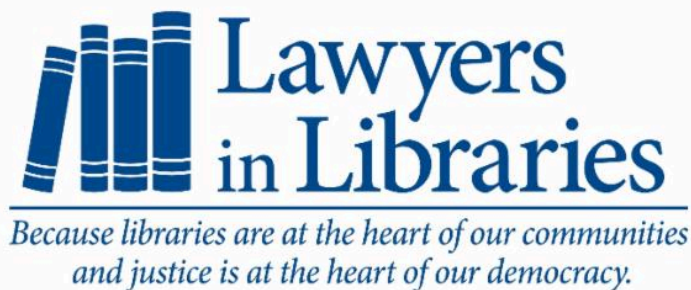




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Free Consultations with Local Lawyers

Visit KFL for *Lawyers in Libraries: Law Day 2017* on **Monday, May 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** An introduction to *Lawyers in Libraries* will begin at 5:30 and 15 minute consultations will begin at 5:45. During these consultations participants will have an opportunity to meet with a local lawyer and receive information about free resources, low-cost legal assistance and legal referrals.

The goal of the day is to provide Maine citizens with access to legal advice and information so that they are better prepared to face legal issues that arise. Legal access is critical to a community's well-being; an entire community suffers when neighbors and friends go through foreclosure, are not safe in their homes, or cannot afford heat or food.

"Access to justice is about fairness," explains Hon. Andrew M. Mead, Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, "so that, regardless of your income, you have access to our society's system of justice. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we close with the promise of 'justice for all.' If individuals lack access to legal assistance, it profoundly affects their lives, the lives of their children, and the stability of their communities."

The attorneys present will be [Laura Curtis](#) and [Bill Gallitto](#) of Bergen Parkinson and [Jeanette Durham](#), a solo practitioner at Maine Family Law, LLC.

Faerie Festival

All are invited to the Faerie Festival at the Kennebunk Free Library on Sat., May 6 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Help to welcome the faeries back to the gardens with faerie crowns, games and

crafts. The wearing of faerie finery is encouraged!

Be sure to stop inside the Library to view the fairy houses and gnome homes local children have created. All Faerie Houses need to be brought to the Kennebunk Free Library by Wed. May 3 for display and to receive a certificate. Houses will be on display until May 17.

The Faerie Festival is part of the town-wide May Day festivities. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Seacoast Garden Club who make the Faerie Festival such an enchanting day!

"Birds of Spring" Migrate to KFL



Naturalist Josh Fecteau will present "Birds of Spring" on **Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.** In this photo presentation, Josh will introduce 12 birds of spring, including a tree-nesting duck, an island-nesting gull, a highway hawk, a suburban sparrow, a wary warbler, a lesser known crow, and a bird who sounds like a cat. No experience with birds needed; curiosity required!



Josh Fecteau is a naturalist, avid birder, and wild food enthusiast. Born in Biddeford, ME, Josh maintains a website and natural history blog (joshfecteau.com). He takes pleasure in sharing his love of the wild with others by leading walks and workshops, and presenting to audiences large and small. During his Maine Big Year in 2016, Josh saw 305 species of birds!

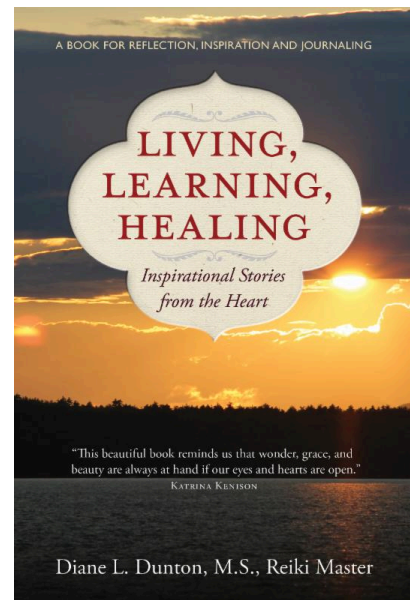
Maine Author Changing the Status Quo

Kennebunk Free Library is hosting Maine author Diane Dunton on **Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m.** as she discusses her new book, *Living, Learning, Healing: Inspirational Stories from the Heart*. Diane Dunton knows a lot about shaking things up. In fact, changing the status quo is an integral part of the work she does with her clients. Her career in planned organizational change and human resource development has helped countless individuals, nonprofit organizations and corporations to embrace change, unlock potential, and define and achieve goals.

