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Library News and Events



KFL Gift Wrap Exchange - Beginning November 10

Come join us at Kennebunk Free Library for our yearly Gift Wrap Exchange! From **November 10 through January 5**.

Have you been using the same wrapping paper for forever? Looking for something different this year, but are wary of adding another offering to the stacks of unfinished rolls in your closet/garage? Switch things up this holiday season without spending a dime and avoiding extra clutter!

There will be a box in the mezzanine labeled "Gift Wrap Exchange". Participation follows a **'take one, leave one'** policy. Other gift wrapping supplies besides wrapping paper are accepted as well.**

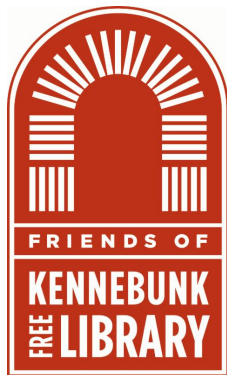
****Please follow this list as to what is accepted:**

- Unused wrapping paper that is still on the roll
- Unused or gently used gift bags (no rips or tears, handles intact)
- Unused ribbon still on the roll
- Unused bows, tags/stickers



Library of Things! - Check out our Light Keeper Pro: Light Repair Kit

The Holidays are fast approaching! Make sure your lights are working and ready, as well as make any necessary repairs, with our Light Keeper Pro Repair Kit!



A Message from the Friends of KFL

Thank you to everyone that worked at or supported the HarvestFest booksale! The weather was perfect, and it was a great community event. **Our next big sale will be on May 2, 2026.** Watch for “popup” sales until then.

The Friends of KFL 2026 Membership drive has begun! Stop in at the library or follow this [link](#). **Our next meeting of the Friends will be Monday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m.** at KFL. If you are curious about what the Friends are or might like to join, please come.

If you would like to join the Friends of KFL you will be welcomed! [Here is the link for more information.](#)



Wreath Sale Fundraiser - Order by November 11

Kennebunk Free Library is now accepting orders from individuals and businesses for wreaths which will be delivered to the library for **pick up on Saturday, November 22.** *Wreaths can also be shipped to friends and family around the country for an additional fee.*

Made at Wreaths of Maine in Waldoboro, these beautifully handmade, double-sided 23" Balsam wreaths, centerpieces and sprays will adorn your front door and make excellent gifts. There are multiple options to choose from ranging from \$35-\$47 as well as a 33" wreath suitable for larger windows and doors for \$67. Every wreath is hand made by a skilled wreath-maker and decorated. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Orders are accepted through November 11 at 8:00 p.m.. Order at our online store ([click here to order from kennebunkfreelibrary.square.site](https://kennebunkfreelibrary.square.site)), or pick up a form in the library.

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.](#)

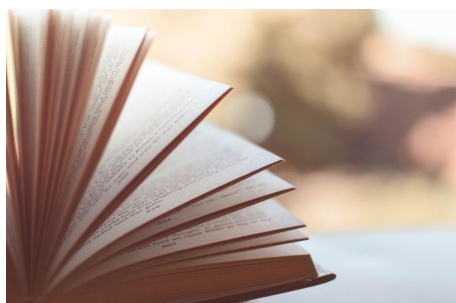
To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper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

Thank you to all our wonderful donors!

Your support of KFL is so very generous and we are full of gratitude for you! Funds raised are put right to work bringing books, crafts, programs, technology, expertise, entertainment and so much more to our community; enriching lives and deepening our connections to one another. Thank you again for your support. We can't do what we do without you!

[Click here for a list of our Fiscal Year 2025 \(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025\) donors!](#)

Adult Programs



Reader's Choice Book Group - November 3

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Page to Screen.**

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!

Craft and Sip: Book Pumpkins - November 5

Join us on **Wednesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.** for a night of crafting and sipping! Get into the autumn spirit while upcycling a paperback book into a piece of cute pumpkin décor! All materials will be provided. This is a 21+ only event. [Registration Required](#). Click the link provided, visit our website, or call the library for more information or to register.



