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Library News & Events



New Gliders and End Tables!

Thanks to a generous donation in memory of our patron Madeleine Martel, our outdoor space has become a lot more comfortable! We were able to add two love-seat size gliders with end tables (modeled above by Amelia and Becca), perfect for visiting with a friend or settling in with a cup of coffee and a good book. Thanks to Madeleine, our community can enjoy working or relaxing on the library lawn for years to come!

Center for Wildlife



KFL is pleased to announce that we now offer a pass to the Center For Wildlife in Cape Neddick! The pass is good for 2 adults and all children 17 and under in the same household. It grants free admission to the Center, including exhibits, play area, and trails. It is not valid for special events or paid programs. KFL can give out one pass per day.

For more information on this and all of our museum passes, call the library or visit <https://kennebunklibrary.org/museum-passes/>.



Speers Gallery Call for Artists!

The Kennebunk Free Library is currently **accepting applications for artists to exhibit during the 2027 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 16, 2026.** Application forms are available at the Library or on the Library's [website](#).

In November 2026, 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 2027. 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 2027 exhibit schedule.



Libby App/ Overdrive and Kanopy PINs

Beginning October 1, Libby and Kanopy are adding an extra layer of security for your account. When you log in, you will need to use the 4-digit numeric PIN that you created for your online Minerva library account.

Don't have a PIN yet? Visit the "My Library Account" login page from the KFL website. Click on the "Create/Reset PIN" link and follow the prompts. You will need an email address to set up the PIN yourself. If you do not have email, give us a call and we can create the PIN of your choice.

Going forward, you will use that PIN whenever you log into the library catalog, Libby, or Kanopy. Though we can create a PIN for you, once it is in the system, we will not be able to see it. Make sure that you are writing those numbers down somewhere safe because we will not be able to help you retrieve them.

We are hoping for a smooth transition.

If you have questions or concerns, please email kfl@kennebunklibrary.org or give us a call.



Friends of KFL News

The Friends have been out in the community and look forward to a busy fall.

On Sept. 19 we held a book sale and information booth at Arundel Heritage Days. The weather was amazing and it was great to be part of this celebration of community.

We are happy to announce we added a Center For Wildlife in Cape Neddick museum pass. To see all of our Museum Passes, use this [link](#).

The Town of Kennebunk **HarvestFest** is our next book sale and will be held on **Saturday, October 17**. Friends members will receive an email opportunity to sign up to help at this event, watch for it! Everyone that becomes a Friend at the Book Sale fulfills 2027 membership.

The **Wreath Fundraiser** returns at the end of October. Year after year, these beautifully decorated Maine wreaths are purchased by happy previous customers. Please consider supporting KFL and enjoy a fresh, Maine wreath for yourself or as a gift.

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!



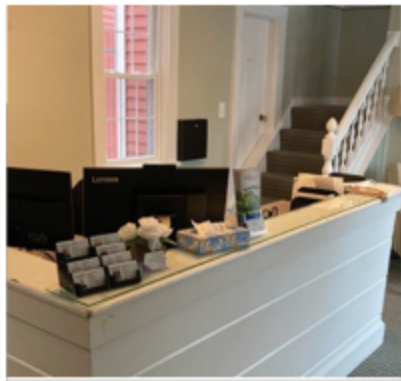
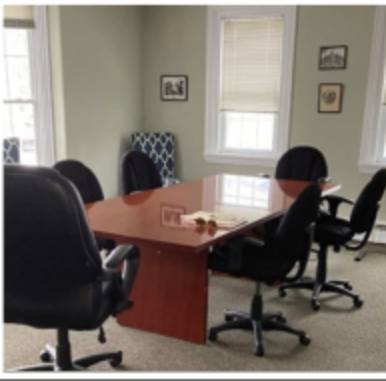
2,020 SF Office for Rent

The first floor unit at 1 Fletcher Street is available for rent.

