



**Monthly E-Newsletter  
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**A Message From the Library Director**

This year the Library needs to raise nearly \$200,000 to supplement funding from municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel. With your help we can reach our 2019 Annual Appeal goal of raising \$68,500 by June 30, 2019.

You can contribute on [our website](#) or at the Library. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to check out our newly completed [Strategic Plan](#). If you're looking for a shorter read you can also view our [Strategic Plan brochure](#).

I'd like to take a moment to highlight some of our community partnerships, several of which will be in full bloom to start the month. The Seacoast Garden Club has once again readied our Faerie Garden for our festival on May 4 and they take their role of judging our Fairy House and Gnome Home submissions very seriously. Also on May 4, we will be welcoming non-profit tables on our lawn that represent all facets of the community. Schedule a free, private session on May 6 for Lawyers in Libraries Day to meet with a local attorney and join us on May 7, when Anna Youngmann Morrow of Caring Unlimited will be facilitating a book discussion about domestic violence.



Our community partnerships allow us to increase our offerings without increasing our budget and provide equal visibility for all parties involved. If you or your business would like to partner with KFL [please let us know](#).

Thank you,  
Michelle K. Conners, Director

## Adult Programs

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### Heart and Home Book Club - May 6

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group at KFL. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m., we'll discuss books about housekeeping. Feel free to call or stop by the library for help finding a book!



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### Lawyers in Libraries - May 6

Lawyers across the state will spend time in local libraries during Law Week to provide resources and assistance to people in need, talk about statewide legal issues and meet with library patrons. *Lawyers in Libraries: Law Week 2019* is a free event that is open to the public. It will take place in libraries statewide during the first week in May.



This law week, we will host Thomas Schoening, Esq. of Drummond & Drummond, LLP. Schoening will be available for 10-minute private consultations from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, May 6, 2019. Schoening specializes in real estate, corporate, and employment law. For other matters, he can provide information about free resources, low-cost legal assistance and legal referrals. Call to make an appointment or sign-up at the door.

Organizers of the series are the Maine Justice Action Group Collaboration on Innovation, Technology and Equal Access to Justice (the Collaboration) which includes Maine's public libraries, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Bar Foundation, the State of Maine Judicial Branch, Maine's legal aid providers and other organizations interested in helping people access the legal resources they need, all working under The Maine Justice Action Group.

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### Devilishly Delicious Demos - May 8

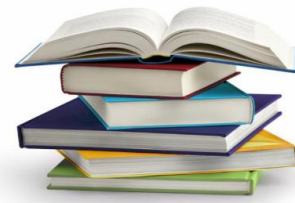
Don't give up on dessert! Join us on Wednesday, May at 6:00 to learn how to make lighter versions of the treats you love. Space is limited to ensure that there are enough samples to go around. Please call or [e-mail the library](#) to register.



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### Genealogy Group - May 11

On Saturday, May 11 at 10:00, the Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host a discussion about the genealogical resources available at local libraries and



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## Meditation Class - May 13

Meditation: Are you a beginner? Looking to deepen your practice? Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, May 13 at 2:00 for the third in a series of meditation classes with presenter Cindy Simon. All are welcome!



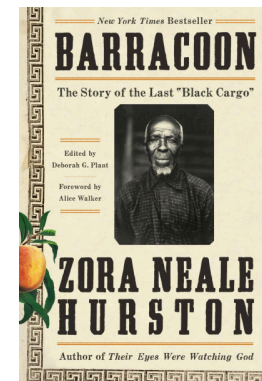
Where does most of your awareness and attention go? Do you live in the moment? Are you aware of your breath? Relax and imagine peaceful scenery, learn deep stillness and quiet, utilize positive affirmations, and rid your mind of negative chatter. Learn to bring meditation into your everyday life and discover deeper relaxation, sleep, patience, and calm.

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## Nonfiction Book Group - May 13

Join us on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Barracoön* by Zora Neale Hurston.

