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## Library News

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### March Madness is Back!



Kennebunk Free Library's [March Madness auction fundraiser](#) continues this March as we embrace the madness we are all feeling. Bid online from March 1 to March 31 on an array of themed baskets all focused on generous businesses that have supported KFL in so many ways over the years. All of the baskets have been assembled by the KFL Board of Trustees and all of the gift cards have been purchased by the Friends of KFL as a way of showing support to local businesses. All money raised goes directly back to KFL so your bids support the library as well.

Basket themes include spa, wine, coloring, and "green" and each includes a mystery gift card to a local business that ranges in price from \$20 to \$50. Additionally, everyone that bids will be entered into a drawing for a *Read and Recreation* basket based on the new collaboration between Kennebunk Free Library and Kennebunk Land Trust.

Winners can pick their baskets up at the library during curbside hours at the conclusion of the auction. Baskets can also be shipped for an additional fee.

Your support helps KFL achieve our mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect. Each year, we must raise about 25% of our operating budget through fundraisers such as this.

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Registration for the 24th Edition Road Race opens on March 1! Be one of the first 200 to register to get a race T-shirt and goodie bag.

This year, we're hoping for the best of both worlds! We will be holding a virtual Road Race from June 21 - July 7. Run your own race course (or follow the traditional route) whenever it's convenient. We are also planning for an in-person race on July 9 in the hopes that in-person events may be possible at that point.

Road Race sponsorship opportunities are still available. [Click here](#) to learn about sponsorship

REGISTER

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## Now Accepting Book Donations on Wednesdays 2:00-4:00

We appreciate your books, DVDs, and audiobooks donations. KFL uses these donations to raise money during our book sales or sometimes add to our collection.

We ask that you please adhere to the drop-off schedule, Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. When you arrive please proceed to the main entrance vestibule where you will be asked to confirm that all materials meet our [Donation Guidelines](#). KFL has a very generous community and as such, our donation guidelines help us fit our space and time constraints.

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## Looking for April - August Issues of Kennebunk Post

KFL began archiving issues of the Kennebunk Post in 2019. Issues from 2020 will be our second year of doing so. However, like many things, the pandemic has thrown a bit of a wrench in our plan. We have a large gap in our 2020 collection and are missing most issues from April through the end of August. Can you help complete our run? If you still have issues of the Kennebunk Post from this time frame in 2020 and would be willing to donate them to the library, we would love to have them. We have a complete run of the York County Coast Star so only need issues from the Post. Issues you would like to donate can be dropped off in our book drop at your convenience. Thanks for helping us preserve 2020 headlines for the future!

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# Adult Programs

## Heart & Home Book Club - March 1



The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. Our virtual discussions take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting. If you've been thinking about trying out our book group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's

book or young adult novel. Our unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do book club", and everyone is welcome!

### Upcoming Meetings:

On Monday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Resilience*.

On Monday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Flight*.

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

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## In Stitches - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

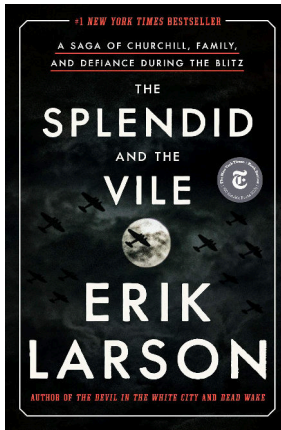


Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.

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## Nonfiction Book Group - March 8



Join us on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"The bestselling author deals with one of the most satisfying good-vs.-evil battles in history, the year (May 1940 to May 1941) during which Churchill and Britain held off Hitler. Bookshelves groan with histories of Britain's finest hour, but Larson (*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, 2015, etc.) employs a mildly unique strategy, combining an intense, almost day-to-day account of Churchill's actions with those of his family, two of his officials (Frederick Lindemann, who was Churchill's prime science adviser,

and Lord Beaverbrook, minister of air production), and staff, including private secretary Jock Colville and bodyguard Walter Thompson. Since no one doubted they lived in extraordinary times and almost everyone kept journals and wrote letters, the author takes full advantage of an avalanche of material, much of which will be unfamiliar to readers." (Kirkus Reviews, February 1, 2020)

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## British Television Trivia - March 15

**MASTERPIECE**

From *Downton Abbey* to *Doctor Who*, join us on on Zoom on Monday March 15 at 6:00 to test your knowledge of British television.

Visit our website rotating display or calendar for the Zoom link.