\$2550 per month. 6 Parking Spots Included! Month-to-month and annual lease options. High visibility location at the corner of US Route 1 and ME Route 35. Bonus: Supports your local library!

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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 - October 5

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, October 5 at 2 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and our **theme** will be: **Something That Can't Be Touched.**

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 - October 5

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.

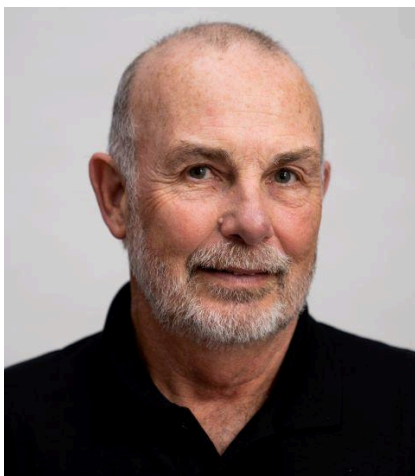


Clicking Into the Past: An Easy Guide to Online Family History Research - October 6

On Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m., genealogist Seema Kenney will be at KFL to offer step-by-step guidance on how to search for your family online. Learn helpful search techniques, discover the best free and subscription-based websites, and understand how to evaluate and organize your findings.

Seema Kenney started in the business of genealogy after completing the Genealogical Research Certificate Program at Boston University's Center for Professional Education in 2010. She has served as President of Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Director for New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Treasurer of New England Chapter of Association

of Professional Genealogists, NERGC Delegate for Maine Genealogical Society and Secretary for Upton Historical Society.



The Deep Sea Quest for Amelia Earhart - October 13

The disappearance of Amelia Earhart is possibly the greatest aviation mystery of the twentieth century. Amelia and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished without a trace in the vast Pacific near tiny Howland Island during their attempt to circle the globe on July 2, 1937. No wreckage, oil slick, or floating debris of any sort was ever found.

David W. Jourdan, founder of the deep-sea exploration company Nauticos, has teamed with engineers, analysts, researchers, and sponsors to conduct one of the most extensive

high-resolution mappings of the deep-ocean floor in history. During the course of this work, Jourdan and his team launched three seven-week long expeditions in 2002, 2006, and 2017 in a quest to find Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Electra and put this mystery to rest. Locating such a small target in one of the deepest and most remote places on the planet was one of the most daunting quests ever faced by ocean explorers. In 2020 the team made a technical breakthrough that narrows the search area and promises to lead to discovery of the aircraft in a near future final expedition.

Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library **on Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m.** as David discusses his work, including the book *The Deep Sea Quest for Amelia Earhart*. Copies of his books will be available for purchase at the event.



Ukulele Group - October 14

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 - October 14

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet **Wednesday, October 14 at 6 p.m.** 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!



Kennebunk Land Trust

Kennebunk Land Trust - October 18

What does it mean to conserve land, and create a legacy? What does a land trust even do? Join us at Kennebunk Free Library **on Monday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.** to learn about what land conservation means, why protecting land matters, and the different options for

landowners.

Presenters Stephen Daley, Durward Parkinson, and Sandy Gilbreath of Kennebunk Land Trust will discuss the potential financial benefits, estate planning benefits with a nonprofit, and how working with a land trust can help landowners think thoughtfully about the future of their land.

Open to everyone whether you're a longtime KLT supporter, a curious property owner, or simply interested in learning more about land conservation in our community. No commitment, just information, conversation, and an opportunity to ask questions.

Craft and Sip: Book Witches - October 20

Join us **on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m.** for a night of crafting and sipping! Get into the Halloween spirit while upcycling a paperback book into a cute witch! All materials will be provided. This is a **21+ only** event. [Registration required.](#)



Cook and Share Cookbook Club - October 21

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, October 21 at 3 p.m.** and our theme will be **Harvest!**

To celebrate the start of the fall, the theme this month is *Harvest*. This includes common foods often associated with this time of year, like apples, gourds, pumpkins, corn, pears, etc.! Create a dish that includes one (or more) of these ingredients, and bring it in to share, as well as a copy of your recipe, if you can!

