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Library News and Events

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Harvest Fest Book Sale

Don't miss our book sale during **Harvest Fest on October 18 from 9 am to 12:30 pm.** Our sorting team has been working to provide you with so many choices of reasonably priced books to take you through the long indoor reading season.

We are happy to report that the Friends of KFL "booth" at Arundel Heritage Days on Saturday, September 13 was a great success. We had a book sale, shared information about services available to Arundel residents, and coupons for a free book On October 18, 2025.

Membership for 2026 begins at Harvest Fest. While you are there, speak to a Friend about joining.

Our next meeting of the Friends will be **Monday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m.** at KFL. If you are curious about what the Friends are or might like to join, please come.

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



KFL Accepting Artist Applications to Exhibit in 2026

The Kennebunk Free Library is currently accepting applications for artists to exhibit during the 2026 calendar year. Since its inception in 2001, the Speers Gallery has offered exhibit opportunities to both amateur and professional artists. The gallery has hosted a variety of mediums including photography, textile arts and mixed media assemblages in addition to renditions in oil, pastel, enamel oil, encaustic, pen and ink, and watercolor.

The application process is open to both individual and group shows. Applications must be received by Friday, October 17, 2025.

Application forms are available at the Library or on the Library's website: www.kennebunklibrary.org.

In November 2025, an art committee consisting of members from the Library and art communities will convene to review the completed applications and set a monthly exhibit schedule for 2026. Upon completion of the review, applicants will be contacted regarding the Committee's decisions.

Offering monthly artist exhibits contributes to the Kennebunk Free Library's mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect. The Library is very proud to have showcased the many talented artists who have previously exhibited and is looking forward to continuing this tradition with the 2026 exhibit schedule.

Consider Checking out these items from our Library of Things!



Check out our Ghost Hunting Kit!

Get in the spooky spirit (pun intended), this October with our Ghost Stop Ghost Hunting Equipment Kit!



Check out our Light Keeper Pro: Light Repair Kit!

Some may say it's too soon, but here is your reminder to check your Christmas lights and make any needed repairs with our Light Keeper Pro Repair Kit!

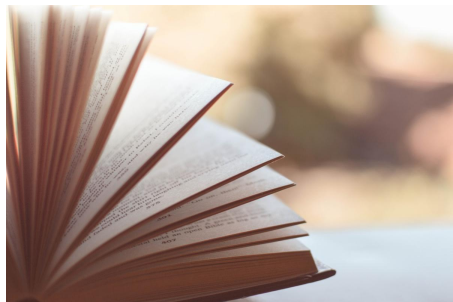


Monthly Phone Wallpaper

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.

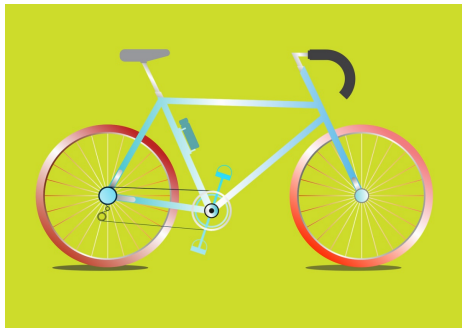
Adult Programs



Reader's Choice Book Group - October 6

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Latinx 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!



Fix-A-Bike: Bike Repair Workshop - October 7

KFL is pleased to welcome back the Bicycle Coalition of Maine who will be presenting their Fix-A-Bike program on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5 p.m.**

From the Coalition: "Be your own mechanic! Learn how to maintain your bike, fix a flat, pump up a tire, change a chain or cable, make shifting adjustments, and more in a hands-on learning experience." Participants should bring their bicycles and be prepared to get dirty. We will be holding this

event outdoors but may move inside in case of inclement weather. Should this program need to move inside, please be prepared to share a bike with another person for the hands-on portions. This program is offered for youth aged 13+ and adults. **Space is limited.** [Please register](#) through the link provided or through the library calendar at kennebunklibrary.org.



Ukulele Group - October 8 and 25

Join us on the **second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of every month at 2 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 - October 8

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet at **6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

October's Theme is "Banned Book"

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!



