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Library News and Events



New Book Request Procedure

This month, there is a change coming to the way you log into your library account and request items from other libraries. **Beginning on March 17**, you will need to create a 4-digit numeric PIN on the “My Library Account” login page. Click on the “Create/Reset PIN” link and follow the prompts. You will need an email address to set up the PIN yourself. If you do not have email, give us a call and we can create the PIN of your choice. Going forward, you will use your library card number and that PIN whenever you log in.

Though we can create a PIN for you, once it is in the system, we will not be able to see it. Make sure that you are writing those numbers down somewhere safe because we will not be able to help you retrieve them.

Why is this happening now? There are a couple of reasons. The hope is that in the near-ish future, the Minerva catalog will be upgraded to a prettier, more user-friendly version. The upgraded system will require PINs. The transition will be easier if we already have them in place. PINs are also a win for privacy. They will make your account information and reading history even more secure than they are now.

PINs will not be required on any of the online services that we offer (CloudLibrary, Libby, and Kanopy). You should be able to log into those systems without any interruption. Let us know if you do experience any difficulties.

The addition of PINs is also going to change things on the back end for us. As you are getting used to your PINs, we will be learning a new procedure for requesting books from other libraries for you. We appreciate your patience as we all get used to this new system together.

Kennebunk Free Library

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KFL: The Next Chapter

Click here to share your input and help shape the library's future!



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For our full press release, [please visit this link](#).



Trustee Information Nights
Q&A with Current Trustees

Serve on our Board!  Registration Required

**March 31 at 6 p.m.
& April 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Trustee Information Nights

Are you enthusiastic about the Kennebunk Free Library? Would you like to serve on our Board? We are seeking new Trustees who will be active participants at monthly Board and committee meetings and will serve as library advocates, promoting KFL in its mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect. Interested? You can look over the FAQ for Potential Trustees by going

to kennebunklibrary.org and clicking on the **About Us** tab. To learn more, join us at one of our in-person

Information Sessions on **Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m.** or **Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Current Trustees will be available to answer your questions and describe their Trustee experience. Register through the calendar on the KFL website or email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



AARP Tax Aide Returns to KFL

After a five-year break, AARP Tax Aide is back at Kennebunk Free Library on **Thursdays, February 5 through April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.!**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide can prepare your 2025 tax return and electronically file it for you.

This is a free service provided by IRS-Certified volunteers. The program is open to taxpayers of all ages and AARP membership is not required to use this service.

KFL will begin scheduling Tax Aide appointments on Monday, January 5, 2026. Call 207-985-2173 x4 or stop by the library to reserve your 60-minute slot. Volunteers are only able to work with one return per appointment. If you have more than one tax year or need a tax return for another family member, please make an additional appointment. If you are unable to make it to your appointment, please call the library to cancel so someone else can use the spot. Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of your appointment to fill out a Tax Intake/Interview form.

When you arrive for your appointment, make sure you bring:

- Picture ID (driver's license or similar) for taxpayer and spouse.
- Social Security card (or an official Social Security or government document containing your SSN) for all persons on the tax return along with a government issued photo-id (**Required**).
- All tax documents for 2025. Examples: SSA-1099, W-2, 1099-R (pensions, annuities, IRAs), 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1098, 1099-NEC, Brokerage Statements, etc.
- 1095 forms if you have Marketplace (ACA) health insurance.
- Details on rents or property taxes paid in the calendar year 2025.
- Copy of last year's tax return.
- A bank check, if you want direct deposit (strongly recommended).
- Any correspondence you may have received from the IRS
- If you will be taking advantage of the New Vehicle Loan interest deduction, you will need to provide the vehicle VIN.
- If you received a lump sum SSA payment, please bring copies of your tax returns for the years that the lump sum is being paid for.



A Message from the Friends of KFL

The Friends of KFL Membership drive for 2026 continues. We appreciate everyone who has renewed and warmly welcome our new members. Joining is easy to do, come to the library during regular hours or use this [link](#). This year offers many opportunities to support KFL - both old and new – this is a great time to get involved!

