

September

at KFL



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Library News and Events



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- Slide/Film negative to digital converter
- VHS/DVD converter (needs a DVD or VHS player to work – use your own or check out one of ours)
- Blu-ray DVD player
- DVD player
- VHS/DVD combo player
- ▣ Pet microchip readers

A huge thank you to the patrons who donated the DVD player and the VHS/DVD player!

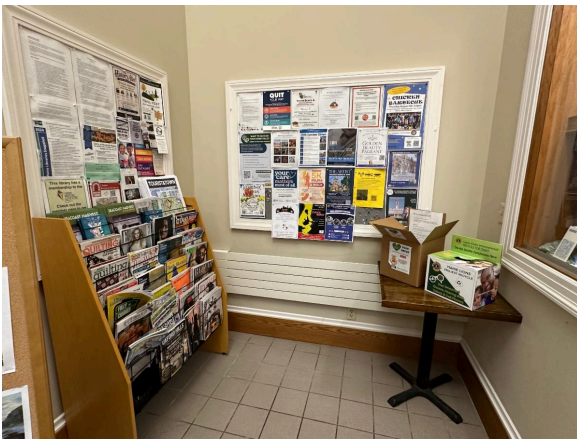


More Good News for Libby Users!

Reciprocal Borrowing with Wells Public Library is now available! It will work much like Minerva borrowing does now. KFL patrons will still have first dibs on our items but patrons from both libraries will have a bigger catalog to choose from.

To add your card for a partner library:

1. Go to "Add Library"
2. Search for Prince Memorial Library and open it.
3. Tap "Sign in with my Card"
4. Under "Partner Libraries," choose your home library from the list and sign in. As always, we are happy to walk you through it if you're having trouble connecting.



Magazine Exchange Table Update

As you may have noticed, the magazine exchange table in our lobby was getting a bit out of hand. To neaten up the space, we've replaced the flat tables with a magazine rack. It holds a lot but keeps the piles neatly stacked in separate compartments. The new set up has a side benefit of making the community bulletin board more accessible for both posting and reading. Brochures and other handouts have been moved into a new "Community Information" section beside the fireplace in the Reading Room. (Posters and

brochures are both subject to our [posting policy](#) – please check with the adult circulation desk if you have any questions.)

We are asking for your help to keep things organized. Please bring only magazines for the exchange, no catalogs, Hannaford flyers, alumni magazines, etc., and please bring them in limited quantities. If the space is full, please do not leave overflow in bags or boxes in the lobby.

We love the new look! We hope you'll enjoy it too.

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, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at Kennebunk Free Library.**

Board of Trustees' meetings are typically held on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at Kennebunk Free Library or over Zoom, with the exception of July and December, and they are open to the public.

For more information or to receive the meeting link, contact Library Director, Michelle K. Connors, at 985-2173 or kfl@kennebunklibrary.org



2,020 SF Office for Rent

The first floor unit at 1 Fletcher Street is available for rent.

\$2550 per month.

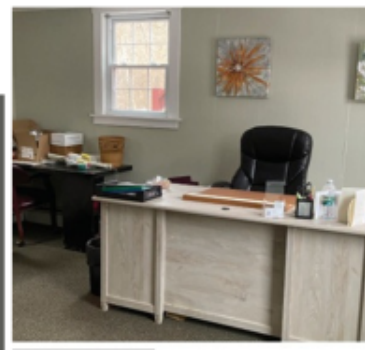
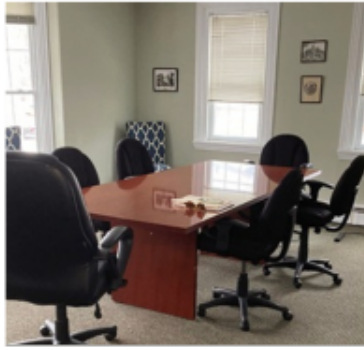
6 Parking Spots Included!

Month-to-month and annual lease options.

High visibility location at the corner of US Route 1 and ME Route 35.

Bonus: Supports your local library!

Contact: Michelle Conners, Executive Director
Kennebunk Free Library
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Spring Appeal 2026

Thank you to all our wonderful donors.

Your generosity to KFL means so much, and we are full of gratitude for you. Because of you, funds raised go straight to work — bringing books, programs, technology, and connection to our whole community, near and far. Every dollar helps us respond to what our patrons actually

need, whether that's a storytime that sparks a lifelong love of reading, a new title on the shelf, help navigating a technology problem, or simply a warm, welcoming place to spend an afternoon.

