



**Monthly E-Newsletter  
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**Adult Programs**

**Genealogy Group - January 5**

On Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., join the Genealogy Group for "Sharing Our Stories." Members of the group will be discussing their genealogical journeys and sharing their expertise.



Do you have questions about using Ancestry? Do you have solutions or tricks that you would like to share? Maureen Phillips will discuss the basics of using Ancestry then will facilitate a group brainstorming session.

Pauline Wilson will share the story of how she found out that her father's parents were not actually his parents. She will have photos and memorabilia to share.

Kathy Walsh will discuss the ancestry road trip she took with her father. A tiny town in Kansas provided a treasure trove of information about her father's maternal ancestry.

**Beadcraft After Dark - January 7**

Who says Beadcraft is just for kids? Perler Beads - those tiny plastic beads that can melt - are great for relaxation and relieving stress! Create your shape and design, iron them into place, and leave with a keychain or magnet. Adults only are invited to join us for an evening of beading fun on Monday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. Time for grown-ups to have some of the fun! Call or [e-mail](#) the library to register.

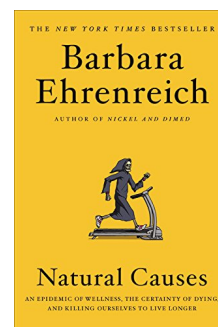


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## Nonfiction Book Group - January 14

Join us on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Natural Causes* by Barbara Ehrenreich.

"With her trademark take-no-prisoners prose, Ehrenreich (*Nickel and Dimed*) argues that a desperation to control our fates leads us to cling to ritualized medical procedures, dietary fads, and gym exercises that generate corporate profits but do nothing to change our destiny. Ehrenreich criticizes the classist arrogance of framing sickness as a moral failing, when health largely hinges on uncontrollable vagaries of our genes and cells (not to mention poverty). The author combines two themes: the first is the fiery treatise against medicalization and the "cult of wellness," while the second is a mishmash of theories of the human body at war with itself and notions of an "animate universe." With a PhD in cellular immunology, the author's credentials in science and medicine are unimpeachable, and her ability to make the her subjects accessible is unsurpassed. In this book, she drifts into a dystopian and idiosyncratic scientism, softening the potency of the text's first half. VERDICT A welcome reminder to relax in the face of our own mortality, this is fast-paced, hard-nosed discourse. Sure to appeal to dissidents from the cult of wellness." (Library Journal, vol 143, issue 5, p103)



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## China in the 21st Century - January 15

The Camden Conference presents Matt Ward at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00. In his presentation, "Modern China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Ward will discuss China's rise from poverty to global economic power. He will explore what that rise means for the rest of the world and what it means for the United States specifically.

Matt Ward is a retired Foreign Service officer. He is Past-President of the World Affairs Council of Maine and has been an Adjunct Professor at the USM School of Social Work where he taught multicultural social work, and in the Political Science Department where he taught modern Chinese politics. He currently lectures on international issues and consults on cross-cultural matters.



Matt Ward served the United States as a career Foreign Service Officer from 1967 to 1996. Specializing in economic, developmental and humanitarian issues, Matt served in Vietnam (CORDS), Cambodia, Haiti, Myanmar, Iran, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Luxembourg, China (including Taiwan and Hong Kong) and the Sudan. He was a pioneer in developing refugee processing systems for "boat people" arriving on the shores of Indonesia and Singapore, and was the director, in Taiwan, of the school that trained U.S. diplomats in Chinese language, culture, economics, history and politics in preparation for service in China and Hong Kong.

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.

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## Devilishly Delicious Demos - January 16

Loved the holidays? And you ate every morsel of those delicious treats? Join us on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. to learn how to

make treats that pack a punch, but not so many pounds! We'll explore and taste things that will make your taste buds dance without feeling "calorie guilt"!

Space is limited to ensure that we have enough treats to go around. Please call or [e-mail](#) the library to register.