The next big event will be the **May Day Book Sale** which will be **on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Our first meeting of the year was held on February 2 and was very well attended. Thank you to all that came. **Our next meeting is on April 6 at 5:30 p.m.** Are you interested in learning what KFL Friends do? Please click [here](#) to visit the Friends page on our website for the future meeting information and other details. If you still have questions or would like to speak to a member of the leadership team, please call 207-985-2173 and leave a message requesting a return call.

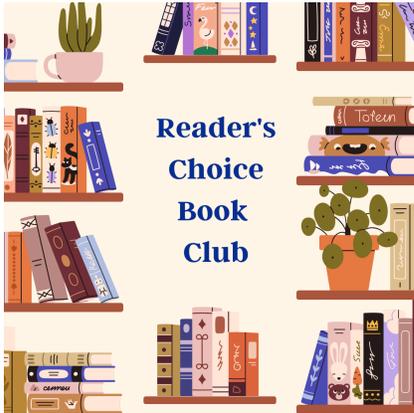


Monthly Phone Wallpaper

Looking to change up your phone background? Like our Newsletter Banner? [Download our monthly phone wallpaper](#) and match with us! New backgrounds every month! [E-mail Amelia for assistance](#).

To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper from there.

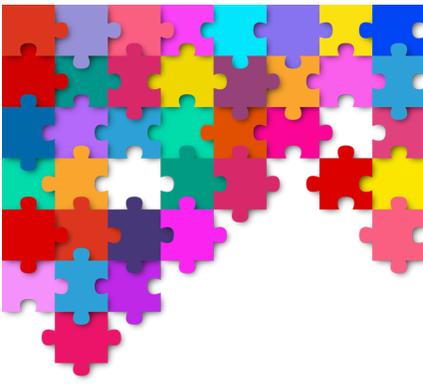
Adult Programs



Reader's Choice Book Club - March 2

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

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!



✦ Puzzle Exchange - March 3

Looking for your next jigsaw challenge? Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, March 3, from 6 to 6:30 p.m.** for a fun and friendly Puzzle Exchange! Bring a stack of puzzles you've completed and swap them for new-to-you favorites. Puzzles of all sizes are welcome.

To help make the exchange enjoyable for everyone, please be sure that:

- Puzzles are in good condition
- All pieces are included
- Items come from a smoke-free home
- Pieces are secured in a large Ziploc bag to prevent loss during the swap

This event is free and wheelchair accessible. We hope you'll join us to trade, mingle, and discover your next great puzzle!



Die Well Death Education - March 9

If you missed the first series of the Die Well Death Education Series at KFL, you have another chance to participate. It was so well received, we are offering the entire series again this year.

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, March 9 at 1 p.m.** for the *fifth session* in the new year-long Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. No registration is required.

Session Five: Film: 'Obit: Life on a Deadline'

It's a shame that no one wants to talk to them at parties, because obituary writers are a surprisingly funny bunch. Ten hours before newspapers hit neighborhood doorsteps—and these days, ten minutes before news hits the web—an obit writer is racing against a deadline to sum up a long and newsworthy life in under 1000 words. The details of these lives are then deposited into the cultural memory amid the daily beat of war, politics, and football scores. *Obit.* is the first documentary to explore the world of these writers and their subjects, focusing on the legendary team at The New York Times, who approach their daily work with journalistic rigor and narrative flair. Going beyond the byline and into the minds of those chronicling life after death on the freshly inked front lines of history, the film invites some of the most essential questions we ask ourselves about life, memory, and the inevitable passage of time. What do we choose to remember? What never dies? (2017 – 95 minutes)

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Take and Make - Book Hedgehogs

This month, pick up a kit to make a cute hedgehog out of a well-loved book! Kits will be **available starting Tuesday, March 10, while supplies last.**



Ukulele Group - March 11

Join us on the **second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.** to make some music in the library! Ukulele players of all skill levels are invited to stop in to play along. We will be choosing songs to play each month from *The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living*. Ukuleles and songbooks are available to check out from the library.



