

Kennebunk Free Library

Monthly E-Newsletter

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The Library will be closed on Monday, April 18 to observe Patriot's Day.



Vehicle passes now available for a 3-day loan period. Visit or call us for more information.



Registration is now open.

Thank you to our sponsors!

Annual Appeal

We invite you to join your friends, family and neighbors in supporting the **Kennebunk Free Library's 2016 Annual Appeal Campaign**. Our goal is to raise **\$65,000 by June 30, 2016**. With your support we will continue to provide the collections, programs and services that inspire and enrich our community.

Our Library is a nonprofit organization funded by both public and private contributions. This year the Library must raise close to \$200,000 to supplement funding from municipal appropriations from the Towns of Kennebunk and Arundel. Your contribution is tax-deductible and is an essential part of our annual budget.

If you have supported our Annual Appeal in the past, **thank you!** We hope that you will contribute again this year. If you haven't given in the past, we hope you will consider answering our Annual Appeal this year.

Children's Room Update

Ever hear that "Good things come to those who wait?" Well, we are waiting for the children's books to arrive back in Kennebunk and we know that it will be a **good thing** when they arrive! Book delivery is promised by Monday (April 4) at the latest, at which time we will do our best to get the books and other materials back on the shelves and set a date for a re-opening.

In the meantime patrons still have access to the rest of the building including Hank's Room which is where all children's programs continue to be held. A growing collection of returned children's items is located on the shelves around the perimeter of the Reference Room and are available to be checked out. Patrons can also use their KFL card at Wells Public Library.

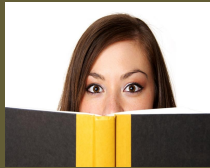
Thank you again for your patience and support as we work through this event.

Weatherman Kevin Mannix & *Weathering Shame*



You now have the option of contributing a portion of your Amazon purchases to KFL when you purchase through smile.amazon.com

We are listed as Kennebunk Free Library Association.



Adult Reading Groups

Non-fiction Book Group

Mon., April 11

6:30 PM

Just Mercy

by Bryan Stevenson



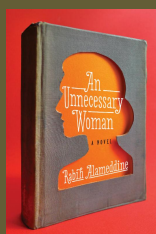
Adult Book Group

Tues., April 26

1:00 PM

An Unnecessary Woman

by Rabih Alameddine



Local weatherman Kevin Mannix and his wife Linda Rota will be discussing their autobiography *Weathering Shame* on **Monday, April 25** at 6:00 PM.

Join Kevin and Linda, a social worker, as they share their life experiences, lessons, struggles and feelings of shame and the stigma that results from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide.



In *Weathering Shame*, the authors' goal is for readers to benefit from their struggles, raise awareness and to be inspired and encouraged by their personal stories to embark on their own journey of self-discovery, recovery or awareness.

Senator Angus King says about the couple, "I am grateful that they decided to strengthen the Maine Community by sharing their journey with us". A book signing will take place after the presentation. Books will be available for purchase.

Fairy Houses

It's that time of year again! The fairies are returning to Kennebunk! Help welcome them back by creating a fairy house or gnome home to display at the Library. And please join us at our annual Faerie Festival on Saturday, May 7 from 9:30-11:30 AM!

This year, we'll be accepting homes created by children **beginning Tuesday April 19**. To be eligible for a certificate, please submit houses by Wednesday, May 4.

Houses should be created from all natural materials as fairies are allergic to plastic. Due to space constraints, houses should have a base no larger than 14" x 14" and a height no taller than 30 inches. Although glue is allowed, try string, thread or raffia to connect pieces, or make glue using flour and water.



As you enjoy the spring weather outside, remember to set aside bark, pine cones, shells and feathers to inspire your children to create homes for the wee folk. If you need building material stop by the Library. We will have a selection of pine cones, bark and sea shells for children to use in construction.

The display of fairy houses and gnome homes is one of our favorite events of the year! We are always amazed by the



Parenting Class

Friday, April 1

10:00 AM

This ongoing, drop-in class is led by Stevie Westmoreland, LCPC, LMFT. No pre-registration required and you do not need to attend all of the classes.

Friends Meeting

Join the Friend's at their **April 20** meeting at 6:30 to select officers, discuss museum membership funding and plan the May Day book sale on May 7.



Teen Advisory Board

Tues., April 12,

3:30-4:30 PM.

If you are in Grades 6-12 please join the Teen Librarian, Melissa in Hank's Room. We will discuss teen programs and activities for 2016, so bring your ideas and your friends. Snacks will be provided.

details children include. Stop by to see how creative they are! Fairy Houses will be on display until May 20.

Focus Groups

You are invited to let us know what you think! Join us for a focus group this spring where we are looking to gather opinions, beliefs, and attitudes about the services we currently provide our community and hear your ideas about how we can improve as we plan for future growth.

The focus groups are open to all community members. Focus groups will be held in the Reference Room on **Tuesday, April 5th** from 6:30 - 7:30 PM and **Saturday, April 9th** from 10 - 11 AM. Each session will address the same topics.



Attorney to Speak About Long Term Care Planning

Attorney Britton Ryan Garon (Maine Center for Elder Law, LLC) will be presenting on Long Term Care Planning, Asset Preservation & Important Estate Planning Documents on **Thursday, April 28**, at 2:00 PM as part of Money Smart Week - a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

Britton Ryan Garon learned an invaluable lesson when she was forced to take a leave of absence from work to take care of her terminally ill mother: make sure your estate planning is in order before it is actually needed. "There is a lot of stress surrounding the medical and legal unknowns of your loved ones," Britton says. "Using what I have learned in my own experiences, my goal as an attorney is to assist each and every client with preplanning before something catastrophic happens such as an illness, incapacity or death."



Family Yoga

We will offer a Family Yoga program on **Thursday, April 21** at 10:30 AM for family members ages 4 and up. Some group poses and partner poses may be offered, along with a resting pose at the end. Bring your own mat if you have one and your enthusiasm for moving your body into different shapes while breathing deeply and smiling. No experience necessary. Pre-registration and a waiver are required.

April in the Art Gallery



Nifty Knitters
Every Tuesday at 11 AM

Bring a needlework project to work while chatting with other crafters, or bring in your project for others to help you.

Beginners Welcome!
Don't forget, KFL lends knitting needles & has wool available for the asking.



Wed., April 27
@ 6:30 PM



Homeschooling Group
Mon., April 4 at 2 PM.

Our drop-in group provides an opportunity for homeschooling families to get together

An exhibition of artwork by preschool-aged children from the Kennebunk Recreation Department's *Beyond Tots Adventure Club* will be on display in the Speers Gallery from **April 10 to 27**. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

The exhibit is in recognition of The Week of the Young Child™, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2016 Week of the Young Child™ is April 10-16. This year's theme is "*Celebrating Our Youngest Learners*".



The *Beyond Tots Adventure Club* artwork is based on some of their favorite authors and illustrators from the Kennebunk Free Library's collection. They experimented with different mediums and techniques to create fun and visually interesting pieces. The children got their hands dirty (blue, in fact!) exploring the stories, not only through art but also through songs, games and activities to encourage literacy and a joy for

books.

Seeking Trustees

The Library is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the Board of Trustees. All persons 18 years of age who are legal residents and/or employed within the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel are eligible to serve on the Board and are encouraged to apply.

Explore the [Trustee Job Description](#), [FAQs](#) and [nomination form](#) or please stop by the circulation desk for printed information.

with others and exchange ideas or ask questions. Join us!

This will be the last opportunity to register to display your child(ren)'s artwork at our annual Homeschoolers Art Show in May.



Classic Comedy

Film

Wed., April 13 at 5:30 PM.

Laurel & Hardy and Buster Keaton features plus shorts.



Legos Club

Grades K and up are invited to join KFL's Legos Club on **Wed., April 20 at 1:00PM - during school vacation this month.**



Storytimes

Mondays 10:15 AM

Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack returns on **Saturday, April 9** from 10:00-11:00 AM to listen to children read. Children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to sit with Jack, and experience the pleasure of reading to such a non-judgmental listener. Jack is a certified therapy dog and will be accompanied by his favorite humans, Ursula and Kate Roesse.



Technology Tuesdays

Technology Tuesdays will be offering introductory computer classes the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM. A different topic will be covered each session with Email Basics on **April 26.**

We'll teach you the lingo and walk you through the basics. You'll learn how to access and search the internet and leave with some information on internet safety. During our email session we'll teach you how to set up an account.

Bring your laptops or devices if you have them and have your questions ready. A limited number of Library computers will be available so please give us a call at (207)985-2173 to register or with questions. This instruction is open to all patrons.

Anime Club

Join us Thursday, **April 14** at 3:30 PM to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films on the projection screen and everything anime in-between. Open to grades 6-12.



Manga Book Club

Join us Thursday, **April 21** at 3:30 PM to talk about your favorite manga series and everything manga in-between. Open to grades 6-12. Please visit the Library or the Library website to confirm this month's discussion title.

Earth Day Terrariums

Get ready for Earth Day by making a little world of your own! Terrariums, clear sealable container with plants growing inside are a great way to learn about ecosystems, water cycles and how plants grow. They can last for months or even years with little to no outside

Peek-a-Book Babies
Ages: 0 to 2

Tuesdays
10:15 AM Family
Storytime
Ages: All

Thursdays 10:15
AM Time for 2s & 3s
Ages: Toddlers

There will be NO
storytime on
Thursday, April 7
due to staff training.

Storytimes will take
a break from April 15
until May 9. We will
be back the week of
May 9 with our
same weekly
schedule.

attention, letting children observe a while living ecosystem firsthand.
Because all materials will be provided, pre-registration is required for
this program on **Thursday, April 21** at 1:00. Grades 2 and up. Soil is
messy - please dress appropriately!



[Mainstage Shakespeare](#) ShakeStars will be performing a Reader's
Theater version of *Richard III* on Wednesday, **April 6** at 5:30 PM.

Join us in marking the 400th
anniversary of Shakespeare's
death. KFL has replaced all of
our well-used and worn
Shakespeare volumes so
make sure to check out and
take a play home with you!



Tax Help at KFL

There are two more days left for tax help:
Thursday **April 7 and 14** from 9:30 AM-12:30
PM.



Because this is a popular service, we want to make things as hassle-free as possible. To that end, we have implemented a new sign-up procedure this year. We will not put a sign-up sheet outside the door as we have done in previous years. Instead, library doors will be open at 9:30 sharp, with a sign-up sheet inside the library. We're hoping that being here at 9:30, rather than at 9:00, will minimize the overall time that you spend waiting.

The accountants are wonderful about staying until everybody has been seen, so don't feel that you have to camp out for an appointment. Everybody will have a turn. We know tax season is stressful for everybody so we appreciate your patience and your kindness to each other.

KFL's Genealogy Group

The next meeting of KFL's
Genealogy Group, *A Stranger in our
Midst: Richard Brunton's Life on the Fringe* will be held on **Sat., April 2**,
from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

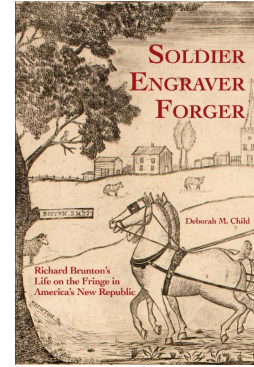


Join Deborah M. Child for an illustrated lecture about engraver and dye-

sinker Richard Brunton on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 A.M. at Kennebunk Free Library. Brunton first arrived in Boston harbor with the British army in 1774 and fought in many of the key battles of the American Revolution including the Battle of Newport. When he deserted in 1779, he initially tried to make an honest living at his craft first in Boston, MA, and then in Providence, RI, before taking to the road and resorting to counterfeiting coin and paper currency to secure a livelihood. For this he was incarcerated on at least three occasions.

"My book *Soldier, Engraver, Forger-Richard Brunton's Life on the Fringe in America's New Republic* (New England Historical Society, 2015) will introduce many previously unknown works by his hand and will provide an authentic glimpse into life on the fringe in America's new Republic," stated Child.

Following her lecture, copies of her book will be available for purchase.



Knitting Needles

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation, we have been able to greatly expand our selection of knitting needles! Patrons can now borrow both straight and double-pointed wooden knitting needles in almost all sizes. A selection of crochet hooks is also available. Needles check out for four weeks, and can be renewed as many times as you need them.