Utensils, plates and napkins will be provided, all you'll need to bring in with you is your dish, the recipe, and a serving utensil, if needed!



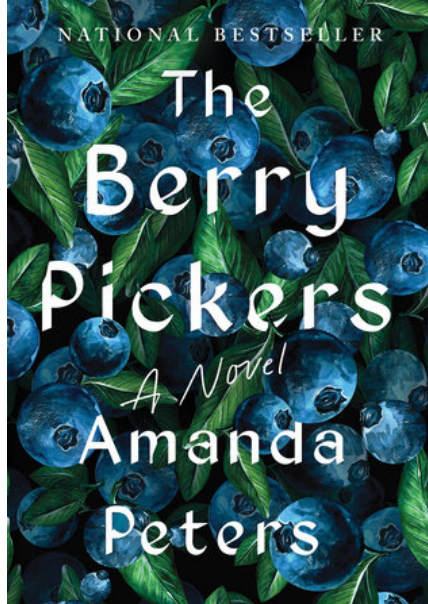
KFL Trivia Night - October 21

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.

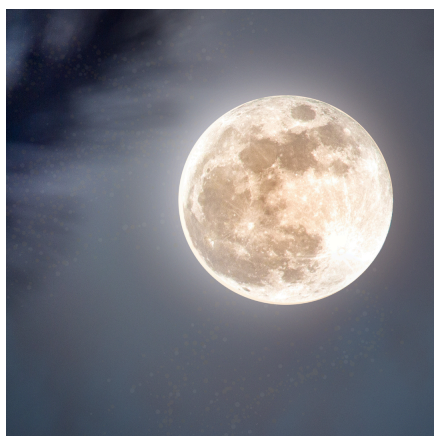
Fiction Book Discussion - October 27

Come one, come all (even if you didn't finish or disliked the book)! Join us on **Tuesday, October 27 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters.

"Peters's enthralling debut tracks the lives of two siblings from an Indigenous Canadian family working in Maine as seasonal berry pickers. In the summer of 1962, four-year-old Ruthie is kidnapped by a white New England woman, who renames her Norma and raises the girl as her daughter. Meanwhile, Ruthie's brother Joe, who was six years old at the time of the kidnapping, never forgives himself for not keeping an eye on his sister. Joe's perspective alternates with Norma's, who shares her dim recollections of her real mother ("It's just a dream," she's told by her



new parents) with her imaginary friend, “Ruthie.” Joe spends most of his life guilt-ridden by his sister’s disappearance. Norma, meanwhile, is haunted by the puzzling gaps in her family history: there are no pictures of her before the age of five, and her skin is darker than her parents’ (she’s told that she takes after an “Italian great-grandfather”). Joe acts out in rage and resorts to alcohol to cope, while Norma builds a life for herself as a teacher and a wife. Peters traces their experiences over several decades, and their reunion, when it finally comes, is powerfully rendered. The result is a cogent and heartfelt look at the ineffable pull of family ties.” - Publishers Weekly



Wheel of the Year: Celebrating Samhain!: October 28

Ever wanted to learn more about the origins of Samhain? Many of us are familiar with Halloween and all the spooky fun associated with it. But did you know that Halloween’s origins come from Samhain? Pronounced *SAH-win* or *SOW-win*, Samhain is connected to a number of different cultures, it is often denoted as a festival that marks the end of the harvest season.

Celebrated between October 31st and November 1st, Samhain is acknowledged as a time where we can more easily connect and honor our ancestors or people we’ve lost over the years. It’s also a time to reflect and think about how we’d like to settle into the winter months, slow down, and embrace the darker time of the year.