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - March 11

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet **Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

March's Theme is "Page to Screen"

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits this month's theme. Readers can select from fiction or non-fiction, adult books, young adult, or children's, and everything in between. We hope you'll join us!



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - March 18

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! You are invited to join us **every third Wednesday at 3 p.m.!** We will gather to celebrate food through various dishes and themes! How does it work? Make any type of dish from a favorite cookbook or a new one that you have been wanting to try, then bring it in to share! Every month we will have a different theme. This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 18** and our **theme** will be **Pies!**

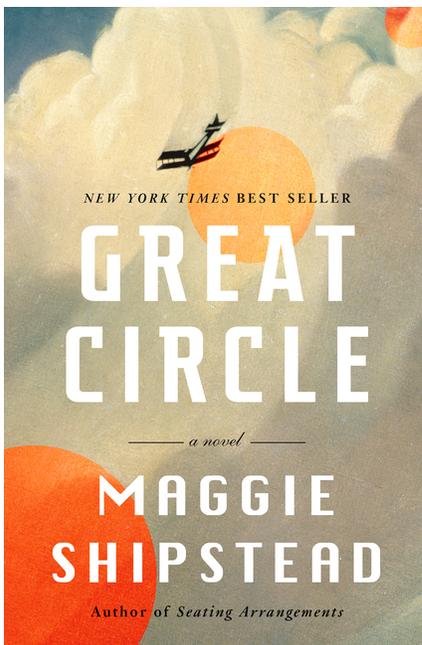
Pies come in many styles, and can include custard, fruit, veggies or meat! So, choose a pie, be it sweet OR savory, and bring it (and the recipe) in to share!

Utensils, plates and napkins will be provided!



Trivia Night - March 18

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. is trivia night at KFL! Bring a team, join one of our friendly teams of regulars, or take on the challenge solo. Light refreshments will be served.



I'm Fiction Book Discussion - March 24

Join us on **Tuesday, March 24 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead.

"After being rescued as infants from a sinking ocean liner in 1914, Marian and Jamie Graves are raised by their dissolute uncle in Missoula, Montana. There - after encountering a pair of barnstorming pilots passing through town in beat up biplanes - Marian commences her lifelong love affair with flight. At fifteen, she drops out of school and finds an unexpected and dangerous patron in a wealthy bootlegger who provides a plane and subsidizes her lessons, an arrangement that will haunt her for the rest of her life, even as it allows her to fulfill her destiny: circumnavigating the globe by flying over the North and South poles. A century later, Hadley Baxter is cast to play Marian in a film that centers on Marian's disappearance in Antarctica. Her immersion into the character of Marian unfolds, thrillingly, alongside Marian's own story, as the two women's fates collide." - NoveList



Craft and Sip: Paper Quilling - March 25

Join us on **Wednesday, March 25 at 6 p.m.** for some Paper Quilling! Enjoy some wine as we learn how to decorate cardstock with the art of paper fillagree, using thin strips of colorful paper to create beautiful, spiraling 3D shapes and designs. This program is **for ages 21+ only** and **registration** is required. We hope to see you there!



The Emily Dickinson Project - March 30

On Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6 p.m., Patricia Mulholland, author of the upcoming play *A Solitude of Space - Emily Dickinson: The Woman, The Poet* will be at Kennebunk Free Library to bring awareness to the genius and mystery of the beloved poet. She will discuss the process of writing her play and translating a poem to song.

Attendees are invited to bring along a favorite Emily Dickinson poem to share and reflect on how and why we connect to a particular poem. There will also be a chance to discuss what other poets everyone is reading and enjoying now.

