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Adult Programs

Heart and Home Book Club - August 5

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group at Kennebunk Free Library. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be "*by the water*." Feel free to call or stop by the library for help finding a book!



Fern Terrariums - August 6

Join us Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. for a Fern Terrarium Workshop! At our last workshop, we worked closely with succulents and discussed how an open terrarium provided a livable environment. Now, we are going to be working with ferns and seeing how the environments of each plant differ. We ask that attendees bring their own *enclosed* vessel, but all other supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so please call or [e-mail](#) the library to register.



Devilishly Delicious Demos - August 7

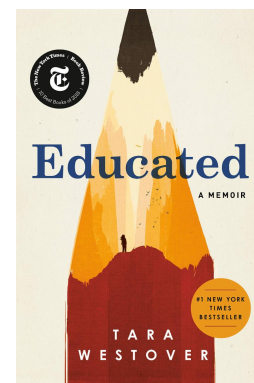
Devilishly Delicious Demos is back at the Kennebunk Free Library! Join us on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. for "A Taste of Norway." Learn to create a selection of Norwegian foods, including Norwegian sandwiches and tasty treats that will satisfy your sweet tooth. Best of all - you'll have the opportunity to sample all of the dishes! Space is limited to ensure that there are enough goodies to go around. Please call or [e-mail](#) the library to register.



Nonfiction Book Group - August 12

Join us on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover.

A girl claws her way out of a claustrophobic, violent fundamentalist family into an elite academic career in this searing debut memoir. Westover recounts her upbringing with six siblings on an Idaho farm dominated by her father Gene (a pseudonym), a devout Mormon with a paranoid streak who tried to live off the grid, kept four children (including the author) out of school, refused to countenance doctors (Westover's mother, Faye, was an unlicensed midwife who sold homeopathic medicines), and stockpiled supplies and guns for the end-time. Westover was forced to work from the age of 11 in Gene's scrap and construction businesses under incredibly dangerous conditions; the grisly narrative includes lost fingers, several cases of severe brain trauma, and two horrible burns that Faye treated with herbal remedies. Thickening the dysfunction was the author's bullying brother, who physically brutalized her for wearing makeup and other immodest behaviors. When she finally escaped the toxic atmosphere of dogma, suspicion, and patriarchy to attend college and then grad school at Cambridge, her identity crisis precipitated a heartbreaking rupture. Westover's vivid prose makes this saga of the pressures of conformity and self-assertion that warp a family seem both terrifying and ordinary. (Publishers Weekly, vol 264, issue 50)



The Camino de Santiago - August 13

Joan and Sam Hull will be at KFL at 6:00 p.m on Tuesday, August 13 with an hour-long presentation for people who have an interest in the Camino de Santiago. They will describe the rich history and culture of "The Way," offer suggestions based on their own experience on how to prepare for walking for two months carrying nothing more than what's in your small backpack, what equipment and clothing are needed and suggestions about eating, sleeping and the pilgrimage experience.



Joan and Sam, residents of Arundel since 2007, have been "perigrinos" numerous times on the Camino in Spain as well as the Via di Francesco ("Way of St. Francis") in Italy. They have completed several long-distance walks in England, including the

Cotswold Way and the South Downs Way and next year plan to walk the Pilgrims Way from London to Canterbury and after crossing the Bay of Biscay, continue in Spain on the Camino Ingles to Santiago.

Whether you're a Camino veteran, perhaps thinking about doing your own Camino or just interested in learning more about this unique cultural experience, come and join us!

Star Party - August 14

Join us on Wednesday, August 14 from 8:00 to 9:00 for a family Star Party. We will begin with crafts and snacks inside the library then move outside to look up at the stars through telescopes and binoculars.



Please call or [e-mail](#) the library to register. If it looks like the weather will make stargazing impossible, we will post a notice on our website and notify those who registered.

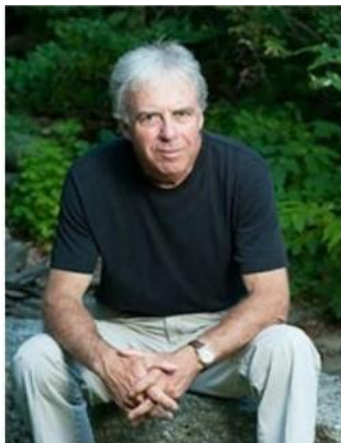
Authors Gerry Boyle and Kate Flora - August 19

KFL will host Maine mystery writers Gerry Boyle and Kate Flora on Monday, August 19 at 6:00, for an evening of crime and conversation. The event is cosponsored by Kennebunk's Mainely Murders Bookstore. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event as well as in advance at Mainely Murders Bookstore.

