We will discuss potential teen programs and activities for January and February, so bring your ideas and your friends. Snacks will be provided.

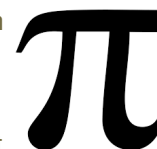
Join us in Hank's Room.  
Open to anyone in Grades 6-12.



will be held in the Reference Room on: Thurs., March 31st from 12 - 1pm; Tues., April 5th from 6:30 - 7:30pm; and Sat., April 9th from 10 - 11am. Each session will address the same topics. Please call the library at 985-2173 for more information.

### **Pi(e) Day Bake Sale**

We will celebrate Pie ( $\pi$ ) Day on **Monday, March 14** with a bake sale of homemade pies, both sweet and savory. Whole pies and pie slices will be available on 3.14. Come celebrate your mathematical tendencies in a most delicious way!



### **Tail Waggin' Tutor**

Jack, a five-year-old black Labrador Retriever, will be visiting us once a month as a patient, furry listener encouraging children to read. His next visits will be **Saturday, March 5th & April 9th** from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Students of all ages are invited to drop in to read to Jack.



Library Reading Dogs can help children increase their reading skills and become more confident readers. The dog provides a non-judgmental listener and children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency. Of course, associating reading with something fun like patting a dog helps too!

Jack is a certified therapy dog who also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He will be accompanied by his favorite people, Ursula and Katie Roesse.

No pre-registration is needed to participate. The program is free and wheelchair accessible.

### **Technology Tuesdays**

Beginning March 22 at 2:00 and continuing the fourth Tuesday of every month, Technology Tuesdays will be offering introductory computer classes. A different topic will be covered each session with Internet Basics in March and Email Basics on April 26.

We'll teach you the lingo and walk you through the basics. You'll learn how to access and search the internet and leave with some information on internet safety. During our email session we'll teach you how to set

## Nifty Knitters Every Tuesday at 11 AM

Bring a needlework project to work while chatting with other crafters, or bring in your project for others to help you.

Beginners Welcome!  
Don't forget, KFL lends knitting needles & has wool available for the asking.

### You Just Never Know...

I went into a store in Portland recently and a young man, mid 20's or so, was helping me place an order. When he asked for the shipping address and I said Kennebunk, he shared the following with me:

Kennebunk is a great place. Not long ago, I was having a tough time of things, and was...well...homeless for a while. I used to go into the Kennebunk Library to read and just to have a place to go. I always felt welcome and comfortable while there -everyone was so nice and respectful. I was able to look for want ads, go online, and eventually, things turned around for me. I think the

up an account.

Bring your laptops or devices if you have them and have your questions ready. A limited number of Library computers will be available so please give us a call at (207)985-2173 to register or with questions. This instruction is open to all patrons.



[Mainstage Shakespeare](#) will be hosting three upcoming events. Stay tuned for more information.

Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 - *Twelfth Night* Abridged  
Monday, March 28, 5:30 - Reader's Theater  
Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 - Reader's Theater

## New Tax Help Procedures at KFL

This year, tax help will be offered every Thursday from 9:30-12:00, through **April 14**. Because this is a popular service, we want to make things as hassle-free as possible.



To that end, we are implementing a new sign-up procedure this year. We will not be putting a sign-up sheet outside the door as we have done in previous years. Instead, library doors will be open at 9:30 sharp, with a sign-up sheet inside the library. We're hoping that being here at 9:30, rather than at 9:00, will minimize the overall time that you spend waiting.

The accountants are wonderful about staying until everybody has been seen, so don't feel that you have to camp out for an appointment.

Everybody will have a turn. We know tax season is stressful for everybody so we appreciate your patience and your kindness to each other.

## Anime Club

Join Melissa, the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films on the projection screen and everything anime in-between. Every other Thursday in March (March 10th + 24th). This event will be held in Hank's Room at the Kennebunk Free Library from 3:30PM to 4:30PM. It is open to students and teens in Grades 6-12.





library may have helped  
save  
my life...

Pat Carls ,  
KFL Board Member



Homeschooling  
Group  
**Mon., March 7 at 2  
PM.**

Our drop-in group  
provides an opportunity  
for homeschooling  
families to get together  
with others and  
exchange ideas or ask  
questions. Join us!



Classic Comedy  
Film  
**Wed., March 23 at 5:30  
PM.**

Laurel & Hardy Feature  
Buster Keaton Short



Legos Club  
Children in kindergarten

## Chair Chi

The next Chair Chi session will be held in Hank's Room on **Wednesday, March 23 at 2:30**. Chair Chi is a gentle exercise program that was developed to help people enjoy the benefits of Tai Chi while seated. Instructor Amber Wilson, Engage Life Director of Atria Kennebunk will be using principles from her training to ease the mind, body and heart and enhance well being and community connection.

Though geared toward seniors and adults this is a program open to all ages. This program is held the last Wednesday of each month.



