



## Monthly E-Newsletter September 2017 Volume 23, Issue 9

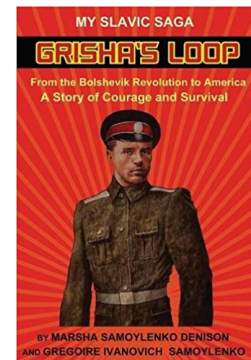
### Grisha's Loop Explores Slavic Roots

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host author Marsha Denison on **Saturday, September 9** at 10 a.m. Denison will discuss her book *Grisha's Loop: My Slavic Saga*.

Intended for all, *Grisha's Loop* is a story of courage and survival. The book chronicles the life of Gregoire Ivanovich Samoylenko (endearingly called Grisha), and shares his journey as a little boy growing up into a young man through his participation in the Russian Revolution as a member of the Tsar's army. As he fulfills his duty to his country, he abandons his plans to continue his education at Petrograd University to pursue a peripatetic journey through Russia and around the Black Sea.

Marsha Denison was born in Boston and grew up in the nearby suburb of Newton. She has two daughters and three grandchildren, and since her retirement from health care in Connecticut, she and her husband retired to their beach home in Ocean Park, Maine. Although she has written other published articles, this is her first book: an attempt to record, share, and encourage others to cherish the written word and memories of years gone by.

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



### 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, September 19** 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 has limited space so please register at 207-985-2173. This class is currently full but additional spots may be opening soon. All supplies are provided free of charge.

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## 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.

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? In order to best assist you, please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173.

Please bring your device with you. **Our September Tech Time dates are 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, and 9/29.**



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## Lyme Disease Presentation - "Prevention is Key"



Annie Watts will visit KFL on Wednesday, **September 6** at 6:00 to teach about how to treat your clothes, body and pets as well as other preventative measures as a means to avoid Lyme Disease.

Annie, a sufferer, will discuss the disease that is often misunderstood and misdiagnosed. She will be bringing specific products to present as we enter some very dangerous months in the woods and being exposed to deer ticks.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program!

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## Children's Programming

### Farmer's Market

KFL will have a presence at the Kennebunk Farmer's Market on **September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30** from 9-11 a.m. Stop by to say hello, ask a question, or join us for storytime at 10:00.

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## 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 **September 13** at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be provided.

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## Imagination Station

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!

To celebrate the 6th Annual Global [Cardboard Challenge](#), September's Imagination Station will be a Cardboard Challenge: *It's Not a Box, it's a \_\_\_\_!*

On **Thursday, September 14** from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., come see what you can build using cardboard and recycled materials, and let your creativity run wild. 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.



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## Decorate a Tote Bag

On **Tuesday, September 19** at 3:30 p.m. join us in honor of Library Card Sign-Up Month and decorate a tote bag. Ages 5 and up. [Pre-registration](#) required.

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## LEGO Club

The Lego Club is meeting on **Wednesday, September 20** 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!

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## Read Outside the Lines

Read Outside the Lines is a teen-led book club for children in Grades 3-5. On **Thursday, September 21** at 3:30 p.m. children will explore picture books, poetry and graphic novels. The discussion and activities will encourage children to think creatively about what and how they read. No registration or pre-reading required.

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## Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor will be at the library on **Saturday, September 23** 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.



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## Storytimes



Storytimes start up again on Monday, September 18.  
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.

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## Teen Programming

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)

**September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

2:30 p.m.

Come play the Wii on the KFL projector screen. Handheld devices and trading card games also encouraged. Grades 6+

ANIME AFTERNOON: CANDY SUSHI EDITION II

**September 27**

4-5 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. Candy Sushi Edition! Grades 6+

FIBER ART STUDIO

**September 28**

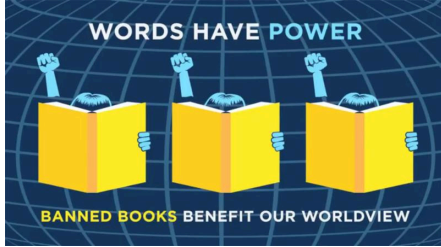
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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. September is the perfect time to learn knitting basics or start a new craft project! Grades 5+

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## Banned Books Week

[Learn about Banned Books and the Top Ten Challenged Books of 2016.](#)



## National Library Card Month

Find out the value of your library card!

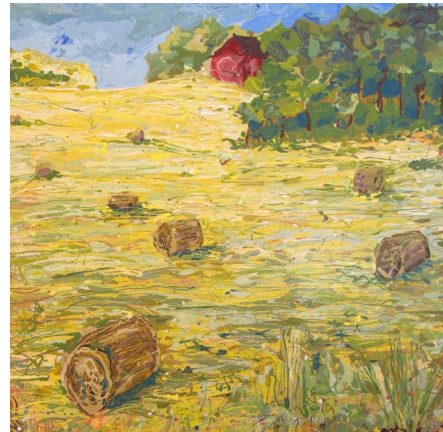
To celebrate both Banned Books Week, September 24-30, and National Library Card Sign-Up Month, September, KFL will have FREE BOOK FRIDAYS through the month of September. Come by on any Friday during September and pick out some library discards to take home for FREE! This also helps us clear the space for new books to be added to the collection for you to borrow.