Join us **October 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** for a fun and relaxing evening (we’ll even have a cozy fire going in our fireplace!). We will discuss the history of Samhain, as well as set an intention and something we’d like to release for the year. We’ll go over some other ways to celebrate Samhain too, including meditation, food and crafts, and ways you can honor your ancestors or loved ones that have passed. We hope to see you there!

Weekly Programs

Audiobook Walking Club: Tuesday Mornings

Do you love walking and listening to audiobooks? Then our new audiobook club might be for you! Join us **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** for a leisurely stroll through the Hope Cemetery and Woods listening to your latest book, podcast, music or the sounds of nature, whichever you prefer! We will meet at the front entrance of KFL and start our 1-2 mile walk together through the cemetery, the accessible trail and back to the library. **Registration is recommended.**

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to all ages. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please visit the website

Audiobook Walking Club



www.kennebunklibrary.org or call the library at (207) 985-2173.



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

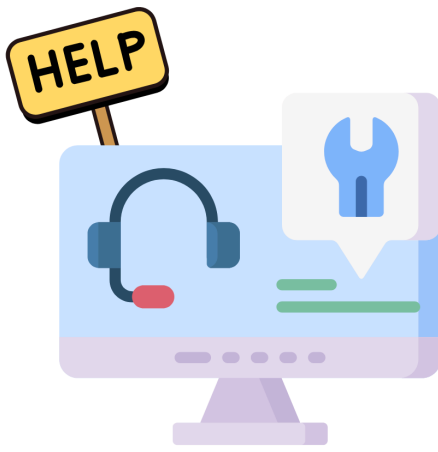
KFL is now hosting a weekly Grief Group, led by retired RN Carol MacLeod. **Every Thursday morning from 11 to 12:30 p.m..**

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 - October

The teen space in the library is full of 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. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Pocket Cryptids

We're getting cryptid at KFL this month! Using a matchbox template, you can create and carry around a Mothman or Bigfoot of your very own, with interchangeable scenes and elements.

Banned Books Week Playlist

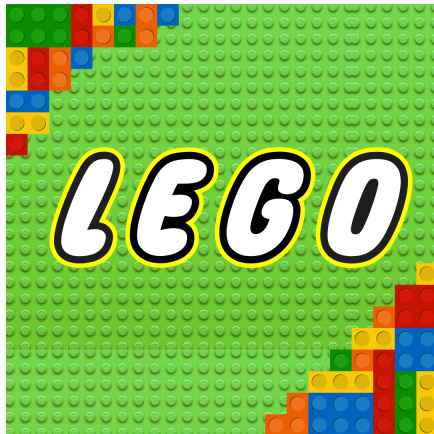
Banned Books will be held this month, **October 4-10**, and we are celebrating intellectual freedom with a curated community playlist, featuring songs we think some of our Banned Book Authors

would enjoy. During the week, visit the library to help us add songs, and to listen to the playlist on Spotify!

Edgar Allen Poe vs Edward Cullen

Do you think that you can tell the difference between Edgar Allen Poe and Edward Cullen? Both are known for their moody, gothic style, and might be more similar in phrase than you would have guessed. For the month of October, we will have iconic quotes from both the author and the character for you to guess and test your literary knowledge.

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!



Teen Lego Displays

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 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 November, 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!



Bookish Activities in the Teen Room - October 1

It's time to start decorating for October, and we have the perfect recycled craft for you to add a little bit of spookiness to your space this month! Using recycled book pages, ribbon, and construction paper, we will have all of the supplies you will need to make hanging frames of ravens, owls, and ghosts. **These kits will be available starting on Thursday, October 1 in the Teen Room. First come, first served.**