When she found herself prematurely widowed and facing breast cancer a decade ago, Dunton immersed herself in the creative arts, beginning a journey of emotional, intellectual and artistic exploration and healing. But it was the many personal stories told to her by others facing adversity that inspired the writing of her new book. This collection of true stories, humorous anecdotes and heartwarming essays reveals the resilient nature of the human spirit. Regional nature photographs by Dunton are featured throughout the book, which also includes a section for personal journaling.

The stories in *Living, Learning, Healing* are "compelling and very, very human," says Rev. David C. Hall, a Spiritual Life Director affiliated with the Maine Conference-United Church of Christ. "The book is like a tour guide gently drawing the reader into the simplicity and profound nature of life lived to the fullest, especially after the pain of life interrupts, and says: Pay attention!"

Author Katrina Kenison adds, "Whether grieving the loss of a loved one, confronting a difficult diagnosis, or grappling with the hard truths of lives that don't unfold according to our best-laid plans, this beautiful book offers quiet guidance to find our way forward and reminds us that wonder, grace, and beauty are always at hand if our eyes and hearts are open."





"All of us want personal and professional happiness," says Dunton, "but often we find it difficult to take the action needed to realize these goals. Human beings are natural story tellers. I've been privileged in my work to witness first hand profound stories of change and felt compelled to share the inspiring and motivating narratives of real people who have discovered, regardless of their circumstances, how to define and create through their own actions happy and fulfilling lives."

The book will be available for purchase the evening of the event. For more information about Dunton and her work, visit www.dianedunton.com.

Road Race Raffles Coming 5/20!

Chip timing and pre-race packet pick-up are new this year. Come join in the tradition!



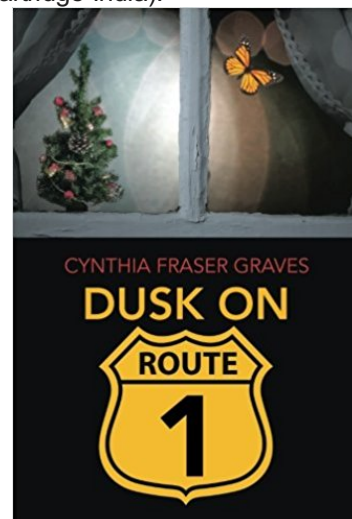
Dusk on Route 1

Maine author, Cynthia Graves, will be at Kennebunk Free Library on Saturday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss her book, *Dusk on Route 1*.

Author Cynthia Fraser Graves knows all about loss and anguish. She lost her husband in 1994, a tragic event that sent her into years of unresolved grief. Drawing inspiration from this, she pens a harrowing yet inspirational tale in *Dusk on Route 1* (published by Partridge India).

Pamela Iverson is informed of a coming tragedy by a kaleidoscope of monarchs as they launch their yearly migration on a Maine beach. This triggers her journey as she descends into the dark night of the soul. In the numbing grip of powerful grief, she asks for help to regain her footing in this new and dark world. Her rescue brings her into the lives of others who are at risk themselves during the Christmas Eve Blizzard of 1998. How will it all turn out for them?

With its well-drawn characters and a compelling plot, *Dusk on Route 1* will appeal to women and men who have experienced catastrophic loss and suffered in silence. Readers can also get a glimpse into the state of Maine and the interesting natives exposed in the lyrical and sharp images painted by the novel. It will impart to them a message of faith and hope amid dark and trying times.



Cynthia Fraser Graves was born in Maine and has lived there all of her life. Her work includes a memoir, *Never Count Crow: Love and Loss in Kennebunk, Maine*, and this, her latest novel, *Dusk on Route 1*, a romantic drama set in Maine during a Christmas Eve blizzard.

Children's Programming

Gnomes and Faeries 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! Students entering Grades 1 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on **Wednesday, May 3 at 1 p.m.** (It's an Early Release Wednesday.) All craft materials will be provided. [Registration is required.](#)

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.**

The class offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to gather to share the joys and challenges of parenthood. Skills developed will focus on identifying and understanding a child's four basic feelings, calming ourselves down and the positive effect of mirror neurons with your child.

