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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



2023 Holiday Wine Tasting Fundraiser - November 15

Get a jump start on your holiday entertaining plans and support your library at the same time. Kennebunk Free Library is sponsoring a Holiday Wine Tasting on Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the library's welcoming Parsons Reading Room.

Betsy Ross, owner of Kennebunk's Wine House on Main, will tell us about three wines that are perfect for the holiday season. Nikki Ranwell,

owner of Kennebunkport's The Port Box will provide coned charcuterie skewers to enjoy with the wine. We will have time for discussion and questions, and trivia prizes will be awarded. Come to listen, learn, and get ideas for your holiday festivities and gift giving. Show your ticket at Wine House on Main for this KFL fundraiser to receive a 10 percent discount on the three selected wines. Suggested donation is \$10. Purchase tickets to receive descriptions of the three chosen wines along with your ticket to the tasting.

Order Tickets



A Message From the Friends

Join us on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for our Annual Harvest Fest Book Sale! We will have a wide selection of adult, children's and teen books, DVDs, and puzzles to choose from.

Interested in learning more about what the Friends of KFL do? The public is invited to our annual meeting on Monday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. Keep an eye on our website for the agenda, which will be published closer to the meeting date.

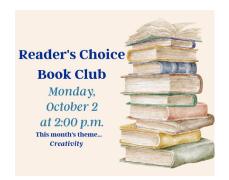


Wreath Sale

It's time for our most festive fundraiser: the annual KFL wreath sale is back! All of the wreaths are made in-state by Wreaths of Maine. Most are 23" balsam, with a variety of decoration options. The large "classic wreath" is 33". Order online or visit the adult circulation desk at the library for a paper order form. All orders should be in by 8:00 on Tuesday, November 7. Wreaths will be available for pick up at KFL on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Or, have them shipped directly to friends and relatives around the country for an additional fee.

Order Now

ADULT PROGRAMS



Reader's Choice Book Club - October 2

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

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



Spanish Language Discussion Group - October 2, 16, 23, 30

Stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 5:30 to 6:30 on Monday evenings for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish with educator and native Spanish-speaker Eva Hernandez.



In Stitches - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 11:00 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.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person in the library. See our events calendar for more information.



Estate Planning Basics - October 3

Join us on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 for a crash course on estate planning. This program will be a great starting point for anyone who wants the protection of an estate plan but doesn't know where to start. Attorney Erin Sherman from Treehouse Legal in Kennebunk will cover the basics of an estate plan, including describing what is typically included in a plan, how to provide for minor and adult children, and the differences between a Will and a Trust. You will

leave the session having a better understanding of what documents will be right for you and your family, with resources on how to take the next step. There will be time reserved for general estate planning questions at the end.

Erin Sherman lives with her family in Arundel, Maine and has been practicing law for seven years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design and a Juris Doctor in Law, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Erin recently opened her own law practice, Treehouse Legal, in Kennebunk where she focuses on Estate Planning, Business Planning and Real Estate. Erin's goal with Treehouse Legal is to create a community resource and eliminate barriers many people face in reaching out for legal assistance. She focuses on outreach, education, and an easygoing, down-to-earth approach in order to empower families to get their affairs in place, so that they can get back to the things they love doing with peace of mind.



Ukulele Group - October 11 & 25

The Ukulele Group is back! We'll continue to meet twice a month: the 2nd Wednesday at 3:30 and the 4th Wednesday at 5:30. We will be playing the same music at both sessions. You can join us for both or either. Whatever

works for you! The 2nd Wednesday Group will meet in person at the library. That session will focus on the songs for the month in greater detail. It will provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have from your practice and learn from each other. The 4th Wednesday Group will meet via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Here we'll just strum and pluck and yuck it up in the privacy of home — where no one else can hear you making ukulele fun and no one cares about bloops & errors! Less talk and more play. If you are not already on the music mailing list, please email. Allison to register.



Evening Readers Choice Book Club - October 11

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club meets again this month on October 11th. This month's theme is LGBTQ authors. Readers are invited to share a book written by any author that identifies as part of the LGBTQ community. We will gather in the Walker Room at 6:00pm to discuss what we've read! Please reach out to the library if you are in need of recommendations.

Halloween Block Printing - October 16 or 23



learn to carve a small spooky and festive design of your choosing, followed by making prints and a card using your carved block. Beginners are welcome, as are those with some block printing experience. The library will supply carving tools, small 2" x 3" carving blocks, printing paper, and ink. You are welcome to bring a design idea (simple is best), or choose one from a selection of samples. This program is for adults 18+ as we will be using sharp tools.

