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Library News and Events



26th Edition 5K Registration Opens March 6!

It's a sure sign of spring: registration for KFL's annual 5K opens at noon on March 6! Our 26th Edition 5K will be held on Friday, July 14. The first 200 to register get a 5K t-shirt and one of our fabulous goodie bags. Visit the [5K page](#) on our website for the registration link.

THANK YOU TO OUR 5K EVENT SPONSOR!!



A Message from the Friends of KFL

Spring is a time for reviewing and renewing our book donation supply! We are especially in need of popular hard-cover fiction in great condition and published no earlier than 2016.

Are you a Friend? We hope you will join us as a member, either through our [website page](#) or in person at the library.

We have our next meeting on April 10 at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (watch for notice of location).

As ever, thank you for all your support of KFL!

Bake and serve pies

No preservatives. Made locally here in Maine. www.valleyvieworchardpies.com

MAINE Wild BLUEBERRY \$20
Maine Wild Blueberries may be small, but they are packed with big flavor in the popular pie.

APPLE CRISP \$19
Sweet and tender apples from New England orchards are placed in a pie crust and topped with a brown sugar and oat crisp topping.

STRAWBERRY RHUBARB \$18
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!

BUMBLEBERRY \$21
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.

APPLE PIE \$20
Our Apple Pies are full of carefully picked New England apples encased in our delicious tender crust.

Thaw and serve pies

CHOCOLATE FRENCH SILK \$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!

PEANUT BUTTER MOUSSE \$24
We start with a chocolate cookie crust, pour a homemade chocolate ganache over the crust and layer in peanut butter mousse. This delectable pie is finished with blended whipped topping made with real cream.

OREO CHEESECAKE \$21
Chocolate cookie pie crust is filled with rich creamy cheesecake that is combined with Oreo cookie crumbles.

HOT COCOA WHOPPIE PIES \$35
Our chocolate cake filled with our vanilla frosting and chocolate fudge and rolled in mini marshmallows. Perfect pair with a cup of cocoa on those cold winter nights. One dozen

KEY LIME \$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.

PECAN \$24
A traditional Southern Pecan Pie with a decadent, nutty, sweet filling smothered with pecans.

KFL's Pi(e) Day Sale
Order by March 3; Pick-Up March 14
All pies are 9" and arrive frozen for baking or thawing.



Adult Programs

Tech Time - March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30



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 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.

Reader's Choice Book Club - March 6

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room. This month's theme will be: Women Changing the World.

Reader's Choice

Book Club

Monday,
March 6
at 2:00 p.m.

This month's theme...
Women Changing the World



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!

In Stitches - March 7, 14, 21, 28



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. See our events calendar for more information.

Ukulele Group - March 8 (in-person) and 22 (Zoom)



This year we are making some changes in the Ukulele classes to make it more convenient and useful for you.

We'll continue to meet twice a month: the 2nd Wednesday at 3:30 and the 4th Wednesday at 5:00. We will be playing the same music at both sessions. But the focus, time and "venue" have changed. You have the choice of coming to both or either. Whatever works for you!

The 2nd Wednesday Group will meet in person at the library. That session will focus on the songs for the month in greater detail. It will provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have from your practice and learn from each other.

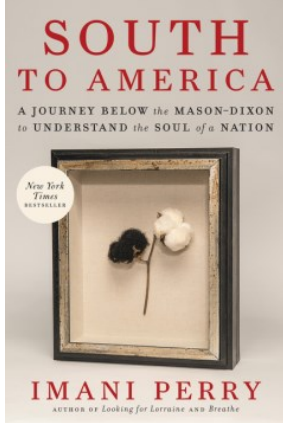
The 4th Wednesday Group will meet via Zoom at 5:00 pm, at least until daylight savings time begins. Here we'll just strum and pluck and yuck it up in the privacy of home — where no one else can hear you making ukulele fun and no one cares about bloop & errors! Less talk and more play.

If you are not already on the music mailing list, please [email to register](#).

Nonfiction Book Group - March 13

Join us on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *South to America* by Imani Perry .

"Award-winning historian Perry (African American studies, Princeton Univ.; *Looking for Lorraine*) takes readers on a road trip through the South, arguing that its history is fundamental to understanding the United States as a whole. As a native Alabaman and a professor of African American studies, Perry



blends stories about her own life, family, and friends with the histories, literature, and culture of 18 cities and regions in the South, mostly focusing on Black history but also touching on issues of immigration, the environment, and pop culture. She starts in the "Upper South," exploring colonial history in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC, then covers the "Solidified South" of Alabama, North Carolina, Nashville, and Memphis, and finally the "Water People" of the coasts including Savannah, Florida, New Orleans, and the Bahamas. The chapters about cities where Perry has a strong connection (e.g., Birmingham, where she spent her early childhood) are moving, but others can be hard to follow, when the hodgepodge of facts and stories don't seem to be leading to a specific point about that place.

