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Beginning September 1, the library will be open for in-person browsing three days each week. Curbside-only services will continue to be available three days each week.

The library building will be able to safely accommodate up to ten patrons at a time on a first-come, first-served basis. Visits can last up to 30 minutes. For the safety of patrons and staff, masks are required at all times inside the building. If you are unable to wear a mask, we are happy to provide curbside service.

Though public computer use will not be available initially, we will have mobile hotspots and laptops available for checkout – for up to three days – with a KFL library card. If you have printing needs, email your document to the library and staff will print it for you.

Please feel free to call or [email the library](#) with any questions.

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**STARTING SEPT. 1**

**IN-PERSON BROWSING HOURS**  
Tuesday 4:00-8:00  
Thursday 1:00-5:00  
Saturday 9:30-1:00

**CURBSIDE PICKUP HOURS**  
Monday 1:00-4:45  
Wednesday 4:00-7:45  
Friday 1:00-4:45

An illustration of several books of various colors (blue, yellow, brown, orange, red, white) standing upright on a surface.

## Adult Programs

### In Stitches - September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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



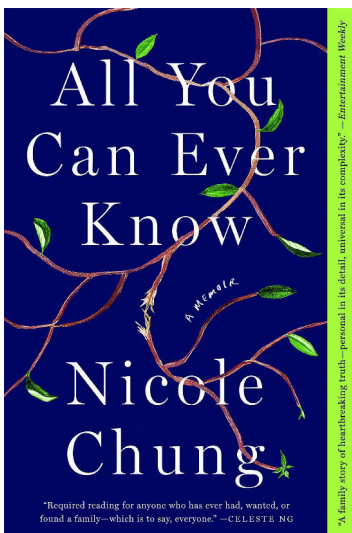
helpful over video. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

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



### Heart & Home Book Club - September 14

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, September 14, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be Memories. 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.



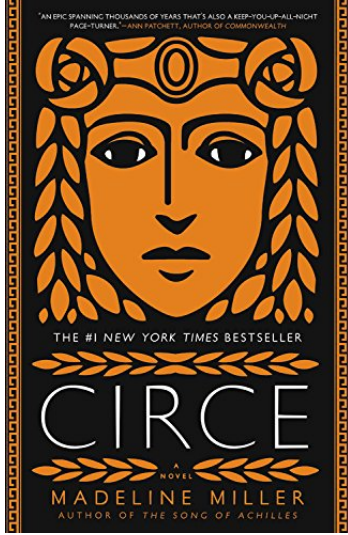
### Nonfiction Book Group - September 14

Join us on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 to discuss *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung. Check our website calendar and rotating display for the Zoom link.

"This raw memoir about growing up as a transracial adoptee will reverberate with anyone who yearns to belong. Chung writes about identity, race, motherhood, and her journey to find her true self. Her book starts with her struggle as a Korean child adopted into a white family, then digs into her growing relationships with her adopted family, husband, birth family, and children. Through letters and emails, Chung makes sometimes difficult discoveries about her birth family. The work closes with reconciliation for her families, the truth about her adoption, and understanding about herself." (School Library Journal, vol 64, issue 11, p 83)

### Adult Book Discussion - September 22

Join us on Tuesday, September 22 at 1:00 to



discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Check our website calendar and rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Follows the banished witch daughter of Titans as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals."  
(Novelist)



### Ukulele Group - September 23

Join us on Wednesday, September 23 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.



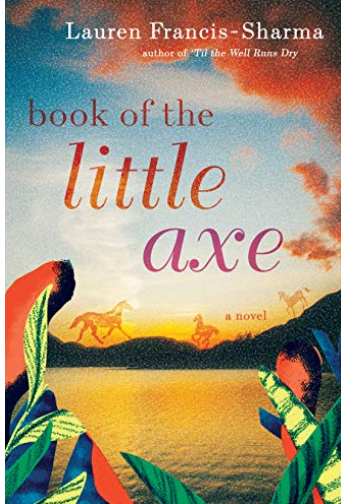
### Banned Books Week Trivia - September 30

Join us on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 to celebrate Banned Books Week and test your knowledge on all things literary with our virtual Banned Books Week Trivia Night! Keep an eye on our calendar and website for a Zoom link closer to the event.