We are offering two sections of this program (please choose one): Monday, October 16 at 6:00pm and Monday, October 23 at 6:00pm. Space is limited for both sections and registration and a waiver are

required. This program will be held in the Walker Room.



Writer's Group - October 17

Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!



Finding Our Voices - October 18

The Kennebunk Free Library is working with the York Public Library, Wells Public Library, Rice Public Library in Kittery, through an initiative with the statewide nonprofit Finding Our Voices to break the silence during Domestic Abuse Awareness Month in October.

The events are part of the Finding Our Voices "Let's Talk About It" fall tour in York County, Mount Desert Island, Millinocket, Damariscotta, and Camden ending the stigma and shame that are key factors in keeping women and children trapped in domestic

abuse, according to Patrisha McLean, president/founder of Finding Our Voices.

On Wednesday, October 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., domestic abuse survivors will be at Kennebunk Free Library to share their stories and then lead a community conversation centered around emotional abuse and the impact on children. This will be preceded by powerful short films on the topic. An additional event will be held

Tuesday, October 17 at the York Public Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. During this month, all four participating York County Libraries will exhibit Finding Our Voices posters, featuring the photo portraits of 45 Maine domestic abuse survivors aged 18 to 83. Accompanying posters will present details of the abuse they transcended that tie in personal experiences with the universal tactics that abusers use to get and maintain control of the intimate partners they claim to love.

Finding Our Voices is survivors of domestic abuse breaking the silence of domestic abuse through bold public awareness as well as financial assistance and programs including dignified, pro bono dental care for Maine's women and children survivors. Gathering and amplifying voices, the grassroots nonprofit galvanizes action toward more safety, rights, services, and justice for Maine women and children.

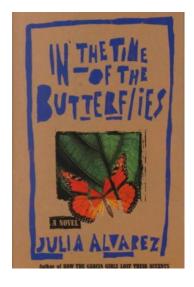
The group was founded in 2021 by the photojournalist Patrisha McLean after worldwide headlines on the domestic violence arrest of her then-husband Don "American Pie" McLean broke her own silence of 29 years.

Photo: Kerry Roarke, a pharmacist in Biddeford, at the Kennebunk Public Library with her Finding Our Voices poster. Kerry is one of six Maine survivors of domestic abuse who will lead discussions about emotional abuse as well as the impact of this on children. Copyright Patrisha McLean.



Trivia Night - October 18

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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.



Adult Book Discussion - October 24

Join us on Tuesday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.

Brimming with warmth and vitality, this new novel by the author of How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents (1991) is a paean to the power of female courage. The butterflies are four smart and lovely Dominican sisters growing up during Trujillo's despotic regime. While her parents try desperately to cling to their imagined island of security in a swelling sea of fear and intimidation, Minerva Mirabal -- the sharpest and boldest of the daughters, born with a fierce will to fight

injustice -- jumps headfirst into the revolutionary tide. Her sisters come upon their courage more gradually, through a passionate, protective love of family or through the sheer impossibility of closing their eyes to the horrors around them. Together, their bravery and determination meld into a seemingly insurmountable force, making Trujillo, for all his power, appear a puny adversary. Alvarez writes beautifully, whether creating the ten-year-old Maria Teresa's charming diary entries or describing Minerva's trip home after her first unsettling confrontation with Trujillo: "As the road darkened, the beams of our headlights filled with hundreds of blinded moths. Where they hit the windshield, they left blurry marks, until it seemed like I was looking at the world through a curtain of tears." If the Mirabal sisters are ironwinged butterflies, their men -- father and husbands -- often resemble those blinded moths, feeble and fallible. Still, the women view them with kind, forgiving eyes, and though there's no question of which sex is being celebrated here, a sweet and accepting spirit toward frailty, if not human cruelty, prevails. This is not Garcia Márquez or Allende territory (no green hair or floating bodies); Alvarez's voice is her own, grounded in realism yet alive with the magic of everyday human beings who summon extraordinary courage and determination to fight for their beliefs. As mesmerizing as the Mirabal sisters themselves. (Kirkus Reviews, August 15, 1994)



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 troubleshoot a piece of software, 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 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 questions or concerns, 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.

October Take and Make

Get in the fall spirit with this month's adult take and make craft! Each kit includes materials and instructions to turn a book into a cute upcycled pumpkin! Kits will be available starting October 10, while supplies last.