VERDICT Recommended for readers of travelogues and African

American and Southern history, as long as they like a meandering style." --Kate Stewart (Library Journal, vol 146, issue 12, p98)

Trivia Night - March 15



The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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.

Drums of West Africa - March 18



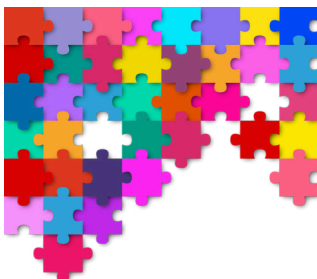
On Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 2:00, join us at the Kennebunk Free Library for a Maine Speaks program sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council: *Drums of West Africa* with presenter Namory Keita.

Namory Keita, Master Drummer, is a sought-after teacher and performer with a unique style and a wealth of traditional knowledge very rare to find outside the villages of Guinea. Keita is a cultural ambassador wishing to share his culture and in doing so, build bridges of understanding and

acceptance through engaging audiences in the musical art forms of the Humana region in West Africa.

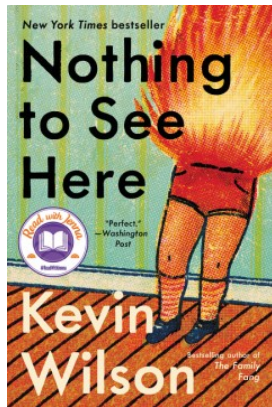
MAINE SPEAKS supports individuals and organizations who want to bring people in their community together to learn from a gifted speaker who shares their expertise and lived experience in engaging ways.

Puzzle Exchange - March 21



Spring may be coming, but it looks like there may still be a few snow days ahead. Make sure you are ready for them! On Tuesday, March 21, stop by KFL from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. to swap a stack of puzzles you've completed for new-to-you puzzles. Puzzles of all sizes are welcome! We do ask that puzzles brought for the swap be in good condition, have all of their pieces, and come from a smoke-free home. It's helpful if the pieces are contained in a large Ziploc bag so none get

Adult Book Discussion - March 28



Join us on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson.

"As teenagers, wealthy Madison and scholarship student Lillian became unlikely friends at a prestigious boarding school, until Lillian was expelled for something Madison did. Now that they're in their late 20s, Madison is married to a senator, and she invites Lillian—who spends her days working at a grocery store and smoking pot in her mother's attic—to their estate to care for her new stepchildren...who are prone to literally bursting into flames when upset. The novel is a love letter to the weirdness and difficulties of children and of parenting, with or without spontaneous human combustion. The fire is a lovely and flexible metaphor for childhood—the pain, joy, and mania of it—as vital, beautiful, and terrifying as kids themselves can be. Lillian tells the story in an easy, engaging voice, cynical and funny without being caustic. Like the author's *The Family Fang*, this is another story of a family that is as delightfully bizarre as it is heartfelt and true." (Library Journal, vol 144, issue 8, p69)

Groundbreaking Women - March 28



Women of the last century worked tirelessly to open doors that had always been closed before. Join us to hear the stories of three local women that each in their own way, fought barriers and rose to levels their mothers could never imagine.

Eva Barnfather started her career as an airline "stewardess" in 1944, worked as a teacher and became the first female vice principal in her Massachusetts community.

Barbara Sharood was a member of the first Georgetown University class to admit women. She graduated in 1958 as valedictorian – summa cum laude. (pictured leading the way in photo)

Diantha DD Harrington received her law degree in 1966 at Cornell Law School as one of 5 female students in a class of 150. She practiced law in Los Angeles, CA, then after marrying moved to Boston and worked in insurance and as a legal consultant for the MA land court.

Each woman has a great story, and we are grateful for their willingness to share them at Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. There are so many more women with similar stories, we hope you will join in and share your stories with our community.

March Take-and-Make Kit: Glass Gem Suncatcher

March's Take and Make kits will allow you to create your own glass gem suncatcher. All supplies and instructions will be included. Kits will be available starting Monday, March 6, while supplies last.



Teen Programs

Chill Gaming - March 9



Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some games? Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between for our event, Chill Gaming! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **March 9th**, from 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at

their own pace, or you can just come to hang out and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call (207) 985-2173.

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - March 13, 20 & 27



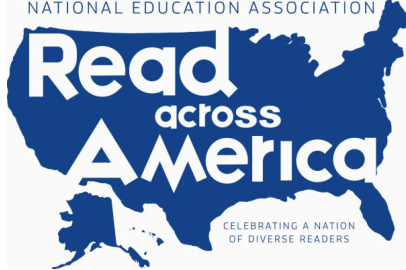
Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet on Monday, **March 13, 20, & 27** from 3:30-4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up.