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## Learn About the Lunar Eclipse - January 19

Scott Negley will be here on Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the total lunar eclipse that will be happening on January 20. Negley will also talk about the 2024 total solar eclipse that will be visible in northern New England and review the bright stars and constellations of the spectacular winter sky (which has more bright stars than any other time of the year).



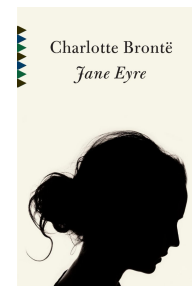
Scott Negley owns and operates a portable planetarium system for presenting astronomy programs to elementary and middle school classes in northern New England. Educated initially as an engineer, a binocular tour of the heavens ignited a passion for the stars that led him to the University of Pennsylvania for a M.S. degree in astronomy and a 40+-year career as an astronomy educator. He has been privileged to convey the splendor of the universe to students of all ages, initially as a university instructor, then as a school district planetarium director, adult school teacher and elder hostel instructor. As a Solar System Ambassador, Scott enjoys the opportunity to educate and inspire others with NASA's magnificent discoveries.

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## Adult Book Discussion - January 22

Join us on Tuesday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.

In early nineteenth-century England, an orphaned young woman accepts employment as a governess and soon finds herself in love with her employer who has a terrible secret.



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## International Golden Retriever Rescue - January 22

The Camden Conference presents Peter Fitzgerald, Emeritus Professor of Law, and Allyson MacKenna, Executive Director of Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. Their talk, "From Chinese Streets to American Homes: International Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption," is free and open to all.

In recent years, pet ownership in China has increased significantly, due in no small part to the development of a large, urban, middle class. China is now said to have the world's third largest dog population, estimated at more than 27 million animals, and a booming pet and pet-products marketplace. Many - especially younger - Chinese welcome this development. However, the legacy of the Maoist era when pet dogs were viewed as part of a Western lifestyle that was inappropriate for socialist China is still seen in a wide range of conflicting legal and social attitudes towards pet dogs.



Accordingly, alongside the increasing number of pet dogs, there are also persistent social issues with puppy mills, strays, abandoned animals, and even trafficking in stolen pets - and as a result there are a substantial number of Chinese dogs in need of new homes. Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue is one of a handful of breed-specific rescue organizations that works with its Chinese counterparts to bring some of these dogs to the United States for adoption.

This talk will provide an overview of the current status of companion animals in China and how it is grappling with many of the same issues seen in this country and elsewhere, and will also describe YGRR's specific experience and expertise in handling international rescues and finding new "forever" homes for Golden Retrievers here in New England.

Presenters include Emeritus Professor of Law Peter Fitzgerald, a member of the Board of Directors of the Camden Conference and author of the law school text "*International Issues in Animal Law*." Also speaking will be Allyson MacKenna, the Executive Director of Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, which was established in 1985 and has placed over 5,600 homeless Golden Retrievers into loving homes. Additionally, YGRR will also bring one or more of its "China dogs" for you to meet at the presentation!

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## Ukulele Group - January 23

On Wednesday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m., come to KFL for the fun of making music in the library. Though most of us are newbies, still learning to play the ukulele, 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.



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## Get Organized Through Journaling - January 28

The New Year is here which means it's a great time to get organized! If you've struggled with where to start, journaling might be just the place. On Monday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m, Simple Living Coach & Consultant Lisa Luken will introduce various types of journaling and will illustrate how journaling can be a great tool for getting organized, achieving goals, practicing self-care and living intentionally. Lisa will share ideas for how to use journaling with other digital and print planning systems and she'll share tips and resources you can use to create journals that are as simple or creative as you'd like and that, most importantly, work for you!



Feel free to bring any journaling supplies you may have; the library will have limited supplies on hand.

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## Trivia Night - January 30

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 January 30 at 6:30.



## In Stitches - January 8, 15, 22, 29

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.

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## Tech Time - January 4, 11, 18, 25

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.