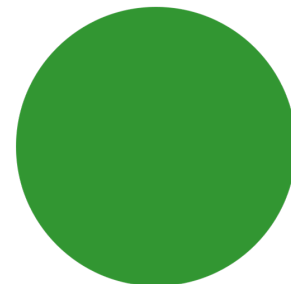
"This previously unpublished manuscript from Hurston (1891-1960) is a remarkable account of the life of Kossola, also known as Cudjo Lewis, the last survivor of the last American slave ship. Before writing *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Hurston was working as an anthropologist in 1927 when she traveled to Plateau, Ala., to interview 86-year-old Kossola. Returning to Plateau in 1931 for three months, Hurston documented Kossola's life story in this short manuscript, whose brevity disguises its richness and depth. Consisting primarily of transcriptions from their conversations, Kossola recalls his capture in Africa, the Middle Passage, his five and a half years as a slave, the Civil War, the struggles following Emancipation, and the terrors after Reconstruction (his son was killed by a deputy sheriff in 1902). Kossola was 19 years old when he was sold into slavery; thus, his accounts of folkways and traditions (e.g., the decapitated heads hanging from the belts of the Dahomian warriors who captured him) offer more graphic and personal immediacy than other surviving narratives of the slave trade, like those of Equiano or Gronniosaw, who were small children at the time of their capture. While Hurston acknowledges that her account "makes no attempt to be a scientific document, but on the whole is rather accurate," Kossola's story-in the vernacular of his own words-is an invaluable addition to American social, cultural, and political history." (Publishers Weekly, vol 265, issue 13, p)



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## Three Towns, One Circle Discussion - May 20

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on May 20 for a discussion that will explore, with a trained facilitator, how we, as residents of the area, feel about race and how we can build a community that is welcoming to all. With continued interest, more discussions will be scheduled.



## Ukulele Group - May 22

On Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30, come to KFL for the fun of making music in the library. Though most of us are newbies, still learning to play the ukulele, people of all skill levels are invited to stop by to play along. Instructor Dan Riggall combines basic instruction with the opportunity to make music.

The library has a limited number of ukuleles available. Please let us know if you will need to borrow one. We will do our best to accommodate you.

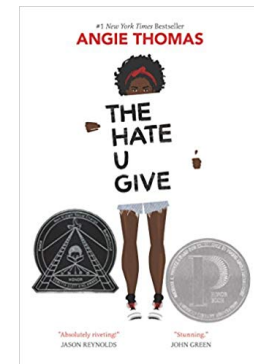


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## Adult Book Discussion - May 28

Join us on Tuesday, May 28 at 1:00 to discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

"Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two very different worlds: one is her home in a poor black urban neighborhood; the other is the tony suburban prep school she attends and the white boy she dates there. Her bifurcated life changes dramatically when she is the only witness to the unprovoked police shooting of her unarmed friend Khalil and is challenged to speak out-though with trepidation-about the injustices being done in the event's wake. As the case becomes national news, violence erupts in her neighborhood, and Starr finds herself and her family caught in the middle. Difficulties are exacerbated by their encounters with the local drug lord for whom Khalil was dealing to earn money for his impoverished family. If there is to be hope for change, Starr comes to realize, it must be through the exercise of her voice, even if it puts her and her family in harm's way. Thomas' debut, both a searing indictment of injustice and a clear-eyed, dramatic examination of the complexities of race in America, invites deep thoughts about our social fabric, ethics, morality, and justice. Beautifully written in Starr's authentic first-person voice, this is a marvel of verisimilitude as it insightfully examines two worlds in collision. An inarguably important book that demands the widest possible readership." (Booklist, vol 113, number 8, p48)



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## Trivia Night - May 29

The last Wednesday of every month is Trivia Night at KFL. Play alone or bring a team (or join one of our friendly groups of regulars). Admission is free, but players who choose to pay a \$2 entry fee are eligible to collect a share of half of that night's pot if their team wins. (Of course, if you're playing alone, you keep the whole half.) The other half goes to purchasing items for the library's collection. Join us on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30.



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## Tech Time - May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Join us on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for our ongoing service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

Technology is becoming more complicated so we're here to help. Having difficulty downloading the cloudLibrary app? Got a tablet for your birthday and need help setting it up? Please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173. This service has quickly become very popular so your patience in waiting for an accommodation is greatly

appreciated.

This service is intended to help educate you about your device or to troubleshoot minor technology issues. Our goal is that you'll leave our session with the confidence and knowledge to troubleshoot your own future technology hurdles.



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## In Stitches - May 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 for "In Stitches", our handicrafts group! This is a great opportunity to expand your skills and learn from others, about knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidering, or other handicrafts while enjoying the company of others. Bring a project you are working on, or come learn from the very beginning (please bring your own supplies). Knitting help will be available.



In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Walker Room. No registration is needed, just drop by for as long as you like.