### Krissy Teaches You the Shim Sham Dance

Learn the Shim Sham dance on your own time in the comfort of your own home. Krissy has put together an instructional video to walk you through each step of the dance. It's available now on KFL's [YouTube channel](#).



## Libraries Transform Book Pick

The Libraries Transform Book Pick digital reading program returns with Lauren Francis-Sharma's epic saga *Book of the Little Axe*. Join KFL and book lovers nationwide in reading the same ebook and discussing it online using the hashtag #LTBookPick. Ebook copies of "Book of the Little Axe" will be available September 14-28 without any waitlists or holds. You will only need a library card and the Libby app to borrow and read the ebook. The digital reading program is a collaboration between the American Library Association (ALA) and OverDrive. Additional information can be found at [lovelibraries.org/libraries-transform-book-pick](https://lovelibraries.org/libraries-transform-book-pick).

## 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 join us here at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All Teens ages 10 and up are welcome!

ZOOM LINK

## Children's Programs



### Storytime

Storytime Live is getting a makeover! We will still be meeting virtually, but it will look a little bit different. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more information coming soon!



## Take and Make Craft Kits

Looking to get crafty? We will be offering craft kits every two weeks 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 September 1: Fall Trees and Leaves
- Available starting September 15: Apples Aplenty

### For ages 7-9

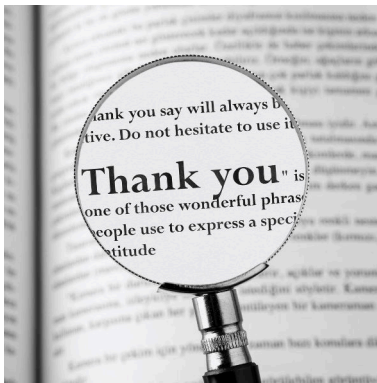
- Available starting September 1: Origami Fun
- Available starting September 15: Tissue paper sunflowers

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## Welcome, Kyle!

We have a new friend joining us at KFL and in the Children's Room! Kyle will be downstairs to help you with all of your library and book questions. You may recognize him – he has been a part of Faerie Festival and has helped us at the library many times! We're so happy you're joining us, Kyle!

## Library News and Events



## Thank you to our Annual Appeal Donors!

The staff and trustees of KFL cannot thank you enough for the support that you have given us. This year, our Annual Appeal mailing went out in the middle of a global pandemic. Not only did you help us meet our goal, you sent us stories and words of encouragement that made us even more grateful to be part of these wonderful communities.

For a list of this year's Annual Appeal donors, [click here](#).

For a list of those whose loved ones remembered them with a memorial donation, [click here](#).

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Are your bookshelves looking a little too sparse after your quarantine cleaning? This is your opportunity to restock them! The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will be hosting a grab-bag book sale on Saturday, September 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, September 19) on the library's lawn. Each \$5 bag will hold a selection of at least five titles, all in very good condition. The titles inside the bag will be a surprise, but bags will be labeled so you can choose your favorite genre – both fiction and nonfiction selections will be available

for adults and children.

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



## Public Notice of Annual Meeting of the Kennebunk Free Library Association

Public notice is hereby given to the public pursuant to the Kennebunk Free Library Association by-laws, that the annual meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. over Zoom.

Boards of Trustees' meetings are typically held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Hank's Room, with the exception of July and December, and they are open to the public. Through the pandemic we are conducting these meetings over Zoom at the 4:30 time slot. For more information or to receive the meeting link, contact Library Director, Michelle K. Conners, at 985-2173 or [kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us](mailto:kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us).

## A Message from the Friends

The Friends are Back!!! The board is very excited about our future plans and they include all of you. During our hiatus, we purchased passes to the Seashore Trolley Museum and have planned the upcoming book sale on September 12. Join us at our next meeting on Monday, September 21 to learn about the other fun things that we're planning!

