

We will be closed on Saturday, December 24, Monday December 26, and Monday January 2.
We will be closing early on Saturday, December 31 at 1:00.



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Friends of KFL Holiday Book and Bake Sale

A Holiday Book and Bake Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will be held December 3, 2016. The book sale will run 8:30 AM to 1 PM and the bake sale from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and audio books. The Bake Sale will feature homemade baked goods and savory treats.

All proceeds directly benefit Library programs, collections, and events.

Friends for the Holidays

Thank you for being a Friend!

The Friends of the Library is busy working on our 2017 schedule of events and fundraisers. Please [join us](#) by becoming a Friend for 2017 and supporting services at KFL. Already a Friend? Please consider renewing now for 2017 and getting the tax write-off this year. Did you know that you can "Friend" a friend or family member? Gift Friendships are available and make great stocking stuffers - especially for the library-loving person who has everything! Please contact the helpful Library staff to sign-up in person or over the phone.

Best wishes to you during the holidays and throughout next year from the Friends of Kennebunk Free Library.

Kennebunk Teacher Discusses New Essay Collection

Kennebunk High School teacher and author Andy Young will read from his new book, *Young Ideas*, on **Wednesday, December 14 at 6 PM**. A collection of 70 columns that have previously appeared in newspapers around the state, *Young Ideas* gathers Young's unique observations on life, teaching, writing, and everything else, all mixed with Young's signature humor.

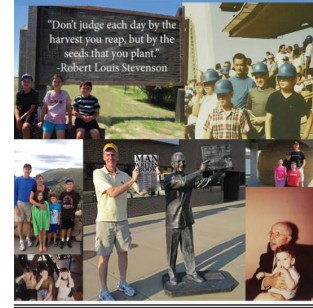
"There are a total of 70 essays in the book, more than a half-dozen of which are potentially life-impacting," Young says. "The rest are merely inspiring, insightful, or insipid and amusing."

A long-time columnist for a number of Maine newspapers, Young combed through more than 450 essays to choose the pieces for *Young Ideas*. According to Young, the columns about people and everyday life are the ones that still resonate for him.

"After looking back at over a decade's worth of essays, I've learned most of the ones dealing with current events or pop culture don't have much of a shelf life," he said in a recent interview with BAM! Publishing. "Little vignettes about everyday occurrences, though, they stay relevant forever, and sometimes the significance of those events grows with time."

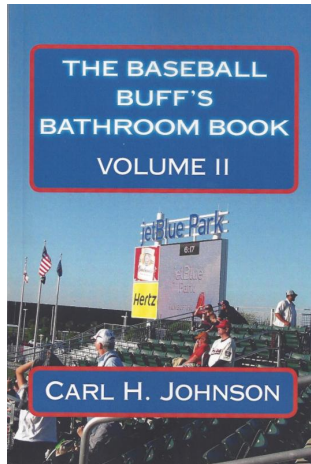
Young is a familiar face at Kennebunk High School, where he is in his 15th year as a teacher of English and literacy. Before that, he worked as a play-by-play announcer for several minor-league professional baseball and hockey teams. Young has done everything from digging ditches and washing dishes to selling athletic footwear and Christmas trees (though not at the same time). He and his three children live in Cumberland.

"There are countless other less easily-described blessings which I consciously remind myself to savor, starting with some of the young people who walk into my classroom at Kennebunk High School each day," he said in the interview. "I've got some incredible colleagues there too, each of whom serves as a walking, breathing reminder that the most valuable treasures in my life aren't tangible possessions, but people."



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TWELVE EXTRAORDINARILY THOUGHT-PROVOKING ESSAYS (AND 58 OTHERS) BY AN EXCEPTIONALLY ORDINARY HUMAN BEING

Andy Young



Baseball Columnist Unveils His Latest Book

Local baseball columnist and author Carl Johnson will share stories from baseball's past and present when he reads from his newest book, *The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book Vol. 2* on **Monday, December 19 at 6 PM.**

The second volume in Johnson's series on baseball history, trivia, and stories features 50 stories about major events and players in the world of baseball. From Enos Slaughter's "mad dash" from first to home to win the 1946 World Series to Detroit Tigers pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych's rise from obscurity to starting the All-Star Game in less than two months, *The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book Vol. 2* features unforgettable stories about America's pastime.

Johnson will also offer signed copies of *The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book Vol. 1* and *From Beer to Beards: Boston Baseball's 2011-2013 Roller Coaster Ride* for sale. *From Beer to Beards* chronicles three seasons of ups and downs for the Red Sox that culminated in a 2013 World Series win.