## KFL's Genealogy Group

The next meeting of KFL's Genealogy Group, *Solving Your Brick Walls* will be held on **Sat., March 5**, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Brick Walls happen when you come to a complete stop in your research. You just need a single fact or clue to discover more about your family. On March 5 there will be a panel discussion on Methodology for Solving Brick Walls. On Saturday, May 14 from 10-12 there will be Brick Wall Solutions and for this piece we're looking for your brick walls to solve.

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group is offering free evaluations that will be discussed during the May 14 program to the first four people. Application forms can be picked up at the Library beginning February 20nd at 9:30 am or you can request a copy via [kflbrick@gmail.com](mailto:kflbrick@gmail.com). They must be submitted either at the library or electronically to [kflbrick@gmail.com](mailto:kflbrick@gmail.com) no sooner than February 22nd and no later than Saturday 5:00pm, March 5th.

The members reviewing and reporting on your Brick Walls have collectively over 140 years of experience researching their own family and other peoples' families. If your application is accepted, we will meet with you at your earliest convenience. This will help us to understand your situation and answer any questions you might have. Due to privacy concerns no research will be conducted on living family members. Please submit only the form provided and keep questions succinct. For example, Where can I find a probate record? Or, Where was my grandfather born?

On Saturday, April 2 from 10-12 author, Deborah Child will hold a program, "A Stranger in our Midst: Richard Brunton's Life on the Fringe." The Genealogy Group is open to the public and meets nine



and older are invited to join KFL's Legos Club on

**Tues., March 29 at 4 PM.**

Class is currently full.



### Storytimes

Mondays 10:15 AM

Peek-a-Book Babies

Ages: 0 to 2

Tuesdays

10:15 AM Family

Storytime

Ages: All

Thursdays 10:15

AM Time for 2s & 3s

Ages: Toddlers



**Wed., March 30**

**@ 6:30 PM**

### KFL Seeking Trustees

The Library is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the Board of Trustees. All persons 18 years of age who are legal residents and/or employed within the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel are eligible to serve on the

times a year.

This free program requires no registration; just come, share and learn! Drop-in's are always welcome!

### **Teen Gaming**



Play video games with us on a projector screen! Wii gaming console, controllers and games will be provided. Role-playing games, table-top games and personal device games are also welcome. This event will be held in Hank's Room, 2:30pm-4:30pm every Friday in March. Open to Grades 6-12.

### **Teen Movie Night**

Come watch a movie at KFL on our projector screen. Bring your friends. Snacks will be provided. The movies will be selected by the Teen Advisory Board. All movies will be rated PG. Open to Grades 6-12. March 15, 5:30.

### **Brown Bag Lunch Series**

**Joseph Hardy** will discuss his book *History of a Maine "Little River"* on **Thursday, March 3**, from 12-1 in Hank's Room.

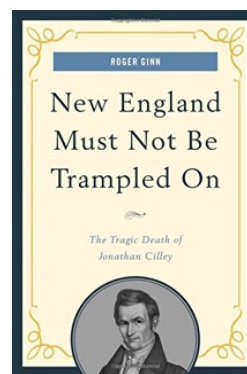
Many New England communities have a "Little River." Today, they may seem insignificant, but during earlier centuries free flowing streams provided innumerable sites for industry, especially sawmills, grist mills, fulling mills, and carding mills. These enterprises were small-scale, but their role in the growth and prosperity of the larger community was huge.

This book is about one such Little River, which happens to be situated in Wells, Maine. It presents the changing landscape during the time of the last continental glacier, and the ensuing cultures of the native inhabitants. The author then describes the period of European settlement in the 17th century, and the agricultural lifestyle dominant during the 18th and 19th centuries. Along the way, the reader encounters a ferryman, a millwright, a surveyor, several farmers, millers, shopkeepers, a sea captain, and finally the well heeled summer visitors who came to Southern Maine courtesy of the railroad.

Board and are encouraged to apply. For more information and to find a nomination form please visit the [Trustee job description](#) or stop by the circulation desk for printed information.

**Roger Ginn** will discuss his book *New England Must Not Be Trampled On* on **Thursday, March 17**, from 12-1 in Hank's Room.

On February 24, 1838, Maine Congressman Jonathan Cilley was killed in Maryland by another Congressman from Kentucky in one of the last duels to take place in the United States. At the time, dueling was not illegal, but still Cilley's death was a shock to the nation. Before the duel, fought with rifles at less than one hundred paces, Cilley is believed to have said, "New England must not be trampled on." He fought for the honor of his name, the honor of his home state, and the stout patriotism he held all his life.



This revealing biography considers Cilley's short life: his early years in New Hampshire, his time at Bowdoin College and his friendship with Nathaniel Hawthorne, his marriage and political life, the events that caused him to accept the duel challenge, and the duel itself, with its tragic aftermath. It also provides an intriguing look into the politics of nineteenth century America and the history of dueling within this country.

