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Library News and Events



New Addition to Our Collection!

Our new adult craft cart will make its debut on March 1! Each of the six kits contains all of the materials that you will need to try out a new craft. Kits can be checked out for up to three weeks or you can sit down and try them out while you're at the library. The types of crafts available in the cart will change periodically. Currently available kits are embroidery, paper quilling, pottery pinch pots, coloring, stamping, and frame painting. Thank you to the Maine State Library who provided the funding for the kits through the American Rescue Plan Act!

There's Still Time to Order Pie - Through Feb 28!



Maine Wild Blueberry Pie

Maine Wild Blueberries may be small, but they are packed with big flavor in this popular pie.

\$20

Apple Pie

Our Apple Pies are full of carefully picked New England apples encased in our delicious tender crust.

\$20



BAKE & SERVE PIES

These pies are frozen & unbaked



Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

A tender two crust pie with the perfect combination of summer sweet strawberries and tart rhubarb. Enjoy a little taste of summer in this pie!

\$18

Bumbleberry Pie

Our signature pie has a little something for everyone... apples, strawberries, rhubarb, raspberries and Maine Wild blueberries, all topped off with our delicious oat crisp topping.

\$21



THAW & SERVE PIES

These pies are frozen. Just thaw to serve

Chocolate French Silk Pie

\$23

Melt in your mouth dark, creamy chocolate filling in a chocolate cookie crust and finished with blended whipped topping made with real cream. A chocolate lovers dream!



Pecan Pie

\$24

A traditional Southern Pecan Pie with a decadent, nutty, sweet filling smothered with pecans.



Key Lime Pie

\$23

A creamy filling made with the tartness of real Florida Key Lime juice in buttery graham cracker crust, finished with blended whipped topping made with real cream.



WHOOPIE PIES \$30

A dozen seasonal - Classic, Maple & Mint



Order Now



March Madness Auction

Kennebunk Free Library's March Madness auction fundraiser continues this March as we embrace the madness we have all been feeling. Bid online from March 21 to March 31 on an array of themed baskets. All of the baskets have been assembled by the KFL Board of Trustees and the Friends of KFL. Basket themes include spa, wine, cookies, and "green."

Winners can pick their baskets up at the library 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.



25th Edition 5K Registration Opens March 1!

KFL's annual road race turns 25 this year! To celebrate we're making a few changes, starting with the new logo. Keep an eye on our website for other changes that will be revealed.

Some things are staying the same as ever: be one of the first 200 to register and claim a race t-shirt and one of our fabulous goodie bags. The race, on Friday, July 8, will be in person and the food, wine-and-beer tent, and music will be back! We will also be offering a virtual option for those who prefer to compete on their own schedule.

Road Race sponsorship opportunities are still available. [Click here](#) to learn about sponsorship levels and the perks that come with each.

Adult Programs

In Stitches - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



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 11:00 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.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person inside the library; masks are required.

Travels in Mongolia - March 2



Kathleen Nolan, longtime Kennebunk resident and world traveler, will give a presentation, "Travels in Mongolia," on Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kennebunk Free Library. Nolan visited Mongolia in 2017 and loved every minute of her solo adventure in this vast and beautiful country. From mountains to lakes to sandy desert and open grasslands, Mongolia is a destination of unparalleled beauty and unique cultural experiences. Nolan, a veteran traveler, has adventured to many unusual places including Antarctica, Svalbard, the Lofoten Islands, Tibet, and Nepal. Her travels have taken her to 57 countries in all.

Kathleen visiting the site of prehistoric deer stones near Khosvgol Lake, northern Mongolia

Tech Time - March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31



Now more than ever, technology has become a constant in our daily lives. Though advertised as simple and easy, it moves too fast for most of us to keep up. Don't worry, the library is here to help!

Sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. to meet one-on-one with a librarian to try and help work through your questions. Whether it be trying to learn

to download one of our eBooks or Apps, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes to help troubleshoot a piece of software, our librarians will be your guide.

Appointments are 45 minutes long, so keep in mind there may only be time to discuss a small number of issues. If possible, make sure to bring your device with you with any associated logins that might be needed. Also, when setting up the appointment, help us help you by doing your best to describe the help you are looking for.

Contact us at 207-985-2173 x4 or via [email](#) to setup your appointment.

Reader's Choice Book Club - March 7



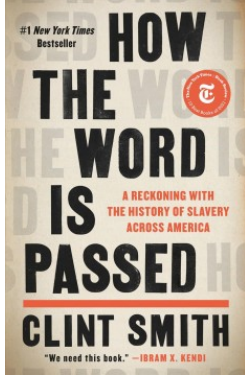
Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Surprise*.