Carl Johnson covers Major League Baseball in his column, *Baseball World* for the Biddeford Journal Tribune and writes as a guest columnist for several other newspapers and online publications. A lifelong student of the game, Johnson has taught several college-level courses on baseball. He lives and writes in Sanford, Maine. Baseball fans can find his blog at baseballworldbj.com.

Children's Programming

Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, December 2 at 10:00 AM.**

The 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 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

Gingerbread Houses

Start the holiday season off with some sweet fun at Kennebunk Free Library. Join us on **Wednesday, December 7 from 1 - 3 PM** to build a gingerbread house to take home.

All supplies will be provided. This program is a drop-in event. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend, but remember to bring a grown-up to share in the fun.

Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor will be at the Library on **Saturday, December 10 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. 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 Roese. He also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Pop-Up Snowmen Craft

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder, and winter is almost here. Don't let it get you down, though! Winter means snow, and snow means SNOWMEN. On **Thursday, December 15th at 3:30 PM**, children in grades K-5 are invited to get into the spirit of the season by making pop-up snowmen, using paper plates and other materials. All supplies will be provided. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Holiday Beadcraft

On **Tuesday, December 20th at 4:00 PM** you can make an ornament at the Holiday Beadcraft program. This is for grades 1 and up. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

LEGO Building Club

Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Legos Building Club for children in kindergarten and older. The Legos Club will meet on **Wednesday, December 28 at 4:00 PM**. All Legos blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Family Yoga

Are you looking for a way to extend the holiday spirit with your family? Consider joining Registered Yoga Teacher Susan Mirisola on **Thursday, December 29 at 10:30 AM**. Thursday, December 29th at 1:00 PM.

Never done yoga before? Not to worry as no experience is necessary, and this might be a good time to begin something new as we move into the New Year.

In this class, we will start by stretching the spine while breathing mindfully. We will then playfully move our bodies into animal and structural shapes, along with a balancing pose or two. If time

allows, we will try partner and group poses where we rely on one another to create and be supported in the pose.

This program is offered to those ages 4 and up. Bring your own mat, if you have one, and a blanket to cover. Please call or [email](#) to register early as space is limited. A waiver is required.

Homeschool Group

Due to low attendance the Homeschoolers Group will be on hiatus in 2017. As always, we value the homeschooling families in the community, and will continue to offer resources specifically for homeschoolers at the Library. We will continue to monitor the community interest in a Homeschoolers Group, and will re-start the group in the future if there is a need.

Genealogy Group - Expanding Your Views: Getting to Know Your Research Locales

The Genealogy Group will next meet on **Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 AM** when Pam Stone Eagleson, Certified Genealogist, will be speaking on research locales.

As we search for our ancestors and their stories, one of the basic tenets of research is to familiarize yourself with your research locale-- to get a sense of place and learn about and understand both the historical and physical landscape. This presentation will describe a 7 step process to learning about a research locale.

The Genealogy Group is open to the public and meets nine times a year.



Learn more about [Pam and her work](#).

Teen Programming

TEEN THURSDAYS

December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

2:30 - 4:30 PM

Head to the Library after school ends, and spend Thursday afternoons with Melissa, the Teen Librarian in a new 'multi-purpose' space at Kennebunk Free Library. This is a drop-in any time event, no pre-registration required. Open to teens in Grades 6-12. Play a game with friends. Color, create or collaborate. Get help with homework. Find a new favorite book.

Topics will include DIY Holiday Gifts, Study Skills and Let's Decorate the Teen Room.

TEEN GAMING (Fridays)

December 9, 16, 23 & 30

Come play the Wii on the KFL projector screen. Handheld devices and trading card games also encouraged.

2:30-4:30 PM

ANIME AFTERNOON

December 14

4:00-5:00 PM

Join Melissa, the teen librarian to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime files on the projection screen and everything anime in-between.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

December 27

Come watch a movie on the KFL projector screen. Popcorn and drinks provided. Call or visit KFL

Sprucing Up Non-Fiction

If you have visited us recently, you might have noticed our non-fiction stacks looking a little askew. Maybe you've raised an eyebrow to some empty shelves and thought "what is going on there?" The answer is that we are doing a bit of a spruce-up of our collection.

We reached maximum capacity on the shelves with no more room to add our great new titles, so it was time to do a little moving and shaking to get some open space again. Some of that meant retiring older books that haven't circulated in the last few years or that were so worn out they wouldn't survive another reading. We also reclassified some sections to help fill in topical gaps and open up shelf space. You'll notice that many memoirs are no longer in the biography section but are now shelved by subject matter. We hope that browsers who may have missed the books in the biography section will now find them in their new homes. As we finish this project, you will notice that we have more space on the shelves to grow the collection. Perhaps best of all, you can now pull a book off the shelf without taking its neighbors with you!

