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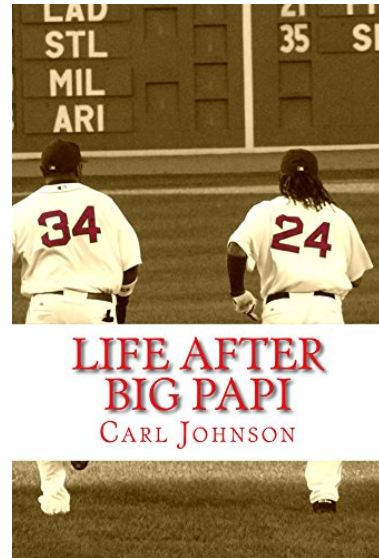
***Life After Big Papi* by
Local Author Carl Johnson**

As the baseball season opens, Carl Johnson, who covers the Red Sox for the Biddeford Journal Tribune, will be here on **Wednesday, April 4th, at 6:00 p.m.**, to talk baseball and introduce his latest book *Life After Big Papi*. The book analyzes the Red Sox's future without the greatest designated hitter of all time. The Red Sox home opener at Fenway Park is the next day.

The book relives the Red Sox's 2016 season and follows them through the 2017 season when they won their second consecutive Division Championship - the first one without Papi - and into the 2018 season just as it begins. See why Red Sox fans have reason to be optimistic as the 2018 season begins.

Mr. Johnson will also have copies of his popular series *The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Books*, Volumes 1-3, and his other Red Sox books available for signing and personalization.

Mr. Johnson's previous visits to the Library have been popular and generated large audiences and much interest. Come in for an interesting baseball talk and the chance for a lively discussion about the Red Sox and baseball in general with this well known local baseball historian and author.



***A Life Remembered is a Life Honored -
Neil Novello***

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host award-winning filmmaker Neil Novello on **Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.**

Novello will present *A Life Remembered is a Life Honored*, his entertaining talk and video presentation featuring scenes from his video family biographies. He shares his personal journey producing his mother's biography as well as other families he has documented around the country.

Neil's video clips range in subjects, including a couples almost first date; teenager's first trip to the big city to see the



FAMILY BIO

A Life Remembered is a Life Honored

1939 World's Fair; and World War II experiences: wife recalls her husband flying for the Black Sheep Squadron and a 96 year old recalls his work on the Marine fighter plane SB2C4; plus much more.

The Genealogy Group is free, open to the public and meets nine times a year. We welcome all new guests.

National Library Week at KFL

National Library Week is April 8-14. To mark the occasion, we are celebrating our wonderful patrons. Each time you come into the library during National Library Week, you will receive one free ticket for our annual book bundle raffle. We have a fabulous selection of book and DVD bundles - you can enter to win your favorites.

We will also be offering fine discounts. There will be no fines on late items returned during National Library Week. If you come into the library and pay half of your existing fines between April 8 and 14, we will waive the remaining half. (This applies only to fines, not to lost or damaged items.)

If you've lost your library card or your keychain card is starting to disintegrate, National Library Week is the perfect time to replace it. We will be offering replacement cards free of charge for one week only.

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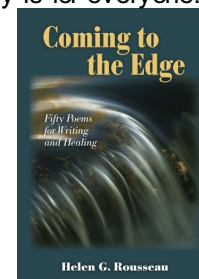
"Discover your passions and
achieve your goals at the library."
— **MISTY COPELAND**
National Library Week Honorary Chair

LIBRARIES LEAD **ALA** American Library Association **Library Champions** **LIBRARIES TRANSFORM**

Befriending Poetry

Too many people view poetry as something intimidating or inaccessible. In truth, poetry has likely played a more significant role in your life than you realize. Think of the Dr. Seuss books you loved as a child or the song lyrics that you belt out when you are alone in the car. Poetry is for everyone.

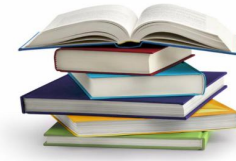
In honor of National Poetry Month, Helen Rousseau will present *Befriending Poetry* on **Monday, April 30 at 6:00**. She will talk about the positive influence that poetry has had on her life and describe how it can be that same positive influence for all of us. Rousseau will also discuss her book *Coming to the Edge: Fifty Poems for Writing and Healing*.