Don't know how to knit? Come to Nifty Knitters, every Tuesday at 11:00 AM for free knitting help for all levels.

Teen Gaming

Play video games with us on a projector screen! Wii gaming console, controllers and games will be provided. Role-playing games, table-top games and personal device games are also welcome. This



event will be held in Hank's Room, 2:30 PM-4:30 PM every Friday in April. Open to Grades 6-12.

Teen Movie Night

Come watch a movie at KFL on our projector screen. Bring your friends. Snacks will be provided. The movies will be selected by the Teen Advisory Board. All movies will be rated PG or PG-13. Open to Grades 6-12. **April 19**, 5:30 PM.

National Library Week Celebrations

Throughout the week of **April 11-16** KFL has several ways to thank our patrons during the celebration of National Library Week.

Patrons can participate in Food for Fines. KFL will waive half of your fines when you donate a nonperishable food item. All contributions will benefit COS of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Arundel. During this week, we'll also offer our fabulous Book Bundle raffles. Visit every day and receive a free raffle ticket to increase your chance of winning.

Outside of the library, the Portland Sea Dogs are celebrating National Poetry Month, National Library Week and National Library Worker's day, all in one, on Tuesday, April 19. Prior to the game they will be



recognizing all the library workers (full time, part time, and volunteer) for their hard work and dedication to the communities they work in with a parade around the warning track and on-field recognition ceremony.

Fans that bring in a book for donation will have the opportunity to buy a ticket, receive one free for the Library Night event on April 19. Come to Portland and see some of your favorite librarians on the field!

Coloring Craze

Visit us on Friday, **April 29** (12:00-2:00 PM), Tuesday, **May 24** (5:00-7:00 PM) and/or Monday, **June 27** (12:00-2:00 PM) to participate in the latest relaxation trend, coloring! This program is geared toward adults but all ages are welcome.

All coloring sheets and utensils will be provided. If you're too shy to stick around, grab a sheet to take home with you. Being the informative institution we are we'll also show you sites where you can download coloring pages for free and even introduce you some coloring apps!

April Calendar of Events

Apr. 1: Parenting Class, 10:00 AM

Apr. 1: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM

Apr. 2: Genealogy Group, 10:00 AM

Apr. 4: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
Apr. 4: Homeschool Group, 2:00 PM
Apr. 4: Crazy 8's, 4:00 PM
Apr. 5: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Apr. 5: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Apr. 5: Art Reception, 4:00 PM
Apr. 5: Library Focus Group, 6:30 PM
Apr. 6: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
Apr. 6: Shakespeare Reader's Theater, 5:30 PM
Apr. 7: Tax Help, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Apr. 8: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Apr. 9: Library Focus Group, 10:00 AM
Apr. 9: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10:00 AM
Apr. 11: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
Apr. 11: Non-Fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
Apr. 12: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Apr. 12: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Apr. 12: Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
Apr. 13: Classic Comedy Film Series, 5:30 PM
Apr. 14: Tax Help, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Apr. 14: Time for 2's and 3's, 10:15 AM
Apr. 14: Anime Club, 3:30 PM
Apr. 15: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Apr. 18: Closed for Patriot's Day
Apr. 19: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Apr. 19: Crazy 8's, 4:00 PM
Apr. 19: Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
Apr. 19: Fairy Houses Accepted through May 4
Apr. 20: Legos, 1:00 PM
Apr. 20: Friends Meeting, 6:30 PM
Apr. 21: Family Yoga, 10:30 AM
Apr. 21: Earth Day Terrariums, 1:00 PM
Apr. 21: Manga Book Club, 3:30 PM
Apr. 22: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Apr. 25: Kevin Mannix - *Weathering Shame*, 6:00 PM
Apr. 26: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Apr. 26: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 PM
Apr. 26: Technology Tuesday - Email Basics, 2:00 PM
Apr. 26: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Apr. 27: Chair Chi, 2:30 PM
Apr. 27: Trivia Night, 6:30 PM
Apr. 28: Money Smart Week Presentation, 2:00 PM
Apr. 29: Drop-in Coloring, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
Apr. 29: Teen Gaming, 2:30

We welcome your feedback about our services and programs! Feel free to contact us via [email](#), phone (207/985-2173) [Facebook](#) or in person.

