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Adult Programs



Heart & Home Book Club - October 5

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Letters*. This discussion will take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting. For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website or the calendar listing for this program.



In Stitches - October 6, 13, 20, 27

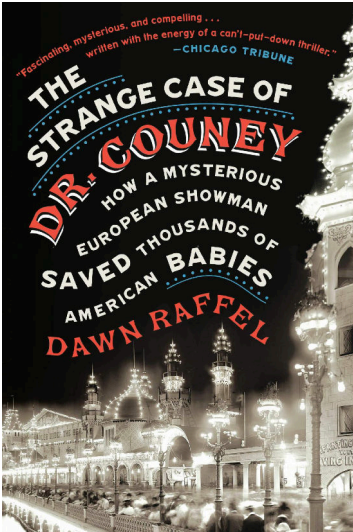
Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Krissy is happy to offer knitting help as best she can, though she offers no guarantee that it will be helpful over video. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.



Journaling Meet-Up - October 14

Do you love to keep a journal, diary, planner, or similar type of notebook? If so, join Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. for a Journaling Meetup to chat about... all things journaling! This meeting will be held via Zoom. For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website or the calendar listing for this program.



Nonfiction Book Group - October 19

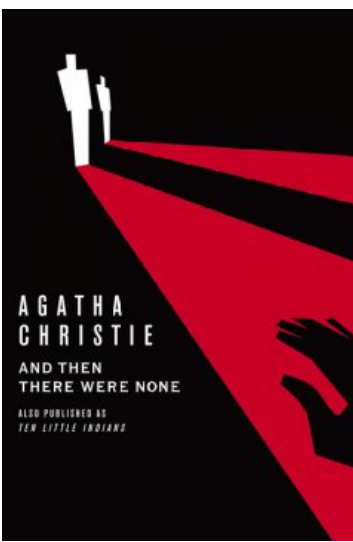
Join us on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 to discuss *The Strange Case of Dr. Couney* by Dawn Raffel. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

Drawing on historical documents, original reportage, and interviews with surviving patients, acclaimed journalist and magazine editor Dawn Raffel tells the marvelously eccentric story of Couney's mysterious carnival career, his larger-than-life personality, and his unprecedented success as the savior of tiny babies. - Novelist



Haunted Houses of Kennebunk - October 26

Did you ever wonder if your house was haunted? On Monday, October 26 at 6:00, Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts will share stories about Kennebunk's haunted history. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the Zoom link.



Adult Book Discussion - October 27

Join us on Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00 to discuss *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Check our website calendar and rotating display for the Zoom link.

Ten houseguests, trapped on an isolated island, are the prey of a diabolical killer. A famous nursery rhyme is framed and hung in every room of the mansion: Ten little Indian boys went out to dine; One choked his little self and then there were nine-- When they realize that murders are occurring as described in the rhyme, terror mounts. Who has

choreographed this dastardly scheme? And who will be left to tell the tale? - Novelist



Ukulele Group - October 28

Join us on Wednesday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

Teen Programs

Teen Gaming

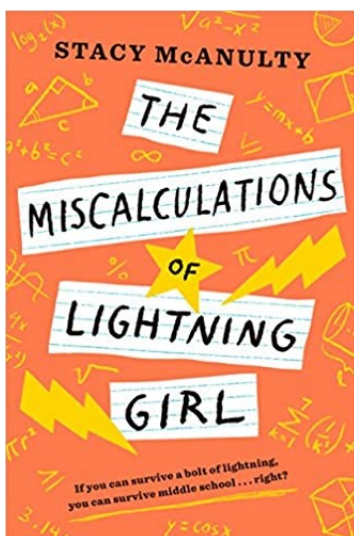
If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play co op games like *Jackbox* and *Keep Talking and No One Explodes!* They are fun multiplayer games that you can play from a distance. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to go over the rules, chat and play. Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK

Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All Teens ages 10 and up are welcome! There will be no meeting on October 12.

ZOOM LINK



Middle School Book Group - October 14

Our favorite Middle School Book Group is returning!

On Wednesday, October 14 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss the book. Meetings will run from 2:00 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8. The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

Stop by either library to pick up a copy of *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty. Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call

Children's Programs

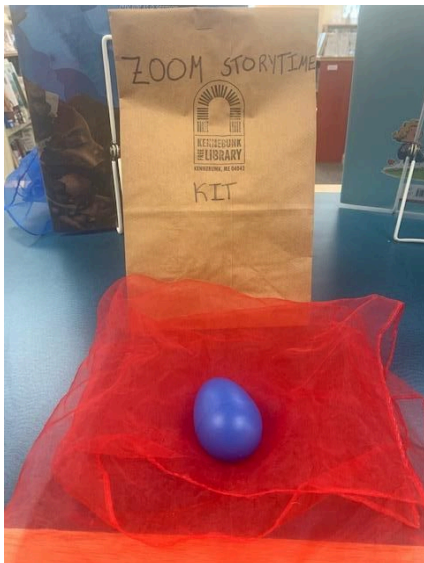


Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! Starting October 19, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be every **Monday** at 10:15 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please **register** by email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- October 19
- October 26
- November 2
- November 9
- November 16
- November 23
- November 30
- December 7
- December 14

