

**November 2024 | Volume 31, Issue 11**

## LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



### **KFL Invites You to Our Strategic Plan Launch**

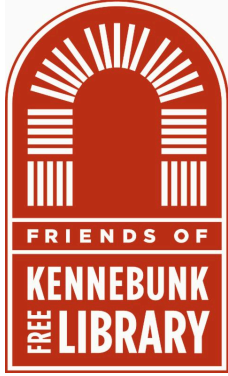
Kennebunk Free Library would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in our Strategic Plan Launch. Drop in anytime from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19. Pick up your copy of the plan, enjoy some light refreshments, and talk with members of the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.

We were overwhelmed by the level of engagement and thoughtful responses we received through our survey, focus groups, and interviews. The Board of Trustees also participated in a retreat that focused on community feedback to establish our Strategic Priorities. All these insights and suggestions combined were instrumental in shaping a strategic plan that will ensure the library continues to meet the evolving needs of our community while fostering a space that inspires learning, creativity, and connection.

Copies of the plan will be available at the launch event, and it will be posted the day after to [kennebunklibrary.org](http://kennebunklibrary.org). Together, we will continue to build on the library's mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect.

### **Friends of KFL Annual Meeting**

The Friends had a successful HarvestFest book sale, with just under \$800 raised through sales of VERY bargain-rate books, puzzles, CD's and DVD's. Once again, our volunteers and our community made it a wonderful day!



Join us on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532254255>) for our annual meeting on Monday, November 4 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hear about the coming year and meet our new leadership team. Your insights and feedback are always welcome.



## Library Tidbits: Customizing Your Account

We know that you are as happy as we are that interlibrary loans are back and are eager to pick up all of your holds! This a perfect time to talk about how notifications work. If you have an email listed in the Minerva system, all notifications - including hold pickups and overdue notices - are going to come that way. We don't send those emails directly. The computer system batch generates them and sends them out daily. Because of

this, your email might interpret these emails as spam. If you've ever had a hold that you didn't get notified about, that may be why.

One option to ensure that you don't miss a hold is to [opt into text notifications](#). It takes less than a minute. Just go to the library catalog, log into your account, click on "modify personal information," add your cell phone number, and check the box beside opt in. Unlike email notices, text notices are instantaneous. The minute your hold goes on the shelf, you'll get a text about it.

While you are in your account, check out another feature that you might enjoy: reading history. If you opt in, your account will keep a list of all of the items that you borrow going forward. For privacy reasons, that information is not stored in our circulation system. If you opt in, librarians still will not have access to your reading history - it will be accessible through your online account only.



## Window Restoration

Great news: Our beautifully restored windows will be coming back this month! Work will begin on November 11 and last one to two weeks. There will be closures in the Walker and Reading Rooms during this time and limited access to the Young Adult fiction collection and the periodicals.



## Wreath Sale Fundraiser - Order by November 12

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 23**. 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 12 at 8:00 p.m.** [Click here to](#)

[order.](#)



## Wine Tasting Fundraiser - November 12

Get a jump start on your holiday entertaining plans and support your library at the same time. Kennebunk Free library is holding a Holiday Wine Tasting on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Dane Street Program Center.

Betsy Ross, owner of Kennebunk's Wine House on Main (17 Main St.), will tell us about three wines that are perfect for the holiday season. We will have time for discussion and questions, and trivia prizes will be awarded. Come to listen, learn, and get ideas for your holiday festivities and gift giving. Participants in this fundraiser will receive a 10 percent discount on the three selected wines at Wine House on Main.

Space is limited. [Register now for \\$30 per person.](#)

**WORTHY WEDNESDAYS**  
with the Kennebunkport Inn

5PM - CLOSE  
**Wednesday**  
**December 11th**

at **THE BURLEIGH**

Support KFL  
& enjoy a  
delicious dinner!

10% of Proceeds (food & alcohol).  
Donated to Kennebunk Free Library!

Make your  
reservation  
today!

Kennebunk Free Library

The BURLEIGH

## Support KFL at The Burleigh on Wednesday, December 11!

The Kennebunkport Inn announced the return of their "Worthy Wednesdays," a great opportunity for diners to enjoy dinner at The Burleigh while helping benefit local nonprofit organizations & charities. On the second Wednesday of each month, The Burleigh will partner with a local non-profit group and donate 10% of the evening's revenues to that group. This December 11, from 5:00 p.m. to close, show your support for Kennebunk Free Library and enjoy a delicious dinner at The Burleigh! Click the link below to make your reservation today:

[Dinner at the Burleigh to benefit KFL!](#)



## Monthly Phone Wallpaper

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

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

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Reader's Choice Book Club

Monday,  
November 4  
2:00 - 3:00

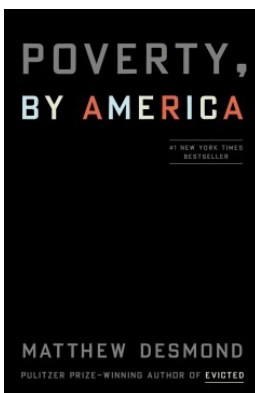
This month's theme...  
*An Indigenous Author*



## Reader's Choice Book Club - November 4

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday November 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *An Indigenous Author*.