New players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173.

Children's Programs

Read Across America Bingo

March 2 is Read Across America Day, but we're celebrating all month! Anytime during the month of March, stop by the Children's Room during the



library's open hours to pick up a bingo sheet. Each square has a different reading challenge, from reading different genres to reading in different places. Any age reader can participate – picture books and being read to count! Can you read your way to a bingo? This can be a straight line, a diagonal line, four corners, an “x”, or a full blackout bingo. Show us your bingo card by March 31 to receive a prize, and enjoy your read across America!



March Storytimes

It's time for Storytime! On Mondays at 10:00 a.m., join Miss Maria inside the library for songs, stories, rhymes, and fun! Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! These events are free and wheelchair accessible.

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27



Beadcraft - March 1

It's time for Beadcraft! Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend the afternoon on RSU 21's early release Wednesday! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration is recommended](#) but not required.



Junior Science - March 6

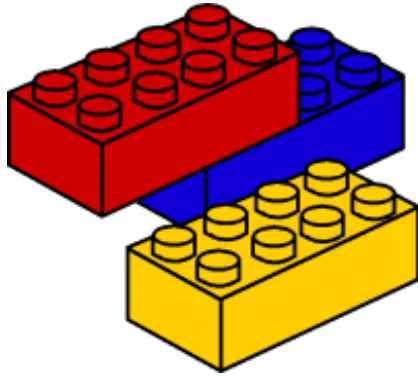
It's almost time to look for leprechauns! Come to a special St. Patrick's Day edition of Junior Science on Monday, March 6 at 3:45pm to learn the science behind leprechaun magic! Make a rainbow in a jar, a device to find rainbows, and even some leprechaun toothpaste! For ages 6+, [registration required](#).

Furry Tales - March 10

Sharing stories with a furry friend is doggone fun! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly Furry Tales Storytime with Animal Welfare Society. Miss Amanda from AWS will bring a friendly dog for us to



meet and she'll share songs, stories, and fun with us. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Lego Club - March 10

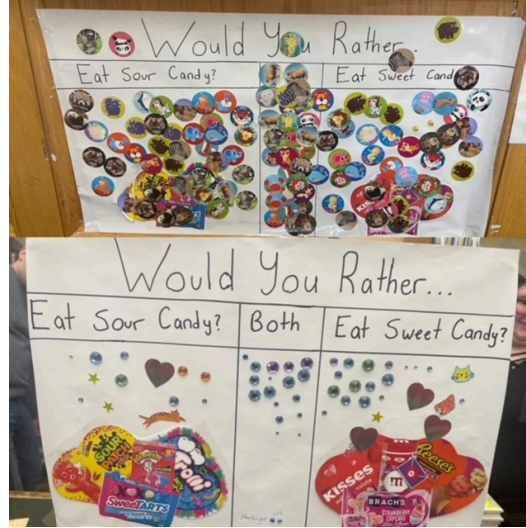
Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Friday, March 10, from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Come and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. [Registration is appreciated](#) but not required.



Kindness Club - March 14

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Add some kindness to the world with us at the next meeting of Kennebunk Free Library's Kindness Club for kids. We will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 3:45. Come make a gift to give to a friend or family member. 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. Parents are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In February, we asked, "Would you rather eat sour candy or sweet candy?" In the Children's Room, 45 friends wanted to eat sour candy, while 42 friends would prefer to eat sweet candy. 32 friends just couldn't decide and voted for both. At the adult circulation desk, 13 friends would like to eat sour candy, and 23 friends would rather eat sweet candy. 19 would like to do both. We even had a write-in – hamburger received 2 votes! In total, we had 58 votes for sour candy, 65 votes for sweet candy, 51 votes for both, and 2 votes for hamburger. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for next month's question and vote for your choice!



Have you seen our new play kitchen? Stop by and “cook” something tasty today!

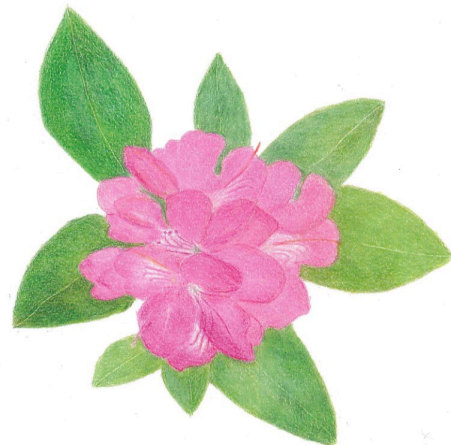


Speers Gallery

March Artist: Vera Piper

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents “It’s Never Too Late!”, an exhibition of botanical drawings and paintings by local resident Vera Piper. The exhibit runs March 1 – 31.