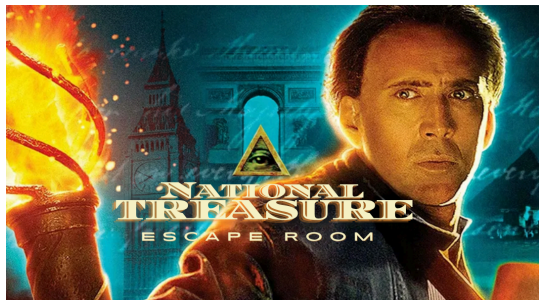


Dungeons and Dragons - October 5, 19 and 26

Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. We have just acquired transport from the Dwarves of the Stranded Saloon and are currently on our journey to King Graklak's treasury to stock up on supplies to take on the Death Knight and his remaining 3 aspirants. Balazar has been named the heir apparent

to the Rotten Horde, the Mountains of Chaos are bubbling, and just when we thought our heroes

were catching a break, Stone Giants appeared out of nowhere in pursuit of Balazar. 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: October 5, 19 and 26 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, October 5 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!



National Treasure Escape Room - October 13 and 14

For the 250th Anniversary, we're going to steal the Declaration of Independence, and we need your help to pull off the heist of the year! With a group of 4-6 members, we will meet to give you your first clue to begin your heist. You will have only a certain amount of time to complete your mission, so you will need to

make sure you bring your quick thinking, and puzzle solving skills! Do you think you're up for the challenge?

Open to **ages 6 and up**, we will host **timed sessions on Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14** in the afternoons. **Please call (207) 985-2173 and ask for Miss Emmaline or Miss Aspen to register. Registration Required.**



Crafting Saturdays: Beetle Bagdes and Bird Heart Curios Boxes - October 10 and 17

Looking to add to your collection of odd trinkets and spooky designs? On **October 10**, we will have all of the supplies for you to make **beetle badges** out of buttons, ribbon, collage paper, and cardboard; and on **October 17**, we will have all of the supplies for you to make **bird heart curios boxes** out of paper and felt. Just stop by the Teen Room on **Saturdays, October 10 and 17, anytime from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to pick up your kit, or work on it at the library!



Scrap to Stage: The Science and Art of Costume - October 23

Looking for an opportunity to earn your volunteer hours, build your resume, and also grab a snack? KFL is excited to announce that we've joined the Teen Science Café Cohort, 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 with interactive lessons and activities. This month, our

TSC event will be held on **October 23 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.** During this meeting, we will learn about the history and science of costuming by reviewing properties such as strength, flexibility,

weight, texture, and structure before transforming recycled materials into imaginative costume pieces. Oh, and did we also mention that there's also going to be snacks?



Pokemon Club - October 27

Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! Join us **on Tuesday, October 27 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.

Children's Programs



Pete the Cat Meet and Greet - October 6

Everything is groovy! Pete the Cat, everyone's favorite feline, is coming to visit Kennebunk Free Library **on Tuesday, October 6, at 3:30 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.



Bead Craft - October 7

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 7, 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 - October 13

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew **on Tuesday, October 13, 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!

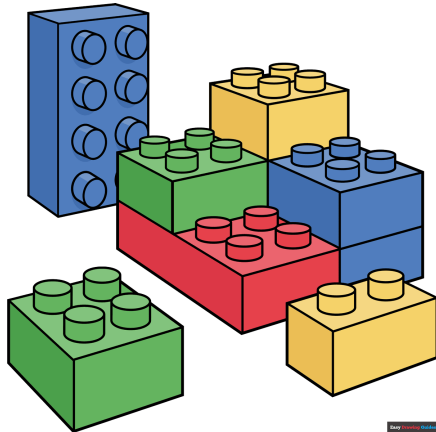


Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Drop-In Fall Nature Crafts - October 20

Have you ever used craft supplies from your own backyard? Come give it a try at a Drop-In Fall Nature Crafts program **on Tuesday, October 20, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.!** Stop by to use materials like leaves, pinecones, and more to make all sorts of fall friends! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Lego Club - October 22

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 22, 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.