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## Teen Programs

### Friday Fun

**May 3 3:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we make Zentangle Bookmarks!

**May 10 3:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we create complex Marble Runs

**May 17 3:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we make amazing String Art!

**May 24 3:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we make Elephant Toothpaste!

**May 31 3:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we make our own Pin Ball Machine!



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### Teen Anime - May 15

On Wednesday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m, come talk about anime, manga, RPGs, and anything in between. Basically, anything that makes you geek out is welcome and encouraged! It is open to students and teens ages 10 and up.



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## Children's Programs

### Beadcraft - May 1

Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950s and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is required.



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## Faerie Festival! - May 4

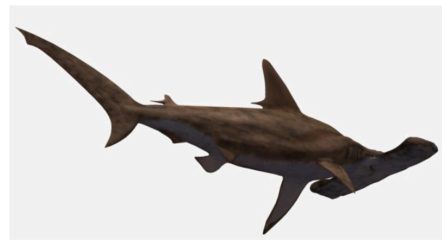
The days are getting longer and warmer, which can only mean one thing - it's time to welcome the faeries back to Kennebunk Free Library! Join us on May 4 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for faerie crafts, games, face painting, and fun! If you made a faerie house, find Miss Maria for your certificate. Wear your faerie finery!



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## Chickadee Book Club - May 8

It's time for a shark party! Chickadee Book Club's final meeting of the year will be a celebration of *Shark Lady: The True Story of Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist* by Jess Keating. This book was the winner of this year's Chickadee Award, chosen by Maine students. This month's meeting is Wednesday, May 8 at 3:45 p.m. Registration is required, and is limited to 15 readers. For more information or to register, call 985-2173. Come read with us!



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## Tail Waggin' Tutor - May 11

Dogs and books go great together! Children of all ages can practice their reading by reading to Jack, a certified therapy dog. Jack will be visiting on Saturday, May 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. Library Reading Dogs can help children increase their reading skills and become more confident readers. The dog provides a non-judgmental listener and children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency. Of course, associating reading with something fun like patting a dog helps too! No registration required.



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## Junior Science: Rainbow Paper! - May 13

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Please join us on Monday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m. as we experiment with creating Rainbow paper! For kids ages 5 and up, registration is required.

In April at Junior Science, the kids had a blast creating Explosions in a Bag. The explosions were created by combining baking soda and vinegar inside a bag. By wrapping a small amount of baking soda in a paper towel, the kids were able to delay the reaction until the paper dissolved in the vinegar. Though the reaction wasn't big enough to pop the bag, the kids enjoyed seeing them expand.



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## Peter Pan Party - May 16

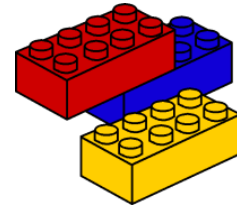
Think happy thoughts and fly to a Peter Pan party on May 16 at 3:45 p.m.! In honor of author J.M. Barrie's birthday, we will be celebrating with Peter Pan crafts and activities. Grab your shadow and join us for some fun! This event is for all ages. No registration required.



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## LEGO Club - May 22

Come join us on Wednesday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! This month come join us for a building challenge that will push your builder abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own imagination. Registration is required, for kids ages 4 and up.



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## Discovery Station - May 29

Discovery Station is a STEAM program designed for children 2-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. STEAM activity stations will give children, with their parent or caregiver, an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning while having fun!



Join us on Wednesday, May 29 at 3:45pm and learn all about **Things That Grow!** The program is limited to 12 children, and registration is required.

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## Storytimes

**Mondays at 10:15:** Peek-A-Book Babies (ages 0-2)

**Tuesdays at 10:15:** Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

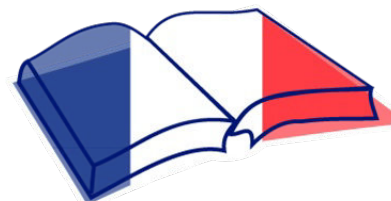


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## French Class

Parlez-vous français?!

Would you like to learn to speak French? Join us on Tuesday afternoons from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. here at the library for French class. You will develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, while also learning about cultural



perspectives of France and other French-speaking countries around the world. Our emphasis will be on communication, using the language in real-life, real-world situations, so that students may converse with French-speaking visitors to our state, and/or be able to get around when traveling in the Francophone World. This class is geared towards homeschooling students age 10 and above, but all are welcome.