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!



## Poverty, By America Book Discussion - November 6

One in 18 people in the United States lives in deep poverty, including 6 million children. Why is poverty so persistent after decades of work by federal, state and local groups to eliminate it? Can we dismantle it? Please join KHS history teacher Greg Smith and Select Board member Karen Plattes at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss Matthew Desmond's "Poverty, by America". We'll meet the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. starting October 2, 2024 through February 8, 2025. Desmond challenges preconceived notions of poverty. If we better understand the systems upholding poverty, we can begin to take actions to

dismantle them. All are welcome! Sponsored by Many Towns, One Circle: Challenging Racism and Injustice and KFL. [Registration is required](#).

## Cook and Share Cookbook Club - November 7



Cook and Share Cookbook Club

On Thursday November 7 at 3:00 p.m., you are invited to a new kind of book group - a Cookbook Club. Each month, we will choose a different theme or a cookbook. Participants will each make a dish from the selected cookbook and bring it in for all to share!

For our first meeting in November, the theme will be "Comfort Food." Make a comforting dish from a favorite cookbook or a new one that you have been wanting to try - whether that's cookies, bread, pasta or soup! - and bring the cookbook and the dish to share with others. We will feast and share cookbook recommendations. Please [email Becca](#) to let her know you will be attending.



## Songwriting Workshop - November 12

Unlock the secrets of songwriting with award-winning singer/songwriter Briana Cash in this engaging workshop tailored for all skill levels. Join us on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. for an inspiring session where Briana will share her expertise and guide participants on a journey to discover their unique voice as songwriters.

Workshop Overview:

**Crafting Your Musical Vision:** Discover the essence of songwriting and learn how to approach the creative process with confidence and inspiration.

**Exploring Your Artistic Identity:** Dive deep into what songwriting means to you and uncover your personal songwriting goals with expert guidance from Briana.

**Interactive Learning:** Engage in lively discussions and a dynamic Q&A session, where Briana will share her insights and answer your burning questions about songwriting and the music industry.

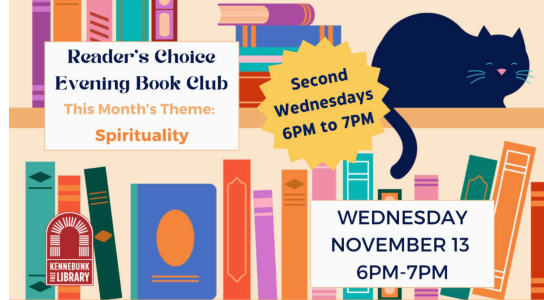
**Live Song Sharing:** If you're working on a song, seize the opportunity to share it with the group live. However, participation is optional, and all attendees are welcome, whether you're a beginner or an experienced songwriter.

Space is limited. [Click here to register.](#)



## Ukulele Group - November 13

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



## Evening Readers Choice Book Club - November 13

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: Spirituality.

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!

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## Understanding Grief - November 15



Join us on November 15 at 1:00 p.m. for a lunch-and-learn with Linda Hopkins, MD, Bereavement Coordinator for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, about understanding grief.

Coping with the death of a loved one is one of the hardest things we face. This presentation will provide information to help understand grief (in all of its forms and contexts) and will help provide suggestions for coping.

[Click here to register.](#)



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## Author Andy Young - November 18

On Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m., KFL is delighted to host author Andy Young and illustrator Mary Couturier as they discuss their new book *Life in 600 Words*.

*Life in 600 Words* is a collection of 99 essays, nearly all of which have appeared previously in the pages of the now-defunct Biddeford *Journal-Tribune* and/or the still-extant Windham Eagle, and/or the *Portland Press Herald*. The subjects include (but are not limited to) the COVID pandemic, shopping for mattresses, wrong-way drivers, the world's largest breadbox, and towels with first names. The issues explored in these written discourses vary widely, but all have one thing in common: each consists of 600 words.