Homeschool Meetup - October 23

Are you a homeschooling family? Kennebunk Free Library is a host site for a monthly meet-up for homeschoolers and their families. **October's meeting is Friday, October 23, at 10 a.m..** Miss Maria will briefly go over some library skills at the start of the meeting followed by a parent-led portion. The program is free and open to all homeschool students. Registration is not required, and families are encouraged to contact the library for more information.

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Welcome to the Kennebunk Free Library Pokémon Gym! Join us **on Tuesday, October 27 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.

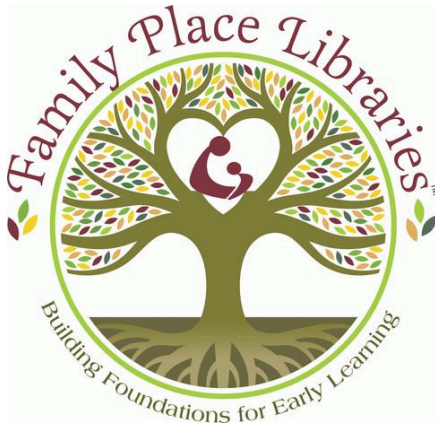


A Not-So-Spooky KenneBOOnk Halloween - October 28

Boo to you! Join us **on Wednesday, October 28, 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 if inclement weather, we will be inside the library. For updates on event location,

please visit our website or Facebook page.



1,2,3 Play With Me! - October

Did you know Kennebunk Free Library is a Family Place™ library? In October, KFL will continue our 1-2-3, Play With Me! program for ages 0-4 and their caregivers. We'll have lots of fun toys to explore and friendly faces to see! "A five-week program for young children and their parents/caregivers, this fun, informal, play-based program provides a rich environment of toys, books, and art activities. Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with a different community resource professional each week." In October we will have the following resource professionals

joining us:

- October 1 – Mini Music Class with KindKids
- October 8 – Nutrition with Kelly Roberts, York County Community Health
- October 15 – Community Connections with Uplifting Families Together Project
- October 22 – Early Literacy with Maria Richardson, KFL

Registration is appreciated but not required. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver – we're here to play together!

Storytime - October

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 a.m., Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. **Because of the holiday closure, we will be having Storytime on Tuesday, October 13.** Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- October 5
- **Tuesday, October 13**
- October 19
- October 26



Thursday Family Fun Play - October

Playtime is back -- have a morning of play at the library! **On some Thursday mornings in October**, 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. **On other Thursdays in October, join us for 1-2-3, Play With Me!**

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- October 29

Speers Gallery



October Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"Shapes that Persist"** by **John Shibley**. The exhibit will run **October 2 through 30**. All are welcome.

Certain amorphous shapes have shown themselves for forty years or more in Smith-Krause's art. They persist. So, too, does the artist persist in remaining true to her desire for originality in her art, also true to her belief in reverence for all.

While most of her pieces are fairly recent, there is a sampling of her work done decades ago, one painting from as early as 1970. Subject matter varies. Included are paintings inspired by the right to assemble and peacefully demonstrate for one's own particular beliefs...inspired by those who

do, as well. Art has remained her life passion and journey, albeit concurrent with family life, career interests, and an abiding interest in spirituality.

The artist's formal education, first in nursing, later in religious studies/ philosophy, and special education comprises strands which she feels influence her art. She studied art at DeCordova Museum School, has taken classes at Mass College of Art, studied privately with Brenda Lowen-Siegel, and had classes with watercolorist Carlton Plummer, Libby Chase, and Dennis DeGenero. She has won numerous local and regional awards in years past.

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to showcase the works of this unique local artist.