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!

Nonfiction Book Group - March 7

Join us on Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *How the Word Is Passed* by Clint Smith. The discussion will be held in person at the library. Masks are required inside the building.

"Poet, educator, and writer Smith (Counting Descent) opens this latest work with his own story of growing up Black in New Orleans. Although



he often passed by monuments to Confederate generals and former slave auction houses, he didn't know much about the history of slavery in the U.S., nor was he very curious about it, until 2017, when widespread campaigns to tear down these monuments began. Smith then started to read classics in the historiography of American slavery and toured historical sites related to U.S. slavery, to interview people who worked there and people who visited them. He pieces together how the history of slavery has been falsely constructed to uphold white supremacy—the same history that has now, in some cases, been rebuilt to form a more honest picture. Some of the sites and histories that Smith revisits are well-known (for instance, Monticello and Sally Hemings's story); others, such as Louisiana's Angola prison/plantation, or the benefit Wall Street drew from slavery long after its abolition in New York, are refreshing new takes." (Library Journal, vol 146, issue 5, p77)

Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts - March 21



Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts and Dr. J. Leith Smith will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, March 21 at 6:00 to discuss artifacts collected during excavations at Ridge Community by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Artifacts will be on display at KFL, beginning March 8.

The artifacts were uncovered during three archaeological surveys in Kennebunk on what is referred to as The Previously Enslaved Persons Community of Kennebunk. These surveys were initiated and funded by the Town of Kennebunk's Bicentennial Committee as there **2020 Legacy Project** at the urging of its chairman, Kathy

Ostrander Roberts. The site of the community had been mentioned in local histories by Edward Emerson Bourne and Daniel Remich however the location was vaguely referred to as "a ridge of land in Kennebunk opposite so and so's property." Only from 20 years of careful deed and record research performed by Ostrander Roberts was the exact location determined. This site and two others uncovered by Ostrander Roberts's research will be the focus of future surveys as well.

"The members of our Bicentennial Committee felt the need to bring the lives of these marginalized members of our community to light, noting that until now, they have been forgotten and their story left untold". With the full support of the Town of Kennebunk, the committee unanimously voted that this project would be a lasting educational legacy to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Kennebunk. With the research she had compiled, Ostrander Roberts reached out to Dr. Arthur Speiss, Senior Archaeologist of Maine Historic Preservation Commission who, with colleague Dr. J. Leith Smith came to Kennebunk to meet with Bicentennial Committee members to walk the site and do a preliminary shovel test. Concrete evidence indicated the site was correct and plans were made immediately to conduct a series of surveys. Dr. J. Leith Smith with an extensive background in African Cultural Studies, became the lead archaeologist for the project.

Dr. Smith notes: "This site is a highly significant archaeological resource that is one of a very few that are known to exist in Maine. What makes it particularly unique is the early time period immediately following emancipation. The narrative that can be told from careful archaeological investigation is of extreme importance, not only for the combined history of Wells and Kennebunk, but for its history of the African American presence in the state as a whole. The fact that the site appears to be in a pristine state of preservation and was never reoccupied or disturbed upon abandonment is almost-unheard of. The nature of the site and its condition thus provides tremendous potential to inform on the lives of the African Americans who are transitioning in status both legally and personally from enslaved to free".

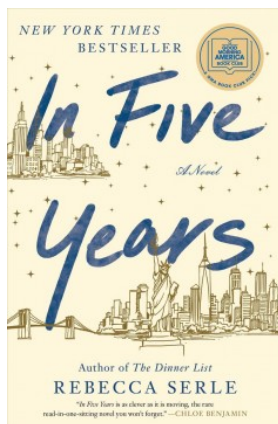
Take Note - March 21



Take Note will meet on Monday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.

What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Adult Book Discussion - March 22



Join us on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle. The discussion will be held in person at the library. Masks are required inside.

"After acing a job interview and accepting a marriage proposal, Dannie Kohan has had the perfect day. That is, until she awakens to find herself five years in the future with a completely different man.