Libraries are one of the few places left where everyone is welcome, no matter who they are or what they can afford. That's only possible because of donors like you, who understand what it means to invest in a community's shared spaces and shared resources.

Thank you for believing in KFL, and for believing in what a strong, well-supported library can do for the people who walk through our doors every day. We simply couldn't do what we do without you.

[Click here to see the full list of donors who gave between July 2025 - June 2026!](#)



News from the Friends of KFL

The Friends are finishing the summer with an eye to fall and 2027. We had a great time at the Seashore Trolley Museum Ice Cream Social, July 29 and representing KFL at the West Kennebunk Family Fun Day August 1 and have a picture to prove it!

On Sept. 19 we will have a book sale and information booth at **Arundel Heritage Days**. The Town of Kennebunk **HarvestFest** is our next book sale and will be held on Saturday October 17. Friends members will receive an email opportunity to sign up to help at these events. Watch for it!

The next “quarterly” **meeting of the Friends will be on Monday, August 31** at 5:30 at KFL. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about us. There are many ways you can get involved in supporting KFL through our activities and fundraising events.

This is an exciting time to get an inside view of KFL. Join Friends of KFL today and find out how you can get involved, use this [link](#) or join us at our next meeting!

Kat and KFL Friends





Monthly Phone Wallpaper

Looking to change up your phone background? Like our Newsletter Banner? [Download our monthly phone wallpaper](#) and match with us! New backgrounds every month! [E-mail Amelia for assistance](#).

To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper from there.

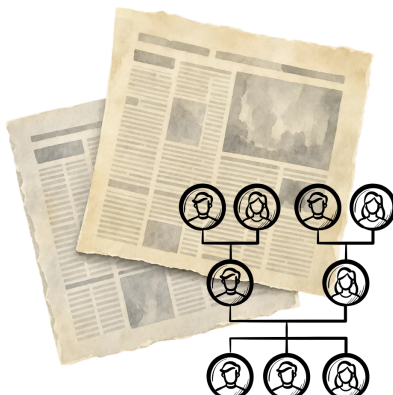
Adult Programs



New! Weekly Program: Audiobook Walking Club - September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Do you love walking and listening to audiobooks? Then our new audiobook club might be for you! Join us **every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.** for a leisurely stroll through the Hope Cemetery and Woods listening to your latest book, podcast, music or the sounds of nature, whichever you prefer! We will meet at the front entrance of KFL and start our 1-2 mile walk together through the cemetery, the accessible trail and back to the library. [Registration is recommended](#).

This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to all ages. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please visit the website www.KennebunkLibrary.org or call the library at (207) 985-2173.



Genealogist BJ Jamieson - September 2

Whether you are new to genealogy or a seasoned searcher, genealogist BJ Jamieson has tips for using historical newspapers to supplement your research. Newspapers were the 19th century's equivalent to Facebook. They include details of daily life and local lore that you won't find anywhere else. They also serve as a substitute for difficult-to-track-down vital records. Join us on **Wednesday, September 2 at 6 p.m.** to learn all about incorporating historical newspapers into your research.



Ukulele Group - September 9

Join us on the **second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.** to make some music in the library! Ukulele players of all skill levels are invited to stop in to play along. We will be choosing songs to play each month from *The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living*. Ukuleles and songbooks are available to check out from the library.

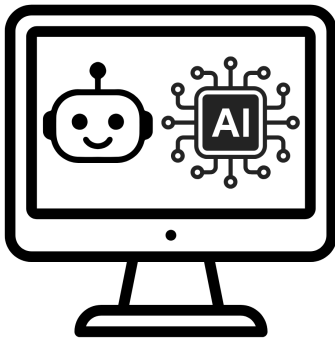


Evening Readers Choice Book Club - September 9

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet **Wednesday, September 9 at 6 p.m.** in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

September's Theme is "Reader's Choice"

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits this month's theme. Readers can select from fiction or non-fiction, adult books, young adult, or children's, and everything in between. We hope you'll join us!



Snack and Chat: Let's Talk About AI - September 10

Have you been exploring or engaging with AI, and wish to hear about and share experiences with others in the community? This month, KFL is providing the space for us to snack and chat about our perceptions, interests, and concerns regarding AI. Hosted by our Technology Educator, we will facilitate our chat on **September 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.** During our discussion, we'll recommend books to spark broader conversations, address questions or concerns on basic information, cover ways to identify AI generated content, and share our feelings and perceptions as AI becomes increasingly integrated into our daily

lives. The main goal of this program is to hear from you, and to connect our community to add a humanistic approach to this rapidly evolving technology.