Needless to say, we couldn't do any of this without the support of the staff and membership. Thank you all.

Hope to greet you at the book sale.

Stay well and safe.  
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 which of the fiction bestsellers we have.

[Click here](#) for nonfiction.

### **Hot New Releases on Order for September**

September 1:

[All The Devils Are Here - Louise Penny](#)

[Chaos - Iris Johansen](#)

[Transcendent Kingdom - Yaa Gyasi](#)

September 8:

[Anxious People - Fredrik Backman](#)

[Call of the Raven - Wilbur Smith](#)

[Killing Crazy Horse - Bill O'Reilly](#)

[Monogamy - Sue Miller](#)

[One by One - Ruth Ware](#)

[A Question of Betrayal - Anne Perry](#)

[Shadows in Death - J.D. Robb](#)

September 15:

[The Evening and the Morning - Ken Follett](#)

[Total Power - Vince Flynn](#)

[Troubled Blood - Robert Galbraith](#)

September 22:

[The Book of Two Ways - Jodi Picoult](#)

[The Coast-to-Coast Murders - James Patterson](#)

[Next to Last Stand - Craig Johnson](#)

September 29:

[Battle Ground - Jim Butcher](#)

[Brightest Star - Fern Michaels](#)

[Dreaming Death - Heather Graham](#)

[Just Like You - Nick Hornby](#)

[The Kingdom - Jo Nesbo](#)

[The Orphan's Guilt - Archer Mayor](#)

[The Return - Nicholas Sparks](#)

## **A Message from the Library Director**

September starts with the highly anticipated stage of our reopening, in-person browsing. We are very excited to be back and to welcome all of you. Of course, things will be a bit different but we hope to make it as comfortable of an experience for you as possible. Staff is creating a video that will walk you through the steps of entering and navigating through the library. We will also have a greeter at our entrance that will discuss the new library experience with you. Once underway we will continue to adapt as necessary and your [feedback is always](#)



[welcome.](#)

I also invite you to check out our website. Staff has spent a lot of time updating information and links and making it more visually appealing. You can also get to know each staff member a little bit better by visiting the [staff page.](#)

## Staff Picks & Messages

### **Kat, Administrative Assistant**

*Me & Patsy Kicking Up Dust* by Loretta Lynn

This quick, fun (in spite of reality) audio book is introduced by Dolly Parton who sets the tone for the book, "If you've got a good friend, you've got everything".

Through good times and bad, Loretta Lynn lets us into her early years in country music during the 1960's in Nashville. After a tragic car accident, new country music star Patsy Cline watches unknown Loretta sing Patsy's latest hit: I Fall to Pieces on the Grand Old Opry Show while she was still in the hospital. Patsy sends her husband out to bring Loretta to her and they become fast friends. Loretta tells us of the duo's experiences in the "man's world" of the times and country music in particular. They supported each other as they dealt with hard drinking husbands, life on the road away from their young families and learning about fashion, performing and standing up for themselves. The friendship ended in a tragic plane crash that killed Patsy Cline in 1963. Loretta shares her grief and how she found hope for the future.

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### **Kate, Cataloger**

*Sigh, Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In* by Phuc Tran

Great books? Punk rock? A Maine author? As a fan of all those things, this memoir immediately caught my eye and then exceeded my expectations. In his book, Phuc Tran recounts growing up in small town Pennsylvania as a member of the only Vietnamese family in town. He explores challenges of family relations, friendship, racism, and identity through the lens of classic literature where Tran aligns each chapter with a novel and parallels his experiences with those of the characters in each book. Tran's writing pulls you in and feels more like a novel at times than a memoir- you are right there with him as he debates his classmates in school, argues with his father, and discovers the power of connecting with music and books that feel like they were made just for you. He captures perfectly the adolescent difficulty of figuring out who you are, and is equally poignant and funny throughout. If you are a memoir fan, this one is a must-read.

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