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## Teen Programs

### Friday Fun

#### January 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we make hold a Snowman Building contest with a twist!

#### January 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we experiment with Deep Frozen Bubbles.

#### January 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we learn how to make Paracord Bracelets.

#### January 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we make Washi Tape Decorations.



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## Teen Anime - January 16

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, January 16 at 4:00 p.m. It is open to students and teens ages 10 and up.



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## Children's Programs

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### Parenting Class - January 4

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on Friday, January 4 at 10:00 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.



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### Junior Science: Magic Milk - January 7

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, January 7 at 4:00 p.m. as we experiment with Magic Milk! For kids ages 5 and up, registration is required.

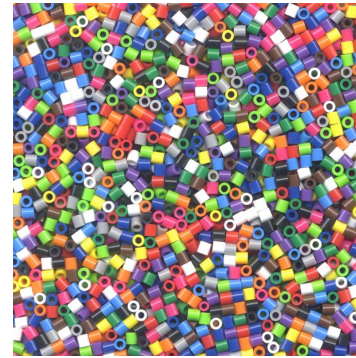
This month at Junior Science the kids had a blast making Fizzing Bath Dough! This is a play dough version of a Bath



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## Beadcraft - January 9

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 are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. Children aged 5 are welcome with a caregiver. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is required.



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## Chickadee Book Club - January 16

Kennebunk Free Library has a book club for kindergarten-second graders! We meet to read and talk about Chickadee nominated picture books, and have some fun! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 16 at 3:30 p.m. We will be discussing *There Might Be Lobsters* by Carolyn Crimi. 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!



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## Soap Carving - January 17

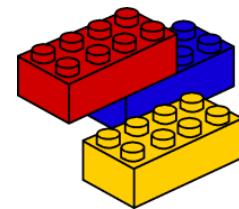
Brush off your carving skills and join us at Kennebunk Free Library for a free soap carving workshop. On Thursday, January 17 from 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and up are invited to learn how to carve a bar of soap into a fun design. Work from a template, or go freestyle! Please be aware, while no very sharp objects will be used in carving, we will have a variety of toothpicks, plastic butter knives, and similar instruments available to use. Registration is required.



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## LEGO Club - January 23

Come join us on Wednesday January 23 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.



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## Bubble Wrap Art - January 24

Did you know that the last Monday in January is National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day? Join us at 3:30 p.m. on January 24 to celebrate this fantastic material with a bubble wrap art project! There might be a chance to pop some bubble wrap, too. This program is for ages 4 and up. Registration is



required.

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## Homeschooling Group - January 28

Are you the parent of a homeschooler? Are you looking for a place to talk about your experiences with other parents? KFL has started a group for parents of homeschoolers to discuss and share resources. A librarian will be available to answer questions and offer guidance. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. Homeschooling is a journey - join us to talk about your travels!



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## Discovery Station - January 30

Full STEAM ahead to Discovery Station at Kennebunk Free Library! Discovery Station is a new monthly STEAM program designed for children 2-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through activities that support curiosity and creativity. 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, January 30 at 3:00 p.m. and learn all about weather. The program is limited to 12 children, and registration is required.

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## Storytimes: Jan 7 - April 16

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

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



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## KFL's Annual Art Auction

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## Annual Art Sale with Wine-and-Cheese Kickoff Event - January 9-26





Kennebunk Free Library is holding its 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 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.. 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.

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## Friends of KFL

### A Message from the Friends

On behalf of the Friends leadership team, thank you for sharing your time and resources as volunteers in 2018. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to our continued Friendship in 2019! Please join us for our first meeting of 2019 on **Monday, January 14** at 6:00 p.m. It is open to everyone.

Debbie Redding-Sampson, Friends President

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### Friends Book Sorting/Pizza Party - January 16

Our next Book Sorting Party will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to prepare books for the book sale, socialize with other Friends, and enjoy some pizza. Please [let us know](#) if you'd like to participate.

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### Winterfest Book Sale - February 2

The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will have a book sale on Saturday, February 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The sale will be held in Hank's Room and feature a variety of books that have been coming in since our last sale in October including coffee table books, sci-fi paperbacks, and non-fiction. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and audio books.

Current Friends will each get a free book during sale hours only. Membership forms for joining the

Friends will be available. The next Friends meeting will be held on January 14 at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

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## Library News & Events

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### Overdrive is Coming Back!

In March 2017 Kennebunk Free Library moved to the online platform CloudLibrary (CL). Previously using the platform OverDrive (OD), we made the switch as a member of the statewide library consortium because it provided a very economical way to allow us to continue to offer a wide-range of e-book and e-audiobook materials.

Unfortunately though, we still don't have any control on the titles purchased for the collection and an added problem is that patrons are no longer able to use e-ink technology devices, namely the Kindle Paperwhite, because they are not compatible with CL.

Fast-forward almost two years. We heard a lot of feedback from our community survey this past spring about the disappointment our patrons were experiencing using CL. Whether it was the 600 day wait list for an item or the inability to use their Paperwhite KFL knew we needed to make things right.

Just as staff started the discussion around how to bring back OD we heard from Ginny Crowley, board member of the Webhannet Charitable Foundation. Thanks to her hard work and the generosity of the Foundation, KFL received a donation to get OD up and going. This time around KFL will have our own private platform for only our patrons. While we won't have the breadth of materials available through CL, we will have the ability with OD to curate the collection to the specifications of our patrons, wait lists will be much shorter since only those with a KFL card can access it, and patrons can once again use their Paperwhites. For those that still like the broader range of available titles and don't mind the long wait times we will still belong to CL as well.

More information will be coming soon. Plan for a release date in early February.

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### Coming Soon: A Library Telescope!

Thanks to a generous donation from of the Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library, the library will be adding a telescope to our circulating collection! The telescope was modified by Cornerstones of Science, a Maine nonprofit that works to bring STEM programming to libraries nationwide, to ensure that it is user friendly and sturdy enough to hold up to repeated use. Cornerstones of Science also provided free training to the KFL staff.

Beginning on January 7, the telescope can be checked out at the adult circulation desk for a week at a time (all checkouts will be Wednesday - Tuesday). You will be able to make reservations in advance, so you can plan ahead for your stargazing weekends.

KFL staff is very excited about this new addition - we hope you will be too! - and grateful to The Friends of KFL and Cornerstones of Science for making it possible.



## Adult Collection Reorganization

On January 9, we will begin reorganizing the adult collection to make it more accessible. Large print books will finally be all together again (and off of the floor!). The biggest change: mysteries will be integrated with the fiction collection. We have heard from a number of you that it is confusing to have authors' works spread across the two different sections. We will continue to use the green "mystery" labels so mystery books will still be easily identifiable.

Our goal is to minimize the amount of bending and stretching necessary for patrons and staff alike. The new configuration will make books more visible and easier to reach. We will have many maps and signs available to point you in the right direction as you adjust to the new set-up.

Thank you for your patience while we are in transition. We are hoping that it will be a fairly speedy turn-around but we will likely be in flux for a few days. As always, we appreciate your feedback. We want to ensure that your library works for you. Stop by the circulation desk, give us a call, or [e-mail us](#) with comments or suggestions.

## New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

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

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

## January Calendar of Events

- Jan 1: Library Closed
- Jan 2: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 4: Parenting Class, 10:00
- Jan 4: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Jan 4: Teen Friday, 3:00 p.m.
- Jan 5: Genealogy, 10:00 a.m.
- Jan 7: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- Jan 7: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.
- Jan 7: Beadcraft After Dark, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 8: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Jan 8: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
- Jan 9: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
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Jan 18: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Jan 18: Teen Friday, 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 19: Total Lunar Eclipse Program, 11:00 a.m.  
Jan 21: Library Closed  
Jan 22: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
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Jan 28: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
Jan 28: Homeschooling Group, 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 28: Journaling Program, 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 29: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Jan 29: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.  
Jan 29: KFL Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Jan 30: Discovery Zone, 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 30: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.