The writers, longtime friends and mystery-writing colleagues, both have recent additions to their Maine series.

Random Act is the 12th in Boyle's popular series featuring Jack McMorrow - ex-*New York Times* reporter-turned- small town Maine newspaper editor-turned-freelance writer. Boyle began his writing career in newspapers, in what he calls "the best training ground ever." After graduating from Colby College - and short-term jobs from roofer to manuscript reader at a New York City publishing house - his first reporting job was at the weekly *Rumford Falls Times*, later moving on to the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. It was on the news beat that he began collecting material for his first McMorrow novel, *Deadline*, published in 1993. He hasn't stopped writing about Maine (or living here) since. Indeed, reviewers have already called *Random Act* "his best."

Lawyer- turned-writer and a former Maine Assistant Attorney General, Flora is the owner of two series. Her newest is, *A Child Shall Lead*, the sixth in a series with Portland Police Department detective-sergeant Joe Burgess. Her earlier series, now up to nine books, features Thea Kozak, an educational consultant. Equally at home with nonfiction, Flora is the author of *Finding Amy: A True Story of Murder in Maine* (with Joseph K. Loughton); *Death Dealer: How Cops and Cadaver Dogs Brought a Killer to Justice*; *A Good Man with a Dog* (with Roger Guay); and *Shots Fired: The Misconceptions, Misunderstandings, and Myths About Police Shootings* (with Joseph K. Loughlin).



Read ME - August 20

This summer, Kennebunk Free Library patrons will have the opportunity to be part of a statewide community read. Each year, the Maine Humanities Council asks a popular Maine author to recommend two books. This year, author Tess Gerritsen has selected *Paris was the Place* by Susan Conley and *After the Eclipse* by Sarah Perry.

Join KFL staff to discuss *After the Eclipse* on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. Call or stop by the library to reserve your copies of the books.

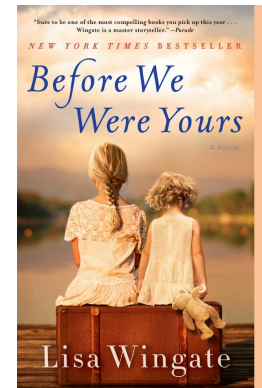
You can also join the conversation with people around the state. Maine Humanities Council is hosting a Read ME Facebook group that all are invited to join. The discussion series will wrap up with an episode of Maine Calling broadcast live from Bangor Public Library.



Adult Book Discussion - August 27

Join us on Tuesday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Christy and Carol Award-winning Wingate (*The Story Keeper*; *The Sea Glass Sisters*) weaves a complex tale about two families, two generations apart, linked by an injustice, based on a notorious true-life scandal. The story begins in 1939 when Rill Foss and her four younger siblings, who had been happily living on their parents' shantyboat on the Mississippi, are seized by strangers and taken to a Memphis orphanage. In present-day South Carolina, the Staffords, a wealthy and prestigious family deeply immersed in the political realm, takes center stage when Avery returns home to help her father recuperate from a health crisis. There she experiences a chance encounter with a resident at the nursing home, which leads to her investigating her family's history. As secrets are exposed, the question is raised: Are some things better left hidden in the past, or is it best to have everything out in the open? (*Library Journal*, vol 142, issue 6, p80)



Ukulele Group - August 28

On Wednesday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m., come to KFL for the fun of making music in the library. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by to play along. Instructor Dan Riggall combines basic instruction with the opportunity to make music.



The library has a limited number of ukuleles available. Please let us know if you will need to borrow one. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Trivia Night - August 28

The last Wednesday of every month is Trivia Night at KFL. Play alone or bring a team (or join one of our friendly groups of regulars). Admission is free, but players who choose to pay a \$2 entry fee are eligible to collect a share of half of that night's pot if their team wins. (Of course, if you're playing alone, you keep the whole half.) The other half goes to purchasing items for the library's collection. Join us on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.



Tech Time - August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Join us on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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.

In Stitches - August 6, 13, 20, 27

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 for "In Stitches", our handicrafts group! This is a great opportunity to expand your skills and learn from others, about knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidering, or other handicrafts while enjoying the company of others. Bring a project you are working on, or come learn from the very beginning (please bring your own supplies). Knitting help will be available.



In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Walker Room. No registration is needed, just drop by for as long as you like.

Teen Programs

Friday Fun

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m. we will be conducting amazing experiments, building creative crafts, or playing great games! These programs are a great opportunity to see your friends during the summer and watch something explode! For teens ages 10 and up.



This month on the 2nd we will be creating amazing Tie-Dye designs, on the 9th we will be flying Solar Balloons, on the 16th we will be experimenting with hydraulics, on the 23rd we will be crafting our own galaxy t-shirts, and on the 30th we will be constructing our own motorized airplanes!

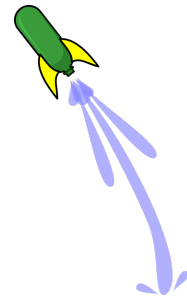
Teen Fandom Afternoon - August 7

Teen Fandom Afternoon on Wednesday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m. - Come to talk about anime, or manga, RPGs, and anything in between. Basically anything that makes you geek out is welcome and encouraged! This month we will be constructing our own fantastic maps and ancient tablets! This program is open to teens ages 10 and up.



Water Rockets - August 12

How high can a water rocket fly? We will be attempting to find out on Monday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m. We will construct and launch pressurized rockets. This is a teen program and open to anyone ages 10 and up. If it decides to rain on launch day, the program will be rescheduled to August 15. Who will launch the highest flying rocket?



Children's Programs

Mad Science of Maine - August 1

3, 2, 1...blast off! Mad Science will be coming to KFL on Thursday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m.! Explore Space as you embark on an out-of-this-world galactic expedition. From Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this stellar space show will send you to the Moon! Prepare to be awestruck! This program is for all ages. No registration required.



Junior Science: Egg Drop Competition! - August 5

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Come join us on Monday, August 5 at 4:00 p.m. as we hold our Egg Drop competition! The kids will create contraptions that will allow an egg to survive a one story drop. This program is designed for kids ages 5 and up; registration is required.



In July at Junior Science the kids had a fantastic time launching baking soda and vinegar bottle rockets! We discussed how pressure is built up within the corked bottle until it expels the cork and is launched. We also discussed the chemical reaction that occurs when baking soda and vinegar mix.

Pet Show - August 5

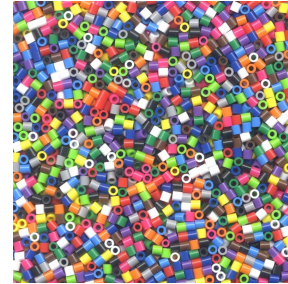
Kennebunk Free Library will be holding its 27th Annual Pet Show on Monday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m., delayed from its original date because of stormy weather. In the past, the library has been visited by a variety of animals from cows to hermit crabs - and everything in between! Show off your pet and win a prize! Registration and signed waiver are required. One pet per child. Pets must be up-to-date on shots, on leash or caged, and accompanied by an adult. Please clean up after your pet. Join us for a KFL tradition!





Beadcraft - August 7

Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950s, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is required.



Family Yoga - August 8

Family Yoga is back at Kennebunk Free Library as part of our Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories. If you are looking for a family activity on a hot summer day, consider joining us for some fun with simple yoga shapes that invite stretching, strengthening, concentration, balance and confidence. As we explore the shapes, there will be gentle attention to breath and mindfulness. Included will be individual and group shapes, as well as shapes with your family person that encourage cooperation and connection. Programs will be led by Susan C. Mirisola, Library Assistant, Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher- 200 Hours, and Certified ChildLight Yoga Teacher.



For ages 4 and up. Registration and waiver are required. Please bring a small blanket to cover during Resting-on-a-Cloud Pose, and your yoga mat, if you have one. No experience necessary. Space is limited. Family yoga will meet Thursday, August 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Firefighter Storytime - August 13

Come to the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, August 13, at 10:15 a.m. to meet our local fire fighters and learn about fire fighting! Kennebunk Fire and Rescue will bring some of their finest to storytime so that we can learn what it takes to become a firefighter, and how to keep ourselves safe. An emergency vehicle will be available to explore! All ages are welcome.



Space Crafts - August 15

Blast off! Kennebunk Free Library is having a drop-in craft to celebrate outer space. Stop by between 11:30-12:30 on Thursday, August 15 to create a pony bead alien! This craft is for ages 7 and up. No registration is required.