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

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[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 October

October 6

[What Happens at Nightfall](#) — Lauren Willig

[The Two Saddest Kitchens](#) — Roz Chast

Routes to a Nation — National Postal Museum

[Dive Bar at the End of the Road](#) — Kelley Armstrong

The Phantom — Bob Drury

[Life Out of Order](#) — Audrey Niffenegger

How to Cook Everything Vegan — Mark Bittman

The Housekeeper — Rose Tremain

[Fair Ones](#) — Lydia Millet

[Every Story Is a Love Story](#) — Imbolo Mbue

[Broken Rival](#) — Tessa Bailey

A Wall Is Also a Road — Annalee Newitz

[Bad Words](#) — Rioghnach Robinson

October 13

Your Destiny Is in Your Numbers — Joy Woodward

Snow This Is Love — Christina Lauren

Sitcom — Chuck Lorre

[Peck & Peck](#) — Bonnie Garmus

Lonely Planet Australia — Lonely Planet

[Off the Reservation](#) — Stephen Graham Jones

[Mystery Play](#) — Elizabeth Kostova

The Lost Kitchen Volume 3: Seize the Supper — Erin French

[Jay to the World](#) — Donna Andrews

I Never Knew You at All — Christine Pride

Eat Happy Cocktail Hour — Anna Vocino

Please Enjoy Your Stay — Tara Goedjen

The Havana Syndrome — Michael Rey

[Entities to Lovers](#) — Mallory Marlowe

The Best Kind of American — Kim Ghattas

[Cloud Runner](#) — Joy Harjo

The Book of Menopause — The Editors of Oprah Daily

Bogland — Merritt R. Turetsky

An American Girl — Amanda Fitzsimons

Mothsblood — Lynn D. Jung

[The Spirits](#) — Bonnie Jo Campbell

Unspeakable Things — Elizabeth Hand

October 20

Sleuth-Hound — Lindsey Fitzharris

Royal Witch — Philippa Gregory

Ender's Tribe — Orson Scott Card

[The Slantwise Histories](#) — Alix E. Harrow

The Six Minute War — Michael Dobbs

[Redemption](#) — Lawrence Wright

The Queen of Roses — Julia Kelly

[Queen of Lombard Street](#) — Lisa Kleypas

[Whale Harbor](#) — Mary Beth Keane

Mercy's Child — Richard Paul Evans

The Girl in Blue — Doreen Carvajal

Five Days in June — H. W. Buzz Bernard

[The Bishop of Durham Attempts to Surrender the City](#) — Susanna Clarke

October 27

[Abandoning a Cat](#) — Haruki Murakami

They Told Me Back Home Would Be Beautiful — Elena Dudum

[Long Game](#) — Rachel Reid

Dina Gets Lucky — Uzma Jalaluddin

The Widow Van Gogh — Joan Martelli

A Message from the Director

[Listening to audiobooks counts as reading. It isn't cheating.](#) Most of my reading is through audiobooks and if they weren't an option, I would hardly read at all. That's because my listening happens during my commute, while I'm cleaning the house, while I'm working out, when I go for a lunchtime walk, and more. I still love books in print, but I suspect I'm still about a decade away from regularly having the time to read that format again. The exception, of course, is reading A LOT of picture books and graphic novels in the early evening.

Another benefit I get from audiobooks is relief from chronic pain issues. Since I don't have to position myself in a specific way for an extended time to read, as I would holding a book, I can make myself much more comfortable while still reading.

If you haven't tried an audiobook before I encourage you to try it out. A great way to do so is to join KFL's new Audiobook Walking Club. Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. you'll join other readers, start at KFL, and take a 1-2 mile walk through Hope Cemetery and Woods while enjoying your personal selection.



If you'd like to learn more about audiobook options through KFL please visit [Libby](#) and [CloudLibrary](#).

Sincerely,
Michelle

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

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Hot Tip for Libby Users

Did you miss the announcement that we are now sharing Libby access with Prince Memorial Library? We are now also sharing access with Wells Public Library! Adding these libraries to your account offers many new titles. I placed holds on books and have been able to access 2 books within a few weeks. If you need help adding Wells or Prince to your Libby account, ask a librarian.

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

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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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