Stevie has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Imagination Station - *Unsinkable!*

Welcome to Imagination Station - where you can let your imagination run wild! This is an exciting new program series at the Kennebunk Free Library for all ages.

March's Imagination Station session: *Unsinkable!* will happen on **Thursday, May 11, 4-4:45 p.m.** Stay the whole time or drop in when you can. We will be testing different materials to construct the most water-worthy boat. Come prepared for some maritime creativity!

Everyone - age 3 to 103 - is encouraged to join us for a series of programs showcasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) - in ways that are fun and accessible for everyone. Make a magnet maze.

Find out how stuff works, why things happen, and what makes our world the way it is.

Imagination Station is on the second Thursday of the month. Come for the whole program or drop in when you can.

Storytimes



There is a storytime break April 24-May 8

Mondays @ 10:15 AM: Peek-a-Book Babies (birth to age 2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM: Family Storytime (all ages)
Thursdays @ 10:15 AM: Time for 2s & 3s (toddlers)

Age-appropriate toys are brought out at the end of Peek-a-Book Babies. Families are invited to spend some time interacting with other parents while engaging their children with the toys.

Friendly News

The May Day Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will be held on **Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m.** Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books.

A **pre-sale** will be held **Friday, May 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.** for Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library. This pre-sale gives first access to all available items. Not a friend? Join today for as little as \$5.00.



Stop by to browse and to start collecting books for your summer reading!

[Learn more about joining the friends.](#)

Book Sales generate funds for programs at KFL. Help us save time sorting and remember we only accept books in good to new condition! Please no stained, dusty or yellowed books.

The Friends of KFL offer free or discounted entry into 7 museums and parks.

Brick Store Museum - NEW pass for 2017
Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine
Maine State Parks
Portland Museum of Art
Portland Observatory
Seashore Trolley Museum
Strawbery Banke

[Visit our website to learn more about all of these great options.](#)

Genealogy Group: Civil War Years

Researcher Clay Feeter, joins us on **Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m.** This is the rescheduled date from April 1. This is a family friendly event with audience participation so make sure to bring your kids, grandkids and questions!



"Your Civil War ancestors' stories are always much deeper than the few lines about them that you might-or might not!- find in your family genealogy book," says researcher Clay Feeter, who gives a lively, informative, "customizing your personal War of the Rebellion" self-help talk and question and answer session on the subject.

Guests are encouraged to bring in family history notes, genealogy books, artifacts and letters of discharge papers to share at this "Ancestors Road Show" type event.

Feeter, who lives in York, has performed more than 2,300 Civil War ancestor searches over the past 20 years. His goal is to bring not just your soldier-ancestor's stories to life, but to help you understand and discover more details about the full picture of suffering and challenges that The War of The Rebellion brought with it.

The Genealogy Group is free, open to the public and meets nine times a year. We welcome all new guests.

Popular *Let's Talk About It* Program Returns

KFL has once again been selected as the recipient of a grant from the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library for the Let's Talk About It program. This program consists of a series of books on a central theme. This year the series is "[Becoming American: Struggles, Successes, Symbols](#)".



A facilitator, Rebecca Dawson Webb, adds depth and breadth to the conversation, creating a good

atmosphere for discussion and making sure everyone feels free to share their ideas and questions with one another. The program will take place on the following Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25 & 8/8. Sets of books will be loaned to participants. [Registration](#) is required. Want a head start? Pick up the first book now!

6/13 - Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo A. Anaya
6/27 - Go Tell It On The Mountain by James Baldwin
7/11 - An Orphan in History by Paul Cowan
7/25 - The Way to Rainy Mountain by N. Scott Momaday
8/8 - The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

Rebecca Dawson Webb loves being a scholar/facilitator for MEHC programs, including *Let's Talk About It*, *New Books, New Readers*, and *Domestic Violence Prevention Book Group*. She's a long time writing coach, teacher, and editor, who leads memoir and therapeutic writing workshops. She is passionate about facilitating productive, meaningful conversations and about helping people share their stories.