Registration for this program is required, and can be done via the link, or by visiting [our website](#). If you have any questions or concerns about this program, 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.

Die Well Death Education - September 14

If you missed the first series of the Die Well Death Education Series at KFL, you have another chance to participate. It was so well received, we are offering the entire series again this year.



Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, September 14 at 1 p.m.** for the *eleventh* session in the new year-long Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. No registration is required.

Session Eleven: Bury Me at Taylor Hollow

John Christian Phifer spent 15 years working in the conventional funeral industry before leaving it all behind to create the first conservation burial ground in Tennessee. Bury Me at Taylor Hollow is an unforgettable and hopeful glimpse into an alternative approach to death and dying in America. (2020 - 56

minutes)

*Individually wrapped, homemade skull cakelets will be provided.



Reader's Choice Book Club - September 14

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on **Monday, September 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Walker Room at the library, and **our theme will be: Short Story or Short Stories.**

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 conversation. Everyone is welcome!



Open Hearts Open Mic - September 14

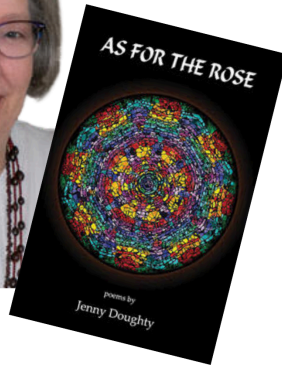
Open Hearts Open Mic will be the **first Monday of every month at 6 p.m.** at Kennebunk Free Library! Hosted by local writer Kacy Fallon, there are 10 slots, and sign-up is first-come, first-served. Writers and artists may share up to five minutes of their work. Admission is always free and open to the public.

August's session will be held outside in the Amphitheatre, weather permitting. Please bring your own seating (blankets/chairs).

Poet Jenny Doughty - September 15

Poet Jenny Doughty will be at KFL on **Tuesday, September 15 at 6 p.m.** to read from her latest poetry collection, *As for the Rose*.

"Jenny Doughty's gifted collection moves through layers of time from the bedrock of her birthplace in Yorkshire to arrival in Maine. She tells her story with such richness and rhythm we feel her words grow directly out of the soil where English was first spoken. Doughty's voice is strong,



sensual, at times tender or tough, but always courageous. This is a book to savor and to feel befriended by the poet's deep sensibilities." - Linda Aldrich, author of *Ballast*, former poet laureate of Portland, ME.

Jenny Doughty is originally British but has lived in Maine since 2002. She is a former English teacher and was Education Adviser to Penguin Books in the UK. She edited an anthology of pre-20th century poetry for Penguin UK and published two children's non-fiction books there under the name Jenny Green. Her short stories and articles have been published in several UK magazines, in one of which she also did a stint as an agony aunt (Brit-speak for a person like Dear Abby who offers answers to readers' problems). In the UK her poem

have been published in various reviews and anthologies. Her first poetry collection, *Sending Bette Davis to the Plumber*, was published by Moon Pie Press in 2017 and her new collection, *As for the Rose*, is published by Main Street Rag. She is currently President of the Maine Poets Society.



Cook & Share Cookbook Club - September 16

We're Back!

Welcome to our Cookbook Club! You are invited to join us **every third Wednesday at 3 p.m.!** We will gather to celebrate food through various dishes and themes! How does it work? Make any type of dish from a favorite cookbook or a new one that you have been wanting to try, then bring it in to share! Every month we will have a different theme.

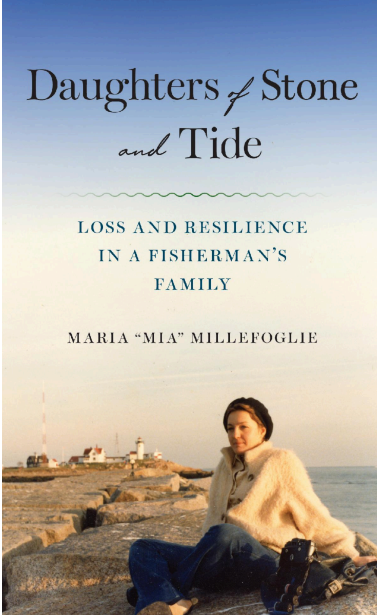
This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 16** and our theme will be **Berries!** Summer is not over quite yet! So in honor of summer, we will be cooking something with berries! It can be any type of dish. Utensils, plates and napkins will be provided, all you'll need to bring in with you is your dish, the recipe, and a serving utensil, if needed! This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk.



