



February at KFL

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Library News and Events



New Addition to Our Collection!

Ever wanted to learn to sew? Need to hem or mend some clothing? Have a project in mind but need access to a machine? We've got you covered! We are thrilled to unveil the newest addition to our collection: a Baby Lock Sewing Machine! The sewing machine checks out for three weeks and can be renewed, just like a book. Staff is here to answer questions if you need help getting started.



Pi(e) Day

Our Pi(e) Day Sale is on! It will just look a little bit different this year. We're partnering with Valley View Orchard Pies - a Maine company - to sell frozen pies, some of them ready to pop into your oven for baking, some that can just be thawed and eaten. Choose from Maine Wild Blueberry, Apple, Strawberry Rhubarb, Bumbleberry, Chocolate French Silk, Key Lime, Pecan, or a Whoopie Pie Assortment.

Enjoy your pies on Pi Day or save them for Easter, Mother's Day, or any gray day that would be improved by pie!

Pies will be available to order online or in person at the library from February 7 - 28, with pick-up on March 11. KFL will receive a \$5 donation for each pie sold.

Valentine's Pop-Up Book Sale



The Friends of KFL will be hosting a Valentine's Pop-Up Book Sale from February 14 - 18. Stop by the main floor of the library to browse the selection!



KFL Board of Trustees Information Night

Do you live or work in Kennebunk or Arundel? Don't you just love KFL? Would you like to do more to help support it? If you would, we've got a message just for you! The Board of Trustees is seeking new members. This might be a great opportunity for you to support the Library in an exciting new way. Interested? Join current Trustees on Zoom for Information Night on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00. We'll share what becoming a Trustee entails and answer all of your questions. [Email the library](#) for the link.

2021 Memorial Gifts to the Kennebunk Free Library

We are grateful for gifts given in memory of:

Kenneth R. Brandt
Constance Couture
Edna B. Gendreau
Ruth Peterson
Sonia C. Plass
Shirley M. Shaw
Sharon A. Staz
Constance "Connie" Yena

Adult Programs

In Stitches - February 1, 8, 15, 22



Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us every Tuesday at 11:00 for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

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

Tech Time - February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25



Now more than ever, technology has become a constant in our daily lives. Though advertised as simple and easy, it moves too fast for most of us to keep up. Don't worry, the library is here to help!

Sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. to meet one-on-one with a librarian to try and help work through your questions. Whether it be trying to learn

to download one of our eBooks or Apps, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes to help troubleshoot a piece of software, our librarians will be your guide.

Appointments are 45 minutes long, so keep in mind there may only be time to discuss a small number of issues. If possible, make sure to bring your device with you with any associated logins that might be needed. Also, when setting up the appointment, help us help you by doing your best to describe the help you are looking for.

Contact us at 207-985-2173 x4 or via [email](#) to setup your appointment.

Improv Class - February 5, 12, 26



Looking for a fun way to weather the post-holiday doldrums? Most Saturdays in February and March from 10:00 to 11:30, KFL will host an improv group for beginners with presenter Lisa Niedenfuhr. Stop in for one session, or join us for all ten. Class size will be limited. Please call or [email the library](#) for more information or to register.

Reader's Choice Book Club - February 7



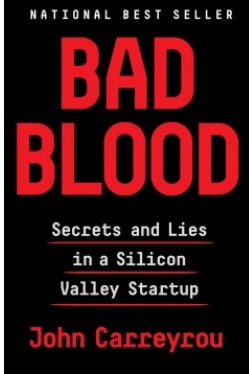
Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *History*.

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!

Nonfiction Book Group - February 7

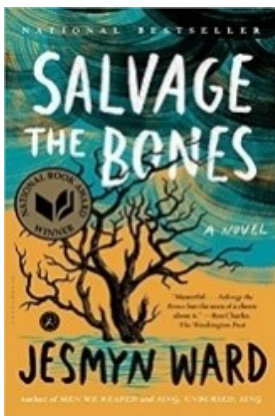
Join us on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou. The discussion will be held in person at the library. Masks are required inside the building.

"An apparent scientific breakthrough rests on a quicksand of deception in this riveting account of the rise and downfall of notorious biotech firm Theranos. Expanding on his award-winning



investigative scoops, Pulitzer-winning Wall Street Journal reporter Carreyrou recounts how Elizabeth Holmes, a charismatic Stanford dropout, started Theranos with claims of a revolutionary blood - testing technology that needed just a few drops from a finger-prick rather than tubefulls drawn from veins with needles. Her start-up became the toast of Silicon Valley, with a \$9 billion valuation and a board including former secretaries of state Henry Kissinger and George Shultz. The reality, he reports, was less stellar: the company's flawed tests did not meet regulatory standards and gave dangerously inaccurate results, investors and journalists were snowed with fake demos, and Holmes and her second-in-command (and boyfriend), Sunny Balwani, dismissed employees' concerns and drove many out with verbal abuse and computer surveillance. The author's investigation is part of the story: as he pursues the truth, Theranos's attorneys, led by Bush v. Gore lawyer David Boies, intimidate his sources with lawsuit threats. In the end it is Holmes who is targeted with a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission for 'an elaborate, years-long fraud' and forced to relinquish voting control over the company and pay a six-figure penalty. Carreyrou blends lucid descriptions of Theranos's technology and its failures with a vivid portrait of its toxic culture and its supporters' delusional boosterism. The result is a bracing cautionary tale about visionary entrepreneurship gone very wrong." (Publishers Weekly, vol 265, issue 20)

Adult Book Discussion - February 22



Join us on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward. The discussion will be held in person at the library. Masks are required inside.

"Ward's poetic second novel (after *Where the Line Bleeds*) covers the 12 days leading up to Hurricane Katrina via the rich, mournful voice of Esch Batiste, a pregnant 14-year-old black girl living with her three brothers and father in dire poverty on the edge of Bois Sauvage, Miss. Stricken with morning sickness and dogged by hunger, Esch helps her drunken father prepare their home for the gathering storm. She also looks after seven-year-old Junior while her oldest brother, Randall, trains to win a scholarship to basketball camp, and middle son Skeet devotes himself to delivering and raising his fighting bitch

China's pit bull puppies. All the while, Esch ponders whether she will have the baby and yearns for its father to love her 'once he learns secret.' Esch traces in the minutiae of every moment of every scene of her life the thin lines between passion and violence, love and hate, life and death, and though her voice threatens to overpower the story, it does a far greater service to the book by giving its cast of small lives a huge resonance." (Publishers Weekly, vol 258, issue 21)

Ukulele Group - February 23



Join us Zoom on Wednesday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m., for ukulele group with 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.

Take Note - February 28

Take Note will meet on Monday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.



What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Take-and-Make: Surprise Your Valentine!



February's Take and Make kits include two different folded paper Valentines and a pillow box. This style of box is great for treats, party favors or small gifts such as jewelry or a gift card. All supplies and instructions will be included. Kits will be available starting February 7, while supplies last.



Teen Programs

Teen Magic the Gathering



Come and test out your Magic the Gathering deck among friends! Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet every other week on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. We will meet this month on **February 10 and 24**. Players are free to bring their own deck or use decks provided by the library. If you've never played before, feel free to come and learn at your own pace. Open to teens ages 10 and up!

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers



Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of D&D. Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet on **February 7** from 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring your own character or make a new one. All other supplies will be provided. New players are encouraged to come and join the adventure. Open to Teens ages 10 and up!

Children's Programs



Zoom Storytimes - January 1, 8, 15, 22

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! Zoom Storytimes will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in February. To participate, please complete our [Google Form](#) each week. Miss Maria will send the Zoom link and passcode one hour before Storytime on Tuesday mornings. Zoom Storytime will be held on the following Tuesdays:

- February 1
- February 8
- February 15
- February 22

All storytimes will begin at 10 a.m. Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



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 for special days in February! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, February 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

February STEAM Kit: Wind Measurement



Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering STEAM To Go kits for grades K and up with all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering the materials for an experiment that will help answer the question: how far can you blow a cloud? Kits will be available starting Tuesday, February 1. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!

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!

February Scavenger Hunt



Calling all sleuths and searchers! We offer a new scavenger hunt every month in the Children's Room. This month, come solve the mystery of the lost Valentine's Day cards! First, pick up a clue sheet at the desk in the Children's Room. There will be several valentines hidden in the Children's Room. With each valentine, you will find a crayon to use on your clue sheet. After you track down all the cards and color in each heart on your clue sheet, you can take home a small prize! Good luck, detectives!



Virtual Nighttime Stories

What better way to wind down at the end of the day than with a story or two? Join in virtually for nighttime stories with Miss Emmaline! Keep an eye on our Facebook page -- you will find videos from Miss Emmaline sharing some relaxing stories for bedtime. Videos will typically be posted once a week. Our Facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary>. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page! Settle in and enjoy the stories!



Would you rather...

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In January, we asked, "Would you rather go sledding or go ice skating?" 15 friends wanted to go sledding, while 33 friends would prefer to go ice skating. 7 friends wanted to do both, and placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!

Speers Gallery

February Artists: Students from

The New School and the School Around Us

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its February 2022 Speers Gallery exhibit “Through the Eyes of the Young”, featuring the art work of students from The New School and The School Around Us. The show features pieces of different media, all created by students ages 5-18.

The New School (TNS) is a democratic high school located in Kennebunk, and School Around Us (SAU) is a holistic learning community for ages 5-14 in Arundel. In 2016 The New School was featured in a one-school art show at Full Circle Gallery in Biddeford, and showed their work in 2017 at The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk and in 2020 and 2021 at the Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library.



Both schools offer a variety of opportunities to expand their student’s artistic skills that vary from year to year. Of late, drawing photography, music, and theater have been of special interest to a number of students. Some years it is painting, pottery, sculpture, and sewing. Whatever form of artistic expression comes to the fore is encouraged, as the schools feel that the arts fuel imagination and personal expression, as well as contribute to the development of a sense of self that feeds intuition, close observation of the world and the ability to fuse emotion and intellect. The arts also build self-confidence and the ability to connect with an audience beyond the self.

This year the work of students includes photography from The New School and self-portraits from The School Around Us. Artist Ellie Kennedy, age 12, says, “Art is the ability to create whatever you have on your mind. It is so amazing to have the ability to put your imagination into a sheet of paper and respect yourself to share your feelings, thoughts and ideas with other people. When I draw I feel happy and I love having the freedom to be in my own bubble with myself and my imagination.”

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to welcome back and display the works of these talented artists once again.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library’s Speers Gallery from February 1-28, 2022 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.

A Message From the Friends



Thank you for being a Friend!

2021 felt a bit more normal as we returned to having some book sales and fundraising activities at the library. We held traditional, pop-up, and outdoor book sales and an ice cream night event at the Seashore Trolley Museum.

Our efforts have raised \$4,539.05 (Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021) and the funds have been used to:

- provide additional funding for OverDrive digital materials;
- provide funding for library events for children, teens, and adults;
- provide memberships to museums, parks and other attractions;
- purchase supplemental items such as large print books;
- purchase supplies to clean DVDs and purchase Book Pages

The Friends of the Library are looking forward to 2022 with hopes to hold all of our regular book sales in May, July, and October. Even through the pandemic we have still been able to offer a way for community members to socialize through our various volunteer opportunities

from book sorting to book selling and more. You are always welcome to attend our meetings. They are currently being held on Zoom. The dates for the upcoming meetings are April 11 at 5:30, September 12, and November 14.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones in the new year from the Friends of Kennebunk Free Library.

Sincerely,
The KFL Friends Leadership Team

[Click here](#) for a membership application.

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 January

February 8

[Steal – James Patterson](#)

[City of the Dead – Jonathan Kellerman](#)

[Abandoned in Death – J.D. Robb](#)

February 15

[Death of a Green-Eyed Monster – M.C. Beaton](#)

[Gwendy's Final Task – Stephen King](#)

[Diablo Mesa – Douglas Preston](#)

February 22

[Nothing to Lose – J.A. Jance](#)

[Caramel Pecan Roll Murder – Joanne Fluke](#)

[Calder Grit – Janet Dailey](#)

A Message from the Library Director

We're off to a busy start to 2022. Planning for the 25th Edition Kennebunk Free Library 5K is underway. [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are now available and registration and event information will



be available in the coming weeks. Coming up as well is our annual Pi Day bake sale – but with a different format this year – and our March Madness auction. The Friends will also be hosting a pop-up book sale from February 14-18. I want to again emphasize my thanks for those who contributed to our Holiday Giving fundraiser. For those that are interested you can find our most recent 990 and review of financial statements [at this link](#).

This month I'm featuring my daughter, Sophia, for my picture. She loves to visit my office to talk business. She even helped with shelving manga recently! She told me she wants to be a librarian when she grows up but she may also be fishing for some extra presents for her upcoming birthday.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Billie – Director: James Erskine

Journalist Linda Lipnack Kuehl found the people that knew Billie Holiday and recorded hours of interviews with them. For the first time, these materials have been edited and presents how this talented singer and song writer dealt with racial discrimination. When that didn't hold her back, being a woman did. The film includes an incredible performance of Billie's song "Strange Fruit" and describes the impact it had. This documentary captures an important time in our nation's history.

One Night In Miami..... director: Regina King, adapted from the play by the author: Kemp Powers

Fact: Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown and Sam Cooke were together in a motel room in Miami on February 25, 1964.

Fact: It is known what was going on in each man's life at the time.

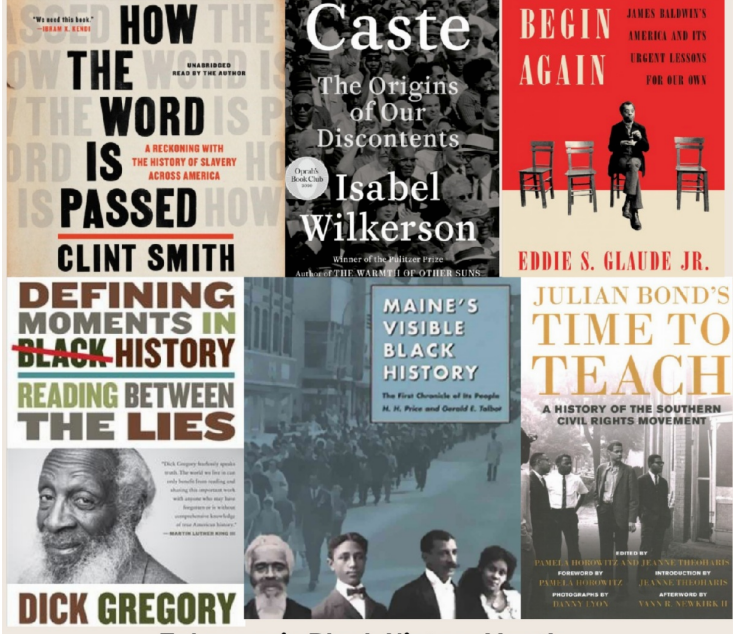
Purely conjecture: What was the conversation in that hotel room? The writer has a compelling possible "script".

I recommend this to anyone that loves a good debate and wants to know more about the challenges these men faced.

The Source of Self-Regard, Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations by Toni Morrison

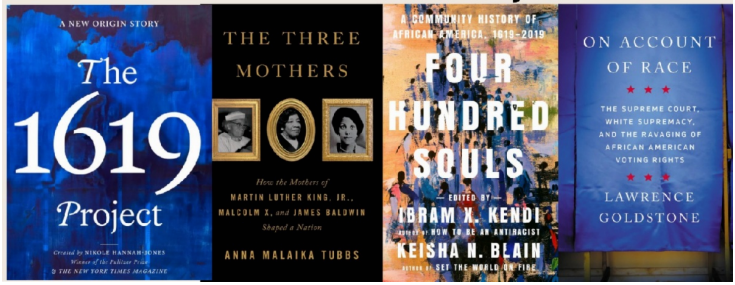
I have started to listen to the audio version and find that I really want to hear Toni Morrison's thoughts on important issues such as war, race and gender relations, history and equality, morality and what she thinks is most important. She has a unique voice of a viewpoint I cannot see without her careful explanations. KFL has the book version as well.

Denise, Library Assistant



February is Black History Month.

Request a Book Stack of Books Featuring African-American History.



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