Over There, Over There

In *Last of the Doughboys*, Richard Rubin introduced readers to a forgotten generation of Americans: the men and women who fought and won the First World War. Interviewing the war's last survivors face-to-face, he knew well the importance of being present if you want to get the real story. But he soon came to realize that to get the *whole* story, he had to go Over There, too. So he did, and discovered that while most Americans regard that war as dead and gone, to the French, who still live among its ruins and memories, it remains very much alive.

Years later, with the centennial of the war only magnifying this paradox, Rubin decided to go back Over There to see if he could, at last, resolve it. For months he followed the trail of the American Expeditionary Forces on the Western Front, finding trenches, tunnels, bunkers, century-old graffiti and ubiquitous artifacts. But he also found an abiding fondness for America and Americans, and a colorful corps of local after-hours historians and archaeologists who tirelessly explore these sites and preserve the memories they embody while patiently waiting for Americans to return and reclaim their own history and heritage. None of whom seemed to mind that his French needed work.

Based on his wildly popular *New York Times* series, *Back Over There* is a timely journey, in turns reverent and iconoclastic but always fascinating, through a place where the past and present are never really separated.

Co-sponsored by Kennebunk Free Library, the Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group and the Brick Store Museum, this event will take place at the Brick Store Museum's Program Center (4 Dane Street, just behind the Museum) on **Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** Books will be available for purchase through Nonesuch Books and a signing will follow the discussion.

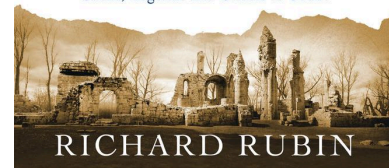
Richard Rubin is the author of *Back Over There* from St. Martin's Press. He is also the author of *The Last of the Doughboys: The Forgotten Generation and Their Forgotten World War* and *Confederacy of Silence: A True Tale of the New Old South*, as well as scores of pieces for *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and *Smithsonian*, among others. A fifth-generation New Yorker, he now lives in small-town Maine, which baffles his neighbors.

Please visit KFL's website for links to Richard Rubin media including an interview on NPR's *All Things Considered* and his most recent appearance on the PBS documentary, *The Great War*, which was created in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of America's entry into the war on April 6, 1917.

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One American Time-Traveler, 100 Years
Since the Great War, 500 Miles of Battle-Scarred
French Countryside, and Too Many Trenches,
Shells, Legends and Ghosts to Count



New Phone System

Our new phone system is installed and operating smoothly. Thank you for your patience during the

transition. Our main greeting options are:

- If you know your party's extension, enter it at any time.
- 2 - For a listing of the library's hours of operation
- 3 - For a schedule of programs
- 4 - To speak with someone at the adult help desk. If calling to renew or request materials or have account questions, please have your library card ready.
- 5 - For Youth Services
- 6 - For Building Manager
- 7 - For a directory of staff by name
- 0 - To leave a message

P.S. Once the main greeting begins during hours we are open, press 0 to speak to the adult circulation desk!

1000 Likes!

Barbara Erkson was our 1000th "like" on Facebook. She took home a KFL jute bag, coffee mug, book sale gift certificate and more importantly she'll now get regular updates on all of the up-to-date events and offers going on at KFL (and there's a lot of them to keep track of). If you haven't already "liked" us on Facebook please make sure to do so.

Have you read this far?

[Please click here to let us know!](#)

We're looking to make updates to our e-newsletter and by clicking the above link you're giving us helpful information. While it's not required to fill in any additional information, your feedback about our newsletter would be very much appreciated.

The Download Library

The Maine InfoNet Download Library has moved to a brand new e-book and e-Audiobook platform called cloudLibrary. This has replaced the Overdrive platform.



To find out more about this switch please visit check out this [Q&A](#). Visit [here](#) to get the new app. Please contact your Librarian with questions.

Teen Programming

TEEN THURSDAYS (Thursdays)

May 4, 11, 18 & 25

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Head to the Library after school ends, and spend Thursday afternoons with Melissa. This is a drop-in any time event, no registration required. Open to teens in Grades 6-12. Play a game with friends. Color, create or collaborate. Get help with homework. Find a new favorite book.

