

# September @ KFL



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## Library News

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### Friends of KFL Meeting and Book Sale



Join the Friends on September 13 at 5:30 on Zoom. Reach out to [kfl@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org) for the link. [Agenda and documents can be found on the Friends page.](#)

The Friends will have a book sale on Saturday, September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Town's HarvestFest. The sale will be held outside (weather permitting) and will move indoors if needed. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books and media. Please bring your own bags.

Current Friends will each get two free books. Membership forms for joining the Friends will be available.

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### KFL Board of Trustees Annual Meeting - September 28 @4:30

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 28, 2021 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@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org)

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## Adult Programs

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### Take Note - September 1

Join Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, September 1 at 5:30 p.m. for Take Note: a monthly meetup for folks who



love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! We'll discuss our favorite supplies & current projects in a free form discussion. Come to chat, ask questions, or listen. No experience needed. New participants are always welcome! This meetup will take place in person at the library (possibly outside, weather permitting), and masks will be required.

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## In Stitches - September 7, 14, 21, 28



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.

Please check the online calendar listing for this program on the morning of the meeting to learn whether we will be meeting in-person (outdoors at the library) or virtually (via a Zoom meeting). Masks are strongly recommended.

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## Heart and Home Book Group - September 13



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. If you've been thinking about trying out our book group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's book or young adult novel. Our unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do book club", and everyone is welcome!

Upcoming meetings:

On Monday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be: *That book you've been meaning to read!*

On Monday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be: *Illustrated Books*

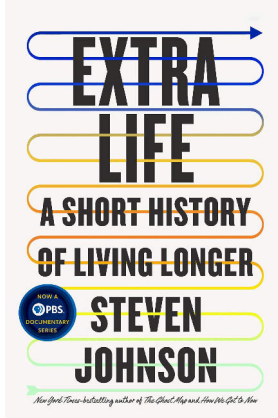
The meeting on 9/13 will take place in person at the library (possibly outside, weather permitting), and masks will be required.

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## Nonfiction Book Group - September 13

Join us on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer* by Steven Johnson. The discussion will be held in person at the library, outside if weather permits. Masks are required.

"Since the early 20th century, the statistical human lifespan has doubled—an increase of 20,000 days. This is the largest, most widespread, and most rapid lifespan increase in human history. With



this latest work, best-selling author Johnson (Where Good Ideas Come From) attempts to explain the significant factors causing increased life spans and to broaden readers' understanding of those factors. Johnson looks at seven wide-ranging categories: vaccines and variolation; the use of data; pasteurization and chlorination; testing; antibiotics; safety; and improvements in food availability. In each case, he points out the range of people, events, and seemingly unrelated disciplines that had to collaborate in order for lifespan-increasing innovations to become practical and widely adopted, like Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin. Blending scientific examples with medical discoveries, the narrative remains engaging and accessible from chapter to chapter, especially where Johnson effectively describes how illnesses that were once

considered terminal have become manageable conditions. The thoroughly documented book includes numerous charts and an extensive index. VERDICT Johnson, as in his previous works, digs into his subject to highlight new connections and interrelated facts that produce fascinating and sometimes unexpected insights. A smoothly written book of medical wonder that pays specific attention to racial disparities in health care." (Library Journal, vol 146, issue 4, p78)

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### Ukulele Group - September 22



Join us on Wednesday, September 22 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.

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### Author Anne B. Gass - September 27



Author Anne B. Gass will discuss her latest book *We Demand: The Suffrage Road Trip* on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 at the Kennebunk Free Library.

Anne B. Gass is an independent historian and the author of *We Demand: The Suffrage Road Trip*, based on the true story of an epic cross-country journey for women's voting rights. Her first book was *Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman*

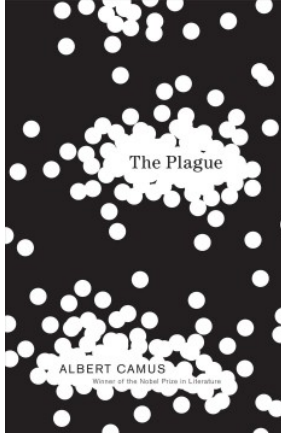
*Suffrage*, about her great-grandmother. Gass is a frequent lecturer on suffrage history, and is active in promoting women's history and equality through her work with groups such as the Maine Suffrage Centennial Collaborative and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Maine.

Depending on conditions at the time, the program may be held at the library or may be on Zoom. Please [check the library website](#) the week of the program for location information.

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### Adult Book Discussion - September 28

Join us on Tuesday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Plague* by Albert Camus. Weather permitting, the discussion



may be held in-person and outside. Check the website the day of the program for details.

