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## Adult Programs



### Heart & Home Book Club - November 2

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, November 2, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Neighbors*. This discussion will take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting. For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website or the calendar listing for this program.



### In Stitches - November 3, 10, 17, 24

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 weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Krissy is happy to offer knitting help as best she can, though she offers no guarantee that it will be helpful over video. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.

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### Soap Making at Home - November 4



In November, we will offer a Soap Making Class via Zoom – our first virtual craft program for adults. Before the program, stop by the library during regular curbside or in-person hours to pick up a kit with all of the supplies you will need. Then join us on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 as presenter Cindy Simon teaches us how to turn the supplies into soap.

[Please register](#) by Wednesday, October 28 to ensure that we will have a supply kit ready for you. A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

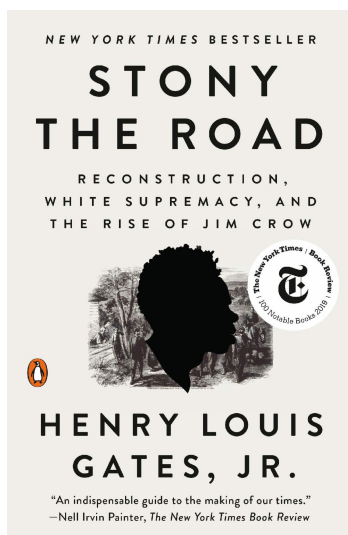
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### Ukulele Group - November 11

Join us on Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

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### Nonfiction Book Group - October 16

Join us on Monday, October 16 at 6:30 to discuss *Stony the Road* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Historian Gates (Alphonse Fletcher Univ. Professor, dir. the Hutchins Ctr. for African and African American Research, Harvard Univ.; *Life Upon These Shores*) has long been fascinated with the idea of the 'New Negro,' and how African Americans fought back against white supremacy during the Redemption and Jim Crow periods. In this work (its title a lyric from the song 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'), the author asserts that this era is fundamental to understanding the current period of racist backlash following Barack Obama's presidency. Borrowing heavily from historians such as Eric Foner and David W. Blight, Gates covers the basics of Reconstruction, the pseudoscience of racism in the field of anthropology, lynching and racial violence across America, and widespread commercial use of stereotypes such as Sambo and Aunt Jemima, and how African Americans continually strived to disprove this onslaught of bigotry through education, literature, art, music, and political organizing. A large number of photographs and illustrations back up his argument of just how unrelenting white supremacy was in this period." (Library Journal, vol 144, issue 4, p107)

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## November 23



On Monday, November 23 at 6:00, Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts will be sharing information about the Ken Joy collection of historic local photographs. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the Zoom link.



## Photographer Peter Ralston - November 18

The Camden Conference and the Kennebunk Free Library present Peter Ralston on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 via Zoom. Ralston will be sharing photographs and stories from the West Coast of Greenland and the Northwest Passage, featuring the landscape and wildlife of the Arctic and the people who live there. Please check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

Peter Ralston grew up in Chadd's Ford, Pennsylvania, worked for a decade as a freelance photojournalist and then began photographing the coast of Maine in 1978, drawn especially to the working communities that define the coast's enduring character.

His work has been seen in many books and magazines, featured on network television and has been exhibited in galleries, collections and museums throughout the United States and abroad. In 2003 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree at Colby College for his photography as well as his role as co-founder of the Island Institute in 1983.

He opened Ralston Gallery in Rockport, Maine, in 2011, selling his photographs as well as the work of his lifelong friends, Andrew and Jamie Wyeth. He is currently working on a book about coastal Maine. More information is available on his site, [www.ralstongallery.com](http://www.ralstongallery.com).

The Camden Conference is an annual world affairs conference held each February in Camden, Maine. The theme of the 2021 conference, held online from February 20-21, is *The Geopolitics of the Arctic: A Region in Peril*.

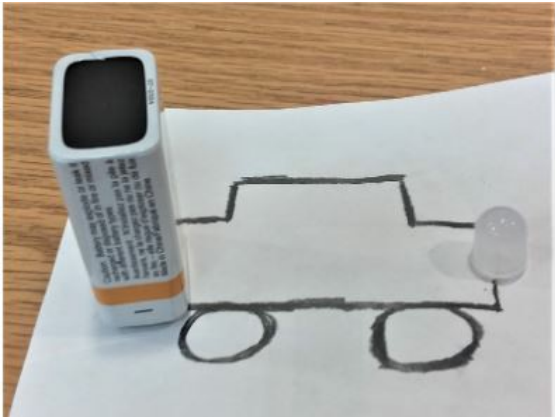


### Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play co op games like *Jackbox*! It is a fun multiplayer game that you can play from a distance. All you need is a device with internet access. Before the game begins you will be given a code to log in and play along. We also occasionally dabble in *Minecraft*: come join us and build. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



### Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All Teens ages 10 and up are welcome!

