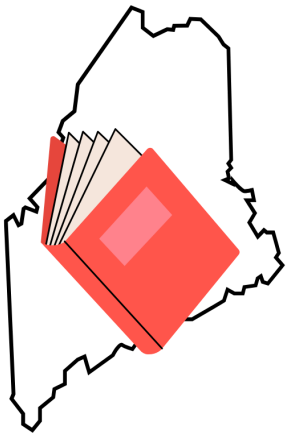
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Library News & Events



Library Passport Contest with MLA & MSL

Maine's 257 public libraries along with its academic, school, and special libraries open their doors for every Mainer to free print and digital collections, libraries of things - everything from apple slicers to xylophones - and inspire creativity, inspiration, and lifelong learning.

To celebrate and share the power of Maine libraries, the Maine Library Association (MLA) and Maine State Library (MSL) will be holding a Library Passport Contest statewide starting September 1st and continuing through the end of the year. Each library in the state is special and unique in its own way, and MLA and MSL would love for Mainers to experience as many libraries as possible before the end of the year.

By downloading a library passport brochure at **mainelibraries.org/passport**, or visiting a local participating library and asking for one, contestants can visit at least one library in each of the

sixteen counties in the state and collect either stamps or signatures to verify their visit. Completed entries can either be mailed to the Maine Library Association at:

P.O. Box 1993, Portland, ME 04104

or photos of the completed signatures can be emailed to **vicepresident@mainelibraries.org**

Completed entries will be entered into a drawing for fabulous gift cards and prize packages from our sponsors: L.L.Bean, Briar Patch Books, Shaws, Hannaford, The Maine Whoopie Pie Festival, and other sponsors to be announced. We also hope to collect and distribute merchandise from libraries around the state. The contest will run through December 31st, 2026. Winners will be determined by random drawing at the beginning of January and prizes will be mailed out soon afterwards. For more contest information, **click here** or reach out to Jon Knepp, Vice President of MLA, (**vicepresident@mainelibraries.org**) or Beth Crist, Director of Special Projects at MSL (**Beth.Crist@maine.gov**). We hope to see you out there, enjoying everything our state (and its libraries) has to offer!



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! Place it on hold **here** or by contacting the library.



15th Annual Wreath Sale Fundraiser - Orders due by November 10

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 21**. *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 $36 to $49 as well as a 33” wreath suitable for larger windows and doors for $69. Every wreath is hand made by a skilled wreathmaker and decorated. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Orders are accepted through November 10 at 8 p.m.. Order at our online store (**click here to order from kennebunkfreelibrary.square.site**), or pick up a form in the library.

KFL Gift Wrap Exchange - Beginning November 10

Come join us at Kennebunk Free Library for our yearly Gift Wrap Exchange! **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



Friends of KFL News

Thank you to everyone that donated books and bought books at the Town of Kennebunk HarvestFest book sale that was held on Saturday October 17. Friends set up for the sale and enjoyed selling shoppers a winter supply of books! $393 was raised helping to fund our support for KFL services.

The Wreath Fundraiser orders are due by November 10. The Friends will be ready to help with pick up on Saturday November 21. This is a great fundraiser and a favorite source for a quality Maine wreath.

The next “quarterly” **meeting of the Friends will be on Monday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. at KFL**.
This is the annual meeting and elections will be held. We are always open to Friends willing to take leadership. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about us. There are many ways you can get involved in supporting KFL through our activities and fundraising events.

If you are looking for a way to support KFL, join Friends of KFL today and find out how you can get
involved, use this **link** or join us at our next meeting! Renew or begin your membership now for 2027.



Thank you to all our wonderful donors!

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 2026 (July 2025 – June 2026) donors!



Monthly Phone Wallpaper Download

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 - November 2

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, November 2 at 2 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and our **theme** will be: **A Favorite Cookbook**.

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, fun conversation. Everyone is welcome!



Open Hearts Open Mic - November 2

Open Hearts Open Mic will be the **first Monday of every month at 6 p.m.** at Kennebunk Free Library! Hosted by local writer Kacy Fallon, there are 10 slots, and sign-up is first-come, first-served. Writers and artists may share up to five minutes of their work. Admission is always free and open to the public.



Die Well Death Education - November 9

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 9 at 1 p.m. for the twelfth 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 Twelve: Body Disposition Options

Most people think there are two basic body disposition options – burial and cremation. Not true! There are many more than that, several of which are far more affordable than the “standard offerings” from a funeral home. We will discuss the body disposition options available in Maine and review and discuss the “The Funeral Rule,” a law implemented and enforced by the Federal Trade Commission in 1984 (amended in 1994) to protect consumers when purchasing funeral goods and services. In short, protecting consumers from unscrupulous selling practices in the funeral industry.