A Story of Books - October 14

Local bibliophile Jake Landry will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.** to tell "A Story of Books."

Landry will discuss how books evolved from papyrus scrolls to today's paged book, with a brief discussion of e-books. Landry will share a treasure from his collection – the page of a book that was printed in 1491. He will invite the audience to compare their interpretation of a line of a book printed in about 550 and compare it to interpretations at the time it was printed.

Jake Landry, originally from New Bedford, MA, is a graduate of Montclair State College, NJ. He served with the U. S. Army in Vietnam and later worked with Corporate Communications at Travelers in Hartford, CT.

Cook and Share Cookbook Club - October 15

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! You are invited to join us on our **NEW day, every third Wednesday, at 3 p.m.!** We will gather to celebrate food through various dishes and themes!

How does it work? Make any type of dish from a favorite cookbook or a new one that you have been wanting to try, then bring it in to share! Every month we will have a different



theme.

This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 15** and **our theme will be Childhood Favorites!** Feeling nostalgic for a favorite meal you loved growing up? Well, now is your chance to make it again!

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

know you will be attending.

Please email Becca at rlong@kennebunklibrary.org to let her



Trivia Night - October 15

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.



Navigating Long Term Care Decisions - October 21

Too many families feel trapped by emergency care decisions. On **Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m.**, Kaitlyn Cunningham Morse, founder of Maine Aging Partners, will speak about the idea of a “Second Retirement” — the stage of life after 75 when support needs rise and choices can’t be ignored. She will share what “Second Retirement” is really about: facing long-term care with strength, standing on your own terms, and making choices before a crisis makes them for you. You’ll see how long-term care actually works in Maine — and leave with the tools and confidence to define your choices instead of being defined by the system.

Who This Is For: Anyone over 75—or caring for someone who is.

Kaitlyn Cunningham Morse is the founder of Maine Aging Partners, a consultancy that helps families face long-term care with clarity and strength. Kaitlyn is known for cutting through the promises to show families the truth about how long-term care really works — sharing her experience from the aging field in Maine so families can stand on their own terms with confidence.

Spot the Scam Workshop with AARP - October 22

Now, more than ever, users need to be aware of digital safety

Spot the Scam Workshop

If you can spot a scam, you
can stop a scam!



best practices. In collaboration with AARP presenter, Julie Flynn, KFL proudly presents a Fraud Watch Network event to help you learn how to proactively identify scams, receive support from AARP's fraud specialists if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam, and feel more secure while navigating online spaces. During this session, participants will utilize our new laptops provided by SMPDC's Digital Subgrant alongside Julie's presentation for a hands-on learning experience focused on recognizing and avoiding scams.

This informative workshop will be held on **October 22 from 4 to 5 p.m.** As spots are limited, [please register](#) ahead of time with the link below or through our website calendar.

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.



Camden Conference: Norman Olsen - October 27

The Kennebunk Free Library will host Norman Olsen on **Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, a Camden Conference community event. Olsen will discuss from personal experience 34 years of deteriorating prospects for

Middle East peace.

Cape Elizabeth native Norm Olsen served for 26 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, with a total of nine years in Israel and the Gaza Strip. His first tour of duty, as a Gaza reporting officer and USAID representative, spanned the First Intifada, the Madrid talks, the secret Oslo negotiations, the establishment of the Palestinian Authority, and the return of Yasser Arafat to Palestine. His reporting during that time was recognized by his award of a National Human Intelligence Reporting Award from the U.S. intelligence community.

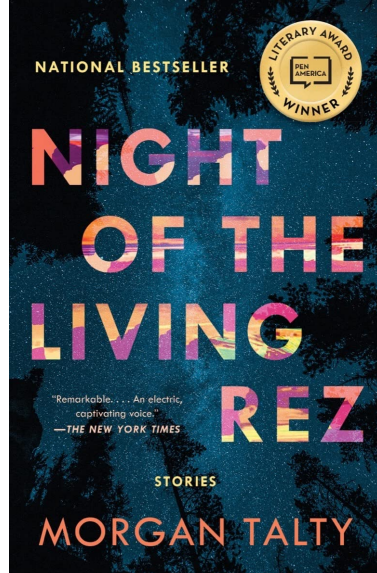
His second tour of duty, as chief of the embassy political section, spanned the Second Intifada, the efforts of Quartet negotiator James Wolfensohn, the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, the victory of Hamas in U.S.-demanded Palestinian elections, the successful Hamas expulsion of U.S.-backed Fatah militants who were terrorizing Gaza, and the Israel-Lebanon war.