Trivia Night - September 16

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Author Talk: Maria Millefogie - September 21



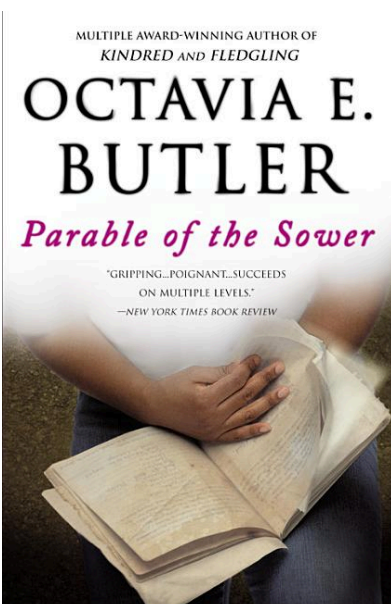
On **Monday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m.**, author Maria (Mia) Millefogie will be at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss her memoir *Daughters of Stone and Tide: Loss and Resilience in a Fisherman's Family*. Light refreshments will be served. To ensure that there are enough goodies to go around, **registration is appreciated**. Please visit the library calendar at www.kennebunklibrary.org to register.

Daughters of Stone and Tide: Loss and Resilience in a Fisherman's Family is a deeply personal memoir that traces one Sicilian American family's journey across generations, oceans, and heartbreak. Adopted by Sicilian immigrants into the world of fishermen, tides, and culture, Mia Millefogie learns early that bloodlines carry power, customs shape destiny, and belonging must be earned. College is forbidden; marriages are arranged, and no one abandons the family. Defying tradition, Mia does the unthinkable: she leaves.

Decades later, drawn back to Gloucester's weathered harbor, Mia unearths her family's buried stories, tracing their lineage to her great-grandfather's abandonment at the "wheel of the castoffs" in Sicily. From castoff to stowaway, he carries the Millefogie name, "1000 pages" across the sea to America. Through vivid storytelling, Millefogie brings to life three generations of a family suspended between Sicily and America: men whose lives are ruled by the sea, and women who are left on the shores.

Both intimate and historical, *Daughters of Stone and Tide* is a meditation on identity, abandonment, and belonging—a fisherman's daughter's search to understand the forces that bind and break a family across generations and seas.

Mia Millefogie is a writer whose work explores immigration, identity, and cultural traditions. Her forthcoming memoir, *Daughters of Stone and Tide: Loss and Resilience in a Fisherman's Family* (UMass Press, September 2026), traces the legacy of loss and belonging across generations. Her work has appeared in the Gloucester 400+ Stories Project and Our People, Our Stories. She co-founded Cape Anncestry, a public history initiative, and holds an MFA in Creative Nonfiction.



Fiction Book Discussion - September 22

Come one, come all (even if you didn't finish or disliked the book)! Join us on **Tuesday, September 22 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler.

In 2025 California, an eighteen-year-old African American woman, suffering from a hereditary trait that causes her to feel others' pain as well as her own, flees northward from her small community and its desperate savages.



Why Healthy Habits Don't Stick (And What Actually Helps) - September 28

Most of us already know what we *should* be doing to improve our health. So why is lasting change so difficult? Join local pharmacist Candace Viola, PharmD, at Kennebunk Free Library on **Monday, September 28 at 6 p.m.** for an engaging, interactive discussion exploring why healthy habits can be so hard to maintain-and what the science tells us actually helps. Rather than focusing on another list of nutrition or exercise tips, this program offers a fresh perspective on building a healthier life through practical, sustainable changes that fit real life.

Participants will leave with:

- **A new understanding of why healthy habits are so difficult to maintain—and why it's about far more than willpower.**
- **Evidence-based, practical strategies to make healthy living feel simpler, more sustainable, and achievable.**
- **Renewed hope and confidence to take the next small step toward lasting health.**

Candace Viola is a pharmacist, professor at Central Maine Community College, and the founder of Dr. Candace Viola, LLC. She is passionate about helping people simplify health and create lasting lifestyle change through practical, evidence-based education.

Registration is required for this event. Please visit the library calendar at www.kennebunklibrary.org to register.

Weekly Programs



In Stitches - Tuesdays

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 a.m.** 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.

Tech Talk Line - Tuesday Evenings

Are you stuck on a technology question, but can't visit the library during its regularly scheduled Technology Time Appointments? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!