ZOOM LINK



### Middle School Book Group - November 18

Our favorite Middle School Book Group is returning!

On Wednesday, November 18 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss the book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

Stop by either library to pick up a copy of *Ban This Book* by Alan Gratz. Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.

# Children's Programs



## Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! Continuing through the Fall, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime will be select Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please **register** by email at [ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us) or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- November 2
- November 9
- November 16
- November 23
- November 30
- December 7
- December 14

All storytimes will begin at 10:15 a.m. There are still some Storytime Kits, including a scarf, shaker egg, and crafts, available for registrants! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



## Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available curbside and in the library. This month, we're celebrating DiNovember! Each kit will come with a dinosaur egg to hatch. Kits will be available starting 11/2.

### Level One crafts:

- Build a Paper Shape Dinosaur and Paper Plate Dinosaurs

### Level Two crafts:

- Q-Tip Dinosaur Skeletons and Solar Print Dinosaur Footprints

Stop in or visit us curbside to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

## MSBA Virtual Challenge

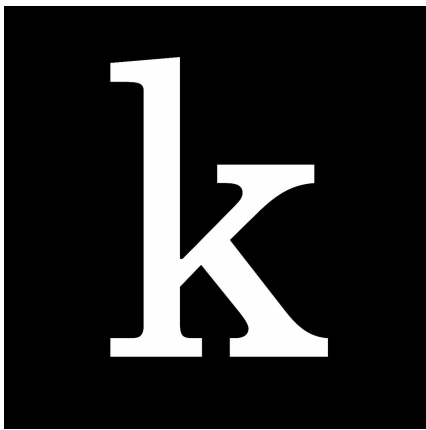
Beanstack is back at Kennebunk Free Library! On



November 1, a new challenge is launching for students in grades 4-8. Between 11/1/20 and 6/30/21, earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title you read and review. You will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit [kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org](https://kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org). If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or via email at [ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us). MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. How many can you read? Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!

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## Library News and Events



### Kanopy Video Streaming Service - Beginning November 1

As we all get ready to hunker down inside during the cold winter months, we are unveiling a new service to help you pass the time. Beginning on November 1, we will be offering Kanopy video streaming service to all KFL cardholders. Kanopy offers a wide variety of movies, documentaries, foreign films, classics, children's content and more.

How does it work? Each month, you will have seven "credits" to use to download movies. Please note that if you watch more than five seconds of any movie, Kanopy will count that as one of your seven selections. To make the most of the service, only hit play when you have found a movie you are sure you want to watch. Once you select a movie, you will have 72 hours to finish watching it or to watch it again. The children's content – Kanopy Kids – is a little different. Once you watch your first Kanopy Kids video, you have access to the entire children's selection for the rest of the month without having to use your credits.

Kanopy works with most devices, including Roku, Chromecast, and AppleTV. If you have questions about the service or need help getting started, visit our website at [www.kennebunklibrary.org](https://www.kennebunklibrary.org) or ask a librarian.

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**Friends of KFL Meeting - November 9**



Whether you a long-time Friend of the Kennebunk Free Library or curious about what it is the Friends do, all are welcome to join us on Monday, November 9 at 6:00 for the next Friends meeting. For more information about becoming a Friend or for the Zoom link, please [visit our website](#).

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## New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

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### Book Delays

You may have noticed lately that KFL has not been getting copies of very popular new titles right away. Though books are ordered weeks to months in advance, our wholesaler has been struggling with some staffing and printer issues that have prevented them from delivering books in a timely manner. We are working with them to prioritize high-demand titles and have seen some improvement in recent weeks. For all of the titles listed below, we have at least one copy on order and are doing everything we can to get it into your hands as quickly as possible.