Patricia Mulholland has been a practitioner of the dramatic and musical arts all of her adult life – on the stage, in the classroom, in the corporation, and in the clinical setting. She holds an M.A. degree in Performance Studies from Northwestern University and a B.A. in Music Therapy from Berklee College of Music. She is delighted to be sharing her love of Emily Dickinson that has developed over many years into the upcoming play *A Solitude of Space – Emily Dickinson: The Woman, The Poet*, which will be staged in Portland in April in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Weekly Programs



Sing Along - Monday Evenings

The weather has been cold and gray, the holiday fun is way behind us, and we all need a break from the drudgery of winter. What better way to tackle those midwinter blues than with music? **Monday evenings at 6 p.m.**, stop by the library for a just-for-fun singalong. We will start with old, familiar songs and then give participants the chance to introduce us to their favorite music. Don't worry about your skill level. We're just here to have some fun, eat some cookies, and

get to know others in the community who enjoy singing together. This program is free and wheelchair accessible. The Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main Street in Kennebunk, Maine. For more information please call 207-985-2173 or email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



In Stitches - Tuesdays

Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.



Tech Talk Line - Tuesday Evenings

Are you stuck on a technology question, but can't visit the library during its regularly scheduled Technology Time Appointments? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Tech Talk Line**, all you need to do is call downstairs to the Children's Room to speak with our Technology Educator, Emmaline. Our Tech Talk Line will be open every Tuesday night from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** Calls can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones and tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If the line is busy during a call, please leave a voicemail so we can get back to you accordingly. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can schedule a 45-minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday, allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, 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.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help you troubleshoot your next steps, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To sign up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet.

Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology Educator can be *scheduled* **Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 to 12 p.m.** Appointments are 45 minutes long, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. When setting up the appointment, help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your charged device with you, along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit us at

the desk, call (207) 295-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.** to play Mah Jongg. The library has **4** sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.

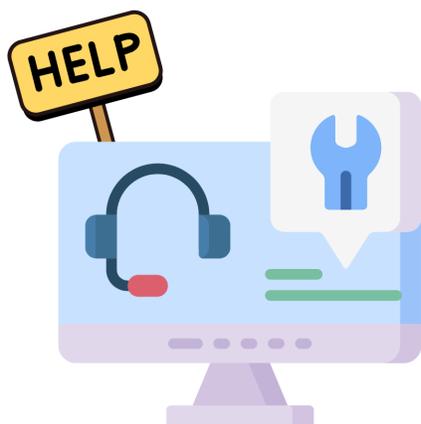


Living with Grief (aka Grief Group) - Thursday Afternoons

KFL is now hosting a weekly Grief Group, led by retired RN Carol MacLeod. **Every Thursday morning from 11 to 12:30 p.m.**

Because of the sensitive nature and confidentiality of this group, and for more information, **please contact Carol MacLeod (Facilitator) before joining.**

Her email is mugbob66@gmail.com and her number is (207)-468-0668.



Drop-In Tech Time - Thursday Afternoons

Looking for some quick Tech Help? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Drop-in Tech Help Service**, all you need to do is visit the library on **Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Our Technology Educator, Emmaline, will have a reference desk available for you to find local resources, and help you with your quick technology questions. Visits can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones, laptops, or tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can

schedule a 45-minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday, allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.



Improv - Saturdays

Improv - Sessions will be held **every Saturday from 10:30 to 12 p.m.**

Teen Programs



Book-ish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is full of bookish activities for you to do **beginning March 2**, and it's the place to be for all things literary right now! Whether you're flying solo or hanging out with friends, you can do these activities at your own pace, so no rush, and no pressure. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Your Spellcheck is Tired of Defending You

In celebration of National Grammar Day on March 4th, come test your grammar skills at the library! We'll have a bulletin board of sentences with improper grammar—it will

be your job to figure out the errors and how to correct them. Once you've made your guess, flip up the sentence card to see if you're right!