Just one hour in that alternate reality shakes Dannie to her core. After all, highly ambitious Dannie and her boyfriend, David, have plotted out their lives in minute detail, and the sexy man in her dream—was it a dream?—is most certainly not in the script. Serle (*The Dinner List*, 2018) deftly spins these magical threads

into Dannie's perfectly structured life, leaving not only Dannie, but also the reader wondering whether Dannie time traveled or hallucinated. Her best friend, Bella, would delight in the story given that she thinks Dannie is much too straight-laced, and some spicy dreaming might push Dannie to find someone more passionate than David. Unfortunately, glamorous Bella is in Europe with her latest lover. Ever pragmatic, Dannie consults her therapist, who almost concurs that it was likely a dream, and throws herself into her work. Pleased to have landed the job at a prestigious law firm, Dannie easily loses her worries in litigation. Soon four and a half years have passed with no wedding date set, and Bella is back in the U.S. with a new man in her life. A man who turns out to be literally the man of Dannie's dream. The sheer fact of Aaron Gregory's existence forces Dannie to reevaluate her trust in the laws of physics as well as her decision to marry David, a decision that seems less believable with each passing day. And as the architecture of Dannie's overplanned life disintegrates, Serle twists and twines the remnants of her dream into a surprising future.

A heartwarming portrait of a broken heart finding a little healing magic."
-Kirkus Review

Ukulele Group - March 23



Join us on Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m., for ukulele group with leader Dan Riggall. This month, the group will be held in person at the library. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music.

Take-and-Make: Embroidered Journals!

March's Take and Make kits will allow you to create your own



embroidered journal! All supplies and instructions will be included. Kits will be available starting March 7, while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Teen Magic the Gathering



Come and test out your Magic the Gathering deck among friends! Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet every other week on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. We will meet this month on **March 3, 17 and 31**. Players are free to bring their own deck or use decks provided by the library. If you've never played before, feel free to come and learn at your own pace. Open to teens ages 10 and up!

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers



Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of D&D. Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet every other Monday on **March 7 & 21** from 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring your own character or make a new one. All other supplies will be provided. New players are encouraged to come and join the adventure. Open to Teens ages 10 and up!

Children's Programs



Zoom Storytimes - March 1, 8, 15, 22

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! Zoom Storytimes will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in March. To participate, please complete our [Google Form](#) each week. Miss Maria will send the Zoom link and passcode one hour before Storytime on Tuesday mornings. Zoom Storytime will be held on the following Tuesdays:

- March 1
- March 8
- March 15

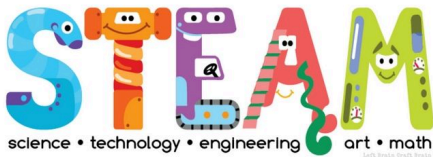
All storytimes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering crafts for special days in March! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, March 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

March STEAM Kit: Leprechaun Traps



Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering STEAM To Go kits for grades K and up with all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering the materials to build a leprechaun trap! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, March 1. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!



Book Stacks for Children

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! We have lots of brand-new books to share with 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!



February Scavenger Hunt

Calling all sleuths and searchers! Kennebunk Free Library offers a new scavenger hunt every month in the Children's Room. This month, come find the clues left by leprechauns on the loose! The leprechauns are writing rhyming riddles and leaving them scattered in the Children's Room. Each riddle you solve will bring you closer to a lucky prize! Good luck, detectives!



Virtual Nighttime Stories

What better way to wind down at the end of the day than with a story or two? Join in virtually for nighttime stories with Miss Emmaline! Keep an eye on our Facebook page -- you will find videos from Miss Emmaline sharing some relaxing stories for bedtime. Videos will typically be posted once a week. Our Facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary>. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page! Settle in and enjoy the stories!



Would you rather...

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In February, we asked, "Would you rather build a snowman or build a sandcastle?" 40 friends wanted to build a snowman, while 42 friends would prefer to build a sandcastle. 12 friends wanted to do both, and placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!

Speers Gallery

March Artist: Bob Lown

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its next Speers Gallery exhibit, "Watercolors" by Bob Lown, opening March 5. The exhibit features watercolor paintings of local architecture, beaches, parks and scenery of the greater Kennebunk area.

The public is invited to attend an artist reception on Saturday, March 5 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Speers Gallery.

Bob has been painting since 1960. In his younger years when his time was filled with job and family, his painting had to be tucked in between other priorities. Upon retirement in 1995 Bob was able to paint more regularly.

Though mostly self-taught, Bob has been able to take courses from various artists while on vacation and in retirement. Some memorable teachers were George Shedd, Carlton Plummer, Phoebe Flory, Russell Whitten, Carl Schmaltz and Dewitt Hardy.

Bob is an active member of Art Guild of The Kennebunks, and has exhibited several times before at the library. Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to welcome back and display the works of this talented artist once again.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from March 5 – 31, 2022 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.