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## Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts - March 22



KENNEBUNK TOWN HISTORIAN

*Kathy Ostrander-Roberts*

LOCAL HISTORY SERIES

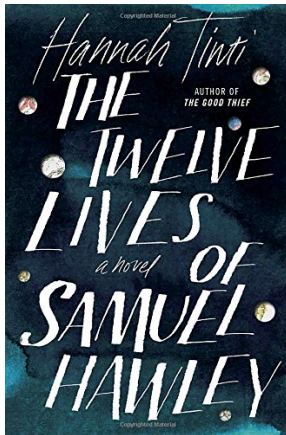
November 23: Kennebunk Poor Farm  
December 15: Ken Joy Photo Collection  
January 25: Cemetery Iconography  
February 22: House Moving in Kennebunk  
March 22: Women in Industry  
April 26: History of Kennebunk's Churches  
May 24: Statues and Markers for Veterans

This month, Kathy Ostrander-Roberts will be discussing Women in Industry. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the Zoom link.

Previous discussions can be viewed on [KFL's YouTube channel](#).

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### Adult Book Discussion - March 23



Join us on Tuesday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

Meet Samuel Hawley, a man in a constant struggle with his violent past, doing the best he can to raise his daughter. Meet Loo, his daughter, a girl with an obscure past and an uncertain future, on the cusp of adulthood. And meet Lily, the dead woman who connects them both. In this finely woven novel, the past and the present gradually illuminate the story of a man's life through the bullet wounds he carries with him and makes readers consider what it is to be both good and evil. (Dawn Terrizzi, Denton Public Library, Denton, TX: LibraryReads, March 2017)



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### Ukulele Group - March 24

Join us on Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

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## Teen Programs



### Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play *Jackbox!* We also occasionally dabble in *Minecraft* and *Among Us*. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



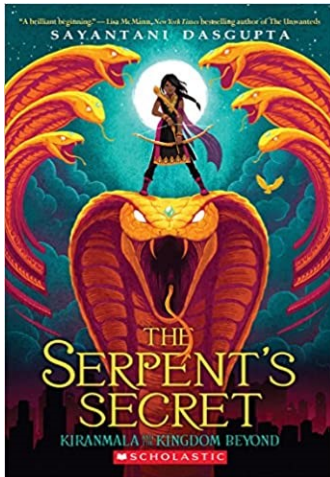
### Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All teens ages 10 and up are welcome! Join us for fantastic programs and to spend time with friends.

ZOOM LINK

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### Middle School Book Group - March 24



Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, March 24 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss a book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

This month we will be reading *The Serpent's Secret* by Sayantani DasGupta. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.



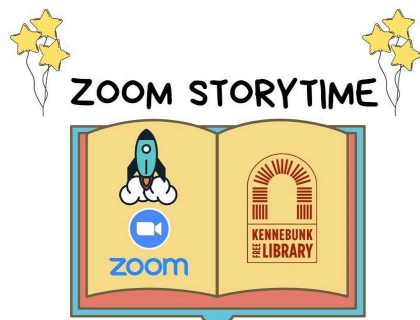
## Facebook Live Storytimes

Join us on Facebook Live on select dates in March at 10 a.m. for stories and songs! Storytime is designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is invited to watch and participate! We'll have a great time! Storytime Live dates are:

- March 4
- March 11
- March 18
- March 24

Visit our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary> for storytime fun!



## Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! From March 15 - April 26, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be most Mondays at 10:00 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please register by email at [ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us) or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- March 15
- March 22
- March 29
- April 5
- April 12
- April 26

All storytimes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Storytime Kits including crafts, shaker egg, scarf, and song sheet are available while supplies last! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



## Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering 2 take and make craft kits in the month of March with all the materials to make a craft or two.

- 3/1-3/17: St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18-3/31: Women's History Month

Come grab a kit and get your creative juices flowing

## MSBA Virtual Challenge



Have you signed up for the MSBA Challenge on Beanstack yet? Through 6/30/21, students in grades 4-8 can earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title read and reviewed. Readers will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit [kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org](http://kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org). If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or via email at [ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us). MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!

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### Request a Book Stack

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us [via email](#), or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!

Below are some human and animal friends enjoying their book stacks! Clockwise from the top left are Amos, Shok, Ellen, Leroy (cat), a book stack, and Story.



# New Books, AudioBooks, and DVDs

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*Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.*

[Click here](#) for a look at books that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

**Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?**

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

## Hot New Releases on Order for March

### March 2

[Klara and the Sun - Kazuo Ishiguro](#)

[The Affair - Danielle Steel](#)

### March 9

[The Dark Heart of Florence - Tasha Alexander](#)

[Fast Ice - Clive Cussler](#)

[Transient Desires - Donna Leon](#)

[Matter of Life and Death - Phillip Margolin](#)

Beirut Protocol - Joel Rosenberg

### March 16

[Win - Harlan Coben](#)

[Meant to Be - Jude Deveraux](#)

[The Bounty - Janet Evanovich](#)

### March 23

[Danger in Numbers - Heather Graham](#)

Orfeia - Joanne Harris

[The Other Emily - Dean Koontz](#)

[Eternal - Lisa Scottoline](#)

[Double Jeopardy - Stuart Woods](#)

[The Consequences of Fear - Jacqueline Winspear](#)

### March 30

[No Way Out - Fern Michaels](#)

[The Red Book - James Patterson](#)

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## A Message from the Library Director

With our March Madness fundraiser starting and Road Race registration opening, there is some





inkling of normalcy returning. We are also itching to get outside as it warms up and a great way to start is with our new partnership with the Kennebunk Land Trust, *Reading and Recreation*. We will also have activities (likely take-home) lined up for Faerie Festival in early May and believe it or not, we are already getting our Summer Reading plans together. Thank you so much for all of your continued support and understanding. The community has been relaying frequent comments to staff about their hard work and I couldn't agree more.