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Kennebunk's Revolutionary History - November 10

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Kennebunk Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts will be at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss the town’s revolutionary history. Join us **on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.** to learn what was happening in our community 250 years ago.



Ukulele Group - November 11

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 Reader's Choice Book Club - November 11



Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet **Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m.** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library. **November's Theme is " Indigenous Author"**.

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!



Out With the Old, In with the New-Year: How to Safely Dispose of Your Old Technology - November 12

Getting new technology for the holidays? Before you toss out your old phone, computer, or other device, visit the library to learn how to safely erase your personal data and what to do with technology that has reached the end of its useful life. This informative session will be held during Drop-in Tech Help hours with our Technology Educator, Emmaline, **on November 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**. During this pop-up workshop, we'll cover where to donate devices that can still be used, and how to recycle electronics that can no longer be repaired. If you have devices that you are hoping to update this year, we encourage you to bring them along for hands-on practice! Start the new year by clearing out the old while protecting your privacy and keeping electronics out of landfills!



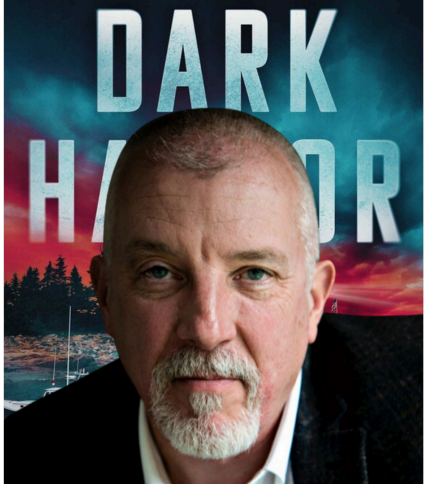
Design a Native Plant Garden - November 14

On Saturday, November 14 at 2 p.m., Emilee and Sam from Sundial Nursery will be at Kennebunk Free Library to teach the basics of designing a garden with native plants, from site analysis to what gardening for habitat entails and how to make informed plant selections. This class will give you the basic knowledge needed to design and draft a plan for a successful garden and to understand how horticulture can create an enriched ecosystem. You will leave feeling more confident in your ability to create the native plant garden of your dreams!

Emilee received her degree in horticulture and has worked both in regenerative agriculture and as an ecological landscaper for herself. Sam is a nurse with a degree in microbiology. He has maintained a passion for botany and growing plants for years and has begun doing so on a professional level. In 2026, Emilee and Sam started Sundial Nursery, a native plant nursery based in Sanford, from their shared passion for gardening and nature and a commitment to bolstering native plant communities and supporting our local ecosystems.

Bruce Robert Coffin: Dark Harbor - November 17

Bestselling author Bruce Robert Coffin will be at Kennebunk Free Library **on Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m.** to discuss his new novel Dark Harbor. **Octopus Bookshop will be on hand to sell**



copies of Coffin's works for signing.

About Dark Harbor
One dead millionaire, one dead intruder, and a detective whose only path forward means exposing the secrets of Bar Harbor's wealthy elite.

Detective Brock Justice never imagined the glittering coastal town of Bar Harbor would be his next battleground. When multimillionaire Granville Warren and an unidentifiable burglar turn up dead in a mansion break-in gone awry, the evidence points straight to Granville's much younger wife, Lily. Her self-defense claim raises more suspicion than sympathy, and Brock must untangle a crime scene awash in contradictions.

Justice's instincts scream there's more beneath the polished surface of Bar Harbor's elite, but the last thing he needs is interference from inside his own ranks. Enter Samantha Osborn, a detective just back from a task force assignment—too polished, too eager, and watching his every move. Brock doesn't believe in coincidences, and Osborn smells like trouble from a mile away.

As Brock and his team push deeper into the Warren case, each uncovered clue pulls them further into Bar Harbor's deep-seated corruption. Haunted by past mistakes and facing powerful figures intent on keeping their secrets hidden, Justice must walk a razor's edge to solve this twisted case—or risk losing his career, his reputation, and possibly his life.