May Day Book Sale - Saturday, May 4

The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will have a book sale on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with the May Day Festival.

The sale will be held in Hank's Room and, weather permitting, outdoors on our plaza. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books and other media. Current Friends are invited to attend the Friends' Pre-sale event on Friday, May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Current Friends will also each get a free book during sale hours only. Membership forms for joining the Friends will be available.



Beyond Tots Adventure Club Art Show

An exhibition of artwork by preschool-age children from the Kennebunk Recreation Department's **Beyond Tots Adventure Club** will be on display in the Speers Gallery from April 3 to 28, 2017. 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 2018 Week of the Young Child™ is **April 16-20**.

"The Beyond Tots Adventure Club artwork re-imagines the illustrations for some of our favorite contemporary children's books. We have cut, glued, drawn, brushed, dipped, sprinkled, and stuffed new interpretations for some of the literature we have been enjoying this year. Everyone had fun getting their hands dirty and no clothing was safe from our creative endeavors. Tying together stories, artwork, creative play and movement is a wonderful way to explore literacy and foster the joy of sharing a good book."

The public is invited to attend a reception on Tuesday, April 3rd from 4 to 6 p.m. The Kennebunk Free Library is pleased and honored to be able to present these very talented artists.

[Registration Now Open!](#)

The 21st Edition



ROAD RACE

AARP Tax Help

If you need some help preparing your taxes, we will be hosting AARP Tax Aide every Thursday from 9:30 to 12:30. The final session of the season will be held on April 12. Appointments are not required - people will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the lobby when the library doors open at 9:30.

Unfortunately, because of insurance regulations, we are unable to allow anyone into the library before we open, regardless of how cold, snowy, or miserable it is outside. We would encourage you to come close to opening time and wait for your appointment inside the library. The heroic AARP volunteers have been great about staying until everyone has been seen. We will have snacks available and plenty of reading material. All-in-all it will be a far more pleasant wait than standing outside in the snow before we open.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the adult circulation desk: (207)985-2173 x4.

Teen Programming

TECH AND TEXTILES

Tech and Textiles is intended to give young people the space to explore emerging technologies and more traditional crafts. This program will meet every other Thursday in the Walker Room. Ages 11+

Tech Edition: April 5th: Squishy Circuits

Squishy Circuits use conductive and insulating play dough to teach the basics of electrical circuits in a fun, hands-on way. There's no need for breadboards or soldering - just add batteries! Come join the fun!

Textiles Edition: April 19th: Toys for Shelter Pets

April 30th is National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. As much as Miss Melissa would love to adopt a library pet to mark the occasion she knows she can't. But she figures that toys for the cats and dogs at the Animal Welfare Society is the next best thing. Come learn some simple sewing skills and create some fun for our furry friends in need.

FRIDAY FUN

Join Miss Melissa in the Walker Room to test scientific limits, create crafts worth sharing with friends and bring your favorite games to life. Ages 11+

April 6th: Peeps Dioramas

Have you ever wondered what those colorful Peeps candies get up to the rest of the year? Now's your to help them tell their side of the story. Miss Melissa will provide the shoeboxes, craft supplies and Peeps. Bring your friends and your imaginations.

April 13th : Lucky Stars

It's another Friday, the 13th. Let's fold some origami stars to bring us some extra luck on this inauspicious date. All supplies will be provided. Bring your friends and some patience.

April 20th: Water Bottle Wind Spirals

Help us celebrate Earth Day (April 22) this week. These colorful, eco-friendly wind spirals will give us an excuse to recycle plastic water bottles into something decorative and inspiring. All supplies will be provided. Bring your friends and your artistic side.

April 27th: Fuse Bead Fusion

Sometimes called melty beads. Sometimes called fuse beads. Sometimes called Perler beads. Always a lot of fun. The library has thousands of beads and plenty of patterns to help you 'melt' a creative masterpiece. All supplies will be provided.

ANIME AFTERNOON

April 18

4-5 p.m.