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## Marbled Maine

An exhibition entitled "**Marbled Maine**", the enamel oil on canvas works of Jonathan Byrer, will be on display in the Speers Gallery from September 1 to 29. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

Jon Byrer graduated from the Maine College of Art where he received a degree in photography and studied the fine arts. Jon creates enamel oil paintings, experimental photography, and watercolor illustrations for a children's book series. Jon has been creating art since a very young age and has been living and working in the mid-coast area for the past 15 years. He developed this new poured paint marbled landscape technique after an inspiring trip to Europe. After arriving back in Maine, he wanted to transform the iconic Maine landscape into something no one had ever seen before; a poured paint marbled landscape!



"My work is my view of the complex beauty in the Maine landscape. From bodies of water to country roads, I strive to capture the movement in each scene. My art is inspired by Maine's raw natural beauty. This landscape is constantly changing; intermingling light, color, and shadow in an evolution through time. My objective is to convey this sense to my viewer through my painting style and technique."

The Kennebunk Free Library is pleased and honored to be able to present the works of this talented artist.

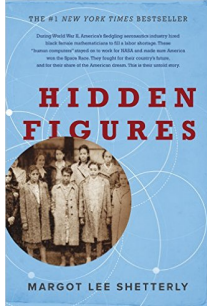
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## Reading Groups

Nonfiction Book Discussion

*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly on

**Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

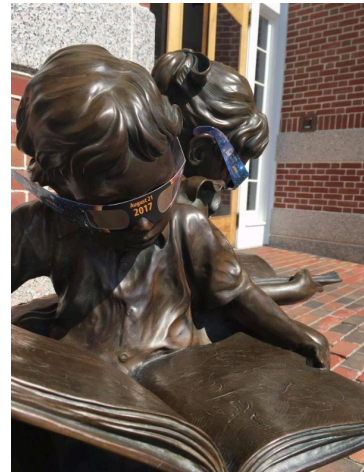


**Adult Book Discussion**  
*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah on  
Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m.



## Did You Know? Recycle your Eclipse Glasses with Us

Do you still have your eclipse glasses? Bring them to the library! We will be accepting used (in good shape) eclipse glasses through September to donate to [Astronomers Without Borders](#).



## In Memory of Mary Ellen Wigglesworth

Mary Ellen Wigglesworth was a founding member of Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group. After a long illness she passed away on July 24th surrounded by her loving family.

She led a wonderful life with a devoted family and many friends. She had a wonderful sense of humor, a great laugh and loved books. She was particularly fond of Non-fiction. Mary Ellen was also an excellent genealogist. Her incredible researching skills helped her break down not only her family's "brick walls" but those of several people that she helped around town.

-The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group

## KFL Friends Meeting and Book Sorting Party

The next Friends meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Interested in joining? Become a friend today for as little as \$5. Friends are individuals who are interested in promoting the Kennebunk Free Library by improving library services, resources, and the library's role in the community.

Additionally, there will be a Friends Book Sorting Party on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn what happens behind-the-scenes to prepare for a book sale and stay for lunch. Please RSVP at 207-985-2173 or [email us](#).



## Annual Trustee Meeting

The Annual Trustee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. As with all other trustee meetings, this one is open to the public. All are welcome.

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## 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.

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## 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.

## September Calendar of Events

Regular Saturday hours resume September 2 (9:30-5:00).

Sept. 1: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 1: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.  
Sept. 5: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 6: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 6: Lyme Disease Presentation, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 8: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 8: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.  
Sept. 8: Art Trail of the Kennebunks, 5-7 p.m.  
Sept. 9: Genealogy Group, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 11: Friends of the Library Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 11: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 12: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 13: Beadcraft, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 14: Imagination Station, 3:45-4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 15: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 15: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.  
Sept. 16: Friends of the Library Book-Sorting Party, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 18: Peek-a-Book Babies Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 19: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 19: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 19: Decorate a Tote Bag Craft, 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 19: Make and Take Tea, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 20: Lego Club, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 21: Time for 2s and 3s Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 21: Read Outside the Lines book club, 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 22: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 22: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10 p.m.  
Sept. 25: Peek-a-Book Babies Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 26: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 26: Nifty Knitters, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 26: Adult Book Discussion, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 26: Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 27: Chair Chi, 2:30 p.m.  
Sept. 27: Anime Afternoon, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 27: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 28: Time for 2s and 3s Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 28: Fiber Art Studio, 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 29: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sept. 29: Teen Gaming, 2:30 p.m.

## Thank You

I want to thank our patrons, residents, and business owners for their overwhelming support of our library during our recent fundraising events.

The library's Annual Appeal, which ended June 30, 2017, is our largest yearly fundraiser and is essential to our providing a full range of library services. With the generous support of our [COMMUNITY](#), this year we raised \$69,544.62, exceeding our fundraising goal by nearly 6%.

Our second largest annual fundraiser, the 20th Edition Road Race held on July 14 was also an overwhelming success thanks to a large number of participants, the strong support of local businesses, and an abundance of dedicated volunteers. This year we registered a record 620 runners and walkers who enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Federal Jack's and were entertained by the Kennebunk River Band in concert on the library's lawn. We also thank the many local businesses that sponsored the race and provided raffle items as well as the Kennebunk Police Department and Kennebunk Rescue for keeping the route safe for all our participants.



On behalf of the Staff and Trustees of the Kennebunk Free Library, I extend heartfelt thanks for your support during these key fundraisers and throughout the year. As a result we are able to continue to provide you with the high quality, personal service we have been proud of for over 100 years.

Jill LeMay, Director

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