To use our **Tech Talk Line**, all you need to do is call downstairs to the Children's Room to speak with our Technology Educator, Emmaline. Our Tech Talk Line will be open **every Tuesday night from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** Calls can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones and tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If the line is busy during a call, please leave a voicemail so we can get back to you accordingly. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can schedule a 45 minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday,

allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, 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.



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 you troubleshoot your next steps, 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 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 to 12 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.



Mah Jongg - Wednesdays and Fridays

Everyone is invited to drop in on **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** or **Fridays from 10:30 to 3 p.m.** to play Mah Jongg. The library has **4 sets** available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



Living with Grief (aka Grief Group) - Thursday Afternoons

KFL is now hosting a weekly Grief Group, led by retired RN Carol MacLeod. **Every Thursday morning from 11 to 12:30 p.m..**

Because of the sensitive nature and confidentiality of this group, and for more information, **please**

contact Carol MacLeod (Facilitator) before joining.

Her email is mugbob66@gmail.com and her number is (207)-468-0668.



Drop-In Tech Time - Thursday Afternoons

Looking for some quick Tech Help? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having someone's help to guide your troubleshooting efforts, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To use our **Drop-in Tech Help Service**, all you need to do is visit the library on **Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Our Technology Educator, Emmaline, will have a reference desk available for you to find local resources, and help you with your quick technology questions. Visits can include, but are not limited to, using smartphones, laptops,

or tablets, navigating websites or emails, or accessing digital library resources. Support will be provided on a **first-come, first-served** basis for issues that can be addressed in **10 minutes or less**. If during a session we determine that the issue requires more time than 10 minutes, we can schedule a 45-minute Tech Time appointment on Wednesday or Thursday, allowing for in-person, one-on-one assistance.

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Improv - Saturdays

We're Back! **Starting Saturday, September 12.**

Improv - Sessions will be held **every Saturday from 10:30 to 12 p.m..**

Teen Programs



Book-ish Activities in the Teen Room!

The teen space in the library is full of bookish activities for you to do **beginning September 1**, and it's the place to be for all things literary right now! Whether you're flying solo or hanging out with friends, you can do these activities at your own pace. Here's a sneak peek at the activities we have planned for you this month:

Back to School Starter Pack

If you were a cartoon character, do you know your key back to school items be? We have activity sheets for you to design your OC and all of the cool fits and treasures you would have to help you begin your first week of school. Once finished, this page would be the perfect addition to a journal, sketchbook, or even decor for your space!

Blind Box Reveal

Obsessed with the dim sum surprise dumplings, and want to add one to your collection? Leave your guess as to which color you think this surprise dumpling might be, and the first person to have the correct guess will be our winner! This competition will be first-come, first-served. May the fastest guess win!

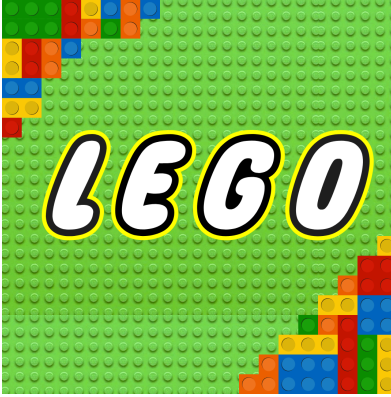
"Who Are You?" Interactive Bulletin

Grab a marker and pick the personality characteristics that best describe yourself, and help us make a community personality board to let us know who you are!

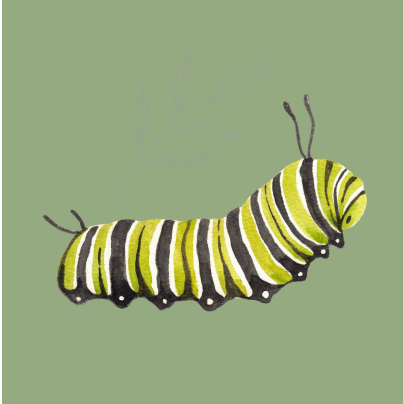
Teen/tween programming is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens and Tweens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions about these programs, ask Miss Emmaline or Miss Aspen downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Lego Displays

Starting **September 1**, come on over to the library to build with Legos! With building bricks provided by the library, you can place your amazing creations in the "Drop-Off" box for Miss



Emmaline and Miss Claudia to find at the end of the day to display. Just remember to include a title, date, and your name. Miss Emmaline and Miss Aspen are super excited to showcase your work in the Teen Room for the whole month! Feel free to create as many designs as you like, but please make sure to leave enough Legos for everyone else to have fun too. At the end of the month, your creations will then be taken apart so you can build something new in October, but we will have a binder with a gallery of your builds for others to enjoy. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Teen Take and Make: Monarch Butterfly Bracelets - September 1

September is the peak migration season for monarch butterflies as they begin a 2,000-mile journey for the winter! To celebrate the beginning of Autumn, we have all the supplies you will need to make your very own monarch butterfly bracelet! These kits will be **available starting on Tuesday, September 1** in the Teen Room. **Supplies are first come, first served.**



Bookmark Winner Release Day!