He retired as a Senior Foreign Service Officer in 2008 and has remained active in Israeli and Palestinian affairs. He and his wife, Pat, live in Cherryfield, Maine.

Fiction Book Discussion - October 28

Join us on **Tuesday, October 28 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty.

Set in a Native community in Maine, *Night of the Living Rez* is a riveting debut collection about what it means to be Penobscot in the twenty-first century and what it means to live, to survive, and to persevere after tragedy. In twelve striking, luminescent stories, author Morgan Talty -- with searing humor, abiding compassion, and deep insight -- breathes life into tales of family and a community as they struggle with a painful past and an uncertain future. A collection that examines the consequences and merits of inheritance, *Night of the Living Rez* is an unforgettable portrayal of



an Indigenous community and marks the arrival of a standout talent in contemporary fiction. --*Novelist*



Adult Take and Make: Spiderwebs

This month, pick up a kit to make a couple of spooky spiderwebs. Kits will be available **starting Tuesday, October 14, while supplies last.**

Weekly Programs



In Stitches - Tuesdays

Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

Drop-in Craft and Chat - Tuesday Evenings

Join us and express your creativity in our weekly evening group, Craft and Chat. This drop-in group will take place



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

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. The Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main Street in Kennebunk, Maine. For more information please call 207-985-2173 or email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org.



Tech Talk Line - Tuesday Evenings

Are you stuck on a technology question, but can't visit the library during its regularly scheduled Technology Time Appointments? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Tech Talk Line**, all you need to do is call downstairs to the Children's Room to speak with our Technology Educator, Emmaline. Our Tech Talk Line will be open every Tuesday night from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** Calls can

include, but are not limited to, using smartphones and tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If the line is busy during a call, please leave a voicemail so we can get back to you accordingly. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can schedule a 45-minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday, allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help you troubleshoot your next steps, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To sign up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet.

Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology

Educator can be **scheduled Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Appointments are **45 minutes long**, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. When setting up the appointment, help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your charged device with you, along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays (previously Monday), from 12:30 to 3 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? You're welcome to watch and learn. Want lessons? Future newsletters will announce a springtime class signup. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.

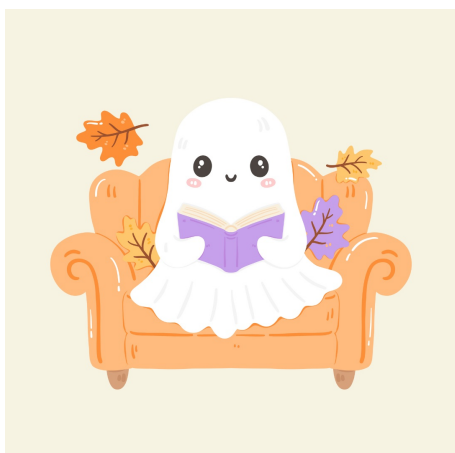


Improv - Saturdays

Improv - Saturdays Improv is back! Sessions will be held **every Saturday from 10:30 to 12 p.m.**

***Improv is cancelled on Oct. 18**

Teen Programs



Book-ish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is crawling with bookish activities for you to do **beginning October 1**, and it's the place to be for all things literary right now! Whether you're flying solo or hanging out with friends, you can do these activities at your own pace, so no rush, and no pressure. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Two-Sentence Scary Story Writing Contest

It's time to put your creativity and scary storytelling to the test! In just two sentences, come up with an original, hair-

raising tale to add to our bulletin. It could involve monsters, leave us in suspense, be set on Halloween, or include any other spooky elements you'd like! Keep in mind that we do have friends of all ages visiting the Teen Room, so please keep it more on the spooky than scary side. We can't wait to read what you come up with!