Die Well Death Education - November 10

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, November 10 at 1 p.m.** for the first 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 One: You're going to die. Why not die well?

Preparation is key. - In this session, we will explore the importance of discussing death and the benefits it offers. We will also review the creation of an End-of-Life Plan, the importance of legacy work, hospice & palliative care, funeral and body disposition options (there are more than you think!), and much more!

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Camden Conference: Turkey in the Middle - November 10

The Camden Conference and the Kennebunk Free Library present Bill Hall at KFL on **Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Hall will discuss Turkey's unique position as a middle power in the Middle East, in the middle between Europe and Asia.

Hall will give a brief overview of Turkey's history, basic facts, internal politics, and relationships with neighbors and near-neighbors - and with the U.S. He will also discuss the country's significance for the region and for us in the USA.

Bill Hall was an intelligence officer for the US Air Force, serving on active duty from 1969 until 1999, much of that time overseas - in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. He served two Air Force tours in Turkey, in the northwest and southeast, 20 years apart. He grew up in Virginia and received a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University and a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Nancy, live on Peaks Island.

The Camden Conference is a world affairs conference held annually in Camden, Maine. The theme of this year's conference – February 20-22, 2026 – is *Today's Middle East: Power, Politics, Players*.



Adult Take and Make: Star ornaments

This month, pick up a kit to make a festive star ornament. Kits will be available **starting Tuesday, November 11, while supplies last.**



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - November 12

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet at **6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

November's Theme is "New England"

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!



Ukulele Group - November 12

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.

Carb Confusion Cleared Up - November 18

Join Hannaford Registered Dietitian Julia Williams at Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m.**



for an interactive workshop on one of the most talked-about nutrients: carbohydrates. We'll explore why carbs are essential for energy, how your body digests them, the difference between simple and complex carbs, and how to choose nutrient-rich options. You'll leave with practical tips for building balanced, satisfying meals—without the carb confusion.



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - November 19

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! You are invited to join us on our **NEW day, 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, November 19** and our **theme** will be **Gourds!** So that means anything that falls under this category like pumpkins, squash or even

cucumbers, should be included in a dish of your choosing!

Bring along the cookbook or recipe, so we can discuss it and go over all things food! Utensils, plates and napkins will be provided!

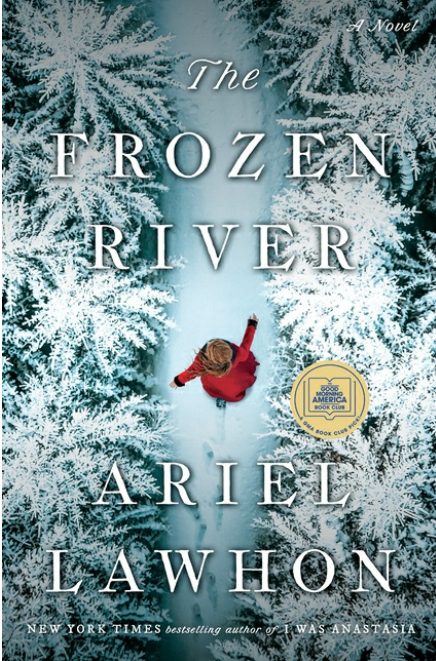
Please email Becca at rlong@kennebunklibrary.org to let her know you will be attending.



Trivia Night - November 19

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.

Fiction Book Discussion - **December 9**



Join us on **Tuesday, December 9 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

The Fiction Book Discussion does not meet in November, and meets on the 2nd Tuesday of December instead.

"In 1789 Maine, midwife and healer Martha Ballard, who is good at keeping secrets, investigates a shocking murder linked to an alleged rape that has shaken her small town, especially when her diary lands at the center of the scandal, threatening to tear both her family and her community apart." -Novelist

Weekly Programs



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.