About Bruce Robert Coffin
Bruce Robert Coffin is an international bestselling novelist and short story writer. A retired detective sergeant, Bruce is the author of the Detective Justice Series, the Detective Byron Mysteries, and coauthor of the Turner and Mosley Files (with LynDee Walker). Winner of Killer Nashville's Silver Falchion Awards for Best Procedural, and Best Investigator, and the Maine Literary Award for Best Crime Fiction, Bruce has also been a finalist for the Anthony, Barry, and Agatha Awards. His short stories have been published in more than sixteen anthologies, including Best American Mystery Stories, 2016.



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - November 18

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! You are invited to **join us 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 18** and our theme will be **Cookies**!

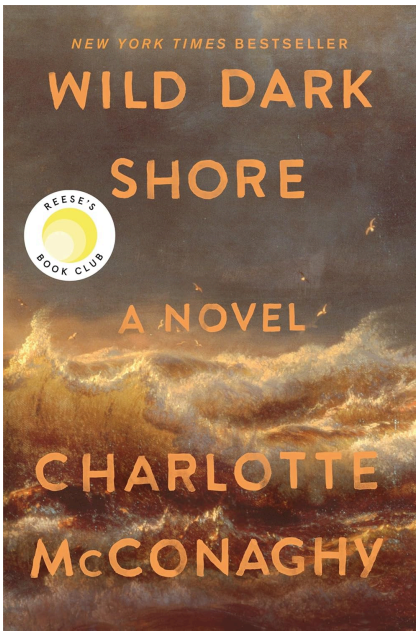
With the start of the holiday season almost upon us, let's kick it off right with a sweet treat or two! You don't have to limit yourself to just cookies either, any type of sweet treat is welcomed! Bring along the cookbook or recipe, so we can discuss it and go over all things food! Utensils, plates and napkins will be provided, all you'll need to bring in with you is your dish and a serving utensil, if needed!

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



KFL Trivia Night - November 18

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 8*

Come one, come all (even if you didn't finish or disliked the book)! Join us on **Tuesday, December 8 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy.

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

/* Starred Review */ The reality of climate change serves as the pervasive context for this terrific thriller set on a remote island between Australia and Antarctica.Four family members and one stranger are trapped on an island with no means of communication—what could go wrong? The setup may sound like a mix of Agatha Christie andThe Swiss Family Robinson, but Australian author McConaghy is not aiming for a cozy read. Shearwater Island—loosely based on Macquarie Island, a World Heritage Site—is a research station where scientists have been studying environmental change. For eight years, widowed Dominic Salt has been the island's caretaker, raising his three children in a paradise of abundant wildlife. But Shearwater is receding under rising seas and will soon disappear. The researchers have recently departed by ship, and in seven weeks a second ship will pick up Dominic and his kids. Meanwhile, they are packing up the seed vault built by the United Nations in case the world eventually needs "to regrow from scratch the food supply that sustains us." One day a woman, Rowan, washes ashore unconscious but alive after a storm destroys the small boat on which she was traveling. Why she's come anywhere near Shearwater is a mystery to Dominic; why the family is alone there is a mystery to her. While Rowan slowly recovers, Dominic's kids, especially 9-year-old Orly—who never knew his mother—become increasingly attached, and Rowan and Dominic fight their growing mutual attraction. But as dark secrets come to light—along with buried bodies—mutual suspicions also grow. The five characters' internal narratives reveal private fears, guilts, and hopes, but their difficulty communicating, especially to those they love, puts everyone in peril. While McConaghy keeps readers guessing which suspicions are valid, which are paranoia, and who is culpable for doing what in the face of calamity, the most critical battle turns out to be personal despair versus perseverance. McConaghy writes about both nature and human frailty with eloquent generosity.Readers won't want to leave behind the imagined world of pain and beauty that McConaghy has conjured. (Kirkus Reviews, January 15, 2025)

Weekly Programs

Audiobook Walking Club: Tuesday Mornings

We will be taking a break for the winter. See you in the spring!





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.



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 **Tuesday nights 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 and 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 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 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.

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Mah Jongg: Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Fridays from 10:30 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. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please **email the library** with any questions.



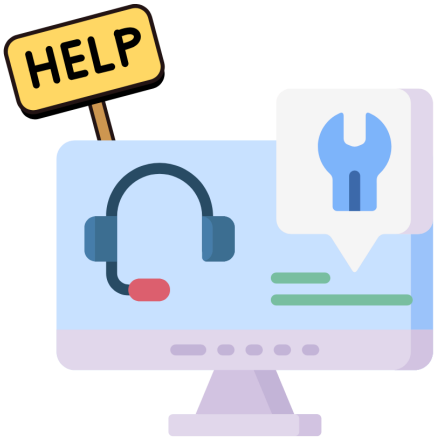
Living with Grief: Thursday Afternoons

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**.