"By the Frenchman who, with Sartre, shares a leading position in European literature, this is a work of considerable significance and stature, distinguished by its clarity, its composure, and above all, its scrupulous classicism. The story focuses on the outbreak of plague in Oran in the year 194-, as it reaches epidemic proportions. The author traces the crescendo of human emotions from panic to the almost unendurable agony of isolation and death. The argument extends beyond the physical impact of the plague into metaphysical terrain with the realization that each one of us carries within us the plague of injustice, of inhumanity...Distinguished by the precision, the purity of

its writing, the dignity of its presentation. It may command critical rather than popular attention." (Kirkus Reviews, August 1, 1948)

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## Fall Take and Make



Want a cute, eco-friendly way to tote around your Pumpkin Spice Latte? Stop by the library to pick up a kit to make your own reusable felt coffee cup cozy! Kits are available while supplies last.

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## Teen Programs



### Teen Take Home Kits & Teen Gaming Fridays - September break

Both of these programs will be paused for the month of September. Please keep an eye out for our October programs, filled with new and exciting activities!

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### Teen Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering

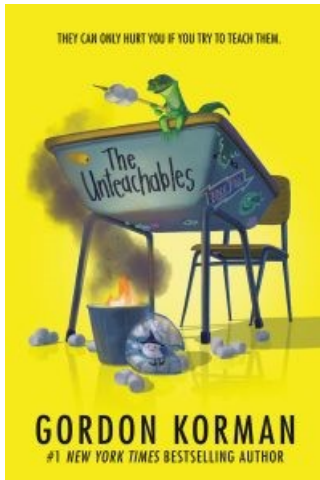
If you are a fan of the awesome roleplaying world of D&D or interested in testing out your Magic: The Gathering deck against friends, come and speak to Mr. Jon. If there is enough interest we would love to get a group together to play either or both games. Open to long time players and new players alike. See Mr. Jon with any questions you may have.





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## Middle School Book Group - September 22



Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, September 22 we will meet in person to chat and discuss a book. The September meeting location is not yet determined - please speak to a librarian for the details. The meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, snacks will be provided. This program is open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

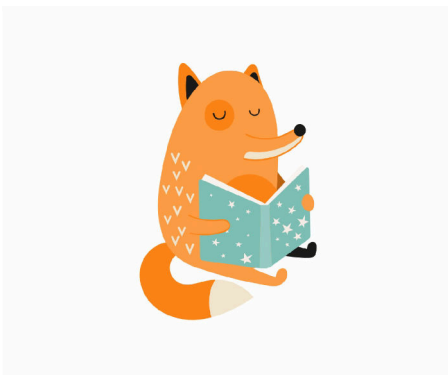
The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

This month we will be reading *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.

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## Children's Programs



### Outside Storytime - Mondays

It's time for storytime – outside! On Mondays at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain, storytime will be held on Facebook Live. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on Monday morning, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. Masks are strongly recommended.

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### 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 in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering crafts to celebrate Fall! Kits will be available starting Wednesday, September 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!



## Book Stacks for Children

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! We have lots of brand-new books to share with you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us [via email](#) or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!



## Would you rather...

The results from our latest "Would You Rather" poll are in! 52 voters would like to take a magical journey riding a unicorn, while 65 voters would rather soar through the air riding a dragon! Thanks so much for voting, and keep an eye out for our next question!



## Summer Reading Summary

· Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program! We counted the amount of time you busy readers logged, and we're so proud of you! You read 1,343 hours!! Wow!! We hope you had fun!

· Did you attend a program but are missing a badge? Let us know at the desk in the Children's Room and we'll get it to you!

## Indoor Programming Survey

Please take our survey about indoor programming for children! We're interested to know your thoughts and questions! You can access the survey [here](#). Thank you for your time!



# Annual Appeal Donors

## Thank you to our Annual Appeal Donors

The staff and trustees of KFL extend our sincere thanks for your support of our FY21 Annual Appeal campaign that concluded on June 30. We exceeded our goal of raising \$56,000. As a 501c3 nonprofit, KFL needs to raise nearly \$200,000 each year to supplement funding from municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel.