The results are in! During the month of May, we requested submissions from local children, tween, and teen artists to participate in a Summer Reading Bookmark design challenge for this year's program, Plant a Seed, Read! We then asked you to vote for your favorite designs in your Summer Reading Logs to choose our winner for our Bookmark Release Day. **Starting September 1st**, our winning design can be picked up at the upstairs and downstairs checkout desks when you pick up your books!

Congratulations to our winning designer, Mishka!

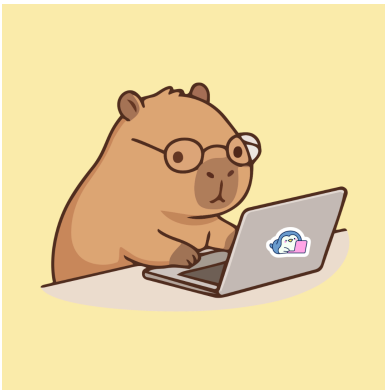
Dungeons and Dragons - September 7, 21 & 28

Welcome, young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. We have just acquired transport from the Dwarves of the Stranded Saloon and are



currently on our journey to King Graklak's treasury to stock up on supplies to take on the Death Knight and his remaining 3 aspirants. Balazar has been named the heir apparent to the Rotten Horde, the Mountains of Chaos are bubbling, and just when we thought our heroes were catching a break, Stone Giants appeared out of nowhere in pursuit of Balazar. Where will our adventure take us next, as time is running out? It's up to our heroes to decide! This month, we will be meeting on **Mondays: September 7, 21, and 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** The library will provide all supplies, just

bring your imagination! This program is dedicated to players who are familiar with the world and mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons. **If you are a new player, we will host a Session 0 on the first meeting of the month, September 7 at 3 p.m., 30 minutes before our first gaming session. This session is required for new players to create their character and to participate in the campaign.** We look forward to you joining the adventure!



Get Stuff Done! - September 25

Work on that crafting project, catch up with friends and play a game, study for that exam, submit that resume, research that thing, finish that homework, complete that last chapter, or catch up on anything else that you need to work on!

Teens and Tweens Get Stuff Done Friday is a dedicated time in the Teen Space for you to co-work and focus on your to-dos alongside or together with others, or with the support of our library staff. Snacks, tea, and hot chocolate will also be available to help you fuel up during this time. **For this session, the Teen**

Space will be reserved for teens and tweens only on September 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. for you to get stuff done. We can't wait to see you there to help you motivate and complete your work!

Children's Programs



Attention Pawll of Fame Participants:

Did you submit a pet photo to our Pawll of Fame pet gallery? **Certificates and buttons are now available at the desk in the Children's Room!**



Kindness Crew - September 8

Kindness Crew is back! In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our first meeting of the school year on **Tuesday, September 8, 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! **This month, we'll read *The Cool Bean* by Jory John** and talk about being kind at school. 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. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



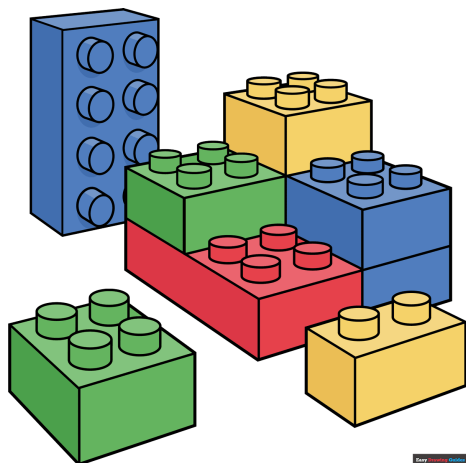
Beadcraft - September 9

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, September 9, at 1 p.m.** Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required. What a great way to spend an early release afternoon!