Andy Young is a former landscaper, radio announcer, algebra tutor, playground director, ditch digger, and basketball coach. He currently teaches English at Kennebunk High School, which he plans on continuing to do until he gets good at it.

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## Writer's Group - November 19

Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!

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## Genealogy Beyond Ancestry.com - November 19



Ancestry.com is an excellent resource for taking the first steps to trace your family history. But where can you go for the next steps? Many other websites have genealogy records that will help you research your ancestors.

On Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m., join B.J. Jamieson, the genealogy reference specialist at the Maine State Library, on Zoom to explore what other websites offer and how to find them.

[Click here to register through Prince Memorial Library .](#)

*MECollab is a collaborative partnership of libraries across Maine. This learning event is brought to you by these Maine libraries: Auburn Public Library, Baxter Memorial Library, Blue Hill Public Library, Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library, Curtis Memorial Library, Falmouth Memorial Library, Freeport Community Library, Gardiner Public Library, Kennebunk Free Library, Libby Memorial Library, Lithgow Public Library, Lubec Memorial Library, Merrill Memorial Library, Patten Free Library, Prince Memorial Library, Readfield Community Library, Scarborough Public Library, Skidompha Public Library, South Portland Public Library, Thomas Memorial Library, Topsham Public Library, Vose Library, Walker Memorial Library, Windham Public Library, and York Public Library.*



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## Trivia Night - November 20

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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.

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## Die Well Death Education - November 25

Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, November 25



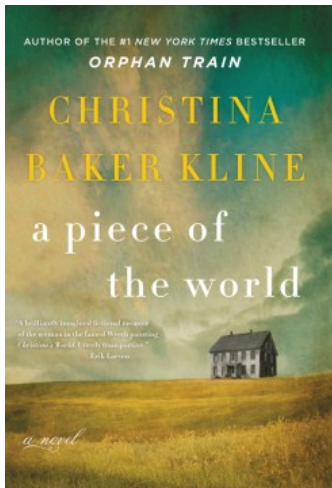
from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the seventh session in the Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions - no registration is required.

For this session, we will discuss VSED: Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking, which is a legal option for any mentally capable, determined, well-informed person as a means to advance the time of their death. VSED requires significant caregiving and support, which we will discuss further.

Short Film: *Dying Wish: A Dying Doctor's Decision to Stop Eating and Drinking and Die with Grace*

Retired surgeon Michael Miller is dying of end-stage cancer and is determined to avoid the hospital at all costs. He's researched the dying process and believes that stopping eating and drinking will ease his suffering and result in a peaceful, more natural death. During his fast, Michael suffers neither thirst nor hunger. Buoyed by the legacy of this film, he enjoys a last meal, surrounds himself with art and music, and takes leave of his family. Medical ethicists speak about patients' rights, and hospice staff share their own, similar experiences of others who have made this choice. (29 minutes)

\*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



## Fiction Book Discussion - December 10 (no November meeting)

Join us on **Tuesday, December 10** at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. The Fiction Book Discussion does not meet in November, and meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December instead.

“The world of the woman immortalized in Andrew Wyeth’s haunting painting *Christina’s World* is imagined in Kline’s (Orphan Train) intriguing novel. The artist meets Christina Olson in 1939 when he summers near her home in Cushing, Maine, introduced by Betsy James, the young woman who knew the Olsons and would become Wyeth’s wife. The story is told from Christina’s point of view, from the moment she reflects on the painting; it then goes back and forth

through her history, from her childhood through the time that Wyeth painted at her family farm, using its environs and Christina and her brother as subjects. First encountering Christina as a middle-aged woman, Wyeth saw something in her that others did not. Their shared bond of physical infirmity (she had undiagnosed polio; he had a damaged right foot and bad hip) enables her to open up about her family and her difficult life, primarily as a shut-in, caring for her family, cooking, cleaning, sewing, and doing laundry—all without electricity and despite her debilitating disease. Hope of escape, when her teacher offers her the chance to take her place, was summarily quashed by her father. Her first and only romance with a summer visitor from Boston has an ignoble end when he marries someone in his social class. Through it all, the author’s insightful, evocative prose brings Christina’s singular perspective and indomitable spirit to life.” – Publishers Weekly

## Beginner Mah Jongg Classes - Coming in January

Last January we held Mah Jongg classes that have grown into a





regular group of players Mondays 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome at these times but many of you have expressed you really would like help getting the basics. Here is your opportunity, [please pre register](#). Come join us to enjoy this game of mental exercise, meet new people and just have some fun.

If anyone from last year's class no longer needs their copy of *A beginner's guide to American mah jongg : how to play the game and win* by Elaine Sandberg we would love to have them to give to new players. Just bring them to the adult circulation desk or put them into

the book drop.



