



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Adult Programs

Holiday Block Printing - December 4

Come learn the basics of block printing just in time for the holidays! Block printing is a fun, forgiving, and easy to learn art technique. Join us for an intro to the process and carve your own small design to use for gift tags, card-making, or artwork. We will supply 3"x 4" soft-cut blocks, lino cutters, ink, brayers, and printing paper. Come with a simple design idea or use one of ours. Please note that word-free designs are best for this introductory workshop that will be held on Monday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. This program is for adults 18 and over as we will be using sharp tools. Space is limited and registration and a waiver are required. Call, [email](#), or stop by to register!

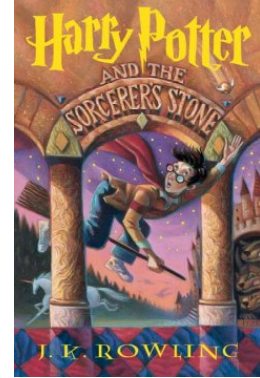


Adult Book Discussion - December 4

Join us on Tuesday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling.

"Readers are in for a delightful romp with this award-winning debut from

a British author who dances in the footsteps of P.L. Travers and Roald Dahl. As the story opens, mysterious goings-on ruffle the self-satisfied suburban world of the Dursleys, culminating in a trio of strangers depositing the Dursleys' infant nephew Harry in a basket on their doorstep. After 11 years of disregard and neglect at the hands of his aunt, uncle and their swinish son Dudley, Harry suddenly receives a visit from a giant named Hagrid, who informs Harry that his mother and father were a witch and a wizard, and that he is to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry himself. Most surprising of all, Harry is a legend in the witch world for having survived an attack by the evil sorcerer Voldemort, who killed his parents and left Harry with a lightning-shaped scar on his forehead. And so the fun begins, with Harry going off to boarding school like a typical English kid--only his supplies include a message-carrying owl and a magic wand. There is enchantment, suspense and danger galore (as well as enough creepy creatures to satisfy the most bogeymen-loving readers, and even a magical game of soccerlike Quidditch to entertain sports fans) as Harry and his friends Ron and Hermione plumb the secrets of the forbidden third floor at Hogwarts to battle evil and unravel the mystery behind Harry's scar." -Publisher's Weekly



Devilishly Delicious Demos - December 4

It's tea time at the KFL! Do you know the difference between high tea and afternoon tea? How about the difference between a tea and a tisane? Join us on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 for a pre-holiday Victorian tea and learn the history and types of tea times and sample some of the delicacies that might have been on the Victorian tea tray. Space is limited to ensure that there are enough goodies to go around.

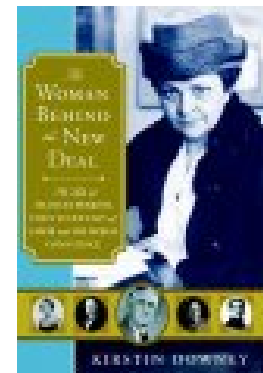
Call or [e-mail the library](#) to register.



Nonfiction Book Group - December 10

Join us on Monday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Woman Behind the New Deal* by Kirstin Downey.

"No individual-not even Eleanor Roosevelt-exerted more influence over the formulation of FDR's New Deal or did more to implement the programs than Frances Perkins (1880-1965). As former Washington Post staff writer Downey makes plain in this deeply researched biography, the first female Cabinet member was the primary shaper of such new concepts as unemployment insurance, the 40-hour work week and-last but not least-Social Security. At a time when the United States stands at the brink of another economic meltdown calling for sweeping federal interventions, Downey provides not only a superb rendering of history but also a large dose of inspiration drawn from Perkins's clearheaded, decisive work with FDR to solve urgent problems diligently and to succeed in the face of what seemed insurmountable odds. Confronting family issues-a frequently institutionalized husband with severe psychiatric problems; a deeply secret lesbian relationship with Mary Harriman Rumsey (sister of Averell Harriman); a daughter from whom she was often estranged-Perkins nevertheless exhibited tireless grace under pressure again and again, always rising to the occasion in the name of every and any progressive cause." -- (Publishers Weekly, vol 255, issue 50, p1)



Chinese Education: 20 Years of Evolution from Catch-up to Leadership - December 11

The past twenty years of education in China has been a period of constant change. There are forces internally and externally that drive these changes. Curriculum serves several masters so some aspects of the educational system are quite progressive while others remain virtually unchanged.