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)

May 12, 19 & 26

Come play the Wii on the KFL projector screen. Handheld devices and trading card games also encouraged.

2:30-4:30 p.m.

ANIME AFTERNOON

May 10

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join Melissa, the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime files on the projection screen and everything anime in-between.

Allure of Nature

"Allure of Nature" photographs by Aja Dyer will be on display at the Kennebunk Free Library in the Speers Gallery from May 1 to 31, 2017. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

"I got my first taste of art classes when my parents brought me to their college art classes when I was little. As I grew older, I took art every year in school in the Kennebunks. When I was in my mid 20's I got the privilege of attending MECA (Maine College of Art). After a year, I found my passion didn't serve me well in a college setting and I chose to continue learning and study art through books, travel and museums. The Portland Museum of Art is one of my favorites."



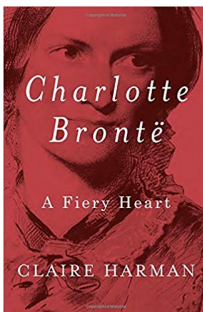
"All of my photography is digital, but I do enjoy 35 mm black & white. When I was in 5th grade my father gave me my first camera, a 35 mm Mindota. I have multiple cameras from the late 70's, early 80's. Oddly enough my favorite artists are two well known painters, Picasso and Dali. I have studied and read many books on their style and technique. Their odd and dream like approach to art has always pushed me to break the boundaries within my own art."



"I hope my photographs help others to enjoy nature, feel peaceful and give the feeling that you are there, smelling the flower, walking down the road or trying to catch a frog. Joys that can remind you of when you were a child or memories of a hike you have experienced. I enjoy the texture in macro photography, as well as the peace and beauty nature brings to life."

An opening reception will be held Monday May 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Reading Groups



Nonfiction Book Discussion -
Charlotte Brontë by Claire Harman on
Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.



Adult Book Discussion -
Garden Spells by Sarah Allen on
Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m.

[Check out the listing of books for the Adult Book Group!](#)

Did You Know...Andrew Walker Diaries

The Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to announce that the index to the Andrew Walker Diaries is now available in digital format and is searchable! The index, originally compiled in 1994, was previously only available in print. Using equipment available at the Maine State Library, KFL was able to convert the original index to a searchable digital file. The new format will make it easier to locate specific topical entries contained in the eleven volume set of diaries documenting day-to-day life in Kennebunk from 1851-1897. The index is available for viewing and searching at the library, just ask at circulation desk!

Trustees Wanted

The Library is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the

Board of Trustees. All persons 18 years of age who are legal residents and/or employed within the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel are eligible to serve on the Board and are encouraged to apply. For more information, the Trustee job description and a nomination form, please visit our [website](#) or stop by the circulation desk for printed information.

May Calendar of Events

May 1: Lawyers in Libraries, 5:30-7:30 PM
May 2: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
May 2: Author Talk: Diane Dunton, 6:00 PM
May 3: Beadcraft: Gnomes and Faeries, 1:00 PM
May 3: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
May 4: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
May 5: Parenting Class, 10:00 AM
May 6: May Day Book Sale, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
May 6: Fairy Festival, 9:30-11:00 AM
May 5: Friends Only Book Sale Pre-Sale, 5:00-7:00 PM
May 8: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
May 8: Art Reception, 5:00-7:00 PM
May 8: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
May 9: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
May 9: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
May 9: Birds of Spring, 6:00 PM
May 10: Anime Afternoon, 4:00 PM
May 11: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
May 11: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
May 11: Imagination Station, 4:00-4:45 PM
May 12: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
May 13: Genealogy, 10:00 AM
May 15: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
May 16: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
May 16: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
May 18: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
May 18: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
May 19: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
May 22: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
May 23: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
May 23: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
May 23: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 PM
May 24: Chair Chi, 2:30 PM
May 24: Lego Club, 4:00 PM
May 25: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 AM
May 25: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
May 26: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
May 27: Author Talk, Cynthia Graves, 1:00 PM
May 29: Library Closed for Memorial Day
May 30: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
May 30: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
May 30: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM
May 31: Trivia, 6:30 PM

STAY CONNECTED:

