



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Gravestone Art of Bartlett Adams

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host Ron Romano on **Saturday, October 7** at 10 a.m. Romano will discuss the rich, personal story of Bartlett Adams, a stone-cutter who moved to Portland in 1800 and established the area's first stone-cutting shop and share examples of his Adams' artwork.



Adams supplied hearthstones and mantelpieces to the Portland area's homes, but his more lasting - and visible - impact can be found in the early cemeteries in southern Maine. His busy shop produced hundreds of slate and marble gravestones, a nice variety of which survive today in the historic burial grounds of Portland and surrounding towns.

Ron Romano leads cemetery tours and serves on the Board for Spirits Alive, the "Friends of Eastern Cemetery" in Portland. He is a frequent lecturer, locally and nationally, on early gravestones and cemeteries. His first book, *Early Gravestones in Southern Maine: The Genius of Bartlett Adams*, was published by *The History Press* in 2016. His new book, *Portland's Historic Eastern Cemetery: A Field of Ancient Graves*, will be released in October.

The Genealogy Group is open to the public and meets nine times a year.

Friends Harvestfest Booksale

Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will have a Book Sale on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Town of Kennebunk's Harvestfest.

The sale will be held in Hank's Room. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books,

CDs, DVDs and audio books. This sale offers Buy-One-Get-One free and is a great time to stock up on all your cold-weather reading needs.

Current Friends are invited to attend the Friends' Pre-sale event on Friday, October 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Membership forms for joining the Friends will be available at the door.



Children's Programming

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, October 6** at 10 a.m.

This class offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to gather to share the joys and challenges of parenthood. Skills developed will focus on identifying and understanding a child's four basic feelings, calming ourselves down and the positive effect of mirror neurons with your child.

Stevie has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for over 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Farmer's Market

KFL will have be attending our last Farmer's Market of the season on Friday, **October 7** from 9-11 a.m. Stop by to say hello, ask a question, or join us for storytime at 10:00.

Beadcraft

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 (with caregiver) and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun **October 11** at 4 p.m. The theme is Pumpkin Faces! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be provided.

Imagination Station - "Copper, Cabbage, and Chemistry"

Welcome to Imagination Station - where you can let your imagination run wild. This is an exciting program series for all ages - from 3 to 103!

October's Imagination Station will be "Copper, Cabbage, and Chemistry." On **Thursday, October 12**, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., come play with chemistry and find out the crazy things that acids and bases can do. All Imagination Station programs are drop-in; stay the whole time or come when you can.



Everyone is encouraged to join us for this series of programs showcasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) - in ways that are fun and accessible for all ages. Find out how stuff works, why things happen, and what makes our world the way it is.



Mad Science: Marbled Rock Art

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Mad Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Our next session, Marbled Rock Art, will be held on **Monday, October 16**, at 4 p.m. All programs are open to ages 6 and up. [Registration is required.](#)

Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor will be at the library on **Saturday, October 14** from 10-11 a.m. to listen to children read. Children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to sit with Jack, and experience the pleasure of reading to such a non-judgmental listener. Children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency.

Jack is a certified therapy dog, and will be accompanied by his favorite humans, Ursula and Kate Roese. He also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Spooky Movie Matinee and Craft - "Hotel Transylvania"

Get into the Halloween spirit with a spooky movie and craft afternoon! On **Thursday, October 19** at 3:00 p.m., we will show "Hotel Transylvania" a PG-rated movie, and have a craft available to make while watching. Come enjoy some fun chills and thrills just in time for Halloween! Snacks will be provided.

Storytimes



Peek-A-Book Babies: Mondays @ 10:15 a.m.
Family Storytime: Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m.
Time for 2s and 3s: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Signing Storytime

Sarah Abbott of Merry Signing will join us at Peek-A-Book Babies storytime on **Monday, October 23** and **Monday, November 13** at 10:15 a.m. to teach some basic signing skills. Signs to be covered include everyday vocabulary and introductory terms. These classes are open to all ages, but are best suited to ages 3-18 months. Learn more about this way of communication for young ones!

LEGO Club

The Lego Club is meeting on **Wednesday, October 25** at 4 p.m. Join us for an "open" building session and create-your-own designs! The Lego Club is open to children ages 5 and up, pre-

registration is required. Come build a better world with us!

Color Central

Do you know a young artist who needs to release some artistic steam? We are now offering Color Central, a monthly program for children ages 5 and up! The library will provide all the tools needed for children to paint, draw, or color to their heart's content. This program will meet on special Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. No registration required. Join us **October 30**.

Local History Documents Preserved by Digitization Project

One of the many treasures at the Kennebunk Free Library is an eleven volume set of diaries written by Andrew Walker, a prominent 19th century figure in Kennebunk. Walker's daily entries record a wide range of events and interests including weather, politics, religion, poetry, social events and customs, local history, trade, and various other topics. His entries cover town events from Kennebunk and surrounding areas, as well as state and nationwide events and issues. Spanning over 46 years, from 1851-1897, the diaries offer a fascinating account of 19 century life in the Kennebunks area. Previously only available for viewing in person at the library, access to these treasures has now been made available to all via a digitization project undertaken by Kennebunk Free Library staff in partnership with the Maine State Library.

Using a high-resolution document scanner at the Maine State Library, each volume of the diary was scanned into a digital document and uploaded to the state's digital repository, Digital Maine. Digitization of the Walker Diaries allows researchers and interested parties to download and view the documents from anywhere with an internet connection. In addition to expanded access, digitization allows the original volumes to be handled less frequently, helping to preserve them for future generations.

Over the years, the Kennebunk Free Library has attempted to index the content of the diaries. A handwritten topical index was originally made using a box of index cards. In 1994, the library had a computerized index created which, including cross-referenced terms, contains approximately 5,900 subject and name entries. During the digitization project, optical character recognition (OCR) scanning was applied to this index, which allows the digitized document to be searched by keyword. The searchable index serves as a time-saver for researchers who can now find specific topical entries throughout the eleven diary volumes, rather than needing to page through each in hopes of coming across a specific subject. The digitized index is included in the DigitalMaine repository along with the diaries.

The Kennebunk Free Library and the Maine State Library are pleased to make these resources available to not only Kennebunk and Maine residents, but to all around the globe. The digitized documents may be accessed at Digital Maine http://digitalmaine.com/andrew_walker_diaries

Wreath Fundraiser Returns

Kennebunk Free Library is now accepting orders from individuals and businesses for wreaths which will be delivered to the library for **pick up on Sat., Nov. 18th**. 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 nine options to choose from ranging from \$30-\$38 as well as a **33" wreath** suitable for larger windows and doors. The cost for the 33" wreath is only \$53. Every wreath is hand made by a skilled wreath-maker and decorated.



Those who purchased wreaths, sprays and centerpieces last year reported great satisfaction in the quality, price, and delivery of their items. We are happy to offer these Wreaths of Maine items again. All proceeds benefit the Library.

For an additional fee, **wreaths can be shipped** to friends and loved ones. The wreaths are delivered in decorative boxes using the fastest delivery possible, so wreaths arrive fresh. They come with a personalized gift card and a hanger is attached. The 33" size cannot be shipped. Orders are accepted through November 13 at 8:00 PM. [Pick Up Order](#) and [Shipping Order](#) are also at the Library.

Teen Programming

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)

October 6, 13, & 27

2:30 p.m.

Join us for Wii and tabletop gaming on Friday afternoons. (Note: NO GAMING on 10/20). Grades 6+

TEEN THURSDAYS

October 12, 19 & 26

4 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Join Melissa in the Walker Room every Thursday (starting October 12) for help with homework, DIY crafts and book recommendations.

ANIME AFTERNOON: OTAKU GAMES & ANIME INSPIRED CRAFTS

October 18

4 p.m.

Join Melissa the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films on the projection screen and everything anime in between. Grades 6+

FIBER ART STUDIO

October 26

3:30 p.m.

Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to an ongoing drop-in fiber arts program, the fourth Thursday of the month from 3:30-4:30. Each month we will have a different craft you can try, but you are always welcome to bring whatever project you are currently making instead. Knitting, sewing, and cross-stitch help will be available. This month we will be sharing crafts you can make with embroidery floss.

Close to Home and Far Away

An exhibition entitled "**Close to Home and Far Away**" the acrylic and watercolorworks of Elizabeth Roper will be on display in the Speers Gallery from October 2 to 31, 2017. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

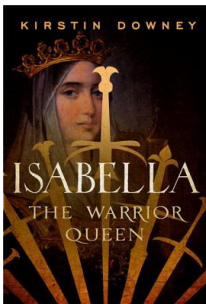
"This exhibit contains paintings with a variety of subjects and places that fascinate me: from my immediate Maine neighborhood, to the beach, to Portland, to across the ocean where I have traveled. Throughout the year, my interests, ideas and focus change from my favorite flowers to landscapes, to buildings, to people as the seasons change from spring to late winter."

Liz is a retired preschool and 2nd grade teacher. Her undergraduate studies at Drew University and West Chester University included courses in art history and studio art. As an adult Liz's studio art education continues with workshops and ongoing study with painter Dennis Rafferty. Liz has been a member of Maine Women in the Arts (MWA) since 2013, the Exhibits Chair of MWA since 2014 and was awarded "Honorable Mention" for "Coffee Break on Congress Street" at MWA 2016 Fall Show.



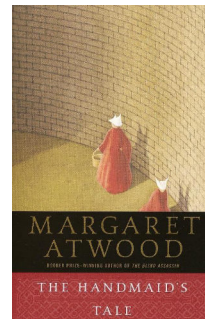
An artist reception will be held Wednesday Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The public is welcome.

Reading Groups



Nonfiction Book Discussion

Isabella: The Warrior Queen by Kirstin Downey on
Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.



Adult Book Discussion

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood on
Tuesday, October 31 at 1:00 p.m.

Fooood! (Bring a Dish, Try a Dish)

Looking for some food ideas to entertain during the holidays? Want to try a new recipe? Have a family classic you want to share with a group? Visit us on Tuesday, November 14 at 6 p.m. with your prepared dish to share with fellow attendees. There will be tastings and lively discussion.

Beginning Wednesday, October 4 patrons can stop by the library to sign up (registration required) and let us know what you'll be bringing. Our format is "bring a dish, try a dish".

Looking for ideas? We'll have plenty of free cooking magazines to give away and over 200 cookbooks in-house available to borrow. An FAQ sheet will be available at sign-up to answer all of your questions about this program.

Kennebunk resident and cooking enthusiast Linda Lyon will facilitate a casual discussion so come ready to talk about your cooking experience. Why did you choose what you did? Would you recommend the recipe? Did you step out of your comfort zone? Let's get together and have fun.



This program is free and wheelchair accessible. Dishes may contain food allergens - please make sure to check and inquire about ingredients.

Did You Know? Your phone can be used as a library card...

Take a picture with your phone of your library card so the next time you forget your library card you'll still have it with you. A photo will usually do the trick (make sure when we go to scan your phone the brightness is turned up all the way) or you can download a "key ring" app which conveniently keeps all of those barcodes in one place.

KFL Director Retiring

Kennebunk Free Library's Board of Trustees announces that Library Director Jill LeMay will retire effective November 3, 2017. LeMay has served as Library Director since March 2011. During her 6 ½ years, LeMay has led the library through many changes from recruiting new staff to facility and technology upgrades.

"Jill has been an extraordinary Director, said Board President Karen Plattes. "She has a great sense of humor, strong organizational skills, a collaborative leadership style, and a deeply rooted passion for making Kennebunk Free Library the best Library in Maine. KFL is in a strong position to attract a new Director who will continue the progress made under Jill's leadership."

The Board will honor Jill for her contributions in a farewell reception to be held in the Parsons Reading Room on **Wednesday, November 1** from 4-7 p.m. All are welcome to attend to extend their good wishes to Jill on her retirement.

Make and Take Homemade Herbal Teas Class*

Learn about the ancient and modern day healing and medicinal properties of teas with Cindy Simon (NCC, RMT) on **Tuesday, October 10** at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will create and take home three types of teas meant for uplifting, relaxing, and healing (for pain and digestive issues).

Teas have been used to assist in treating depression, anxiety, insomnia, arthritis, digestive problems, boosting immunity, alleviating headaches, and for calming and energizing.



Cindy is a community educator, wellness coach, counselor, writing coach, as well as a freelance writer and published author. She truly hopes to inspire individuals of all ages to find deep relaxation through yoga, meditation and energy work. Cindy is passionate about leading people to their healthiest lifestyles and mentoring them in how to maintain such mind-body-spirit health day to day.

*This class is currently full but additional spots may be opening soon. Please call to be added to the wait list: 207-985-2173. All supplies are provided free of charge.

Frustrated with Technology?

Join us on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our new service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

Technology is becoming more complicated so we're here to help. Having difficulty downloading the cloudLibrary app? Got a tablet for your birthday and need help setting it up? Please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173. This service has quickly become very popular so your patience in waiting for an accommodation is greatly appreciated.



This service is intended to help educate you about your device or to troubleshoot minor technology issues. Our goal is that you'll leave our session with the confidence and knowledge to troubleshoot your own future technology hurdles.

Please bring your device with you. **Our October Tech Time dates are 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 and 10/27.**

Board and Card Games



Board and Card games now available for checkout. Stop by to browse our collection (near the jigsaw puzzles) and take one home.

Firewood Needed

Somehow the time for firewood has crept up on us once again. Your firewood donations would be appreciated to keep our reading room warm and cozy during the winter months. Please call us at 207-985-2173 or [email](#) us if you would like to make a donation.



Well-Attended Programs

We've seen outstanding attendance at many of our recent programs and we thank you very much for your support. KFL is doing our best to accommodate these large turn-outs by maximizing the seating available in our largest area, the Parsons Reading room.

Unfortunately, even with these efforts we have not had enough seating for all. KFL is aware of this and keeping it keenly in mind as we are constantly planning for the future. Your feedback is very important and helpful. Please ask for a feedback form and remember that programs without registration are on a first-come, first served basis and are often open to all ages.

October Calendar of Events

- Oct. 2: Peek-a-Book Babies Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 3: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 3: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 4: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Time for 2s & 3s Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 6: Parenting Class, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 6: Tech Time (call for appt.), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Oct. 6: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7: Genealogy Group, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 9: LIBRARY CLOSED for Columbus Day
- Oct. 10: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 10: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 10: Make and Take Tea, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Beadcraft, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 12: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 12: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12: Imagination Station, 3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Tech Time (call for appt.), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 16: Mad Science, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16: NonFic Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 17: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 18: Teen Anime Afternoon, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 19: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 19: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19: Movie Matinee (Hotel Transylvania), 3 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Tech Time (call for appt.), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Friends-only book pre-sale, 5 - 7 p.m.

Oct. 21: Harvestfest Book Sale, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Oct. 23: Signing Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 24: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 24: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
Oct. 25: Chair Chi, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 25: Legos Club, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25: Trivia Night, 6: 30 p.m.
Oct. 26: Time for 2s & 3s, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 26: Fiber Art Studio, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 27: Tech Time (call for appt.), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Oct. 27: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 30: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 30: Color Central, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 31: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.
Oct. 31: Adult Book Discussion, 1 p.m.
Oct. 31: Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.

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