Drop-in Craft and Chat - Tuesday Evenings

Join us and express your creativity in our weekly evening group, Craft and Chat. This drop-in group will take place weekly in the library **on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m.** Join us in a relaxed atmosphere with other creative people of all skill levels. Explore your creativity with whatever your passion is: handicrafts, journaling, sketching or doodling, coloring, crocheting, embroidery or knitting - all are welcomed! Please bring in any portable project you are working on along with your own supplies. You are free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

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



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 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. 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) 985-2173, 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. Want lessons? **Future newsletters will announce a wintertime beginner class signup.** We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



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.



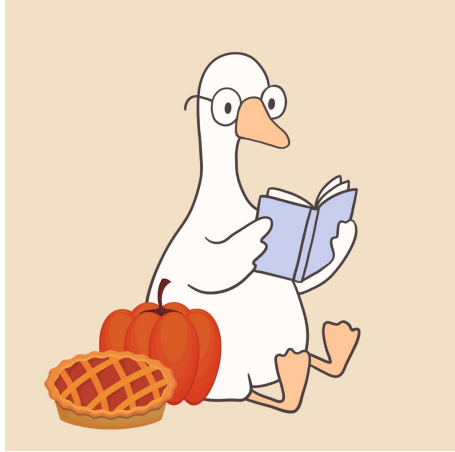
Improv - Saturdays

Improv - Saturdays Improv is back! 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 November 1**, 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:

Match the Fantasy Map to the Book:

Put your cartographer skills to the test as you try to match fantasy maps to their respective books! Then, draw inspiration from these maps and create your very own! We'll have fancy map paper and a world building generation sheet available in the Teen Room to help you make your vision come to life. Whether you need inspiration for names, a checklist of possible elements to include in your map, or even tips on the initial layout, we've got you covered. We

can't wait to see what you come up with!

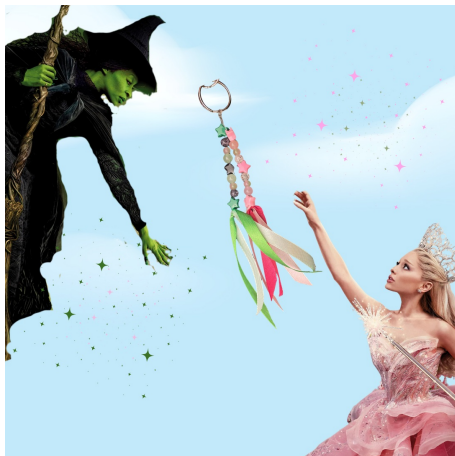
Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall:

Who's the Baddest of them All? It's good to be bad—and your favorite (or least favorite) villains agree. Help us decide who is the baddest—or baddest—of them all by assigning superlatives to all of the most notorious YA villains. Following a color-coded key, assign a superlative—such as the most cunning, the most irredeemable, the most misunderstood—to each villain. We can't wait to hear your thoughts!

A Poppy for Your Thoughts:

In honor of *Wicked: For Good*, help us transform the windows into a field of poppies! Just as your favorite characters fall asleep and dream in this field, write down one of your dreams inside of the cutout paper poppy and tape it to the window.

If you have any questions about these 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!



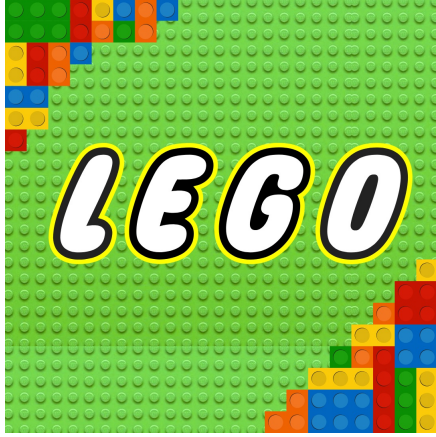
Teen Take and Make: Wicked Key Chain

What Is This Feeling of excitement for November? Could it possibly be for the soon-to-be released second part to a very Popular movie? If you're just as eager to watch *Wicked: For Good* as we are, we have the perfect take-and-make for you! **Starting on Saturday, November 1**, stop by the library to create a Wicked themed keychain in person or take supplies home with you to craft independently (it should only take One Short Day). With a variety of pink and green beads and ribbons, you'll be able to embody both Elphaba and Glinda in your craft! Supplies are first come first served, and you can find these kits in the Teen Room, waiting just for you!