Banned Book Recommendation Flowchart

Looking for a new book this month? Banned Book Week is October 5th - 11th this year! We'll be celebrating all month long by providing banned book recommendations through our flowchart. This series of either-or questions will lead you down a path to the right book for your taste! There are many possible paths, and we have recommendations for all types of readers. Help us celebrate the importance of access to books by checking these titles out!

The Life of a Showgirl

We can't wait for Taylor Swift to release her new album this month! While we unfortunately can't stay open for a midnight listening party, we do have fun TS-inspired activities and displays so we can all discuss the album!

TS 12 Song Ranking (Starting Friday, 10/3): If you, like us, are excited to share your opinions about Taylor's new album, head on over to the Teen Room! We'll have a wall display with all of the songs from the album, where you can vote which one is your favorite. Additionally, you can find a bookmark-sized numbered list where you can make your own personal ranking to either put up around our poster or take home with you!

The Life of a Showgirl Book Display (Starting Saturday, 10/4): We're sure that once you listen to the album, you'll be obsessed with imagining the story behind each song, like us. While we wish we could read Taylor's mind, we'll do the next best thing in suggesting what YA books we think match the vibe of each song in a display. You're welcome to check these out, and, if a song name is missing a book, feel free to add a book to that display spot that you think would fit the song!

Help Us Decorate the Room

We'd love to have a hand (pun intended) in decorating the Teen Room for October!

Haunted Shelves: As you browse through our YA collection, we're sure that you'll notice the books and ghoulish hands peeking out from between the books. We'd love your help making more!

The Great Pumpkin Patch: Color in some pumpkins and bats to liven up our windows and usher in the fall season!

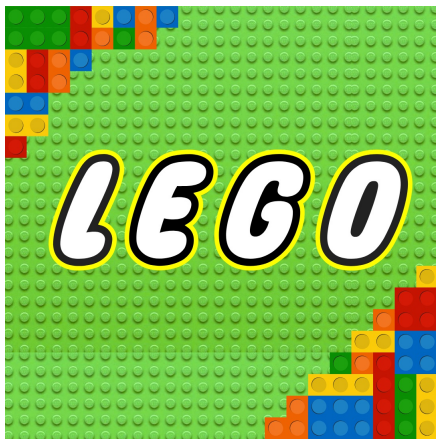
If you have any questions about these programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teen Take and Make: Beaded Spiders

Start off the month of October by creating your very own creepy companion to usher in the Halloween season! On **Wednesday, October 1**, stop by the library to create a beaded spider in person or take supplies home with you to craft independently. Supplies are first come first served, and you can find these kits in the Teen Room, waiting just for you!

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



Teen Lego Build Displays - October 1

Starting October 1, come on over to the library to build with Legos! With building bricks provided by the library, you can place your amazing creations in the “Drop-Off” box for Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia are super excited to showcase your work in the Teen Room for the whole month! Feel free to create as many designs as you like, but please make sure to leave enough Legos for everyone else to have fun too. At the end of the month, there will be ribbons awarded for your designs. Your creations will then be taken apart so you can build something new in November, but we will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to

enjoy.

If you have any questions, just reach out to Miss Emmaline or Miss Claudia in the children’s room, or give us a call at (207) 985-2173. We can’t wait to see what you come up with!



Saturday Teen Program: Peep Haunted Houses - October 18

Looking for a fun, delicious way to celebrate Halloween? We’ll put the emphasis on treat in Trick-or-Treat by building our very own Peep haunted houses this October! Join Miss Emmaline and Miss Claudia on **Saturday, October 18, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** in The Teen Room to let your creativity creep and crawl. Whether you decide to make it extra scary or themed after a certain character, we’re excited to see what you come up with. And, of course, you are welcome to take home your house to snack on at the end of the program!

Registration is required to attend this event. Please register

ahead of time with the link provided, or through our website calendar.