As always we are here to help you find what you need, so if you don't see the title you are looking for, let us know. We are always happy to help.

Your Cataloger, Kate

NEW KFL Bags, Aprons and Mugs



Large Canvas Bags:
\$15.00

Small Jute Bags:
\$5.00

Aprons: \$15.00

Mugs: \$5.00



You now have the option of contributing a portion of your Amazon purchase through smile.amazon.com

We are listed as Kennebunk Free Library Association.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

From the Book Room

We are very grateful for the many donations of quality books that come to us. A small group of volunteers carefully sort out the books either to determine which will be sold at Friends of KFL Book Sales to generate funds for programs here at the library, added to the library's collection or passed onto to other worthy venues.

The Book Room volunteers need your help. The Book Room is crowded and it is a time consuming process to sort the incoming donations, therefore we are asking you to remember the following library guidelines for book donations:

1. No textbooks, teacher manuals, or Reader Digest books, please.
2. Books should be in fair to good or excellent condition. Books that are torn, soiled, musty or moldy are not accepted as we cannot shelve, sell, or pass these on.
3. If you have paperback books that are in the above conditions, please put them in your recycle bin. Unusable hardcover books must have their covers removed before recycling the pages.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Keep the books coming and if you would like to join us, you are most welcome.

Joan and Donna

Want to volunteer in the book room? There will be a training session on
Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00.

Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America escort to Arlington National Cemetery passes through Kennebunk on Monday, December 12.

The convoy will head South Route 1 turning off Route 1 onto Ross Road, then left onto Fletcher Street and stopping at Kennebunk High School at 9:45 AM. There will be a ceremony at 10:00 before they leave at 11:00 AM left down Fletcher Street and then continue down Route 1 South.

Come join us by the fire on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



"In and Around Southern Maine and Beyond"

Our December exhibition is "*In and Around Southern Maine and Beyond*", the photography of Karenlee Gorman.



Her work will be on display at the in the Speers Gallery from December 1 to 31, 2016. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours when the gallery is not in use for Library programs.

Karenlee's photography has been a passion for years, learning and experimenting with different settings and enjoying the outcome. It is only in the last few years that she has begun sharing her work with others. This exhibit includes local scenes and

photographs taken on her recent trip to Alaska.

Ms. Gorman is inspired by the love of being outside. "As an avid cyclist, being outdoors gives me a way to relish, reflect and share. Those who know me know that for me it's all about riding and photography with a little running in between! Photography gives me the opportunity to encourage people to look around them, enjoy the delight of what's right in front of them and to pause, enjoy and just breathe. Get out there, go, do, enjoy!"

An Artist's reception will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 2 to 4 PM. The public is invited.

Own a Reproduction of the William E. Barry *Historical & Road Map of Kennebunk, ME & Vicinity*



The original map was presented to KFL by Henry Parsons and was compiled and drawn by Wm. E. Barry, Arch. 1904-8

Select Size:

- Full Size: 29" x 51"
- Reduced Size: 22" x 38"

Select Frame:

- None
- Artiplaq mount (ready to hang)

Select Frame Color:

- Black
- Gold
- Silver
- White

Complete a form and please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery.

Visit KFL to see the original and how the mounted product looks.

Save the Dates

January 6-21: Art Auction



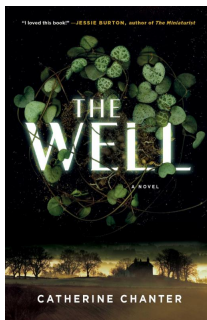
Crafting Friends

The Crafting Friends group meets on the first Wednesday of each month (**December 7**) from **5:30-7:30** and we're looking for new members. This group is open and free to the public and all portable projects are welcome.

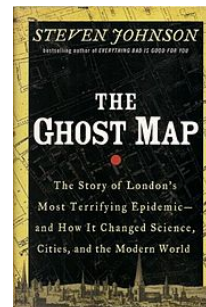
Currently the projects range from adult coloring to a medallion project to knitting to cross stitch and tapestry weaving. Come join in on the fun, share stories, learn from each other and meet new friends.



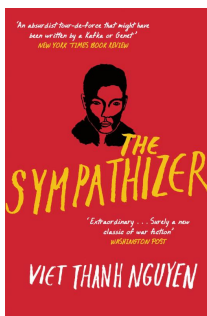
Adult Reading Groups



Adult Book Group -
The Well by Catherine Chanter on
Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00 PM.



