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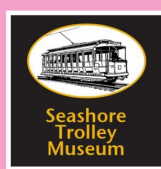


Bulb Sale Fundraiser

Just when the town needed cheering up last spring, daffodils bloomed on Summer Street's Land Trust strip and beyond. The glowing daffodils were the result of a community planting of over 3,000 bulbs by the Friends of the Landing last fall, the gloomy fall of 2020. This year Kennebunk Free Library will follow the initiative of the Friends of the Landing by both planting daffodils around the library and encouraging others to both support KFL and purchase daffodils to cheer up their yards and streets. As a new fundraising event for the library, you will be able to order bulbs through [KFL's Square store](#).

There will be a cheerful mix of yellow daffodils and white narcissus that are tall enough (12" – 18") to be seen from a distance. The library will also be offering separate bags of yellow daffodils and white narcissus. The price for all varieties will be five bulbs for \$5.00. All the bulbs will be purchased from Fedco, a Maine based company.

Please place your order before August 4. Pick up will be at the library on Wednesday, October 20. The Kennebunk Free Library hopes the planting of daffodils town wide will "take root" and that Kennebunk will become a "Daffodil Destination" for our visitors and cheer its residents.



Ice Cream Night

Seashore Trolley Museum | Kennebunkport, Maine
Wednesday, August 11th | 5:30PM-7:30PM

Delicious Ice Cream Sundaes & Evening Trolley Rides!

\$10/person
(children 2 and under are free).
Admission includes a trolley ride and ice cream sundae.
Purchase tickets in advance to guarantee trolley boarding time.



Support two great nonprofits.
Kennebunk Free Library receives 50% of the proceeds!

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.trolley museum.org/events

Kennebunk Free Library's Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Buyers

- 20+ Vendors
- Library Lawn
- Art & Attic

Sellers

- Limited 10'x10' spaces to rent: only \$25
- Prime Visibility on Main Street
- Free Advertising

985-2173
kennebunklibrary.org



Kennebunk Free Library will sponsor a Community Yard Sale on the library lawn on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This sale is designed for individuals to rent a 10' x 10' space and sell their own goods or arts and craft items. Any money the seller makes in selling items is theirs to keep. Please read the following documents for more information or call the library at (207) 985-2173 with any questions!

[Yard Sale Information 2021](#)
[Yard Sale Application 2021](#)



The magazine exchange table in our lobby is back! Leave your gently used magazines on the table for others to take, or grab a stack to read on the beach.

September Save the Dates

The public is invited to the [Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library](#) quarterly meeting on September 13 at 5:30 and to the Annual Meeting of the [Kennebunk Free Library Board of Trustees](#) on Tuesday, September 28 at 4:30.

Adult Programs

There's still time to enter KFL's Summer Reading Challenge! Record the time you spend reading this summer and win one



raffle ticket for every hour read, up to 12 tickets. Enter the drawing by August 21 to win a gift card from one of 10 local businesses.

Visit [Beanstack](#) to register for the challenges or stop by the library to pick up a print version.

In Stitches - August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



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.

Please check the online calendar listing for this program on the morning of the meeting to learn whether we will be meeting in-person (outdoors at the library) or virtually (via a Zoom meeting). Masks are strongly recommended.

Take Note - August 4



Take Note is a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! We discuss our favorite supplies & current projects in a free form discussion. This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m. Come to chat, ask questions, or listen. No experience needed. New participants are always welcome!

Please check the online calendar listing for this program on the day of the meeting to learn whether we will be meeting in-person (outdoors at the library) or virtually (via Zoom).

Heart and Home Book Group - August 9



The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme.

If you've been thinking about trying out our book group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's book or young adult novel. Our unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do

book club", and everyone is welcome!

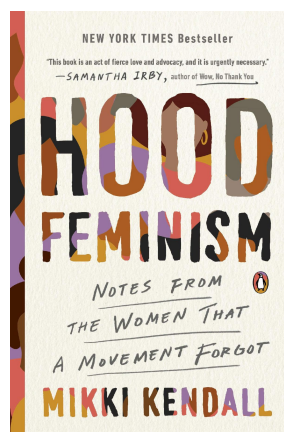
Upcoming Meetings:

On Monday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Science*.

On Monday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *That Book You've Been Meaning to Read*.

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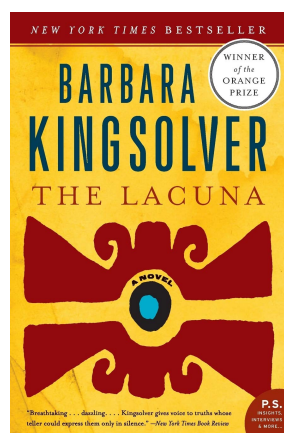
Nonfiction Book Group - August 9



Join us on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Hood Feminism* by Mikki Kendall, the nonfiction Read ME pick for 2021. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link. Weather permitting, the discussion may be held outside and in-person. Check the website on the day of the program for details.

"In this collection of essays, Kendall (coeditor, *Hidden Youth*) explores how feminism has not acknowledged the many ways in which race, class, and sexual orientation intersect with gender. Through a biographical lens, Kendall examines how issues like food security, access to education, safe housing, and health care connect to feminist concerns, and ponders why they continue to be ignored by mainstream feminists. Reflecting on her experiences being raised by her grandmother, a woman described as a feminist who would never have called herself one, Kendall draws parallels between the unwritten rules she learned growing up and the disconnect many women of color still feel from white feminists. Whether she's discussing pop music, her patriarchal grandfather, or the number of women of color who go missing, Kendall combines her personal experiences with data and statistics to create a compelling narrative and call to action and change. VERDICT A frank account of who and what is still missing from mainstream feminism that will appeal to readers of women's and African American studies, and readers seeking a better grasp on history." (Library Journal, vol 145, issue 1, p93)

Adult Book Discussion - August 24



Join us on Tuesday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link. Weather permitting, the discussion may be held in-person and outside. Check the website the day of the program for details.

"Kingsolver's ambitious new novel, her first in nine years (after the *The Poisonwood Bible*), focuses on Harrison William Shepherd, the product of a divorced American father and a Mexican mother. After getting kicked out of his American military academy, Harrison spends his formative years in Mexico in the 1930s in the household of Diego Rivera; his wife, Frida Kahlo; and their houseguest, Leon Trotsky, who is hiding from Soviet assassins. After Trotsky is assassinated, Harrison returns to the U.S., settling down in Asheville, N.C., where he becomes an author of historical potboilers (e.g., *Vassals of Majesty*) and is later investigated as a possible subversive. Narrated in the form of letters, diary entries and newspaper clippings, the novel takes a while to get going, but once it does, it achieves a rare dramatic power that reaches its emotional peak when Harrison wittily and eloquently defends himself before the House Un-American Activities Committee (on the panel is a young Dick Nixon). "Employed by the American imagination," is how one character describes Harrison, a term that could apply equally to Kingsolver as she masterfully resurrects a dark period in American history with the assured hand of a true literary artist." (Publishers Weekly, vol 256, issue 33, p1)



Ukulele Group - August 25

Join us on Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

Teen Programs

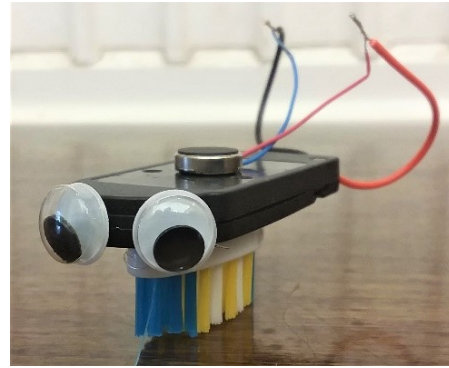


Teen Gaming - August 6, 13, 20, 27

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play a variety of games, including Boomerang Fu, Overcooked, and Gang Beasts! We also occasionally dabble in Minecraft and Among Us. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



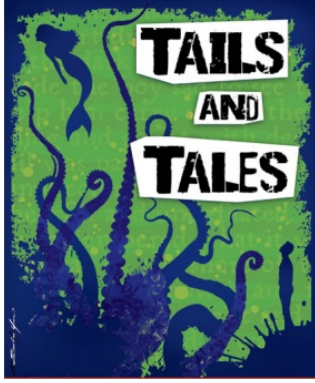
Teen Take-Home Kits - August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Every week kits will be available to be picked up in the teen section. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All teens ages 10 and up are welcome! Join us for fantastic programs and to spend time with friends.