TEEN PROGRAMS



D&D - October 2, 23, 30

Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet Mondays **October 2, 23, & 30** from 3:30-4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to

make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! 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 downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Anime Club - October 19

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **October 19**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to make mini terrariums with glow-in-the-dark Kodama figures from Studio Ghibli's *Princess Mononoke*! The

library will provide all supplies, and there will be both in-person and video instructions to explain how the clay Kodamas are made. This program is designed for dedicated fans and new fans interested in learning more about the fandom. Registration is required, and 10 spots are available through our website's calendar. 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 downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!



Chill Gaming - October 12

Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some games? Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and

encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **October 12**, from 3:30 -4:30 P.M. The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! 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 downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS









Kids' Costume Exchange - October 3

Do you have a little who loves to dress up? Have some of those costumes gotten a little too small? Bring them to the library! On Tuesday, October 3, at 4 pm, bring a costume and switch it for a new one! Hank's Room will become a costume exchange zone from 4-6 pm. Can't make the costume exchange? Bring in your costume anytime in October. Any costumes left over will be available to new homes through Tuesday, October 31, while supplies last. Please bring only gently used costumes. Any ages/sizes are welcome! Because available costumes are coming from donations, we cannot guarantee that a costume in your size will be available.



Beadcraft - October 4

In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, October 4, at 1

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



1-2-3, Play With Me! - Beginning October 5

Kennebunk Free Library will soon be a Family Place™ library – and we're ready to play with you! In October and early November, KFL will host our second 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." For this session, we will have the following resource professionals joining us:

- October 5 Nutrition with Kelly Roberts, York County Community Health
- October 12 TBA
- October 19 Creative Movement with Abby Nolette, River Tree Arts
- October 26 TBA
- November 2 Child Development with Melinda Corey, Help Me Grow Maine; and Amy Beaulieu, Maine Early Childhood Consultation Partnership

This program requires registration. Families will be registering for all 5 program dates and are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver – we're here to play together!

Kindness Club - October 10



In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Club on Tuesday, October 10, at 3:45 p.m. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! 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. Parents are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even



Furry Tales - October 13

What's better than sharing stories? Sharing stories with a furry friend! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly Furry Tales Storytime with Animal Welfare Society. Miss Amanda from AWS will share songs, stories, and fun with us. She'll even bring a furry friend for us to meet! Who will visit us this month? Join us and find out! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Junior Science - October 16

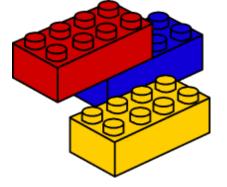
Trick or treat? Science can be both! Join us for a special, spooky, Junior Science on Tuesday, October 16 at 3:45 p.m. and try out some experiments and activities! Make potions and fizzing pumpkins, and explore a spooky Halloween science lab! For ages 5+, registration required.



Not-So-Spooky KenneBOOnk Halloween - October 25

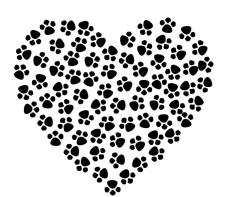
Boo to you! Join us on Wednesday, October 25, at 4:30 p.m. for a bewitchingly good time! Enjoy a story or two, make a craft, and wear your costume for all to see! This event is designed for all ages – please keep your super spooky things for Halloween night!

This event will be located outside the Children's Room, near the Faerie Garden. 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.



Lego Club - October 26

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 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.



Paws to Read - October 28

We have a new furry visiting friend, and she loves stories! Register to read to a visiting therapy dog named Maggie on Saturday, October 28! Maggie will be at KFL from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register for a half-hour time slot online or at the library! Dogs are wonderful reading companions, as they are non-judgmental and love spending time hearing your voice. Come meet Maggie and share a story! Registration is limited.



Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for some stories and songs with Miss Maria! On Mondays in October at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! We'll continue doing Storytime outside as long as the weather allows us! In the event of rain or inclement weather, Storytime will be held indoors. Because of the holiday, we will be having Storytime on **Tuesday**, **October 10** during the week of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- · October 2
- Tuesday, October 10
- October 16
- October 23
- October 30

Would You Rather?

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In August, we asked, "Would you rather go apple picking or go to a pumpkin patch?" In the Children's Room, 44 friends wanted to pick apples, while 35 friends would prefer to go to a pumpkin patch. 28 friends just couldn't decide and voted for both. At the adult circulation desk, 33 friends would like to pick apples, and 11 friends would visit a pumpkin patch. 19 would like to do both. In total, we had 77 votes for apples, 46 votes for pumpkins, and 47 votes for both. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Does apple pie or pumpkin pie sound tastier? Keep an eye out for next month's question and vote for your choice upstairs or downstairs!