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



Dungeons and Dragons - October 6, 20 & 27

Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. We have just finished our summer campaign, completing the heist of a century, and now we are returning to our Infinite School Year campaign. We last left off with our heroes in the Canyons of Carceri, trapped by the Driders of Lolth as we search for Lynx to gather information to solve the Time Loop Mystery. We will be meeting on **Mondays: October 6,**

20, and 27 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The library will provide all supplies, just bring your imagination! This program is dedicated to players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons.

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

Children's Programs



Beadcraft - October 1

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



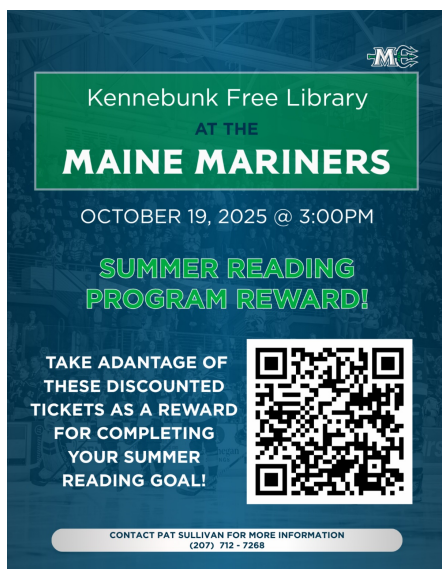
Kindness Crew - October 14

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on **Tuesday, October 14, at 3:45 p.m.** Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! In October, we'll be sharing *The Scarecrow* written by Beth Ferry and illustrated by The Fan Brothers. 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!

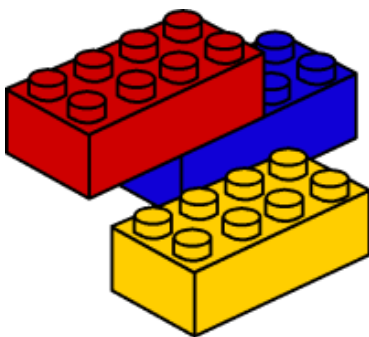
Meet and Greet with Pete the Cat - October 16

Everything is groovy! Pete the Cat, everyone's favorite feline, is coming to visit Kennebunk Free Library on **Thursday, October 16, at 4 p.m.** Come hear some of our favorite Pete the Cat stories, make a Pete craft, and meet the big cat himself! Be ready to take some pictures! This event is for all ages. No registration is required. This event is planned to be held outside. In inclement weather, we will be inside the library.



KFL at the Maine Mariners - October 19

Did you finish the Summer Reading Program this year? We have one more treat for you! Scan the QR code in the graphic below for discounted tickets to the Maine Mariners hockey game on **October 19 at 3 p.m. at Cross Insurance Arena in Portland!** Great job on your reading!



Lego Club - October 23

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on **Thursday, October 23, 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.



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 October at 10:00 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. **Because of the holiday closure, we will be having Storytime on Tuesday, October 14.** Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on,

and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- October 6
- **Tuesday, October 14**
- October 21
- October 28



Family Fun Play - Thursdays

Have a morning of play at the library! **On most Thursday mornings in October**, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when kids and their grown-ups play together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! **Playtime starts at 10 a.m. and Miss Maria will read a story at 11 a.m.**, but feel free to drop in anytime! We usually leave the special toys out until around noon. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. **Note: Thursday Family Fun Play is canceled on Thursday, October 2.**

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- October 9
- October 16
- October 23
- October 30



KenneBOOnk Halloween - October 29

Boo to you! Join us on **Wednesday, October 29, at 4:30 p.m.** for a bewitchingly good time! Enjoy a story or two, make a craft, and wear your costume for all to see! This event is designed for all ages – please keep your super spooky things for Halloween night! This event will be located in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room. In the event of rain or inclement weather, we will be inside the library. For updates on event location, please visit our website or Facebook page.

Speers Gallery

September Artist:



The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **“Local Color” by the Art Guild of the Kennebunks**. The exhibit runs **October 3-30, with a reception on Saturday, October 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.** All are welcome.

The Art Guild of the Kennebunks is a juried group of local artists and will present a variety of perspectives of “local color” depicting Maine. Paintings are in multiple mediums including oil, pastel, acrylic, and watercolor. Each artist has included a piece of their artwork that they relate their topic or inspiration to Maine.