Meet a Friend of KFL



Laura Dauphinais is a library volunteer and new Friend of KFL. Laura shares that “as someone that likes to do all kinds of research, I am so appreciative of all the resources (human, written, online tools and community) that a local library has to offer. Now that I have some extra time on my hands after working two different careers, volunteering at the library affords me the opportunity to work in a place that is connected and integral to the pulse of the town, provide services available to all community members and collaborate with neighbors for the benefit of all.” Laura is seen here helping to scan donated books for upcoming book sales. Laura's dog Zoey is a real Mainer - she loves her lobster! **Thank you, Laura!**



New Books, Audio Books, and 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

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 8

[Run, Rose, Run – Dolly Parton and James Patterson](#)

[Booth – Karen Joy Fowler](#)

[The Lightning Rod – Brad Meltzer](#)

[The Darkest Place – Philip Margolin](#)

[High Stakes – Danielle Steel](#)

March 15

[The Match - Harlan Coben](#)

[Give Unto Others – Donna Leon](#)

March 22

[A Safe House – Stuart Woods](#)

[The Recovery Agent – Janet Evanovich](#)

[A Sunlit Weapon – Jacqueline Winspear](#)

[French Braid – Anne Tyler](#)

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[A Relative Murder – Jude Deveraux](#)

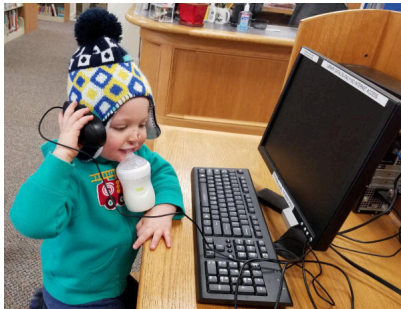
[What Happened to the Bennetts – Lisa Scottoline](#)

[The Missing Piece – John Lescroart](#)

[Death by Chocolate Chip Cupcake – Sarah Graves](#)

[Fear Thy Neighbor – Fern Michaels](#)

A Message from the Library Director



We are very enthusiastic about the kickoff to the 25th Edition Kennebunk Free Library 5K. Registration is open as of March 1 and you'll have the option of joining us in-person on Friday, July 8 or participating virtually. Thank you to those who supported us by purchasing a treat from our Pi(e) Day Bake Sale; those will be ready for pickup on March 11. Our March Madness online auction is another of our popular fundraisers and this will run from March 21- March 31.

I'd like to use this opportunity to remind you that our [OverDrive](#) collection of e-books and e-audiobooks is constantly growing and is curated for KFL patrons by KFL librarians. If you haven't yet, please do check it out and remember that this is a separate service from [CloudLibrary](#) which hosts a larger collection but is also open to all Maine residents with a library card.

This month's picture is my son Max during a recent library visit talking on the "phone".

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

The Snowy Cabin Cookbook by Marnie Hanel and Jen Stevenson

Are you ready for a fun, light book of ideas for winter enjoyment? This hygge (the art of creating cozy environments for winter months) how to has practical and delightfully impractical ideas. The careful instructions helped me to successfully make popovers with a muffin pan and I am saving an appetizer recipe for future reference. An easy flip through for a wintry day.

The Truffle Hunters - Directors: Gregory Kershaw, Michael Dweck

This is 90 minutes of elderly, Italian men talking to their dogs or listening to their wives – in Italian. It is delightful and light, but also reveals the troubles encountered by these men that have hunted truffles all their lives and now are dealing with the global demand for this delicacy.

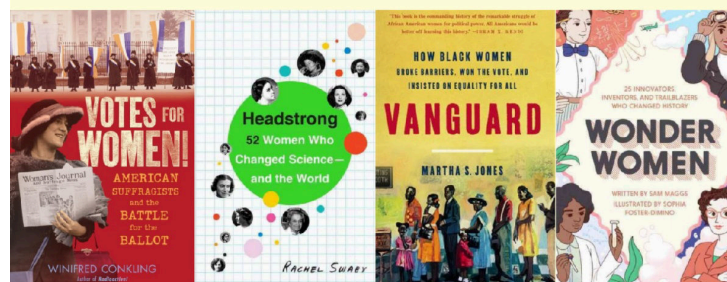
Klara and The Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Science fiction is a new genre for me, and this was a good pick for a first experience. Klara is the AF (Artificial Friend) of Josie and was selected in a storefront window. Klara is a very curious and empathetic model of artificial intelligence, and the storyline is her narration of making observations and taking action to try to make things better for the people around her. The society has a strong class structure, genetic engineering, jobs are lost to technology and the unemployed are segregated. Klara strives to understand the human heart and love. Thought provoking and timely, by an author that was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Denise, Library Assistant



**March is Women's History Month.
Check out a book or two featuring
Famous Women In History.**



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