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

Teen Lego Build Displays - November 1

Starting November 1, 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 December, but we will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy.

If you have any questions, just reach out to Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia in the children's room, or give us a call at (207)

985-2173. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Dungeons and Dragons - November 3, 17, 24

Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. We have just finished our summer campaign, completing the heist of a century, and now we are returning to our Infinite School Year campaign. We last left off with our heroes in the Canyons of Carceri, trapped by the Driders of Lolth as we searched for Lynx to gather information to solve the Time Loop Mystery.

We will be meeting on **Mondays: November 3, 17,**

and 24 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, November 3 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. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

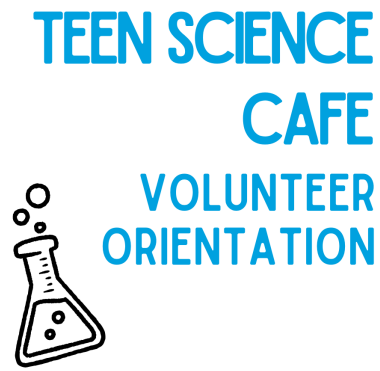


Teen Pokemon Club - November 4, 11, 18, 25

Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! We will be meeting on **Tuesdays: November 4, 11, 18, and 25 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.

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the

children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Science Cafe Volunteer Orientation - November 21

Looking for an opportunity to earn your volunteer hours, build your resume, and also grab a free slice of pizza? KFL is excited to announce that we have joined the Teen Science Café Cohort, and we are 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 8-12 to explore new research and discuss what inspires and influences people to pursue careers in STEM with interactive lessons and activities.

Our first volunteer orientation event will be held on **November 21 between 3:30-4:30 p.m.** for you to drop in, meet with the library's teen librarians, pick up your volunteer packets, and discuss the theme for our first meeting with other teen volunteers. Oh, and did we also mention that there's also going to be pizza?

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Programs

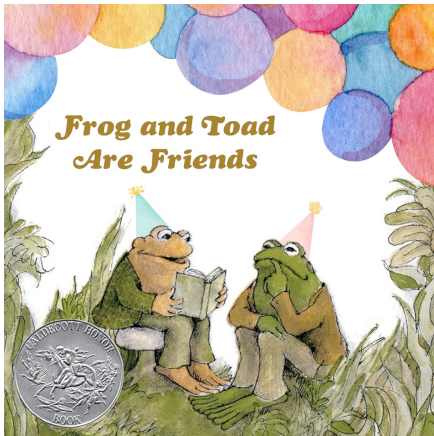


Beadcraft - November 5

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, November 5, at 1 p.m.** What a great way to spend an afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.

Drop-In Crafts - November 11

Are you ready to get crafty? Come to Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, November 11 between 12 and 4 p.m.** to make a craft or two! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Frog and Toad: Friends Forever Party - November 13

Frog and Toad have been best friends for 50 years! Let's celebrate with a party in honor of Frog, Toad, and friendship. Join us on **November 13 at 4 p.m.** for a favorite Frog and Toad story or two, crafts, and treats. We'll be so hoppy to see you there!



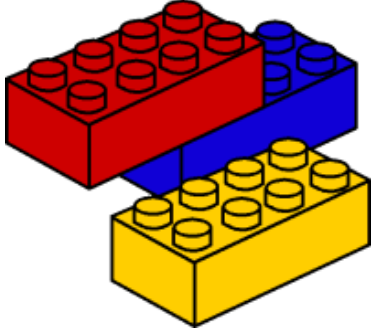
Kindness Crew - November 18

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, November 18, at 3:45 p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! In November, we'll be sharing a story and making a craft about being thankful! 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!