## November Take and Make: Paper Pumpkins

This month, pick up a kit to make a set of paper pumpkins, perfect for the Thanksgiving table! Kits will be available starting Tuesday November 12, while supplies last.

# WEEKLY PROGRAMS



## Mah Jongg - Mondays and Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to drop in on Mondays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to play Mah Jongg. The library has 3 sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? Members of our friendly group were all beginners themselves just a couple of months ago. You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.

## Spanish Conversation Group - Mondays

Stop by the library on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish. Whether you are fluent in the language or just learning, all are welcome!

**Spanish  
Language**

**Conversation  
Group**



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### **NEW WEEKLY PROGRAM French Language Discussion Group**

Are you looking for an opportunity to converse in French? Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday nights at 6:30 for a French Language Discussion Group. All skill levels are welcome to participate but conversations will typically be at an intermediate to advanced level. We'll get to know each other while discussing the culture and customs, as well as the social, political, and economic environments, of Francophone communities around the world. No registration is required – just drop in!



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### **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 11:00 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.

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### **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 troubleshoot a piece of software, 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 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org) so we can help you further.

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### Improv - Saturdays

Improv is back this fall! Sessions will be held every Saturday from 10:30-12:00.

Please note, there will be no Improv on Saturday, **November 9** because of the holiday weekend.

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## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### Dungeons and Dragons - November 4, 18, 25

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet on the following Mondays: **November 4, November 18, November 25** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your

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

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### Chill Gaming - November 14

Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some games?



Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **November 14**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! 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 downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **Anime Club - November 21**

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **November 21**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to talk about our favorite manga and graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and catch up on some reading with friends! This program is designed for dedicated and new fans interested in learning more about the fandom. 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 downstairs in the children's

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

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### **Teen Magic the Gathering - November 26**



Looking to test out your new Magic the Gathering deck with friends? Join us to play on **November 26** from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.! There will be cards available to make a deck, but if you have your own, we encourage you to bring them! 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 downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**

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### **Beadcraft - November 6**

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 6 at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend an



early-release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



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### Kindness Crew - November 12

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, November 12, at 3:45 p.m. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! In November, we'll be talking about gratitude and how to show we feel 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](mailto: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!



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### Drop In Crafts - November 11

Are you ready to get crafty? Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, November 11 between 12:30 and 4:30 to make a craft or two celebrating Fall and gratitude! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.

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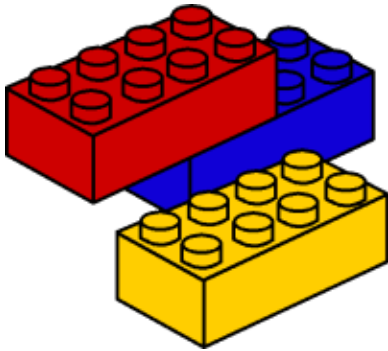
### T-Rex Tea Party - November 20

What could be better than a tea party? A tea party with dinosaur fun! In honor of Dinovember, you are cordially invited to a Tea Rex Tea Party at Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, November 20 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. We will share a story, have some delectable treats and drinks, and some prehistoric crafts and fun. Come dressed fancy, or as a dinosaur, or as a fancy dinosaur! No registration is required.



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### Lego Club - November 21



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 21, 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. No registration is required.



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### Card-Making Station - November 30

There's no better way to show your love than with a handmade card. Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Saturday, November 30 between 12:00 and 4:00 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.



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### Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On most Mondays in November at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. We'll have Storytime outside for as long as the weather cooperates with us! Be sure to bring a blanket and bundle up on those chilly Fall

mornings! 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 4
- November 11
- November 18
- November 25

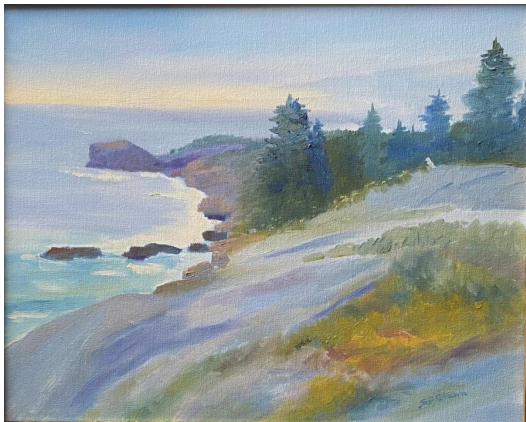


### Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! On Thursday mornings in November, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from 10 am to approximately 11:15 am; however, friends are welcome to come and go as they please. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- November 7
- November 14
- November 21

## SPEERS GALLERY



### November Artist: Sally Berry Glenn

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit "Painting Coastal Maine" by Sally Berry Glenn. The show will consist of over 30 original oil and watercolor paintings of local land and oceanscapes. The exhibit runs November 1-30 with an opening reception on Saturday, November 2 from 1-3 pm.