Drop-In Tech Time: Thursday Afternoons

Looking for some quick Tech Help? 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 **Drop-in Tech Help Service**, all you need to do is visit the library on **Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m.**. Our Technology Educator, Emmaline, will have a reference desk available for you to find local resources, and help you with your quick technology questions. Visits can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones, laptops, or 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 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.

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Improv: Saturdays

Stop by Improv at the library **every Saturday from 10:30 to 12 p.m.** to exercise your creativity and practice thinking on your feet!

Teen Programs



Bookish Activities in the Teen Room - November

The Teen Space in the library is full of bookish activities for you to do **beginning November 2**, 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. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

What Kind of Dinosaur Are You?
Feeling Jurassic? If you're wondering what type of dinosaur you are, and what type of book best fits your dinosaur-ona, we have a quiz and book recommendation for you based on your results. Just visit the Teen Space for your major discovery this Di-November!

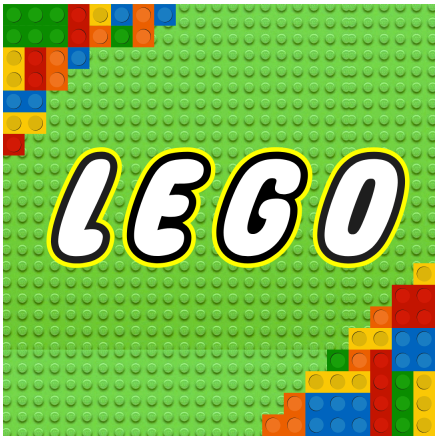
"Leaf" an Impression Display
"Leaf" an impression on our interactive bulletin board this month by adding a leaf to the squirrel's tail featuring someone or something you are thankful for!

Leaf Sprite Decorations
Daylight savings has brought some mischievous autumnal magic in the Teen Space this month. Hiding among the stacks are leaf sprites looking for a cozy place to relax, or to encourage your reading habits with recommendations. If you are looking for a book to read this month, try looking for one of these Leaf Sprites to guide your way; or, if you want to help someone else find a book, create a sprite of your very own to leave in the shelves for others to follow!
Teen/tween programming is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens and Tweens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions about these programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Aspen downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you here!



Take-and-Makes: Pomegranate Prints - November 2

It's time for another pom-azing craft for you to take home and make this month! Using paper, beads, buttons, and jewels, we will have all of the supplies you will need to make a pomegranate print of your very own. **These kits will be available starting on Monday, November 2** in the Teen Room. **Supplies are first come, first served.**



Teen Lego Displays

Starting **November 2**, 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 Aspen to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Aspen 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, 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. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Dungeons and Dragons - November 2, 16, 23, 30

Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. We have a new group of adventurers in our mix, who are trying to understand why they are in Carceri, and what it is they should do with Balazar, the talking fire salamander with a desire to rest and relax. Stranded in the desert with mechanical scraps and a map to an Orcish bunker, we continue on our journey to resolve the collapse of time and space itself. Where will our adventure take us next, as time is running out? It's up

to our heroes to decide! This month, we will be meeting **on Mondays: November 2, 16, 23, and 30 from 3:30 to 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 2 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.** We look forward to you joining the adventure!



Crafting Saturdays: Cat in the Leaves Scavenger Hunt! - November 14

We're hopping into autumn this month with this crafting Saturday scavenger hunt craft! If you visit the Teen Space this weekend, we will have all of the supplies for you to make a cat in the leaves picture to decorate your space. But, there's a catch to this craft: you have to scavenge for the leaves that the cat will jump into! You can look around the library, adventure to Hope Woods, or even look in your own backyard for the important part of this craft. Just stop by the Teen Room on **Saturday, November 14, anytime from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to pick up your kit, or work on it at the library!



Sunrise on the Reaping Tribute Token Making Day - November 19

"They let you wear one thing from your district in the arena. One thing to remind you of home. Will you wear this?"

Before we get to see the movie adaptation of the 50th Annual Hunger Games, we have an activity for you to get ready for Panem's second Quarter Quell. Just stop by the Teen Room on **Thursday, November 19, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to create your tribute token bracelet inspired by the characters in the book. Using flower beads and geese charms, this token will be ready just in time for the movie's release on November 20th!