Windows and Mirrors Book Club - August 19



Kennebunk Free Library in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council is excited to start a new book club that centers on picture books that highlight the beauty of our diverse world. Join us to hear stories, create art, and talk about the special things that make us both different and the same. Maya Williams, local poet, will be joining us to talk about ways to celebrate ourselves and each other. The book club is open to grades K-5. No registration is required. Discover how we can find ourselves and learn about others in stories. Our first meeting is on Monday, August 19 at 3:45 p.m.

Author Jocelyn Lacey - August 20

Swim on in to Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, August 20 at 10:15 a.m. for a visit from Jocelyn Lacey, local author! Jocelyn will be joining us during our regular storytime to share her book, *Coral's First Sleepover*, all about mermaid fun! *Coral's First Sleepover* is about a mermaid named Coral who lives off the coast of Maine and is invited to her first sleepover, but is nervous about going. Does she have a reason to be nervous? Join us and find out! We will also have a fun craft. Jocelyn will have books available for purchase and signing. Join us for a mermaid time!



Discovery Station - August 21

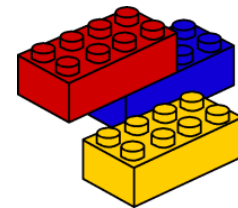
Discovery Station is a STEAM program designed for children 2-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. STEAM activity stations will give children, with their parent or caregiver, an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning while having fun!



Join us on Wednesday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m. for **We Build, Free Build!** Sign up to practice your building and engineering skills. The program is limited to 12 children, and registration is required.

LEGO Club - August 28

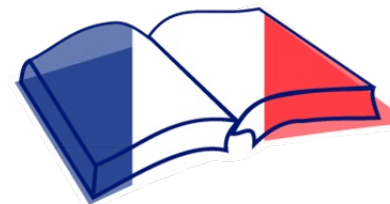
Come join us on Wednesday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! This month come join us for a building challenge that will push your builder abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own imagination. Registration is required, for kids ages 4 and up.



French Class - August 6, 13, 20, 27

Parlez-vous français?!

Would you like to learn to speak French? Join us on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. here at the library for French class. You will develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, while also learning about cultural perspectives of France and other French-speaking countries around the world. Our emphasis will be on communication, using the language in real-life, real-world situations, so that students may converse with French-speaking visitors to our state, and/or be able to get around when traveling in the Francophone World. This class is geared



Storytimes

Summer storytimes will be held:

Mondays @ 10:15: Peek-a-Book Babies (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 2-5)
Thursdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 2-5)



We will be taking a storytime break from Monday, August 19 until Monday, September 9. When we restart, we will be following our Fall storytime schedule:

Mondays @ 10:15: Peek-a-Book Babies (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

Farmers' Market Storytimes

Time for storytime! Kennebunk Free Library will be returning to Kennebunk Farmers' Market on select Saturdays in August. Come visit our tent for a story! KFL will be at the market on the following dates from 9:30-11:00 a.m.:

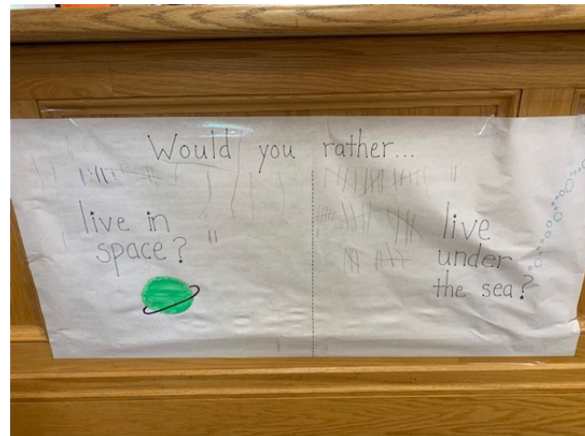
- August 3
- August 10
- August 17
- August 31



See you at the market!

Children's Room Announcements

- The last day of the 2019 Summer Reading Program is Saturday, August 17. Prizes can be picked up through Tuesday, September 3.
- The results of our July Would You Rather question are in! The question, "Would you rather live in space or under the sea?" brought in a total of 66 responses! The results were:
 - In space: 22 votes
 - Under the sea: 44 votes



Keep an eye out for a new question!