Lego Club - November 20

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will



meet on **Thursday, November 20, 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.



Card Making Station - November 29

There's no better way to show your love than with a handmade card! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on **Saturday, November 29 between 12 and 4 p.m.** to make a card for a friend or loved one! We'll have all the supplies ready – just stop in and get creative! Work together as a family or create your own cards. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! **On Mondays in November at 10 a.m.**, 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. We'll be outside as long as we can! If the weather allows, Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- November 3
- November 10
- November 17
- November 24

Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! **On most Thursday mornings in November**, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when kids and their grown-ups play



together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! **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. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. **Due to the holiday closure, Thursday Family Fun Play is canceled on Thursday, November 27.**

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- November 6
- November 13
- November 20
- **November 27 Cancelled**

Speers Gallery



November Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents “**Simple Gifts**”, an exhibit of acrylic paintings by artist Joanne Maloney showing November 1-28.

Joanne Maloney is a coastal Maine based visual artist with 30 years of teaching experience. She has an unwavering passion for both the artistic process and the stunning landscapes that surround her. Her specialties are the Maine coast and the simple gifts of nature she finds on her walks.

Joanne says “Art has been a passion my whole life! I have worked as an art educator, teaching and mentoring kindergarten, through college students. I believe we all have a need and ability to express ourselves creatively!”

Joanne is a member of Urban Sketchers, a group of artists that meet regularly to create art outside or inside during inclement weather in our community spaces. She lives in Arundel and Port Clyde, Maine and shares her love of art with her children and grandchildren.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase the work of this talented local artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from November 1 through 28 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.

[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

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



Kennebunk Free Library purchases most of our materials from [Baker & Taylor](#). However, they are shutting down their operations and expect to close entirely by the start of 2026. [At this link](#) is some information about the issue. So, what does this mean for KFL and for you? Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services, Allison Atkins worked quickly to get KFL set up with an account at Ingram as our primary supplier and through a purchasing consortium we will still receive the same discounts we previously had with Baker & Taylor. That said, we expect that there will still be slowdowns throughout the processing and delivery steps that will impact how quickly we can get materials on the shelves.

We ask for your patience during this time, thank you.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: Sophia reads Catwad by Jim Benton to Max!

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Little Alleluias by Mary Oliver

It has been a while since I listened to a poetry book, and this one did not disappoint. Mary Oliver brings her reader right to the heart of the matter, simply and gently even if the topic is sad or difficult. Nature seems to be her strongest inspiration, and dogs are a close second. My favorite poem from this collection of three books, is "On Losing a House" a reflection on taking the house for granted, realizing they didn't have enough money and the changes to the house when someone with money buys it.
(Available book from Minerva, audio on Libby)

The Project – How Project 2025 is Reshaping America by David A. Graham

I knew I would never read the actual document but when I saw this little volume giving an overview of the areas targeted for change by The Heritage Foundation, I decided to read what it is about. The agenda is 1. Gender, Family and Rights, 2. Immigration and Border Security, 3. Economy and Taxes, 4. Environment and Energy, and 5. Foreign Policy and Defense. Each item is clearly described and persons involved and their backgrounds are discussed. I found this very helpful. The author is a staff writer at The Atlantic.
(Available from KFL)

Google Images (reverse image search)

If you don't know about this valuable tool, let me tell you about it. The curtains in my bedroom have been sun damaged and need replacing. I have searched for something I like to no avail. Finally, I went to Google Image on my phone, the screen goes to upload or take a photo and then search. I took a photo of the curtain. A short scroll brought me to an exact match available on Ebay for a reasonable amount. Want to know the value of an object, the name of a plant, or who made a product? Give it a try!

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