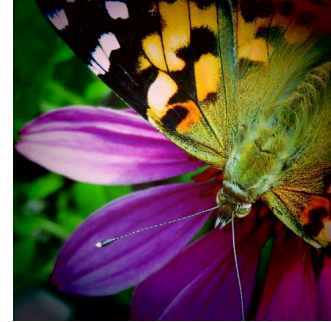
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## Speers Gallery

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### May Artist: Claire Unsinn

Our May 1 to 31, 2019 exhibition is "**The Wonder and Beauty of the Kennebunks**", the photographs of Claire Unsinn. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.



Claire became a photo enthusiast about 7 years ago when she starting experimenting with the settings on her new Powershot Canon camera. "I enjoy many creative pursuits including fiber arts, painting, quilting and gardening. In recent years, I have developed a passion for photography, that, admittedly, I know nothing about. I just like to point and shoot. I especially like to experiment with the various camera settings that offer special effects such as unusual colors, painterly interpretations, and extreme close-ups that lend to abstract impressions. I am not especially looking for realistic photos, but prefer the creative freedom of altering the images to reflect and feed my creative expression. Special camera settings and editing tools are my photographic palette, offering me a range of color, contract, brightness, and saturation to create my own vision of artistic photos.

Claire finds inspiration in nature and particularly enjoys photographing birds and the moon. She is fascinated by close-ups of plants." The awe-inspiring beauty of our corner of the world is ours to enjoy if we take the time to explore, observe and record.

***The public is invited to an artist's reception on Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.*** Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to host this exhibit of local beauty.

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## Library News & Events

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### Book/Bake Sale

The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will have a book and bake sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with the Town of Kennebunk's May Day Festival.



The sale will be held in Hank's Room and outside (weather permitting) and feature a variety of books at our new prices. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and audio books. Baked goods will be provided by volunteers and available at friendly prices.

Current Friends will each get a free book during sale hours only. There is also a Friends only pre-sale being held Friday, May 3 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Membership forms for joining the Friends will be available.

We would welcome contributions from the public to the bake sale. Please drop your baked goods off at the library at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. If no refrigeration is required, we can also accept them on Friday, May 3 before 5:00.

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### A Message From the Friends



Are you new to the Friends of KFL or thinking of joining? We are now offering a mentoring programs for new members. You can participate in a New Friend information session in which we will explain the role of the Friends, our connection to staff and Trustees, and a brief history of the group. You can ask us questions and share your ideas.

You may also choose to be paired with a veteran Friend. We will be available to answer your questions, keep you up-to-date on volunteering opportunities and events, and make sure that you have the information you need before and after events.

For more information or to participate, [e-mail](#) or call the library or join us for our next meeting on September 9, 2019 at 6:00.

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## Thanks, Friends!

After a windy, cold winter, our road signs were looking pretty scruffy. Thank you to the Friends of KFL, who provided the funding to buy two new sign boards!

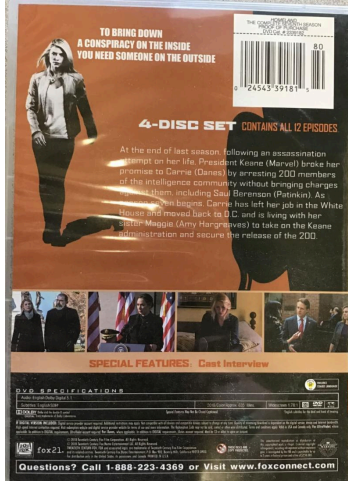


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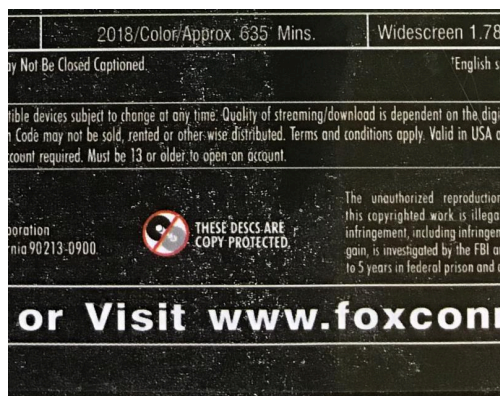
## Bootlegs

You may occasionally see a 50 person waiting list on the newest season of your favorite TV show, but notice that only one library has a copy. Sometimes there is a good reason for this. Heartland Season 11, for example, was released in Canada long before it was released in the US. Because the series is so popular at this library, we chose to purchase the DVD from Canada. Other libraries chose to wait for the US release. Sometimes, though, it means that the one copy in the system is a bootleg. More and more, bootleg copies of popular movies and TV series are showing up in Amazon. Many of them are very well done, making it difficult to identify it as a fake. Here's a donation we received of Homeland Season 7, which has not been released yet.