Nonfiction Book Group -
The Ghost Map by Steven Johnson on
Monday, December 12 at 6:30 PM.



Camden Conference Book Discussion -
The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen on
Thursdays, January 19 at 12:00 PM.

[Check out the newly announced listing of books for the Adult Book Group!](#)

Storytimes



Mondays @ 10:15 AM: Peek-a-Book Babies (birth to age 2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM: Family Storytime (all ages)
Thursdays @ 10:15 AM: Time for 2s & 3s (toddlers)

There will be a Storytime Break from December 16 - January 8.

Age-appropriate toys are brought out at the end of Peek-a-Book Babies. Families are invited to spend some time interacting with other parents while engaging their children with the toys.

Nifty Knitters

Every Tuesday at 11:00 AM.

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

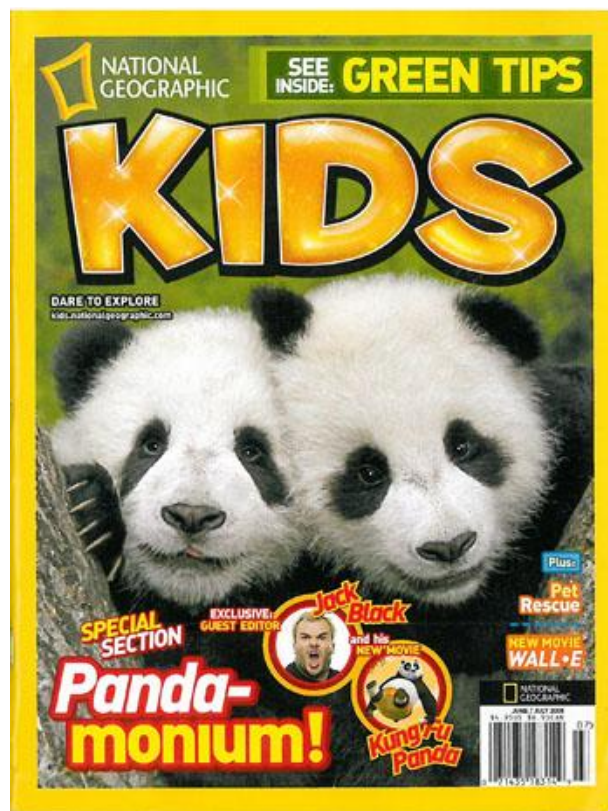
Beginners welcome. We lend needles and wool is available for the asking.



TRIVIA

Trivia Will Return in January

National Geographic Kids Now on Zinio



Sign up for Zinio at [RBdigital](#). Learn how to [access over 50 titles!](#)

December Calendar of Events

Dec. 1: Time for 2s & 3s Storytime, 10:15 AM

Dec. 1: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
Dec. 2: Parenting Class, 10:00 AM
Dec. 3: Book Sale, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Dec. 3: Bake Sale, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 5: Peek-a-Book Babies Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 5: Homeschool Group, 2:00 PM
Dec. 6: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 6: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Dec. 6: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 PM
Dec. 7: Drop-In Gingerbread Houses, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Dec. 7: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
Dec. 8: Time for 2s & 3s Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 8: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
Dec. 9: Teen Gaming: 2:30 PM
Dec. 10: Tail Waggin' Tutor, 10:00 AM
Dec. 12: Peek-a-Book Babies Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 12: Non Fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
Dec. 13: Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 13: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Dec. 14: Anime Afternoon, 4:00 PM
Dec. 14: Author Talk, Andy Young, 5:00 PM
Dec. 15: Time for 2s & 3s Storytime, 10:15 AM
Dec. 15: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
Dec. 15: Pop-Up Snowmen Craft, 3:30 PM
Dec. 16: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Dec. 17: Artist Reception, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Dec. 19: Author Talk, Carl Johnson, 6:00 PM
Dec. 20: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Dec. 20: Holiday Beadcraft, 4:00 PM
Dec. 22: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
Dec. 23: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Dec. 24: Library CLOSED
Dec. 26: Library CLOSED
Dec. 27: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
Dec. 27: Teen Movie Night, 5:00 PM
Dec. 28: Chair Chi, 2:30 PM
Dec. 28: Legos Club, 4:00 PM
Dec. 29: Family Yoga, 10:30 AM
Dec. 29: Teen Thursdays, 2:30 PM
Dec. 30: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
Dec. 31: Library CLOSES at 1:00 PM



Young Kennebunk patrons, Haley and Nicholas, decided to open a lemonade stand on Saturday, August 27 to raise money for the Library. Their hard work raised \$25.00 which they donated to their much-loved Library. Thank you so much Haley and Nicholas!

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