An afternoon of otaku games and anime inspired crafts. Ages 11+

Children's Programming

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, April 6** at 10 a.m.

This class offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to gather to share the joys and challenges of parenthood. Skills developed will focus on identifying and understanding a child's four basic feelings, calming ourselves down and the positive effect of mirror neurons with your child.

Stevie has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for over 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Faerie House Exhibition

It's faerie house time! Faerie houses will be accepted at the library from April 17-May 1. We want to display your house in the library! Help us do this by building a house with a base no larger than 14" by 14", and no taller than 30". Please use natural materials only! There will be a selection of natural materials available in the library. All faerie houses will receive a certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club. Certificates will be awarded at the Faerie Festival, May 5, at 10 a.m.



Beadcraft

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 (5, with caregiver) and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of

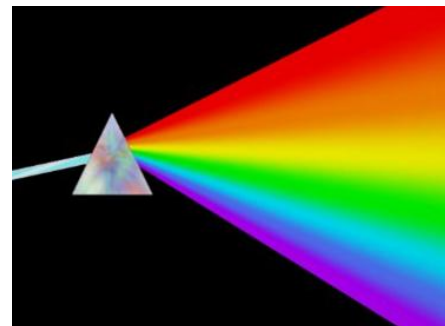
beading fun **Wednesday, April 4** at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be provided.



Imagination Station - Prisms & Light!

Join us on **Thursday, April 12th from 3:45 to 4:30**

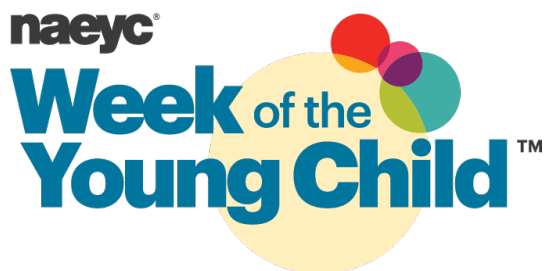
for April's Imagination Station: Prisms and Light. Light is all around us, but how much do you know about it? Did you know you can bend it? Break it apart? Come explore the way light works and play with the different things it can do.



Everyone is encouraged to join us for this series of programs showcasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) - in ways that are fun and accessible for all ages. Find out how stuff works, why things happen, and what makes our world the way it is. All Imagination Station programs are drop-in; stay the whole time or come when you can.

Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor, will be at the library on **Saturday, April 21** from 10-11 a.m. 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. Children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency. Jack is a certified therapy dog, and will be accompanied by his favorite humans, Ursula and Kate Roesse. He also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Week of the Young Child with Early Childhood Coalition

On **Saturday, April 28**, families with young children come enjoy art activities, refreshments, a music concert with Rob Duquette, and take-home gift bags...while they last!

- 10 a.m.: Children's Concert with Rob Duquette

Sing, dance, and play along with Rob Duquette! Rob's performances are interactive and promote a positive message.

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Drop-In Crafts

Storytimes

It's time for storytime! Join us at KFL for stories, songs, and rhymes during our next storytime session. Start building your child's early literacy skills and have fun at the same time! Storytimes are designed for different ages, but anyone is welcome!

-Mondays at 10:15: Peek-A-Book Babies
(ages 0-2 years)

-Tuesdays at 10:15: Family Storytime
(ages 0-5 years)



Storytime Break We'll be taking a short break from storytimes from April 23 to May 5 as we prepare for the Faerie Festival.

Money Talk with People's Bank

Money matters! People's Bank will be visiting us April 27 at 4:00, during Money Smart Week, to talk about having good money habits. This program is intended for grades 3 through 5.

**MONEY
SMART
WEEK**[®]



Money Smart Week[®] is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of hundreds of organizations across the country including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media. These groups come together once a year to stress the importance of financial literacy, inform consumers about where they can get help and provide free educational seminars and activities

throughout the week.

Family Game Day

Looking for something to do during school vacation? Stop by the library on **April 18 at 2 p.m.** and play a tabletop game! Have fun with a game that belongs to the library, or bring your own to share!



Mad Science: DIY Greenhouses!