All storytimes will begin at 10:15 a.m. Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



Zoom Storytime Kits

Are you ready for Virtual Zoom Storytimes from Kennebunk Free Library? We want to make sure you have everything you need! Storytime friends who register for our upcoming storytime session will be able to pick up a Zoom Storytime Kit while supplies last! Each kit will include a scarf, an egg shaker, lyrics to our favorite songs, and craft supplies. Be sure to keep your kit someplace special and have it ready for each Zoom Storytime! Kits can be picked up starting October 5, and can be picked up on in-person or curbside days. To register for our upcoming Zoom Storytime session, please email us at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us or call us at 985-2173. Get ready to blast off into storytime fun!



Virtual Halloween Costume Slide Show

Bring out your costumes! This year Kennebunk Free Library will be compiling a slideshow showcasing all of the awesome costumes your family needs an opportunity to wear. Get dressed to the nines, find

the perfect backdrop, snap a picture, and send it to us at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us by 5pm on **Thursday, October 29th**. Remember to tell us what you're dressed as! Then at 6pm on **Saturday, October 31st**, we will have a Facebook Premiere of the resulting video, where you can watch and comment with others in real time. Feel free to wear your costume to watch, and maybe make a spooky snack to eat while you do. Can't make the premiere? No problem! It will be saved on our Facebook page to watch at your leisure.

Please note: The images you submit will be shared on our social media. If you prefer not to share your or your child's image but would still like to participate, send in a picture of a stuffed animal or pet in costume instead. Get creative, and have fun!



Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available curbside and in the library.

For ages 2-6:

- Available starting October 5: Pumpkins and Not-So-Spooky Halloween Fun

For ages 7-9 or with grown-up help:

- Available starting October 5: Spiders and Snakes
Stop in or visit us curbside to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

Library News and Events



Trick-or-Treat Grab-Bag Book Sale - October 17

Forget the candy: with Halloween approaching, there is no better way to treat yourself than by stocking your shelves with books. The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will be hosting a Trick-or-Treat Grab-Bag Book Sale on Saturday, October 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, October 24) on the library's lawn. Each \$5 bag will hold a selection of at least five fiction and nonfiction titles, all in very good condition. The titles inside the bag will be a surprise, but we promise all treats, no tricks!

For your safety, our volunteers will be wearing masks. We ask that you also wear your masks and follow social distancing guidelines.



Oktoberfest Fundraiser - October 23

The Kennebunk Free Library invites you to celebrate Oktoberfest together from afar! Pick up your beer from Cummings Market or your wine from Maine and Vine. Join us online on Friday, October 23 at 6:00 for a virtual wine and beer tasting facilitated by experts.

[Register](#) for the Zoom link. The suggested donation is \$10 per household.

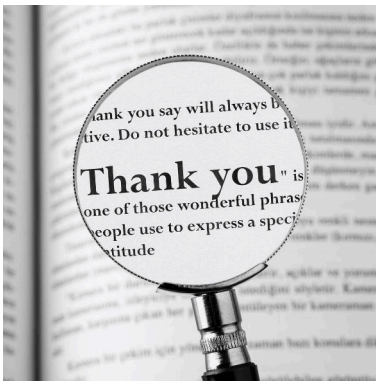


Virtual Programming Survey

We want to hear from you! Since March, it seems that everyone in the country has had to become an expert in Zoom and similar programs. It is a wonderful way to stay connected, but has its pros and cons. We want to know what we can do to ensure that our online programming best meets the community's needs: what formats do you prefer? What types of programs should we offer? What times are best for kids and teens? [Click here](#) to complete a short survey.

Looking for a book recommendation?

We have a new tool to help with readers' advisory KFL! We have made physical forms to fill out, which you can pick up and drop off at the library. We also made an [online form](#) for our patrons to fill out on our website. (Located under "services" and then "readers' advisory"). Our staff will be happy to suggest reading material for you based on your responses. A staff member will get back to you within 7 days of receiving a readers' advisory form.



Thank you to our Annual Appeal Donors

Last month we posted a list of our 2020 Annual Appeal donors that had an error: people that committed to a monthly recurring payment were not included at the giving level they deserved. We mailed apologies for this oversight and have posted the correct list. Again, many thanks to all of our donors! The amended list is available [here](#).

THANK YOU, THANK YOU ! To our wonderful volunteers and patrons who made our Grab and Go Book sale a success. Through your hard work and patronage, we raised almost \$500.00 for the Friends. These funds will be used to help the library purchase new materials and other items as needed.

To those of you who sorted, bagged and worked the sale: take a bow. Without your efforts we would not have had a sale.