Participating artists include Barbara Berry, Suzanne Demeo, John Forssen, Wendy Gallart, Mary Elizabeth Grady, Hara Harding, Steve Hrehovcik, Mary Ann Kennedy, Cheryl Lunde, Bruce McMillan, Sue Mesick, Susan Colburn Motta, Nora Ordway, Ellen Pelletier, Linda Van Tassel, Nancy Van Tassel, Jan Van Tassel, Richard Winslow, Hillary Zayed and Laurel Ziehl.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase the work of these talented artists.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library’s Speers Gallery from October 3 through 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.

New Books, Audio Books & DVDs

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

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

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

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

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

Popular New Reads for October

October 7

[Sharp Force](#) – Patricia Cornwell

[My Beloved](#) – Jan Karon

House of Two Pharaohs – Wilbur Smith

October 13

[The Picasso Heist](#) – James Patterson

October 14

[Remain](#) – Nicholas Sparks

[Gone Before Goodbye](#) – Reese Witherspoon

[Boleyn Traitor](#) – Philippa Gregory

[The Sword of Light](#) – Heather Graham

[And to All a Good Bite](#) – David Rosenfelt

[Sugar and Spite](#) – M. C. Beaton
[The Gun Man Jackson Swagger](#) – Stephen Hunter

October 21

[The Widow](#) – John Grisham
[The Proving Ground](#) – Michael Connelly
[A Ferry Merry Christmas](#) – Debbie Macomber
[King Sorrow](#) – Joe Hill

October 28

[The Black Wolf](#) – Louise Penny
[The Tin Men](#) – Nelson DeMille
[Coyote Hills](#) – Jonathan Kellerman
[Code Blue](#) – Fern Michaels
[Fox and Furious](#) – Rita Mae Brown

A Message from the Director



KFL is busy year-round, but things really ramp up during the summer months. I always enjoy reviewing statistics and want to share a small snapshot of these figures with you.

- Between June 18 and August 18, our calendar system estimates that we had 65 adult programs with 950 attendees.
- Among teens, kids, and babies, a total of 291 patrons signed up for the Summer Reading Program.
- The 28th Edition 5K had a net income of over \$70,000.
- Our Technology Educator, Emmaline Bruce, provided 12 hours of one-on-one technology assistance in July.
- 105 people signed up for a new library card in July.
- In July, 6,539 items were checked out with an additional 958 renewals.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: Sophia reads Catwad by Jim Benton to Max!

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Fighting for yes!: the story of disability rights activist Judith Heumann by Maryann Cocca-Leffler; illustrated by Vivien Mildener; with a note from Judith Heumann

Imagine a world where people with disabilities are confined to homes and institutions because no provision has been made for their mobility, education or participation in society. Young Judy and her family were faced with these issues. Born in 1947 in Brooklyn, NY. Her mother advocated for years for her to go to school like her friends. Finally, when she was nine years old, she was accepted to the "Health Conservation" Public School. Her friends were not there because they were in the "regular" classrooms. Though she and her classmates were not being taught very much, she loved going to school and was thrilled to ride a bus for the first time. This was Judy and her mom's first success that eventually led to the passage of the Americans with disabilities act (ADA).
(Available from Minerva and a preview is available at this [link](#).)

The Measure by Nikki Erlich

This was the August Book Discussion book. It seems that if you can get beyond the preposterous central premise (mysterious boxes appear to everyone on earth over 21 years old containing a string that reveals the length of your life) and let yourself explore the circumstances the characters are living through it is very intriguing. We had a great conversation about many current issues.
(Available from KFL)

Come Forth by Fr. James Martin

From one of my favorite spiritual writers comes this exhaustive exploration of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Using archeology, history, bible experts from many denominations and psychology, Fr. Martin looks at the relationships and seeks answers for the many questions that surround this event. Why did Jesus wait three days to come when told of the illness? Why did Mary and Martha react as they did? What does this mean to believers today? Not a quick read, a slow meditation in faith.
(Available as a book from Minerva)

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