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We



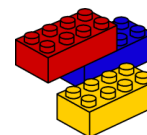
will be holding a Mad Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results.

Please join us on **Monday, April 23rd at 4 p.m.** as we experiment with DIY Greenhouses! For kids ages 6 and up, [registration required](#).

In the March Mad Science, the kids had a so much fun experimenting with Bottle Divers! They learned about the density and water pressure. The kids made excellent designs and examples of a Cartesian diver.

LEGO Club

Come join us on **Wednesday, April 25** at 4 p.m. for Lego Club! This month there will be a building challenge that will push your builder abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your heart's content. [Registration is required](#), for kids in grades K and up.



Children's Room Announcements

- Coming soon: changes to the Children's Room!
 - The Children's Room is getting a makeover! Our picture books are getting new shelves, and the books will be organized in a new way! Keep an eye out downstairs!
- On March 16, Jonah and Animal Welfare Society came to visit and taught us how to say hello to a dog you are meeting for the first time. Everyone had a chance to practice, and Jonah thought everyone did a great job! Thanks to Animal Welfare Society for helping with this program!



Consider Now, Consider for the Future

KFL is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. There are currently openings available and leading up to our new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018, we'll also be on the lookout for additional trustees.

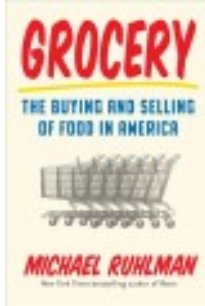
This is a very exciting time for KFL. We're about to enter into a new strategic planning process which will result in a visionary five-year plan. Would you like to bring your ideas and skills to the table? Thank you for your consideration.

To learn more check out our [Trustee FAQ](#) and [Trustee Job Description](#). [Apply here](#).

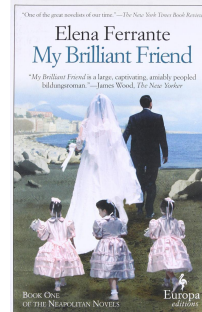
Reading Groups

[Nonfiction Book Discussion](#)
Grocery by Michael Ruhlman on

Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.



Adult Book Discussion
My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante on
Tuesday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.



Frustrated with Technology?

Join us on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our ongoing service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

Technology is becoming more complicated so we're here to help. Having difficulty downloading the cloudLibrary app? Got a tablet for your birthday and need help setting it up? Please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173. This service has quickly become very popular so your patience in waiting for an accommodation is greatly appreciated.



This service is intended to help educate you about your device or to troubleshoot minor technology issues. Our goal is that you'll leave our session with the confidence and knowledge to troubleshoot your own future technology hurdles.

Please bring your device with you. **Our April dates are 6, 13, 20, 27.**

Looking for a Good Home

This more than 100-year old tree philodendron has called KFL home for the past few years. Unfortunately, it has grown beyond our capacity to care for it. We would like to see it go to a home that will love and care for it. If you are interested, please call the adult circulation desk at 985-2173 x4.



April Calendar of Events

April 2: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
April 2: Friends of the Library Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
April 3: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
April 3: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
April 3: Artist's Reception, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 4: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
April 4: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
April 4: Author Talk: Carl Johnson, 6:00 p.m.
April 5: Tax Help, doors open & signup starts at 9:30 a.m.
April 5: Tech & Textiles, 3:00 p.m.
April 6: Parenting Class, 10:00 a.m.
April 6: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 6: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
April 7: Genealogy Group, 10:00 a.m.
April 9: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
April 9: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
April 10: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
April 10: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
April 12: Tax Help, doors open & signup starts at 9:30 a.m.
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April 18: Family Game Day, 2:00 a.m.
April 18: Anime Afternoon, 4:00 a.m.
April 19: Tech & Textiles, 3:00 a.m.
April 20: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
April 20: Movie Matinee, 2:00 a.m.
April 20: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
April 21: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10.00 a.m.
April 23: Mad Science, 4:00 p.m.
April 24: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
April 24: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.
April 24: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 25: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m..
April 25: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.
April 27: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 27: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
April 27: Money Smart Week, 4:00 p.m.
April 28: Week of the Young Child Family Festival 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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