Join presenter Kyle Tong on Wednesday, December

11 at 6:00 to learn about the Chinese educational system. Having worked closely with the one-million-student school system of Hefei for two decades has allowed Tong to have a fairly unique window into the soul of China through the education of their young. Tong will talk about the traditional systems, how they have been jerked into the 20th and 21st Centuries, and how simple demographics drive so much in education as well as societal thinking. He will attempt to get beyond the stereotypes and delve deeper into the mind of the Middle Kingdom.



Kyle Tong has been an educator for thirty-five years. Since graduating from Bowdoin in 1983 with a degree concentration in East Asian History, Kyle has been a teacher and administrator at Independent schools in Massachusetts, New Jersey, California, North Carolina, Ohio, and Maine, where he is currently the Assistant to the Head for Special Programs at Lincoln Academy. While at Columbus Academy in Ohio, he started the East Asia Institute which involved teacher and student exchanges in East Asia and teacher training in Hefei, China. An author of two textbooks on American Language and Culture for Chinese students and teachers, Kyle received the Columbus Council for World Affairs Award for Outstanding International Educator in 2007. In 2013, he was bestowed with the title of Honorary Citizen of Hefei, China for his work with the City schools.

This presentation is sponsored by the Camden Conference, held February 22-24, 2019 in Camden, Maine. The topic of this year's conference is: "Is This China's Century?" KFL is a participating library bringing an extension of this conference to our community.

In Stitches - December 4, 11 & 18

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.

Tech Time - December 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.



Teen Programs

Friday Fun

December 7 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we make our very own Coaster Art.

December 14 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we make designs out of perler beads.

December 21 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we learn how to make scratch boards.

December 28 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we make glue casing molds and figurines.



Teen Anime - December 12

Come talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films and TV shows on the projection screen and everything anime in-between on Wednesday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. It is open to students and teens ages 10 and up.



Children's Programs

Gingerbread Houses - December 5

Drop in for some sweet fun! Join us on Wednesday, December 5 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. 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.



Chickadee Book Group - December 12

KFL has a book club for kindergarten-second graders! We meet to read and talk about Chickadee nominated picture books, and have some fun! The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 12. We will be discussing *Thirsty, Thirsty Elephants* by Sandra Markle. Copies can be reserved via Minerva online or at the library. Reading the book ahead of the club meeting is encouraged, but not required.



Registration is required, and is limited to 15 readers. For more information or to register, call 985-2173. Come read with us!

We had a great time making our own thinking caps at November's Chickadee Book Club!

Shadow Puppets - December 13

Fun fact: Because the Julian calendar was confusing, December 13 used to be believed to be the shortest day of the year in Italy. What better way to turn that darkness into something fun than by making shadow puppets? Join us on Thursday, December 13 at 3:45 p.m. to learn to make your very own shadow puppets, and maybe even create a show with them. Registration is required; all ages welcome, but must be able to confidently use scissors or be accompanied by an adult helper.



Junior Science: Fizzing Bath Dough! - December 17

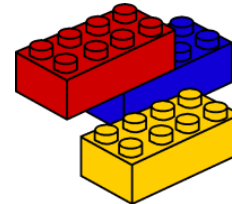
Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Please join us on Monday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m. as we make Fizzing Bath Dough. For kids ages 5 and up, registration is required.

In November at Junior Science, the kids had a so much fun as we modified race cars to be wind powered! We talked about the importance of variables within an experiment as well as how wind turbines work.



LEGO Club - December 19

Come join us on Wednesday, December 19 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.



Polar Express - December 20

All aboard! Kennebunk Free Library is a stop on the Polar Express this year! We'll be serving festive treats at 4 p.m., with a showing of *The Polar Express* at 4:30. Wear your PJ's, grab your ticket, and climb aboard for an evening of fun! Please note: this event extends into after-hours at the library. Only access to Hank's Room will be available from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Please use the doors in the Children's Room for entrance and exit.



Welcome Winter - December 26

Winter is here! Celebrate with some winter stories, crafts, and activities to welcome the snowy season on Wednesday, December 26 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 2 and up are welcome. No registration is required.



Building with the 3 Little Pigs - December 27

Are you going stir-crazy, cooped up with everyone in the house all week? Come BLOW off some STEAM with the 3 Little Pigs! Children and adults age 4 and up are invited to pit their building skills against the Big Bad Box Fan on Thursday, December 27 at 2:00 p.m. Registration is highly encouraged.



Storytimes

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

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

We will be taking a short storytime break from December 17 through January 5. Storytimes will resume Monday, January 7.



Speers Gallery

December Artist - Holly Ross

Our December 2018 exhibition is "Positive Aspects of Life," acrylic on wood panels by Holly Ross.

Ms. Ross is a professional artist with a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design. With over twenty years experience as a working artist, business owner, teacher/creator of an after-school art program taught in her art studio, as well as many years teaching experience in public school and community art programs, Holly continues to teach art and inspire kids to be creative. "I believe the appreciation of art and learning to look at the world in a creative way can be a positive impact in all aspects of life."



A Message from the Friends of KFL

The Friends of KFL wish you all a wonderful holiday season! We will soon be putting up our annual Christmas tree, decorated with ornaments representing beloved literary characters. This is a wonderful tradition started by Doris Hurdman many years ago. Look for the decorated tree in the adult stacks by the big window.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended the recent Children's Room shelving reception to honor George & DD Harrington, major donors of the new book cases. The transformation is very user-friendly with young and old alike thoroughly enjoying them!

Thank you as well to our Friends who are busy preparing the Friends membership drive mailing. We thank all who renew their membership and look forward to meeting and making new Friends in 2019.

Membership applications are available in the library or can be downloaded [here](#)



Annual Art Auction

We will be holding our annual Art Auction from Wednesday, January 9 through Saturday, January 26, 2019 with all proceeds benefiting the Library.

New this year is an opening wine and cheese event on January 9. This social evening will be hosted by the KFL trustees and is open to the public. Additionally, bidding will take place online so you can view and keep track of your auctions from home. Art will be available for in-person viewing throughout the length of the auction in Hank's Room at KFL.

All art is received through generous donations from community individuals, local artists, and businesses and ranges from originals to prints and features several formats from oils, to mixed media, to popular posters.

We are currently accepting donations both new and used. Donations can be dropped off at any time when the library is open.

Please stay tuned for additional information regarding online bidding and our opening event.



Buying a New Christmas Tree?

KFL is in need of a new or used artificial tree. We have one that can get us through this holiday season but would like to find a replacement for next year. Ours has taken to tilting after years of use. If you're getting rid of an artificial tree please keep us in mind. We're looking for a tree around 6-8 feet high and the fewer built-in lights and decorations the better! Please email us at kfl@kennebunk.lib.me.us Thank you.



Holiday Giving

As you are doing your holiday shopping, you can donate to KFL without spending an extra dime. Tell Amazon that you want to donate a portion of the purchase price to the Kennebunk Free Library by using smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com.



New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

[Click here](#) for a look at our new books.

[Click here](#) for new audio/video.

December Calendar of Events

Dec 3: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Dec 3: Holiday Printmaking, 6:00 p.m.
Dec 4: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Dec 4: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
Dec 4: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.
Dec 4: Devilishly Delicious Demos, 6:00 p.m.
Dec 5: Gingerbread Houses, 1:00 p.m.
Dec 5: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
Dec 7: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dec 7: Parenting Class, 10:00 a.m.
Dec 7: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Dec 7: Art Trail, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Dec 10: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
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Dec 20: Polar Express, 4:30 p.m.
Dec 21: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dec 21: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Dec 24: Library Closed for Christmas Eve
Dec 25: Library Closed for Christmas Day
Dec 26: Welcome Winter, 2:00 p.m.
Dec 27: Building with the Three Little Pigs, 2:00 p.m.
Dec 28: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dec 28: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Dec 31: Library Closed for New Year's Eve

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