SPEERS GALLERY



October Artist: Linda K. Thompson

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents an eclectic retrospective, "Celebrating the Creative Process" by Kennebunk resident Linda K. Thompson that will run October 3-30. The public is invited to an opening reception on Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

The exhibit's overarching theme is exploration of various mediums and techniques, ranging from watercolor, acrylics and collage in the Speers Gallery, and weaving, needlework, and Japanese woodblock printing in a library foyer display case. Linda believes that 'making art' is not only about technique, but also finding a balance between that, and a passion or relationship with the subject of your creation.

In "Celebrating the Creative Process" the artist portrays a wide range of subjects, which 'reflect her curiosity in the world around her'. Using a range of mediums, her

art is grouped thematically, including flowers, landscapes, the ocean, the Southwest, trees, bears and collage. In the foyer the artist hopes that some of her pieces will encourage others to try different materials or crafts. A fun 'quiz' will be provided by the artist for adults and children.

Linda's journey into the arts includes a M. Ed in Creative Arts & Learning from Lesley University, as well as courses and workshops in Massachusetts at the Danforth and DeCordova Museums, Concord Art Association and Rowe Conference Center. In Maine she continued her journey at the Heartwood College of Art, River Tree Arts, local adult ed classes and U of Maine Senior College, where she also taught a beginning watercolor class. Particularly formative were week-long art retreats in New Mexico: *Painting from the Source*, and *Wild Heart Art*, as well as *Watercolor Mandalas* at the former Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool. The artist says that "what helps ignite my creativity is curiosity, intuition, exploration, experimentation, challenge...and playfulness"!

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to display this unique exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from October 3-30 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.

<u>Click here</u> for a look at books that arrived in the last month.

<u>Click here</u> 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)?

<u>Click here</u> to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

Books on order for October:

October 3

Judgement Prey – John Sandford Second Act – Danielle Steel A Cold Highland Wind – Tasha Alexander The Night House - Jo Nesbo

September 10

Obsession – Stuart Woods
Blood Lines – Nelson DeMille
Touched – Walter Mosley
'Twas the Bite Before Christmas – David Rosenfelt
The Burnout – Sophie Kinsella
The Witch of Maracoor – Gregory Maguire
Roman Stories – Jhumpa Lahiri

October 17

The Exchange - John Grisham

October 24

Lost and Hound – Rita Mae Brown Testament – Wilbur A. Smith The Secret – Lee Child

October 31

Absolution – Alice McDermott From a Far and Lovely Country – Alexander McCall Smith Dirty Thirty – Janet Evanovich

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Banned Books Week (October 1-7, 2023) always serves as a reminder of the important work librarians and libraries do to ensure your Intellectual Freedom. Learn more about Banned Books Week at this link.

If you didn't see the big news from September, please check out our press releases about our purchase of 1 Fletcher Street and our grant award in the amount of \$91,661. Very soon, you'll see our grant money at work as we make upgrades to our technology and furniture.

Pictured: Sophia fell asleep, yet again, reading a book. However, her artwork around the walls and bedframe may be more distracting here.

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Lisa See is a wonderful author of Chinese historical fiction from the prospective of women. In this book, her most recent, she focusses on a true story of a 15th century Chinese female physician. While it is a great story of the life of an amazing woman, it gives us so many details about the use of herbs and natural methods. The practice of foot binding of daughters is "explained" and does a good job of helping the reader understand how such a practice became part of the culture. Read this book and you will find yourself reaching for others written by the author. (Available from KFL as a book, large print, audio and on Libby.)

The Midnight Library - Matt Haig

Again, I want to recommend the book that was read and discussed by the KFL Adult Book Discussion group and was liked by all. Several of us found the idea of being presented with "a book of my regrets" to be a useful tool in our life today. Though we have all read other time travel books this one has the focus of finding what would make you content with your life, always a good reminder. (Available from KFL as a book and through Minerva as an audio on cd.)

Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret directed by Kelly Fremon Craig, based on the book by Judy Blume

Whether you were a young person in the 60's or just want a realistic view of what we lived through, this movie can take you there. Remember the "becoming a woman" or man film at school? So embarrassing. How about the different rates of physical development among your classmates? I found the memories fun. There are some more serious issues that come up: Margaret's dad is Jewish; her mom is Christian, and mom's parents disown her because of the marriage. When Margaret finds this out, she has been having private conversations with God but decides she hates religion. Circumstances lead to her exploring various faiths. I enjoyed the actors I am not familiar with, but Kathy Bates as her Jewish Grandmother was great. (Available from KFL.)

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