We have a couple of fun events coming up in October. See the "Library News and Events" section for more details.

Stay safe and well.

Donna

BECOME A FRIEND

New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

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

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

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

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

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

Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

Hot New Releases on Order for September

October 6:

[The Searcher by Tana French](#)
[Troubles in Paradise by Elin Hildebrand](#)
[Elsewhere by Dean Koontz](#)
[A Wild Winter Swan by Gregory Maguire](#)

October 13:

[Return to Virgin River by Robyn Carr](#)
[A Time for Mercy by John Grisham](#)
[Jingle All the Way by Debbie Macomber](#)
[A Song for the Dark Times by Ian Rankin](#)

October 20:

[The Last Druid by Terry Brooks](#)

October 27:

[The Sentinel by Lee Child](#)
[The Noel Letters by Richard Paul Evans](#)
[The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg](#)

A Message from the Library Director



It has now been one month since we opened the library for in-person browsing. It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces come through the doors and many new ones as well. Your continued understanding of our new rules is very much appreciated especially on behalf of the safety of the staff and all of our community members.

As librarians, this is very new territory for us. We are used to meeting your needs and right now there are many things we can not do. We can't offer newspapers to read or even a room to read them in. We do not have computers for public use or regular programming. Possibly worst of all is your time limit of 30 minutes. This doesn't allow for casual browsing and discovery or conversation. This isn't the cordial arrangement we're used to and we don't like it.

There will be an end to all of this though and once we arrive we'll be all the better for it. Curbside pickup has been very popular and it seems like it is here to stay in some kind of capacity. Online programming will likely supplement our regular programming allowing for a wider array of speakers and a chance for those who can't travel to participate. We are a public library and we have adapted over the centuries and this is just the latest bump in our road.

Staff Picks & Messages

Maria, Children's Librarian

I recently read a book called *The Talk*, a juvenile non-fiction book edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson. The collection includes #OwnVoices authors and illustrators relating their experiences with "the talk" about what it means to be a person of color, and in so doing, highlights issues of race and identity. The collection includes essay, poetry, short story, letter, and illustration. Some contributors focus on their experiences with their children, some on their experiences as children, and some produce fictional narratives. All are deeply heartfelt and touching. I would recommend this as reading for all ages, and it's especially great to read and discuss as a family. Also, new on Netflix is the series *Bookmarks*. In short, 5-10 minute episodes, picture books written by Black authors are read by actors or the authors themselves. Works by Jacqueline Woodson, Grace Byers, and Shane Evans are featured, among others. The show is hosted by teen Marley Dias, creator of the #1000BlackGirlBooks movement. It's a fabulous way to introduce young readers to books by Black creators. Also, KFL owns nearly all the books featured if you want to take a closer look!

Jenny, Library Assistant

I recently read several middle grade books nominated for the [2020-21 Maine Student Book Award](#). The nominee lists are great resources for finding new books. Three of my favorites are *New Kid* by Jerry Craft (I listened to the awesome full-cast audiobook adaptation of this graphic novel), *Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee, and *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga.

Kat, Administrative Assistant

Movie suggestion: *Yesterday* is a light and fun story with a Beatle's soundtrack. Himesh Patel plays Jack, a song writer trying to make it in local bars with the help of his childhood friend and manager, Ellie, played by Lily James. A freak natural occurrence creates an unbelievable opportunity and Jack takes it to a new level of success. Ed Sheeran as himself, puts a great spin on the movie and Jack is faced with a dilemma.

Book suggestion: *The Answer Is . . . : Reflections on My Life* by Alex Trebek Every *Jeopardy!* lover wants more information of how our favorite became the host and person he is. Candid, short chapters named in the form of an answer to a question, of course, give the desired insight into Alex's mind about his childhood, learning lessons (including my personal favorite about humility), his loves and challenges. The book ends on a hopeful note without denying the reality of living with a cancer diagnosis.

Krissy, Library Assistant

Murder in the Maple Woods by Claire Ackroyd

This is a cozy mystery for those who also like a touch of profanity and dry humor in their books (also: GOOD DOGS). It follows competent and practical Simone as she finishes her yearly job as an organic certification inspector among the sugar camps along the Canadian border of Maine, only to get caught up in life on her uncle's camp as tragedy strikes. The mystery revolves less around what happened but in unravelling why.

Set among the sugar camps in the far northwest of Maine, the believable, well-realized characters made that area come alive to me in a way it had not before, as well as let me learn all sorts of things about an industry about which I am only peripherally aware. It moves at a leisurely pace, but I honestly didn't care at all because I just wanted to spend time with these characters. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and would recommend it to those who like a cozy mystery but not a (no pun intended) syrupy sweet one.

Denise, Library Assistant



Latinx Heritage Month is from September 15 to October 15 and is a celebration of the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Here are 12 books from the Children's Room at KFL to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month. Additional titles can be found in the Children's Room.

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