Vera Piper was born in 1940 in the hills of Western MD where she spent her childhood exploring the mountain woods with her sister, and later chose a career as a micro-biologist. Looking at tiny plants and animals under a microscope led Vera to develop a deep appreciation for all of the beautiful forms found in nature. Although she had every plant identification book imaginable, she *never* thought she could learn draw the lovely plants she was collecting wherever she traveled.



Vera finally took her first drawing class in 2000 at age 60 on a whim, but it remained a part-time hobby until she relocated to Maine in 2018 at age 78 to be closer to her family, and began to develop an interest in expanding her art education. In 2021 she began to take a few classes locally to explore sketching and watercolors. The exhibit in Speers

Gallery is designed to show how, even in our 80s, we can continue to grow and change and take on new risks to express what we have nurtured through a lifetime. Vera hopes that sharing these drawings will inspire you to try your hand at something new, no matter your age!

Vera will be teaching a class in botanical drawing at The Center in Lower Village Kennebunk this spring. Kennebunk Free Library is please to display the works of this octogenarian artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from March 1-31 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.

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.

Books on order for March:

March 7

[Old Babes in the Wood – Margaret Atwood](#)

[Worthy Opponents – Danielle Steel](#)

March 14

[I Will Find You – Harlan Coben](#)

[Collateral Damage – J.A. Jance](#)

[So Shall You Reap – Donna Leon](#)

[48 Clues into the Disappearance of My Sister – Joyce Carol Oates](#)

March 21

[Countdown – James Patterson](#)

[Earth's the Right Place for Love – Elizabeth Berg](#)

[The White Lady – Jacqueline Winspear](#)

[Smolder – Laurell Hamilton](#)

March 28

[On the Line – Fern Michaels](#)

[Loyalty – Lisa Scottoline](#)

[Hiss & Tell – Rita Mae Brown](#)

A Message from the Library Director



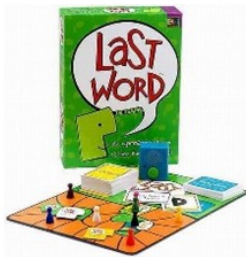
In early February I presented KFL's FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) budget to the Town of Kennebunk's Budget Board and Selectboard. It is always a great opportunity to talk about KFL and to answer questions. It can get confusing since KFL is a 501c3 nonprofit but still receives a significant amount each year from the Town and we collaborate on many efforts. We greatly appreciate the support we receive and the partnerships we have throughout the entire community. If there are ways that I can share information in a more helpful or clear way about our budget or our process [please reach out](#).

Pictured: My son continues to enjoy books. However, I'm not sure how much longer he'll fit in my lap.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kate, Cataloger

Quick! Name a zoo animal that starts with R! Red panda! River otter! Ring-tailed lem--- Ohhh too late, time is up! In Last Word, players try to call out words that fit both the category and letter in play while a random-interval timer ticks down. If you are the last one to call out a word before the buzzer goes off, you get to move a space closer to home on the game board. This simple premise can lead to a lot of fun, and some silly arguments. Things got a little heated on our last play when our group, a mix of adults and kids, debated whether "ten tiny fish" counts for something you'd find in a can that starts with T (majority ruled no, giving the win to "tuna" as the acceptable last word). Last Word would be a good choice for players that enjoy fast paced word games like Catch Phrase or Scattergories. It can accommodate 2-8 players and is recommended for ages 8+. This and other games can be found by the adult circulation desk and in the Reading Room.



Kat, Library Assistant

A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence by Mary Pipher

This memoir in essay form focusses on the light to be found even through

difficulties and loss. From her lonely childhood in the Midwest, to her experiences in college as she earns her degree in psychology, and as she builds a family, the author uses her experiences and expertise to explore our culture. Even though many of the topics are hard, I found the book gentle and relaxing to read.

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

I am late to this party, so many patrons and coworkers have asked if I have read this. The audio version is available on our Overdrive account. The author reads it and it is a delight. She is a botanist, college professor, gardener and familiar with her native (Potawatomi) heritage. Her chapter about the three-sisters of beans-corn-squash from Native American Lore is fantastic. Having 3 daughters myself I enjoyed her description of the sisters working together using their strengths to support each other and help each of them grow. The author is a college professor and shares how she opens the eyes of medical students to the wonders of plant life. I could go on and on, loved this audio book, read by the author.

Mr. Malcolm's List directed by Emma Holly Jones

In 1800s England, a young woman sets her sites on a suitor unaware of his list of requirements for a wife. When she “fails” he doesn’t seek her out anymore and she is publicly embarrassed by a newspaper caricature. Enraged, she invites her country friend to come and break his heart by fulfilling all the requirements and then dumping him. Parties, romance, beautiful clothes, and I was delighted by the whole silly thing.