3.14, Color those Numbers

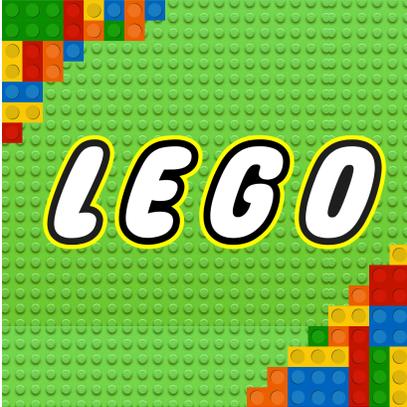
Celebrate Pi Day and make a colorful pie out of pi! We've listed out the first 100 numbers of pi, which is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Assign each number, 0 - 9, a different color. Then, every time you see that number show up in the first 100 numbers of pi, draw a line of that color in the respective slice of pie. Go through the entire 100 numbers and see which slice (or number) ends up being the widest (most common)!

Chasing Rainbows

Help us find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow this March by building up our rainbow paper chain! We'd love for it to wrap around the entire Teen Room and help cheer up the space in this

gloomy month.

If you have any questions about these or any other teen programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Lego Displays

Starting March 2, come on over to the library to build with Legos! With building bricks provided by the library, you can place your amazing creations in the "Drop-Off" box for Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia are super excited to showcase your work in the Teen Room for the whole month! Feel free to create as many designs as you like, but please make sure to leave enough Legos for everyone else to have fun too. At the end of the month, there will be ribbons awarded for your designs. Your creations will then be taken apart so you

can build something new in March, but we will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Teen Take and Make: Rainbow Keychains!

Brighten up this gloomy month of March with a rainbow key chain! With a combination of hand-rolled paper beads, ribbons, cotton balls, and cardboard, you'll be able to make an adorable, vibrant charm to add to a bag or hang in your room. These kits will be **available starting on Monday, March 2**, in the Teen Room. Supplies are first come, first served. We look forward to seeing you here!



Teen/Tween Saturday Program: Drop-In DIY Stained Glass Bookmarks - March 28

Channel your favorite dark academia aesthetic by crafting a hauntingly beautiful bookmark! We'll have markers, glitter glue, and sharpies available to decorate an arched-window-shaped translucent bookmark, as well as a fancy tasseled ribbon to complete your masterpiece! Whether you want to replicate a famous window, create a scene from your favorite book, or make your own unique design, stop by the Teen Room **on Saturday, March 28, anytime from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is for tweens and teens in grades 3 and

up. If you are looking for programs for older or younger participants, please check out our library calendar! We look forward to seeing you here!



Dungeons and Dragons - March 9, 16 & 23

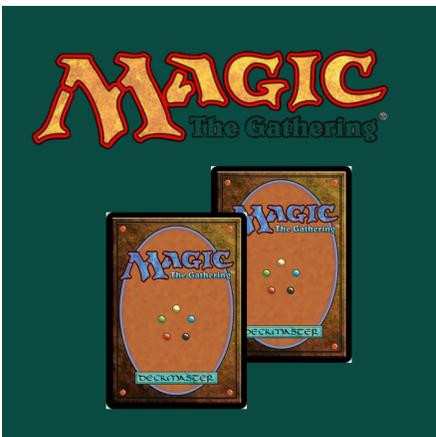
Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. The Tower of Aetria has been engulfed in flame and tar, and the city is now inaccessible. With a key left behind by our first Death Knight Aspirant, and a caravan of sandwich sellers, we have to move on to another area of Carceri. Where will we go, and what will we do as our villain grows stronger? It's up to our heroes to

decide! This month, we will be meeting **on Mondays: March 9, 16, and 23 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** The library will provide all supplies, just bring your imagination! This program is dedicated to players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons. **If you are a new player, we will host a Session 0 on the first meeting of the month, March 9 at 3 p.m., 30 minutes before our first gaming session.** This session is required for new players to create their character and to participate in the campaign. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Pokemon Club - March 3, 17, 31

Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! We will be meeting **on Tuesdays: March 3, 17, 31 from 3:15 to 4 p.m.** to hang out with friends, eat some snacks, and catch 'em all. This program is primarily dedicated to Pokémon card battles, but all Pokémon formats can be played during our meeting times. The library will have cards for you to use, but you are encouraged to bring your own decks for battles and trading. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up.