Paint a Bag - September 15

September is Library Card Signup Month, and what better way to celebrate than to decorate a tote bag? You'll need a way to carry all your library items back and forth! **Stop by between 3 and 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 15** for some creative fun. Ages 5 and up are invited to use fabric paint and markers to decorate a tote however they'd like! Younger ages are welcome with caregiver supervision. Please come ready to take home a wet art project! Don't have a library card yet? Residents of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel, and Wells can sign up for a card at no cost!



Lego Club - September 24

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on **Thursday, September 24, from 3:45 to 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 but not required.



Thursday Family Fun Play - September

Playtime is back -- have a morning of play at the library! On **some Thursday mornings in September**, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! **Playtime starts at 10 a.m. and Miss Maria will read a story at 11 a.m., but feel free to drop in anytime! We usually leave the special toys out until around 11:30 a.m.** Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required.

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- September 3
- September 10

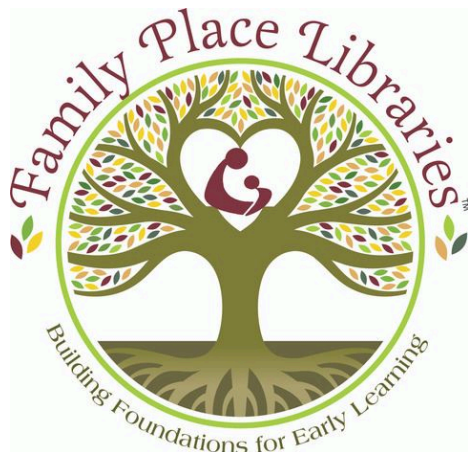


Storytime - September

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On most **Mondays in September at 10:00 a.m.**, Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. **Because of the holiday closure, we will be having Storytime on Tuesday, September 8.** Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- **Tuesday, September 8**
- September 14
- September 21
- September 28



1,2,3 Play With Me! - September & October

Did you know Kennebunk Free Library is a Family Place™ library? In September and October, KFL will host our 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." In September and October we will have the following resource professionals joining us:

- September 17 – Early Literacy with Maria Richardson, KFL
- September 24 – Child Development with Melinda Corey, Help Me Grow Maine
- October 1 – Mini Music Class with KindKids
- October 8 – Nutrition with Kelly Roberts, York County Community Health
- October 15 – Community Connections with Uplifting Families Together Project

[Registration](#) is appreciated but not required. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver – we're here to play together!

Speers Gallery

September Artist:

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents **"Reframed Stories: Objects Reimagined to Tell New Tales" by Kharris Brill**. The exhibit will run **September 3 through 30**, with a **reception on Saturday, September 5 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

Kharris says her exhibit "brings together a series of assemblages built from found and reclaimed materials – mechanical parts, pages, wood, and fragments of everyday life. Each piece tells its own story and when the works are viewed together, new connections emerge. Materials once separated by purpose or time gain fresh significance when reassembled."

Kharris B is the art name of Kathryn Harris, who lives in Bath and runs a shop by the same name. Kharris attended the Portland School of Art, although she is mostly self-educated, learning new tools and techniques as she goes. She has exhibited at galleries across Maine and New Hampshire and won numerous awards

Kennebunk Free Library is excited to showcase the works of this unique local artist.



The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from September 3 through 30, 2026, 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.

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

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[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

Books on order for September

September 1

Dreams of Earth and Sky — Shirley Perez West

Rick Steves England — Rick Steves

[The Birthing Tree](#) — Amanda Peters

Backwater — James Sallis

[The Castle](#) — Jon Ronson

The Oxford Guide to Scandal and Lies — Kate Westbury

[Kiss Slay Replay](#) — Rachel Harrison

Dressing the Queen — Kate Strasdin

[The Disappearers](#) — Marlon James

[Under Story](#) — Chloe Benjamin

[Profits, Prophets, Coaches, and Kings](#) — Jared M. Diamond

[Paper Ghosts](#) — Sarah Addison Allen

September 8

Lonely Planet Best Road Trips France — Lonely Planet

Lonely Planet Best Road Trips USA — Lonely Planet

Not Your Granny's Granny Squares for Babies and Kids — Babette Ulmer

Idle in Provence — Eric Idle

September 15

Fodor's Pacific Northwest: With Portland, Seattle, Vancouver & the Best Road Trips — Fodor's Travel Publications