Speers Gallery

August Artist: Barbara Berry

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its August 2019 exhibition, "Meanderings", the acrylic paintings on canvas and birch created by Barbara Berry. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

"With a deep love of the natural world, I'm

drawn to tranquil spaces and certain combinations of light. I also enjoy the challenge of painting interesting architecture and informal portraiture, especially children and special pets. I've always loved to draw and started painting about three years ago. I couldn't be happier than when I have a paintbrush in my hand.



I'm a member of Maine Women in the Arts and an associate member of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks. For many years I taught music at Berwick Academy as well as served as music director in area churches. I presently teach and direct a choral class at YCCC in Wells and continue to teach private piano."

The public is invited to an artist's reception on Tuesday, August 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the works of this talented artist.

Library News & Events

Community Yard & Art Sale - Reserve Your Spaces Now!

Kennebunk Free Library is hosting a Community Yard and Art Sale on our lawn on Saturday, August 24 from 8:30-12:30. Shoppers will find an array of items from local artists and your neighbor's attic.

10'x10' spaces are available to rent for \$25 and 30"x72" folding tables are also available to rent for an additional \$10. You'll receive prime visibility on Main Street and free advertising - all for a low donation to benefit KFL.

New this year, KFL will feature art donated by patrons and local artists at the sale.

Applications and fees are due by Monday, August 19. [Applications](#) and [additional information](#) can be picked up at the library or found on our website.

New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

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

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived this month.

Hot New Releases on order for August:

(Click on the title to go to the item record in the catalog & place a hold.)

August 5

[The Inn](#) - James Patterson

August 6

[Hunter's Moon](#) - Philip Caputo

[A Dangerous Man](#) - Robert Crais

[Turn of the Key](#) - Ruth Ware

August 13

[The Russia Account](#) - Stephen Coonts

[Contraband](#) - Stuart Woods

August 20

[Tidelands](#) - Philippa Gregory

[The Warning](#) - James Patterson

[Old Bones](#) - Douglas Preston

August 27

Cut and Run - Fern Michaels

A Better Man - Louise Penny

The Dark Side - Danielle Steel

Turn of Midnight - Minette Walters

A Message from the Library Director

Another year, another one for the books! Kennebunk Free Library's 22nd Edition Road Race, held on Friday, July 12, was a great success with 522 participants. The weather held out for us, the conditions on Dane Street were runner-friendly, and the music played on. KFL receives municipal funding, but as a nonprofit organization we still need to engage in significant fundraising. Each year we need to raise approximately \$200,000 to meet our budget mark. The Road Race is one of our major events that help us accomplish this. None of this would be possible without the support of our community members, local business sponsors, and prize providers. Thank you for your ongoing support that keeps us a thriving and valuable resource for the community.



We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contributions to our Annual Appeal fundraiser which concluded on June 30. This year you raised over \$68,000 for KFL. For a list of this year's donors, [click here](#).

Thank you,

Michelle K. Connors, Director

August Calendar of Events

- Aug 1: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug 1: Mad Science of Maine, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug 2: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 2: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
- Aug 3: Farmers' Market Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- Aug 3: Ukulele Summer Camp, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 5: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug 5: Heart and Home Book Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug 5: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug 5: Pet Show, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 6: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug 6: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 6: Beginners French Class, 12:30 p.m.
- Aug 6: Artist Reception, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 6: Fern Terrariums, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 7: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
- Aug 7: Teen Fandom Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug 7: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 7: Devilishly Delicious Demos, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 8: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug 8: Family Yoga, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug 9: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 9: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
- Aug 10: Farmers' Market Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- Aug 12: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug 12: Teen Water Rockets, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug 12: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug 13: Firefighter Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

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Aug 13: Camino de Santiago Talk with Joan and Sam Hull, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 14: Journaling Challenge, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 14: Star Party, 8:00 p.m.
Aug 15: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Aug 15: Space Craft, 11:30 a.m.
Aug 15: Water Rockets Rain Date, 4:00 p.m.
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Aug 20: Read ME, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 21: Discovery Station, 2:00 p.m.
Aug 23: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.
Aug 23: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Aug 24: KFL Yard & Art Sale, 8:30 a.m.
Aug 27: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
Aug 27: French Class, 12:30 p.m.
Aug 27: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.
Aug 27: KFL Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 28: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m.
Aug 28: Ukulele Club, 5:30 p.m.
Aug 28: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.
Aug 30: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.
Aug 30: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Aug 31: Farmers' Market Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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