Teen Magic the Gathering Night - March 12

Looking to test out your new Magic the Gathering deck with friends? Join us to play **on March 12 from 3:15 to 4 p.m.!** There will be cards available to make a deck, but if you have your own, we encourage you to bring them to share and compete! This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Science Café: Coded Robots - March 13

Looking for an opportunity to earn your volunteer hours, build your resume, and also grab a snack? KFL is excited to announce that we've joined the Teen Science Café Cohort, and we're inviting you to help us lead and design STEM events with your peers here at the library. Designed by teens for teens, Teen Science Cafes bring together local scientists and students, grades 6-12 to explore new research and discuss what inspires and influences people to pursue careers in STEM with interactive lessons and activities. For our next meeting, this event will be held **on March 13 between 3:30-4:30 p.m.** During this meeting, we will build and code robots to traverse mazes, and we will discuss and plan our April program. Oh, and did we also mention that there's also going to be snacks? This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Programs

Attention scavenger hunt seekers!

You may have noticed some changes to our prize box! The library is working on using less plastic to be kind to the environment. That means the prize box will be full of special stickers and temporary tattoos from now on! Happy searching!



Super Science - March 2

Join us for some science **on Tuesday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m.** Come join us on a dinosaur dig! We will learn all about fossils and dinosaurs and do some fun experiments! Space is limited and registration is required. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to kids ages 5 and up. For more information and to register, please call 985-2173 or [register online](#).



Beadcraft - March 4

In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun **on Wednesday, March 4, at 1 p.m.** What a great way to spend an early-release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. **Registration** is recommended but not required.



Kindness Crew - March 10

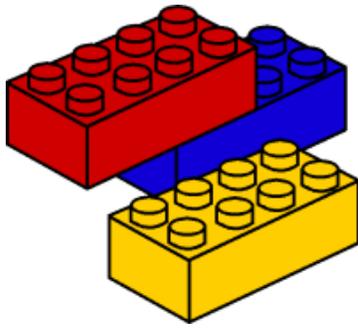
In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, March 10, at 3:45 p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This program is open to ages 6 and up; **Registration** is appreciated but not required! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at: mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105.

Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



We Love To Play - March 12

There are so many ways to play! Join us **on Thursday, March 12 at 10 a.m.** for a morning of sensory play celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Explore fun, sometimes messy activity stations and play spots themed on shamrocks, rainbows, and more. Come play with us, and wear clothes that can get messy just in case! No registration is required. This program is designed with ages 1-4 in mind, but everyone is welcome.



Lego Club - March 26

Lego Club is special on **Thursday, March 26! We'll be having an extended session from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.!** Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet **on Thursday, March 26, 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.



Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. **On Mondays in March at 10 a.m.,** Storytimes will be held in Hank's Room at the Kennebunk Free Library. We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- March 2
 - March 9
 - March 16
 - March 23
 - March 30
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Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On **Thursday mornings in March,** Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. **Playtime starts at 10 a.m. and Miss Maria will read a story at 11 a.m., but feel free to drop in anytime! We usually leave the special toys out until around 11:30.** Friends are welcome to come and go as they please! Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. Come play and make new friends at the library!

This month, **on March 12,** we'll take a break from our regular play group to have a special **Sensory Play Day!** Join us for sensory activities for St. Patrick's Day. We'll do a sensory play day once per month! Come play and make new friends at the library!

