



September AT KFL



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Library News and Events



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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!



This month, Kennebunk Free Library is providing free library card replacements. If you've lost yours or your current card is falling apart, now's the time to get a new one!

Having your library card with you when you visit the library helps staff look you up more quickly and accurately, allows you to order books from home through our online catalog, and gives you access to our digital platforms.

Stop by the library with your photo ID for your free replacement card all September long!

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 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in person.

Board of Trustees' meetings are typically held on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

over Zoom or in Hank's Room, 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. Conners, at 985-2173 or [via email](#).



Seeking Firewood Donations

It takes a lot of firewood to keep up our tradition of weekly winter fires! We would appreciate donations of any seasoned wood that you have to spare. [Send us an email](#) to schedule a pick up or delivery time.



A message from the Friends of KFL

All are invited to join us for the next Friends of Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, September 11 at 5:30. We will be meeting on Zoom this month. Check the [Friends Page](#) on the KFL website before the meeting for the Zoom link and agenda.

Adult Programs

In Stitches - September 5, 12, 19, 26



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 in the library. See our events calendar for more information.

Reader's Choice Book Club - September 11

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: A Banned Book. 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!

Reader's Choice

Book Club

Monday,
September 11
at 2:00 p.m.
This month's theme...
A Banned Book



Understanding Gender and Sexuality - September 11 and 25



In September, the Kennebunk Free Library will host the final two sessions of "Understanding Gender and Sexuality," a workshop series with Christine Caulfield of Mainetransnet.

In a time of rapid change and controversy concerning gender and sexuality, this workshop's aims are to present basic terminology that will help clarify participants' understanding of gender and sexual identities, the different perceptions and origins of these identities, to explore and discuss sources and impacts of discrimination against gender non-conforming people, especially within the younger population, and lastly, how to understand and improve one's role as an ally/supporter of those within the

LGBTQ community. It will include presentations and discussion of the content, some exercises, and no quizzes or homework. It will also provide some print, online, and other sources for those who wish to develop a broader understanding of what is covered.

Session 2 on Monday, September 11 at 6:00 will cover: An Inquiry into the LGBTQ+ Community/Experience within US society, foundational terms and definitions/descriptions, identities, impacts of discrimination, current issues

Session 3 on Monday, September 25 at 6:00 will cover: How to Be an Effective Ally, allyship approaches, interactions, and awareness, issues facing allies today, closing questions/discussion

Christine Caulfield is currently a volunteer at Mainetransnet, a statewide non-profit supporting transgender people in many capacities, as well as its Co-Chair of the 35+/Elder Caucus, facilitating programming, support, and events for transgender people over the age of 35. She is a former public high school teacher of twenty-two years, teaching history, civics and government, several electives, AP courses and a team-taught course that explored the origins of power and privilege in US history. She is a parent of two adult daughters, and a very proud grandparent of three. She has a great deal of experience teaching workshops on various topics, as well as participating in discussion and training panels as a representative of the transgender community. In the summer of 2022, her testimony was key in the passing of the name change bill by the Maine State Legislature, which ended the requirement for the public notice of name changes in whatever contexts, protecting people who change their names from harassment, discrimination, and violence. Just recently, she joined the Greater Portland Health's Board of Directors, which serves over 50,000 patients in the Portland area, almost all within the homeless, immigrant and BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ populations.

[Registration through the KFL website is appreciated](#), but not required.

Beginner Ukulele Lessons - September 13, 20, and 27

This fall Dan Riggall, leader of the KFL Ukulele



Group, will be offering a 5-week series of ukulele lessons for beginners. Classes are Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 from September 13 through October 11. If you want to try it out but aren't ready to commit to purchasing a ukulele, the library has some available to borrow. Space is very limited. [Please register](#) to claim your spot.

Ukulele Group - September 13 (in person) and 27 (Zoom)



The Ukulele Group is back! We'll continue to meet twice a month: the 2nd Wednesday at 3:30 and the 4th Wednesday at 5:30. We will be playing the same music at both sessions. You can join us for both or either. Whatever works for you! The 2nd Wednesday Group will meet in person at the library. That session will focus on the songs for the month in greater detail. It will provide an opportunity to

answer any questions you may have from your practice and learn from each other. The 4th Wednesday Group will meet via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Here we'll just strum and pluck and yuck it up in the privacy of home — where no one else can hear you making ukulele fun and no one cares about bloop & errors! Less talk and more play. If you are not already on the music mailing list, please [email Allison](#) to register.

Reader's Choice Evening Book Group - September 13



Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Group meets again this month on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. This month our theme is translations. Read any book that has been translated into English and come share it with the group! Any book that was originally published in a language other than English is welcome. This includes nonfiction books, young adult novels, and children's books. Using your imagination and creativity is encouraged! If you have any trouble finding a book, feel free to reach out to Ian at

imagill@kennebunklibrary.org.

Improv Group - September 16, 23, 30



Participants had so much fun with Improv, presenter Lisa Niefenfuhr has returned to host another session beginning on Saturday, September 16 from 10:30 to 12:00.

Spanish Language Conversation Group - September 18 and 25

Stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 5:30 to 6:30 on Monday evenings, beginning September 18, for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish with educator

and native Spanish-speaker Eva Hernandez.



KFL Writers' Group - September 19



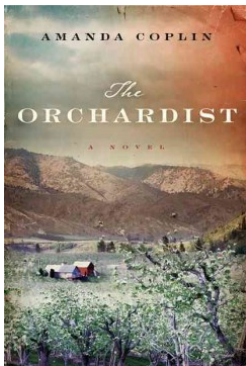
Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on Tuesday, September 19 at from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!

Trivia Night - September 20



The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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.

Adult Book Discussion - September 26



Join us on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin.

"Coplin's mesmerizing debut stands out with its depictions of uniquely Western personalities and a stark, gorgeously realized landscape that will settle deeply into readers' bones. In the early twentieth century, Talmadge lives alone amid his huge spread of fruit trees in Washington's Wenatchee Valley. He remains haunted by his teenage sister's disappearance some 50 years earlier, so when two 'raggedy, smudge-faced' girls appear on his land, untrusting, hungry, and pregnant, he feels immediately protective of their safety. Jane and Della have just escaped a terrible situation, and Talmadge aims to do right by them, but tragedy results when their former captor and his thugs come calling. He and a kindly neighbor guide Jane's daughter, Angelene, into young adulthood, and the tender affection this improvised family shares isn't diminished by their reluctance to speak their minds. The prose abounds with poetic imagery, and the quotation-mark-free dialogue, which could seem like an affectation in a different type of story, emphasizes the melding of these solitary characters with the vast, wild place they choose to call home." -- Johnson, Sarah (Booklist, vol 108, number 21,

Tech Time - Wednesdays and 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 troubleshoot a piece of software, 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 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays**

from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.

September Take-and-Make Kit: Twine Coasters



Craft your way to a set of nautical twine coasters! Kits to make these coasters will be available on Wednesday, September 6 while supplies last.

Teen Programs

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - September 11 and 25



Welcome, young adventurers! Come join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons! Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet on Monday, **September 11 & 25** from 3:30-4:30 P.M. During our first meeting, we will go over characters and questions, and then we will return to the icy island of the Ice Dragon Kingdom! All playing supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. New players are encouraged to

join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173.

Chill Gaming - September 14

Are you ready to chill, eat some snacks, hang out with friends, and play some games? This month's Chill



Gaming Program will be all about Legos. We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **September 14**, from 3:30 -4:30 P.M. The library will provide all of the Legos, all you need to do is get creative with your structures! This event is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or

call (207) 985-2173.

Anime Club - September 21



Interested in having a sushi day? Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **September 21**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to play this super-fast sushi board game, learn about this popular food's history, and try eating some sushi during our meeting too! All supplies will be provided by the library, and there will be both in-person and video instructions as we learn and play the game. This program is designed for dedicated fans, and for new fans who are interested in learning more about the art and fandom. Registration is required, and 10 spots are available through our website's calendar. This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions,

see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Programs



Beadcraft - September 6

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 6, at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Furry Tales - September 8

What's better than sharing stories? Sharing stories with a furry friend! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, September 8, at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly Furry Tales Storytime with Animal Welfare Society. Miss Amanda from AWS will share songs, stories, and fun with us. She'll even bring a furry friend for us to meet! Who will visit us this month? Join us and find out! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.

Kindness Club - September 12



In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Club on Tuesday, September 12, at 3:45. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This month, we will hear about how kindness is like an umbrella and create an umbrella craft. This program is open to ages 6 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! 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. Parents are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Junior Science - September 18

Do you want to be a scientist? Join us for Junior Science on September 18 at 3:45 pm and try out some experiments and activities! In the past, we've made slime, excavated dinosaur fossils, and learned some spy science. What will we do this month? For ages 5+, registration required.



Library Bag DIY - September 20

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 4 and 5 pm on Wednesday, September 20 for some creative fun. We'll also decorate paper pockets for your library card. 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. All are welcome! Don't have a library card yet? Residents of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel, and Wells can sign up for a card at no cost!



September Storytimes

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for some stories and songs with Miss Maria! On Mondays in September at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! We'll continue doing Storytime outside as long as the weather allows us! In the event of rain or inclement weather, Storytime will be held indoors. Because of the holiday, we will be having Storytime on **Tuesday, September 5** during the week of Labor Day. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- **Tuesday, September 5**
- September 11

- September 18
- September 25



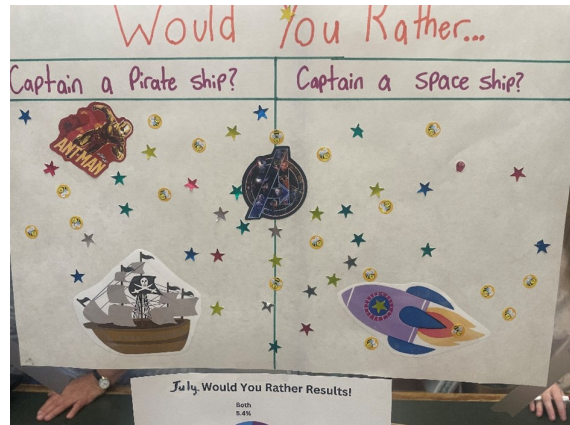
Thursday Family Fun Play

Have a morning of play at the library! On 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! Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from 10 am to 11 am. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. **Registration is required.**

Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- September 7
- September 14
- September 21
- September 28

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In August, we asked, "Would you rather be a captain of a pirate ship or a captain of a space ship?" In the Children's Room, 61 friends wanted to captain a pirate ship, while 51 friends would prefer to lead a space ship. 33 friends just couldn't decide and voted for both. At the adult circulation desk, 24 friends would like to be captain of a pirate ship, and 25 friends would rather captain a space ship. 6 would like to do both. In total, we had 85 votes for pirate ship, 76 votes for space ship, and 39 votes for both. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Would you rather say "ahoy, mateys" or "blast off"? Keep an eye out for next month's question and vote for your choice upstairs or downstairs!



Speers Gallery

September Artist: Nora Ordway

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents "Hands That Fashion Our World", a photography exhibit by Kennebunk resident Nora Ordway that runs September 1-30.

Nora's exhibit features 20 photographs of hands of people who work in Maine and "represent the work of hands, all sorts of hands, each pair captured in the hard labor of

living, providing life and support for others.” They are, as a result, expressive, as memorable as the work to which they were applied.

In this particular exhibition, she wanted to catch *hands at work*, hands engaged in activities that would have been part of her grandmother’s life and experience. It is, therefore, as recorded in the photographs, a testament to the love between that woman and granddaughter with a camera...a marker of two lives well spent. The range of activity in the exhibit is broad: biscuit-maker, black smith, nurse, broom-maker, a couple of musicians (organ and banjo) among them. Ms. Ordway describes them as *salt-of-the-earth* professions by *salt-of-the-earth* individuals.



The broom-maker, in particular, she recalls as a young man from New Jersey who somehow found his way to Wiscasset, Maine, and began quite inexplicably turning straw into a common household tool: *good, solid industry*, her grandmother might have said. Remarkable, though, the slender hands, the long fingers...they’re captured in this photo as if poised for the next note on a cello. You can almost hear the song playing in his heart. It is that moment when the broom-making stops, and the imagination begins to hear the music...magnificent!

Such is the work of Nora Ordway whose photos in the broadest sense might be described as a history of moments.

Kennebunk Free Library is happy to display this unique exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library’s Speers Gallery from September 1-30 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, 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.

Books on order for September:

September 5

[Memory and Desire](#) – Philip Caputo

[Enchanted to Meet You](#) – Meg Cabot

[Payback in Death](#) – J.D. Robb

[The Fraud](#) – Zadie Smith

[Holly](#) – Stephen King

[Not Forever, but for Now](#) – Chuck Palahniuk

[The Longmire Defense](#) – Craig Johnson

September 12

[The Vaster Wilds](#) – Lauren Groff

[Doppelganger](#) – Naomi Klein

[23 ½ Lies](#) – James Patterson

[The Heirloom](#) – Beverly Lewis

[The Traitor Among Us](#) – Anne Perry

[Normal Rules Don't Apply](#) – Kate Atkinson

[Code Red](#) – Vince Flynn

September 19

[Dead on Target](#) – M.C. Beaton

[Blessing of the Lost Girls](#) – Judith A. Jance

[The Pole](#) – J.M. Coetzee

[The Land of Lost Things](#) – John Connolly

September 25

[12 Months to Live](#) – James Patterson

September 26

[The Running Grave](#) – Robert Galbraith

[Traitors Gate](#) – Jeffrey Archer

[Santa and Company](#) – Fern Michaels

[The Armor of Light](#) – Ken Follett

A Message from the Library Director



September is [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#). This is a great reminder that your library card provides you with so much more than books. With your library card you can access multiple online platforms: [Cloud Library](#) (e-books and e-audiobooks), [Comic Plus](#) (digital comics), [Kanopy](#) (video streaming), [OverDrive](#) (e-books and e-audiobooks), and [Digital Maine Library](#) (databases). You can also use your library at another library through the [Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#).

You can also check out an item from our Library of Things. Our collection currently includes a telescope, ukuleles, craft kits, sewing machine, birding backpacks, and sewing needles, or reserve a [museum pass](#). We also have a selection of boards games, video games, and puzzles.

Pictured: Sophia fell asleep again reading a book. This time it's *Jack at Bat* by Mac Barnett and Greg Pizzoli. I really appreciate her commitment because it looks like she was in the process of turning just one more page before she zoned out.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant Emeritus

Writers and Lovers – Lily King

This book was read and discussed by the KFL Adult Book Discussion group and was liked by all. We wanted a sequel to continue our relationship with the characters. Casey, as she ages out of her twenties struggles between creativity and the need to earn a living as a waitress. She is dealing with the sudden loss of her mother who died on an adventure in Chile. Her romantic life is a mess as is her housing situation. The author does a great job of taking us through the beautiful and heart wrenching choices and situations that bring Casey into adulthood. Despite difficult topics, I found the book uplifting. (Available from KFL as a book, large print and audiobook.)

Mad Honey by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodie Picoult

So many patrons told me this is a must read and I completely agree with them. Once again Jodie Picoult explores difficult social issues counterbalancing this by taking us deeply into the life of a beekeeper. The authors came together after Boylan posted her desire to cowrite with Picoult. Together they researched and gave both of their voices to this great novel. Highly recommend. (Available from KFL as a book, audio and on Libby.)

The Fabelmans directed by Steven Spielberg

A fictionalized movie memoir of Spielberg's unique growing up as the only son of a musical and creative mother and a dorky scientist father. As the only Jewish family in the various moves between states to follow his father's work, the boy becomes obsessed with film making which delights his mother and survives his dad's attempts to redirect his interest. A great family story of change, survival, failure and success. (Available from KFL.)