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## More Ways Than Ever to Support KFL

Do you want to support the Kennebunk Free Library, but aren't quite sure how? Three recent donations to the library offer examples of how local residents and library patrons can give unique gifts that support the library's mission.

The library has recently received a number of donations, including a stand-up bass, donated by a local musician and library patron, three separate bequests totaling more than \$22,000, and a gift of stock. Far from typical donations, these gifts provide unique and lasting support to the Kennebunk Free Library.

The stand-up bass was donated by a frequent library patron who could often be found playing guitar in the study room and participating in library programs. Preparing to move out of the area, he donated the bass to the library to show his appreciation for the many afternoons he spent here.

"Since 1907, when the library opened its doors, the people of Kennebunk have demonstrated their deeply held conviction about the value and importance of the library in our community," says library director Jill LeMay. "Each gift has a direct bearing on the quality of services and programs we are able to provide."



These are just a few examples of the many ways Kennebunk residents can support the library and its programs. Every gift, whether it's a contribution to the library's Annual Appeal, a donation of books, baking for a bake sale, or an afternoon of volunteer work, makes a difference.

Additional giving opportunities include participating in KFL's Gift Book Program, which allows patrons to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions with a commemorative book plate, memorial gifts, gifts of securities, bequests and other deferred gifts. KFL also accepts donations through PayPal, an easy, safe, and secure way to support the library.

There are plenty of other ways to give, too. The Friends of the Library and the library's Board of Trustees are always looking for new members and community members to serve on committees. The library is also seeking volunteers to work on library projects. [Visit our website](#) for a full list of giving options.

"No matter how you choose to give to the library, your support is vital to our continued ability to provide extraordinary services and experiences for our community," says LeMay.

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### **National Library Week**

National Library Week, April 10 - 16 is a perfect time to visit the library for business, relaxation or to attend a program. During this week, the library will offer their fabulous Book Bundle raffles. Visit every day and receive a free raffle ticket to increase your chance of winning.

Outside of the library, the Portland Sea Dogs are celebrating National Poetry Month, National Library Week and National Library Worker's Day, all in one, on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016. Prior to the game, they will be recognizing all library workers (full time, part time, and volunteer) for their hard work and dedication to the communities they work in with a parade around the warning track and on-field recognition ceremony.





In addition, the Portland Sea Dogs will be hosting a book drive at Hadlock Field from Monday, April 11th through Tuesday, April 19th. Fans that bring in a book(s) for donation will have the opportunity to buy a ticket, receive one free for the Library Night event on April 19th. Books will be donated to the LearningWorks YouthBuild Program. Come to Portland and see some of your favorite librarians on the field!

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## March Calendar of Events

Mar. 1: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 1: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM  
Mar. 1: Yoga Series, 4:00 PM  
Mar. 2: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM  
Mar. 3: Tax Help, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Mar. 3: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 3: Local Author Talk - Joe Hardy, 12:00 PM  
Mar. 4: Parenting Class, 10:00 AM  
Mar. 4: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM  
Mar. 5: Genealogy Group, 10:00 AM  
Mar. 7: Pee-a-Book Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 7: Homeschool Group, 2:00 PM  
Mar. 7: Crazy 8's, 4:00 PM  
Mar. 8: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 8: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM  
Mar. 8: Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM  
Mar. 10: Tax Help, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Mar. 10: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 10: Anime Club, 3:30 PM  
Mar. 11: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM  
Mar. 14: Pi(e) Day Bake Sale  
Mar. 14: Sealed Auctions opened @ 3:14 PM  
Mar. 14: Peek-a-Book Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 14: Non-Fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM  
Mar. 15: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 15: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM  
Mar. 15: Yoga Series, 4:00 PM  
Mar. 15: Teen Movie Night, 5:30  
Mar. 16: Worthy Wednesday @ David's KPT, 4:00-close  
Mar. 17: Tax Help, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Mar. 17: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 17: Local Author Talk - Roger Ginn, 12:00 PM  
Mar. 18: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM  
Mar. 21: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 21: Crazy 8's, 4:00 PM  
Mar. 22 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 22: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM  
Mar. 22: Adult Book Discussion - The Wind is Not a River, 1  
Mar. 22: Tech Tuesday, 2:00 PM  
Mar. 22: Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* Abridged, 5:30 PM  
Mar. 23: Chair Tai Chi, 2:30

Mar. 23: Classic Comedy Film Series, 5:30 PM  
Mar. 24: Tax Help, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Mar. 24: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 24: Anime Club, 3:30 PM  
Mar. 25: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM  
Mar. 28: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 28: Mainstage Shakespeare Reader's Theater, 5:30 PM  
Mar. 29: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 29: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM  
Mar. 29: Legos Club, 4:00 PM  
Mar. 30: Trivia Night, 6:30 PM  
Mar. 31: Tax Help, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Mar. 31: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM  
Mar. 31: Library Focus Group, 12:00 PM

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We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via [email](#), phone (207/985-2173) [Facebook](#) or in person.