It looks real. It has everything that you would expect to see on a legitimate DVD. How did we know it was a bootleg? One librarian noticed the warning on the back: "THESE DESCS ARE COPY PROTECTED." If "discs" had not been misspelled, it would be indistinguishable from a real copy.



There are some things you can do to protect yourself. One of the simplest is to check for official release dates on your favorites. In some cases, Amazon is offering the DVD as a preorder but has copies for sale further down the page. That's a good indication that those are fakes. Here are some other tips: <https://www.wikihow.com/Spot-Fake-DVDs>.

Librarians will never knowingly add a bootleg DVD to a collection. The Minerva consortium has rules against it. Still, mistakes happen. If it seems too good to be true that the newest season is out so soon, it probably is. If you have any questions about the legitimacy of an item in Minerva, whether we own it or not, give us a call anytime.

## New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

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

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived this month.

### Hot New Releases on order for May:

(Click on the title to go to the item record in the catalog & place a hold.)

#### Fiction

[Big Kahuna](#) by Janet Evanovich

[Biloxi](#) by Mary Miller

[Blessing in Disguise](#) by Danielle Steele

[The Guest Book](#) by Sarah Blake

[Hot Shot](#) by Fern Michaels

[If She Wakes](#) by Michael Koryta

[It's a Christmas Thing](#) by Janet Dailey

Kremlin Strike by Dale Brown  
The Mister by E.L. James  
Mistress of the Ritz by Melanie Benjamin  
Never Game by Jeffery Deaver  
Night Window by Dean Koontz  
Queen Bee by Dorthea Benton Frank  
Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini  
The Road Home by Richard Paul Evans  
The Stiehl Assassin by Terry Brooks  
The Stone Circle by Elly Giffiths  
Summoning by Heather Graham  
Tightrope by Amanda Quick

### **Nonfiction**

The British Are Coming by Rick Atkinson  
Endeavour by Peter Moore  
The Pioneers by David McCullough  
The Second Mountain by David Brooks  
Upheaval by Jared Diamond  
The Way We Eat Now by Bee Wilson

## **Bragging Rights!**

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A huge thank you from KFL staff and trustees to Karen Plattes! Karen placed the winning bid for "bragging rights" in our March Madness basket raffle. We appreciate your support!

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## **May Calendar of Events**

May 1: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.  
May 1: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.  
May 3: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.  
May 3: Parenting Class, 10:00 a.m.  
May 3: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
May 3: Friends-Only Presale, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
May 4: Booksale, 8:30 - 1:00  
May 4: Faerie Festival, 9:30 - 11:00  
May 6: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
May 6: Heart and Home Book Club, 2:00  
May 6: Lawyers in Libraries, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
May 7: Family Storytime, 10:15 p.m.  
May 7: In Stitches, 11:00 p.m.  
May 7: Beginners French Class, 12:15 p.m.  
May 7: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
May 7: Domestic Violence Book Discussion, 6:00  
May 8: Chickadee Book Club, 3:45 p.m.  
May 8: Devilishly Delicious Demos - 6:00 p.m.  
May 10: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.  
May 10: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
May 11: Genealogy, 10:00 a.m.  
May 11: Tail-Waggin' Tutor, 10:00 a.m.  
May 13: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
May 13: Meditation, 2:00 p.m.  
May 13: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.  
May 13: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.  
May 14: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
May 14: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
May 14: Beginners French Class, 12:15 p.m.  
May 15: Teen Anime, 4:00 p.m.  
May 15: Artist Reception, 6:00 p.m.  
May 16: Peter Pan Party, 3:45 p.m.  
May 17: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.  
May 17: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.

May 20: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
May 20: Race Talking Circle, 6:00 p.m.  
May 21: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
May 21: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
May 21: Beginners French Class, 12:15 p.m.  
May 22: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m.  
May 22: Ukulele Group, 5:30 p.m.  
May 24: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.  
May 24: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.  
May 27: Library Closed for Memorial Day  
May 28: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
May 28: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
May 28: Beginners French Class, 12:15 a.m.  
May 28: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.  
May 28: KFL Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
May 29: Discovery Station, 3:45 p.m.  
May 29: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.  
May 31: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.  
May 31: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.

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