Teen Science Cafe: Glowing Jellyfish - November 20

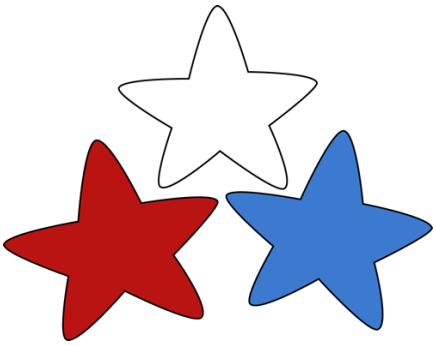
Looking for an opportunity to earn your volunteer hours, build your resume, and also grab a snack? KFL is excited to bring back our Teen Science Café, and we're inviting you to help us lead and design STEM events with your peers here at the library. Designed by teens for teens, Teen Science Cafes bring together local scientists and students, grades 6-12 to explore new research and discuss what inspires and influences people to pursue careers in STEM. For our next meeting, this event will be held on **November 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**. During this meeting, we will talk about phylum cnidaria and basic circuits to create glowing jellyfish! Oh, and did we also mention that there's also going to be snacks?



Pokemon Club - November 24

Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! We will be meeting **on Tuesday, November 24 from 3:15 4 p.m.** to hang out with friends, eat some snacks, and catch ‘em all. This program is primarily dedicated to Pokémon card battles and trades, 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 and trading.

Children's Programs



Celebrate America’s 250th with Crafts at KFL

Happy 250th birthday, America! **During the month of November**, visit the red craft table in the Children’s Room for some fun, patriotic crafts **while supplies last**!



Bead Craft - November 4

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 4, at 1 p.m.**. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. **Registration** is recommended but not required. What a great way to spend an early release afternoon!

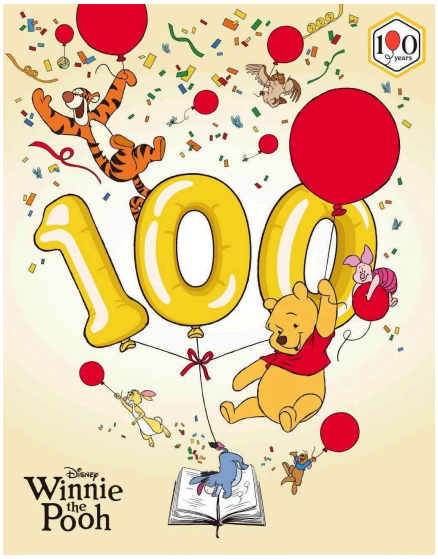


Kindness Crew - November 10

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew **on Tuesday, November 10, at 3:45 p.m.**. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! In November, we’ll be sharing a story about gratitude and feeling thankful. This program is open to ages 6 and up; **Registration** is appreciated but not required!

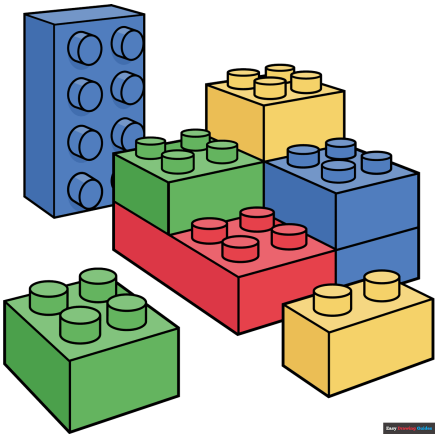
Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at **mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org**, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in!

When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Winnie-The-Pooh Birthday Tea & Storytime - November 11

Happy 100th birthday, Winnie-the-Pooh! Come celebrate everyone's favorite silly old bear with us **on Wednesday, November 11, at 1 p.m.**! Bring your favorite stuffie for a short Storytime and make some fun crafts worthy of the Hundred Acre Wood. We'll also have some honey treats that Pooh Bear would love! No registration is required.



Lego Club - November 19

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 19, 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 but not required.



Pokemon Club - November 24

Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! We will be meeting **on Tuesday, November 24 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 and trades, 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 and trading.

Storytime - November

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 September at 10:00 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held in Hank's Room inside the library. Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! We can't wait for you to join us!



Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- November 2
- November 9
- November 16
- November 23
- November 30



Thursday Family Fun Play - November

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 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! **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.

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- November 5
- November 12
- November 19
- **Library closed November 26 – happy Thanksgiving!**

Speers Gallery



November Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"A Year of Paper Plates: Putting a Face on the Turkeys We Eat" by Cheryl Miller**. The exhibit will run **November 2 through 30, with an opening reception on Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 4 p.m.**. The reception will be catered by Frinklepod Farm and Planted.