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



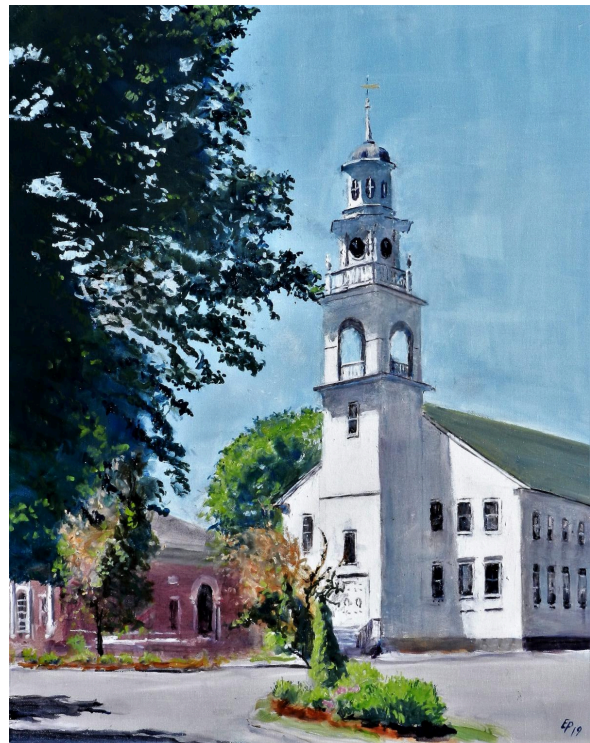
## Speers Gallery

### Speers Gallery Exhibits Return

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its September 2021 "Maine Coast Scenery" exhibition of oil paintings created by Ernest Pevny. The public is invited to view the exhibit in the Speers Gallery starting September 1st during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

Mr. Pevny began painting at the age of five in his homeland, Bratislava, Slovak Republic (formerly known as Czechoslovakia). He received his formal art training from prominent Slovak artist, Michael Tilner. He is also a medical doctor and a classically trained pianist.

The beauty of nature provides inspiration for his landscape and still life paintings. All of his art work is done on location en plein air. Mr. Pevny's technique is early impressionist. His earlier works included portraits.



Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the works of this talented artist.

## 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**

#### **September 7**

[Hemlock – Susan Wittig Albert](#)

[The Dark Remains – Ian Rankin](#)

[The New Kingdom – Wilbur Smith](#)

[The Beginning – Beverly Lewis](#)

[The Magician – Colm Toibin](#)

[High Stakes – Iris Johansen](#)

[Forgotten in Death – J.D. Robb](#)

#### **September 14**

[Fuzz – Mary Roach](#)

[Travels with George – Nathaniel Philbrick](#)

[Apples Never Fall – Liane Moriarty](#)

[Talk to Me – T.C. Boyle](#)

[Harlem Shuffle – Colson Whitehead](#)

[Enemy at the Gates – Vince Flynn](#)

#### **September 21**

[The Jailhouse Lawyer – James Patterson](#)

[An Impossible Promise – Jude Deveraux](#)

[A Darker Reality – Anne Perry](#)

[The Burning – Jonathan Kellerman](#)

[Daughter of the Morning Star – Craig Johnson](#)

#### **September 28**

[Santa Cruise – Fern Michaels](#)

[No Words – Meg Cabot](#)

[Cloud Cuckoo Land – Anthony Doerr](#)

[Marked Man – Archer Mayor](#)

[The Wish – Nicholas Sparks](#)

[The Unknown – Heather Graham](#)

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## **A Message from the Friends**

This summer has been extraordinary for the Friends.

The Blueberry Festival Book Sale and Ice Cream Social at the Trolley Museum were very successful as well as forging new friendships.

As for your book donations a huge THANK YOU for following the guidelines. By doing so you have made the job of sorting and shelving of your donations so much easier for our “storage room” team. As always we appreciate your donations.

If you are already a Friend, thank you. If not, please consider joining a fabulous group of people who cherish our Library.



Stay safe and well,

Donna

## A Message from the Library Director



The Friends of Kennebunk Free Library have a meeting this month on September 13. The Friends raise money for KFL through events like our book sales. The next sale coming up is on September 25. Funds raised by the Friends go toward purchasing our [Museum Passes](#), [Kanopy](#), programming, and collections (including [OverDrive](#)) among others. If you are interested in supporting or joining the Friends you can find the [Membership application at this link](#) or stop by and pick one up in the Library. On August 11 the Friends scooped ice cream at the Seashore Trolley Museum for a fundraiser for both KFL and the Museum. Thank you to our Friends and to the Museum!



## Staff Picks & Messages

### Kat, Library Assistant

*Catch Your Breath Writing Poignant Poetry* by Laura Purdie Salas

This little Young Adult book has page after page of wonderful tips and ideas to help you write down the poetry running through your head and written down on scraps of paper. Reviews various forms of poems and encourages habits that will contribute to your creativity.

*Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian

Mary Deerfield, age 24, arrives in Boston from England in 1662. Her parents see her

“safely” married to an older widower. Unfortunately, sweet, pious, innocent Mary finds herself in an abusive marriage and petitions the “Court of Assistance” for a divorce. Big mistake.

*The Doctors Blackwell* by Janice P. Nimura

“How two pioneering sisters brought medicine to women – and women to medicine.” The subtitle sets the tone for the book, which is a bit dry and factual. Elizabeth became the first woman in America to receive an M.D. in 1849. Her sister, Emily, soon earned her own M.D. If this subject and the times interest you, this would be a good read for you.

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## Denise, Library Assistant



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