Rough Guides Brazil — Rough Guides

Fallow — Sarah Anderson

[Story Telling](#) — Isabel Allende

[The Newer World](#) — Sebastian Barry

The Me I Used to Be — Kristan Higgins

Yakuza — Andrew Rankin

Proof of Progress — Elizabeth Castellano

Never Say Die — Ke Huy Quan

[Exit Party](#) — Emily St. John Mandel

September 22

Die Famous — Michael Koryta

The W — Tamryn Spruill

[Hollywood, Ending](#) — John Green

[An Unexpected Life](#) — Gloria Steinem

[Mazywood](#) — Tananarive Due

September 29

Mistletoe And Rodeo — Janet Dailey

Sophie, Standing There — Meg Mason

[Brady](#) — Lars Anderson

Inside the Country Houses of Britain & Ireland — Alec Cobbe

[The Dying Light](#) — Ann Cleeves

The Many Private Lives of Missy Cooke — Jane Green

Mestra — Madeline Miller

[Ply](#) — Hernan Diaz

[The True Confessions of First Lady Freeman](#) — Deesha Philyaw

Restoration — Carol Davis

[The Radiance](#) — Ayad Akhtar

Alexander: God, King, Man — Edmund Richardson

[American Hagwon](#) — Min Jin Lee

A Message from the Director



With our Summer Reading Program wrapping up, I thought I'd share some of the books I enjoyed over the past year. This short list of books succinctly summarizes my overall reading interests. I love reading about shipwrecks and there were two that stood out to me over the last several months. One was *Captain's Dinner: A Shipwreck, an Act of Cannibalism, and a Murder Trial That Changed Legal History* by Adam Cohen. The legal proceedings in this book are captivating and leave the reader questioning what they would do in a similar situation. *The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald* by John U. Bacon explores the shipwreck many of us know by name but not so much about the details. This book explores how weather and competition among sailors contributed to this disaster.

I also started the Century Trilogy by Ken Follett. The first book of this historic fiction series is *Fall of Giants* which takes place during WWI and the Russian Revolution. I'm currently on the second book, *Winter of the World*, which covers WWII and the Cold War. Follett is known for weaving together history with personal stories and he does so here as well. Lastly, I read *Dungeon Crawler Carl*, the first in a science fantasy LitRPG series by Matt Dinniman. It is

goofy and often absurd, but I love it, and it's what I consider light reading since I don't have to put too much brain power into it.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Pictured: Sophia fell asleep reading a Sonic the Hedgehog graphic novel.

Staff Picks

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

More Than Enough by Anna Quindlen

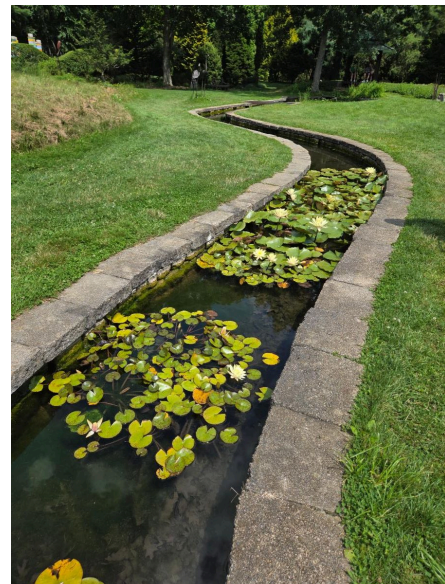
Polly Goodman teaches High School English while dealing with complicated relationship issues, infertility, midlife questioning and a friend whose cancer has come back. Her veterinarian husband is an anchor in the storm. Her long-time book club provides stability and a place she knows she belongs. The book group gives her a genetics test kit as a joke. The results show a match and lead to new questions. This wonderful author tells a relatable story of modern life and what really matters. (Available book from KFL, large print and audio cd from Minerva, audio and book from Libby.)

Hot Tip for Libby Users

Did you miss the announcement that we are now sharing Libby access with Prince Memorial Library? We are now also sharing access with Wells Public Library! Adding these libraries to your account offers many new titles. I placed holds on books and have been able to access 2 books within a few weeks. If you need help adding Wells or Prince, ask a librarian.

Bedrock Gardens

Did you know that KFL offers patron passes to a new garden this year? In addition to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, you can reserve free passes to [Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH](#). I recently visited for the first time and was amazed by the beauty and design. Spread out over 30 acres, this nonprofit public garden features a variety of plants, landscape designs and water features, along with metal sculptures and creative surprises tucked throughout the property. It was a hot and humid day but there was plenty of shade, benches for sitting, and level, well maintained trails that were great for my mom who currently walks with a cane. We took plenty of photos and I can't wait to go back again and bring other family or friends to enjoy this unique, beautiful place!



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