## Staff Picks & Messages

This month, in addition to newer reviews, we're going to tell you about some of our favorite books that have been buried in the stacks and not checked out for a few years. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did!

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### **Kat, Library Assistant**

*Let Us Dream – The Path To A Better Future* by Pope Francis

This book asks the reader to take a look at what Covid 19 has revealed about our global situation. Pope Francis is troubled by an attitude that the most important thing is “to get back to normal” rather than use this pandemic to reevaluate our economic inequalities, use of our environment and our priorities. The proposed plan uses current findings of scientists, economists, activists, as well as spiritual traditions, to encourage each of us to explore new possibilities. The uplifting ideas presented are practical and point to a great future for humanity.

*My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russell

Psychological fiction that brings you into the mind of a teacher that grooms and preys upon his young female students. His brilliant portrayal of the relationship as true love and as himself as the victim to Vanessa is fascinating. Of course, what we know as a predatory relationship, deeply contorts Vanessa as she grows to adulthood. The author does a great job of helping the reader see how our cultural norms allow such atrocities to take place and the various ways bystanders and family react.

We were invited to show some love to a great book that got buried in the stacks section and my two picks are both old historical novels with strong, female protagonists:

*Kristin Lavransdatter* by Sigrid Undset

I love the view into 14<sup>th</sup> century Norway and strong-willed Kristen that this story offers. After I watched the DVD (available from KFL-English subtitles) I had to read the book.

*Katherine* by Anya Seton

Same century but in England, this is the love story of Katherine Swynford and John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and the third surviving son of King Edward III.

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## Jenny, Library Assistant

[Forest Trees of Maine](#) is a publication of the Maine Forest Service. Our library has a copy of the 1908 – 2008 centennial edition, and a [free e-book version](#) is available for download in part and in full on the Maine Forest Service's website. This spiral bound book is a guide for identifying and learning more about the tree species that grow in Maine. In addition to historical and other introductory materials, the book begins with a winter identification key as well as a summer identification key, a comprehensive glossary, and several labeled botanical drawings. Each tree species has a one or two page profile with multiple photos and a written description of identifying features, such as bark, buds and flowers. I really enjoyed reading and later using this book to learn more about the trees with whom I share a home. For example, I successfully walked myself through identifying a tree in my yard with the use of the winter key to confirm that the little evergreen residing just feet from my home is a Balsam Fir, which the guide tells me is the most abundant tree in the state!

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## Kate, Cataloger

*Chocolate Wars: the 150-Year Rivalry Between the World's Greatest Chocolate Makers*  
by Deborah Cadbury

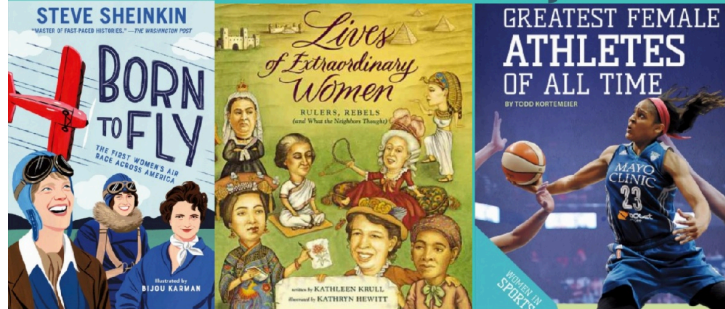
I wince when I notice this book still sitting on the shelf rather than checked out and being devoured by some food history fan or reader with a sweet tooth. It is such a fascinating read! Written by a member of the Cadbury (yes, that Cadbury) family, *Chocolate Wars* gives an in-depth look at the development of the Cadbury company and other early chocolate manufacturers, walking through the innovative technologies created, borrowed, stolen, and adapted to transform chocolate from a gritty and bitter Victorian health food drink to the confection we know and love today. Alongside the progress of the food itself, we get a compelling look into the rise of the Cadbury brothers' business in which they applied their deep Quaker values and endeavoured to provide the best for their workers including building homes, schools, recreation areas, indeed an entire village for them- notably catching the eye of one Milton Hershey. One word of warning- this book will absolutely have you craving chocolate, so it may be best to have a bar on hand while reading.

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## Denise, Library Assistant



**March is Women's History Month.**  
**Request a Book Stack of Books featuring**  
**Famous Women In History.**



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