ZOOM LINK

Summer Reading

We've had a fantastic summer so far but we aren't finished yet! We'll continue reading and offering amazing programs through August 21. All teens ages 10 – 18 will receive a raffle ticket when they register for a fantastic prize! We will be continuing all your favorite programs as well as holding special programs the rest of the month including



Kite flying and Exploding Watermelons! For every program you come to you will be given a badge to show you've completed that activity. See how many you can earn over the summer! You can track your reading time to earn additional raffle tickets to win gift cards from local businesses. **Please remember to return your reading logs by end of day August 21st to be entered in the raffles.**



Exploding Watermelon and S'mores - August 4

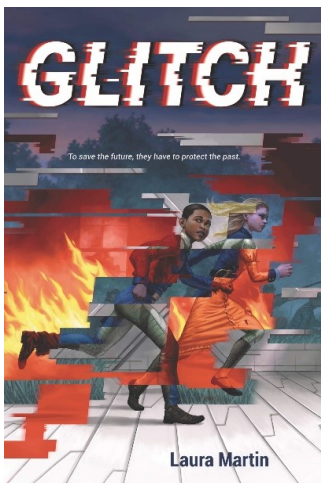
Join us for a fun afternoon as we conduct experiments with watermelon and s'mores! This is an in-person program that will be held outside of the library on August 4 at 3:00 p.m. It is open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. We will be cooking s'mores and exploding watermelons! Masks are strongly recommended.



Kite Flying - August 11

Join us for a fun afternoon of flying kites! This is an in-person program that will be held outside of the library on August 11 at 3:00 p.m. It is open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. All supplies will be provided for you to build and fly our own kites. We will meet at the library but then walk to Rogers Park a short distance from the library to have more space for flying, before returning to the library. Masks are strongly recommended. Please watch our webpage or Facebook page on the day of to see if the weather will affect the program.

Middle School Book Group - August 25



Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, August 25 we will meet in person at the Kennebunk Free Library to chat and discuss a book. The meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, snacks will be provided. This program is open to teens going into grades 6 through 8.

The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

This month we will be reading *Glitch* by Laura Martin. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

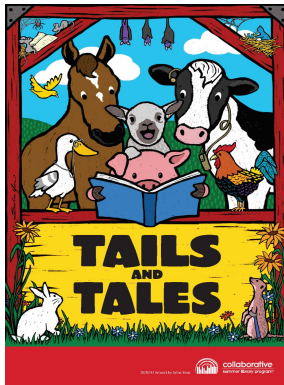
Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.

Children's Programs



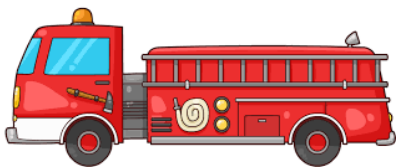
Storytime in the Sun - Mondays

It's time for storytime – outside! On Mondays from August 2-August 16 at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain, storytime will be held on Facebook Live. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on Monday morning, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. Masks are strongly recommended.



Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering farm animal crafts to celebrate our Summer Reading theme, Tails and Tales! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, August 3. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!



A Visit From Kennebunk Fire & Rescue - August 10

Come to the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. to meet our local fire fighters and learn about fire fighting! Kennebunk Fire and Rescue will come visit us at the library to teach us about what it takes to become a firefighter, and how to keep ourselves safe. An emergency vehicle will be available to see up-close! All ages are welcome.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover - August 12

Time for a slumber party – but this one's for the toys! Kennebunk Free Library is having a stuffed animal sleepover August 12-August 13. Our friends at the Graves Library are having a stuffed animal sleepover at their library on the same night! On



Thursday, August 12 at 3:30, bring a stuffie, doll, or lovey to the library. Weather permitting, we will share a story and make a craft. Tuck your friend in for the night and say, "Say you tomorrow!" On Friday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m., come to the library to pick up your friend! We will have breakfast treats, and a slideshow of pictures showing you what your friend was up to all night will be available to view! We will show the slideshow in small groups inside the library, and it will be available for online viewing on our Facebook page. This event is for children ages 0-10 and their loveys. One stuffed animal or lovey per child. [This event requires registration.](#)



Outdoor Safari Party - August 19

Are you ready for an adventure? Come to an outdoor safari party at Kennebunk Free Library on Thursday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m.! Don your safari gear and explore stations to learn about safari animals with crafts and activities. This is a drop-in event; no registration is needed and children can join in at any time during the event. In the event of bad weather, a rain date has been scheduled for Friday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m.