Sally is a native of Maine and has an Art History BA degree from Colby College. She has painted as a Plein Air artist in California and Maine since 1980!

Plein Air painting requires that an artist paint outside, on site, capturing a moment in time. After thorough research and doing a field study, on-site, Sally puts her painting on canvas in her studio.

Sally has studied with master artists, Peter Adams, president of the California Art Association, Kevin McPhearson, Camille Prizwodek, Ray Roberts and attended three Master week conferences in Monterey and Dana Point, CA. She has shown her work in many juried art shows including in the Portland Art Gallery for three years. Sally was a member of the American Impressionists Society, The California Art Club, and the Lincoln Hills Art Association for 13 years. She is currently a member of The River Tree Art Association in Kennebunk, Maine.

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

*The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from November 1-30 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](http://www.kennebunklibrary.org).*

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## 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

**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.

### Popular New Releases for November

#### November 5

[Raised by Wolves](#) – James Patterson  
[An Insignificant Case](#) – Phillip Margolin  
[Flint Kill Creek](#) – Joyce Carol Oates

#### November 12

[To Die for](#) – David Baldacci  
[Time Will Tell](#) – Rita Mae Brown

#### November 19

[Now Or Never](#) – Janet Evanovich  
[Trial by Fire](#) – Danielle Steel  
[The Mirror](#) – Nora Roberts  
[The City and Its Uncertain Walls](#) – Haruki Murakami  
[Tooth and Claw](#) – Craig Johnson  
[We Three Queens](#) – Rhys Bowen  
[Fire on the Horizon](#) – Wilbur Smith

#### November 25

[The House of Cross](#) – James Patterson

#### November 26

[Christmas in Bethel](#) – Richard Paul Evans

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR





Last month, the [New England Library Association \(NELA\)](#) hosted their annual conference in Portland. The last time Maine hosted the conference was over a decade ago, so KFL took the opportunity to send several staff members. Professional development and continuing education are important for every profession, but it feels particularly true for librarianship where we're constantly adapting things like technological change, shifts in collection development and programming, and patron needs.

Sincerely,  
Michelle

*Pictured: KFL staff members at the NELA conference. Standing left to right: Emmaline Bruce, Aspen Kraushaar, Allison Atkins, & Amelia Becker. Seated left to right: Brittany Kashar, Kate, and Becca Long*

## STAFF PICKS

### **Kat, Substitute Library Assistant**

*The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

This fictional story of Native American experiences of the past and their effect on generations since is important. In the last few years, apologies have been made to the Native People by governments and religious institutions. This book builds appreciation for Indigenous ways of being, knowing, and understanding the world. Getting to know the protagonist, a Dakhóta woman, Rosalie Iron Wing we quickly come to see how generational trauma stunts her life and forces her to make decisions that remove her from what she knows is true. Her marriage to a settler, who now owns what was her ancestral lands shows the contrast between her people's ways of caring for the land and water with the settler's way of embracing what the US government prescribes for land use. Scenes of violence and great heartache make for a very compelling story. (Available book from KFL and Cloud Library, audio from commercial sites)

*Sex, Teens, and Everything in Between: The New and Necessary Conversations Today's Teenagers Need to Have about Consent, Sexual Harassment, Healthy Relationships, Love, and More* by Shafia Zaloom

I wish I had this book when I was raising teens. I wish everyone raising them now would read this book. Many people wish that all kids would abstain from sex. The reality is that many don't. This book gives clear help for parents to talk with their kids about how wonderful sex can be and how fraught with complex issues, pain, trauma and anxiety that can accompany active sexuality in the real world. What consent means and the hard facts that spell out what cannot be consensual sex is clearly stated. Strategies to avoid exploitation of self and others are presented. Prepared parents can help their kids make decisions that are in their best interest. This book is not always comfortable to read but is so necessary. (Available book from Minerva.)

And on a lighter note:

*Jules*

Bleeker Street presents; produced by Debbie Liebling, Andy Daly, Michael B. Clark, Alex Turteltaub, Marc Turteltaub ; written by Gavin Steckler ; directed by Marc Turteltaub

An elderly gentleman in the early stages of dementia has his life changed forever by the crash landing in his backyard of an adorable alien. If you would like 90 minutes of stress-free, delightful

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