While earning her B.A. in Art, Cheryl Miller became interested in animal rights. At the time, traditional art instruction emphasized the human figure or still life as the hallmarks of serious subject matter. Animals, by contrast, were often dismissed as sentimental or relegated to wildlife art. While she initially followed convention, she was searching for a deeper connection in her work. That connection revealed itself when she began working at a farm sanctuary and began to merge her art with her passion for animal advocacy.

Cheryl soon began a tradition of painting a turkey portrait each Thanksgiving as a tribute to these living, sentient beings. Over time, this practice evolved into a larger artistic mission and

in 2013 she launched 46 Million Turkeys, a community-driven project with the goal of visually representing the estimated 46 million turkeys consumed in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day. The project invites people of all ages, artistic skill levels, and perspectives to contribute a turkey portrait. To date, thousands of individuals have participated with each of the one-of-a-kind representations of a turkey as unique as the person who created it. Through this work, Cheryl hopes to inspire a deeper appreciation for remarkable, often overlooked, animals—one portrait, one story, and one connection at a time.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from November 2 through 30, 2026, 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

Books on order for November

November 3
Whale Harbor — Mary Beth Keane
Murder in Paris '68 — Edward M. Chishol
Webs of Ink — Rebecca Connolly
Castles — Dan Jones
Cold Sunset — William Boyd
A Glacier's Guide to Dying — Michelle Porter
Midnight in the House of Commons — Charles Finch
Numb Were the Beadsman's Fingers — Alan Bradley
Ocean of Bones — David Kushner
Sunflower Season — Danica Nava
Sweet Pea — Kit De Waal
Knives & Wood Carving — Trackers Earth LLC

November 10
Lonely Planet Argentina — Lonely Planet
Lonely Planet Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands — Lonely Planet
Lonely Planet Experience Antarctica — Lonely Planet
And If I Die Before I Wake — George M. Johnson
Annie Proulx Stories — Annie Proulx
Crash Into You — Simone Soltani
The Land of Tears and Hope — Illia Ponomarenko
The Last Leaf — Willie Nelson
The Man Who Read Books — Rachid Benzine
O Now! — Niall Williams
The Party in the Woods — Fiona McPhillips

Take My Word for It — Levar Burton
The Telephone — James Gleick
Jay to the World — Donna Andrews

November 11
Fodor's Essential Costa Rica — Fodor's Travel Guides

November 17
Jane Austen's the Watsons — Claudia Gray
The Last Emperor of China — Paul French
Tiger's Mouth — Lucy Tan

November 24
Secrets — Bob Woodward
Robert B. Parker's Framed — Mike Lupica

A Message from the Director



KFL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. This year we need to raise about $355,000 or 32% of our total budget. You'll soon hear about our Holiday Appeal and you're likely aware of our 5K fundraiser that we hold every July, but did you know these other ways to give? Planned gifts, which can be mutually beneficial to you and the Library, may be made in any amount and at any time of life. Examples include:

- Making a bequest in your will
- Naming the Library a beneficiary of your donor advised fund (DAF), IRA, investment account, or life insurance policy
- Establishing a charitable gift annuity or trust
- Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA
- Donating Real Estate

To learn more about these and other options, please visit this link.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: Sophia fell asleep reading a Sonic the Hedgehog graphic novel.

Staff Picks

Amelia, Library Assistant

Over the Garden Wall
If you're looking for some cozy, quirky, autumnal entertainment with beautiful animation and a touch of creepy to prolong spooky season, settle in for a watch of Over the Garden Wall! Originally aired on Cartoon Network as a Halloween Special, this collection of 11 minute episodes follows two brothers, Wirt and Greg, as they travel through a mysterious land known as the 'Unknown'. On their journey to find their way home they face various obstacles, having to discern friend from foe, discovering new things about themselves as individuals and each other as

brothers. There are many tiny, seemingly unrelated details woven throughout the story, making this short series something that I've enjoyed watching again and again, seeing what new connections I might make. What may look like a show for children at first glance is something that can and has been enjoyed by many. If you'd like to give it a try, it is available through ILL on Minerva **here**.

Our Mission

To inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect.

Visit Our Website

KFL Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday: 9:30 AM – 8 PM
Wednesday: 12:30 PM – 8 PM
Thursday - *Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5 PM
Sunday: Closed

*Saturdays in July & August: 9:30 AM - 1 PM

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