Tails and Tales

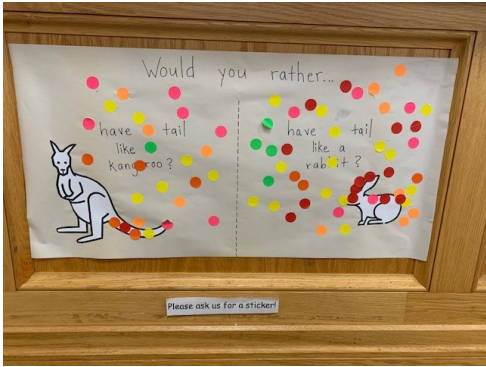
Have you been participating in the Summer Reading Program at Kennebunk Free Library? The last day to turn in your reading log with your raffle entries is Saturday, August 21! If you are tracking your time online with Beanstack, be sure to have your minutes entered by the end of the day on August 21! We will be selecting raffle winners on Wednesday, August 25 and the winners will be notified by Friday, August 27. It's not too late to sign up for Summer Reading! Stop by the library or sign up [via Beanstack](#). Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Book Stacks for Children

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! We have lots of brand-new books to share with you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google](#)



[Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library.



Would you rather...

The “Would you rather” question of the month is back in the Children’s Room! This month, we asked, “Would you rather have a tail like a rabbit or a tail like a kangaroo?” 26 voters would rather have a tail like a kangaroo, while 48 voters would rather have a tail like a rabbit! Be sure to hippity-hop to the Children’s Room next month to vote in our next “Would you rather” poll!

New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.

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

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

Hot New Releases on Order for July

August 3

[Billy Summers – Stephen King](#)

[Blind Tiger – Sandra Brown](#)

[Breathe – Joyce Carol Oates](#)

[Class Act – Stuart Woods](#)

August 10

[Cul-de-Sac – Joy Fielding](#)

[Ice and Stone – Marcia Muller](#)

[Vortex – Catherine Coulter](#)

August 17

[The Noise – James Patterson](#)

[Complications – Danielle Steel](#)

[Bloodless – Douglas Preston](#)

[Another Kind of Eden – James Lee Burke](#)

[Viral – Robin Cook](#)

[A Terrible Fall of Angels – Laurell Hamilton](#)

[The Darkness Knows – Arnaldur Indridason](#)

August 24

[The Madness of Crowds – Louise Penny](#)

[Whiplash – Janet Dailey](#)

August 31

[A Slow Fire Burning – Paula Hawkins](#)

A Message from the Library Director



Things are starting to feel a whole lot like normal again. In July we started our Summer Reading programs, held our Blueberry Festival Book Sale, and our 24th Edition Road Race. In August, we will be at the Seashore Trolley Museum (8/11) for the ice cream night fundraiser, our Yard Sale is happening August 28, and you can order bulbs for our fundraiser through August 4. In the weeks ahead, we will also open the magazine exchange table, Hank's Room for room rentals, and the Reading Room. We remain cautious and ready to adjust as needed.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Blueberry Love by Cynthia Graubart

August is blueberry season and this book shows 46 ways to enjoy them: breakfast, lunch and dinner with entrees, salad dressing, jam, cocktails and old-fashioned scrub. My list of must-try recipes includes "Make-Ahead Blueberry-Pecan French Toast Casserole, Blueberry and Onion Jam Glaze and Sautéed Pork Tenderloin with Blueberry Balsamic Mustard Glaze". Something for everyone, blueberries for all!

Sigh, Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In by Phuc Tran

This coming of age memoir begins as Phuc's family leaves war-torn Vietnam in 1975 after the fall of Saigon and starts a new life in Pennsylvania. Phuc's irreverent humor and experiences lets the reader in on just what it was like for he and his family to adapt.

This quote is a good example: "My father loved the library because it was a safe haven for him - no missed cultural cues, no bigoted insults from his coworkers, no glaring reminders of what was lost. All patrons of the library were pilgrims to the oracle all seeking the same thing: knowledge. And in their pursuits of the same thing, they were all equals." During his freshman year of High School, a friend recommends a title by Albert Camus and his appetite for reading is born. Phuc shares what he learned from: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* -- *The Plague* -- *Crime and Punishment* -- *The Scarlet Letter* -- *A Christmas Carol* -- *Man and His Symbols* -- *Madame Bovary* -- *Pygmalion* -- *The Metamorphosis* -- *The Importance of Being Earnest* -- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* - *The Iliad*. This book was recommended by my co-worker, Kate and she was right.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

KFL has an audio version of this work. It only takes two hours to read/listen to. I had enjoyed listening to this amusing play earlier this spring and was delighted to hear Phuc Tran's thoughts on it in *Sigh, Gone*. Algernon pretends to be his friend's troublesome younger brother, Earnest, in Wilde's satire of nineteenth-century fashions, manners, and morality. Perfect for a day trip!

Denise, Library Assistant

Don't let Summer get away from you.
Books available at KFL.
Call to place your request.