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*Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.*

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

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

**Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?**

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

### Hot New Releases on Order for November

#### November 3

[Hidden in Plain Sight](#) – Jeffrey Archer

[A Galway Epiphany](#) – Ken Bruen

[The Dirty South](#) – John Connolly

[Fortune and Glory](#) – Janet Evanovich

[A Christmas Resolution](#) – Anne Perry

[The Best of Me](#) – David Sedaris

#### November 10

[In the Lion's Den](#) – Barbara Taylor Bradford

[The Law of Innocence](#) – Michael Connelly

[Marauder](#) – Clive Cussler

[The Kingdom](#) – Jo Nesbo

#### November 17

[Daylight](#) – David Baldacci  
[Hot to Trot](#) – M.C. Beaton  
[Piece of My Heart](#) – Mary Higgins Clark  
[All That Glitters](#) – Danielle Steel

## November 24

[War Lord](#) – Bernard Cornwall  
[Dark Tides](#) – Philippa Gregory  
[Deadly Cross](#) – James Patterson  
[The Awakening](#) – Nora Roberts  
[How to Raise an Elephant](#) – Alexander McCall Smith

## A Message from the Library Director



With winter in mind, KFL is increasing the amount of people allowed in the building with new restrictions stating that the number of patrons permitted in any part of the library will be based on the ability to safely physically distance in the space available. We want to increase access to the library but safety does come first. Please respect the guidance of staff and volunteers during your visit and remain mindful of yourself and surroundings.

At the end of November and into early December we will be replacing the carpet on our upper level. Because our shelving and therefore collections need to be removed for this project the library will close and our adult and young adult collections will be temporarily unavailable. We will continue to offer curbside pickup on our established curbside days for items requested through [Minerva](#) and for accessible items in our children's collection. Please stay tuned for specific closure dates. Please also use this time to take advantage of our new video streaming offering, Kanopy or to learn about our e-book and e-audiobook platforms [OverDrive](#) and [CloudLibrary](#).

...and don't forget! You can [order your holiday wreaths](#) through November 16 at noon. Wreaths can be shipped or can be picked up at the library on November 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Staff Picks & Messages

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### Kat, Administrative Assistant

*Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson, audio version performed by Marin Ireland, From the great cover art to the “unlikely but I wanted to believe in them characters”, I totally enjoyed this book from start to finish. This is a humorous exploration of relationships, from odd-couple friendships to what makes a parent and what does not. The author and the performer do a great job of making the characters real. I highly recommend it.



*The Mule* - DVD A patron and my hair stylist recommended this movie on the same day, so I gave it a try. It is a drama starring Clint Eastwood (he is also producer and director), Bradley Cooper and Laurence Fishburne. Loosely based on a true-life story, Clint Eastwood as Earl, is a renowned but struggling horticulturist in his 80's specializing in day lilies. His neglected family and finances crash in on him. A chance encounter results in a job offer as a driver. It pays very well allowing him to clean up the messes he has created. Somehow, he missed the fact that his employer is a Mexican drug cartel. If you are a thrill seeking, explosion and bloody scene kind of viewer, don't bother. If you can be shown a bit of suspense and danger and fill in the blanks while you get to explore the characters, you will probably enjoy it, as I did.

*The Best Comfort Food on the Planet* by Kerry Altiero, Chef/Owner of Café Miranda in Rockland, Maine with Katherine Gaudet. This title jumped out as I was transitioning from corn on the cob and BLT's to thinking about fall cooking: soups and stews. Though I haven't actually cooked any of the recipes yet, I have lots of places marked: Auntie Fluffie's Pasta (comes with a great story) and White Bean soup. It is going to happen! But in the meantime, this Sunday I put together an amazing soup of my own thanks to the ideas, lists of fresh ingredients and great pictures, in short, the inspiration I found here.

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### **Krissy, Library Assistant**

*Dinosaur Boy* by Cory Putman Oakes

Occasionally, the best way to approach real, thorny issues is with a little bit of absurdity. Such is the mission of *Dinosaur Boy*, a book about a fifth-grader who discovers he has inherited "the dinosaur gene" from his grandfather. Now he has to go back to school having sprouted a spiked tail and stegosaurus plates down his back over summer vacation. At times a touching book about bullying and the hardships of not fitting in, at times a truly whacky adventure that goes somewhat off the rails about halfway through in ways that made me laugh aloud, this was a thoroughly enjoyable book with a lot of heart. Both it and its sequel are available through interlibrary loan, or as ebooks on Overdrive.

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### **Denise, Library Assistant**



Here are a few books from the Children's Room at KFL to celebrate DiNovember. Additional titles can be found in the Children's Room.

Kennebunk Free Library | [kennebunklibrary.org](http://kennebunklibrary.org)