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- March 5
- **March 12 - We Love to Play! Sensory Play Day**
- March 19
- March 26

Speers Gallery



March Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"My Unique Point of View" by Margaret L. Merrill**. The exhibit will run **from March 2 through 31, with a reception on Saturday, March 7 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

Margaret Loring Merrill has worked in watercolor all her painting career. She began dabbling with them as a child and has continued to explore the medium while trying different styles of expression. Her "watercolor

paintings capture scenes and images from my life here in Maine and a bit of Italy. Deep rich colors, shapes, light and shadow, and movement captures my attention. I paint what has meaning and matters to me. It is what I observe and experienced in nature, the woods and fields around my home, the ocean and coastline of the Midcoast, the product of what I see captures the essence of what I feel and how I see my world around me – my unique point of view."

Margaret has studied under several well-known watercolor artists since the 1970s, and currently paints with Judith Arneson, a Maine watercolor artist of acclaim. Margaret has exhibited with Maine Women in the Arts and is a juried member of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks. For the past two years Margaret's art has been featured in AGK's summer shows. Her work has been shown over the years from the mid-coast to Portland, and in local venues.

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to show the works of this talented local artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from March 2 through 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 & 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.

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Popular New Reads**

**You may have noticed that we haven't had as many recent bestsellers and high-demand items in our collection lately. There has been a bit of drama in library world in the last couple of months that affected our ability to order books. Our book supplier, one of the largest suppliers for public libraries in the U.S., had reached a deal to be acquired by another organization. When the sale fell through, they just stopped fulfilling orders without any notice to customers. Other booksellers have been busy trying to fill the void left behind. We have established an account with a new vendor and are expecting orders to start coming in again in the next couple of weeks. We have already been getting some books in, so hopefully this will be resolved by next month! Thank you so much for your patience as we adjust to a new process.

A Message from the Director



The Kennebunk Free Library has kicked off an early planning process to explore a possible renovation or expansion, called **“KFL: The Next Chapter.”** As library use keeps growing, this phase is all about listening—gathering community feedback, reviewing current spaces, and thinking about future needs. No decisions have been made yet; it's a starting point to explore options and plan thoughtfully, with public input leading the way.

[Please participate in our survey at this link.](#)

[To read the full press release, please visit this link.](#)

Michelle

Pictured: Sophia reading Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Meet Sybil Van Antwerp, a retired lawyer in her 70s that has been an avid letter writer and faithful correspondent to a variety of people. Her exchanges include relatives and friends of course, but she reaches out to authors, technical support personnel, people that initially refuse her requests, a struggling teenager, a mysterious stalker, and various male suiters. I listened to the book and loved it. With a large cast of readers that I came to recognize immediately as their next letter “arrived”. Through the book we follow Sybil through loss, grief and discovery

(Available book and large print from KFL, Libby as eBook and audio)

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

When the grandmother that raised her catches 16-year-old Janie kissing a young boy, she immediately demands the child marry a local, older man that has expressed interest in her. Nanny needs her girl to do better than her mother did and be taken care of so she can die in peace. Janie resists but Nanny gets her way. After a year of pampered marriage, her husband demands that Janie work on the farm. Along comes slick Jody Parks that sweeps Janie off her feet, she leaves her marriage and never looks back. Will Janie find the love and life of her dreams? This book has been on my "To Be Read" list for a long time. Participation in the Adult Book Discussion Group made it happen. This is an important book, and I am glad for the nudge to read it.

(Available from KFL as audio cds, Minerva as a book and large print)

Babette's Feast by Isak Dineson

This is one of my favorite titles. I enjoyed reading the short story, watching the movie and attending the live performance of the play. During the French Revolution, Babette flees France where her Chef husband is killed to a small Scandinavian town and finds refuge at the door of two sisters, Martine and Phillipa. Their father was the Dean of a Protestant Sect. After he passed away, the aging matrons and members of the congregation dwindled in number and piety. Babette adapts to their plain, simple and stuffy lifestyle until she does something that changes everything.

(Available from Minerva in a book of short stories and as a foreign film DVD)

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