

# July at KFL



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## Library News



### 24th Edition Road Race

The virtual race is on and the in-person race is imminent!

Run your virtual race from June 21 - July 7. Choose your own race course or follow the traditional route whenever it's convenient. [Email us](#) your time for bragging rights; your photos to enter the creative categories.

We are also holding an in-person race on July 9 at 6:00. We won't be serving food or beer this year but we will have live music and plenty of water and granola bars! If you aren't running, stop by to cheer the runners on. We hope to see you there!

Instead of the traditional Road Race Raffle, we will be holding an [online auction](#) from July 1-12. Stop by on race day for an in-person look at the auction items.

We will not be offering same-day registration this year - all registrations must be received by July 7.

[REGISTER](#)



### New Block Printing Kits to Check Out!

KFL now has two block printing kits available for you to check out so you can learn - or practice your skills - at home! Each kit has instructions and all the materials that you'll need to make three small greeting cards. Kits are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk.



## Blueberry Festival Book Sale - July 24

On July 24 the Friends of KFL will hold their annual Blueberry Festival book sale from 9:30 to 12:30 in front of the library's main entrance. Adult Hardcover and DVDs will be \$1.00 each. Adult Paperbacks and all Children's Books will be \$.50.



## Ken Joy Photo Collection

Since 1980, KFL has been home to a collection of photographs assembled by former town historian Ken Joy. This collection primarily depicts scenes from around town between the 1880s - 1930s and has previously been accessible through a catalog of paper inventory sheets in reference binders. We are happy to now have added a keyword search function for the collection using an in-house database containing information on all 1,480 images! Visit us at the circulation desk and we can help perform searches to assist with your photograph research needs.

Image: Kennebunk Free Library decorated for the Centennial celebration, 1920 (Photo #: Joy 204).



## Save the Date: Ice Cream Night at the Seashore Trolley Museum - Aug. 11

Stop by the Seashore Trolley Museum on Wednesday, August 11 for [a trolley ride and an ice cream sundae!](#) The Trolley Museum will donate 50% of the \$10 admission fee to the library!

## Mainely Teeth

KFL will be hosting Mainely Teeth on the following dates, subject to change. July 19, August 16, November 11, and January 14. While some of our parking spots will be taken up on these dates we are happy to provide a place for [Mainely Teeth to carry out their mission.](#)

## Summer Reading is Here!



Summer reading is back! This year, the theme is "Tails & Tales." This year, for adults, we're going to be focusing more on the "tales" (though there will be tails too - keep scrolling for a photo of the cutest seal you've ever seen!) through two new reading challenges. Visit [Beanstack](#) to register for the challenges or stop by the

library to pick up a print version. You can:

### Challenge Yourself

With our "Seven to Sample" challenge, you'll be encouraged to read outside of your comfort zone. Explore new formats and authors and learn a bit about what the library has to offer in the process. This reading challenge will last through December 31, 2021.

### Win Prizes

Record the time you spend reading - including time spent reading books for the Seven to Sample Challenge - and win one raffle ticket for every hour read, up to 12 tickets. Enter a drawing to win a gift card from one of 10 local businesses.

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### In Stitches - July 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 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.

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### Take Note - July 7



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 July 7 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 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.

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### Heart and Home Book Group - July 12

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:

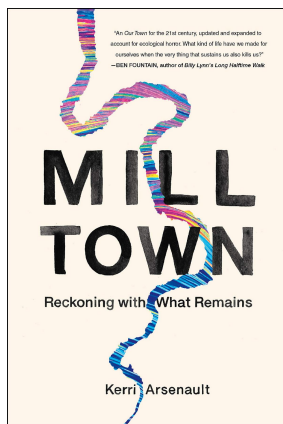
On Monday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *The Beach*.

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

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 video-free Zoom meeting). Masks are strongly recommended.

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## Nonfiction Book Group - July 12



Join us on Monday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Mill Town* by Kerri Arsenault, 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.

"Arsenault's compelling debut asks readers to consider how relationships between humans and nature impact our bodies and the environment. In her hometown of Mexico, ME, is a paper mill that employed many of the community's residents, including three generations of her family. Although the mill brought economic stability to the area, it wreaked havoc on the surrounding lands and waters. Owing to the high number of

cancers and rare physical ailments, the town was dubbed 'Cancer Valley.' In this powerful memoir, Arsenault dredges up the town's history, interviews locals and family members, and pores over environmental reports to present the multifaceted issues facing the town, including a diminished working class, environmental destruction, and corporate corruption and greed. Included are stories about her father going on strike twice, and the negotiations that resulted. She also explores the mill for herself in order to begin learning about what life was like for machinists. Her research rounds out the story of her family, who like many families in the area, had lives intertwined with the mill and are now facing a reckoning." (Library Journal, vol 145, issue 8, p76)

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## Marine Mammals of Maine - July 14

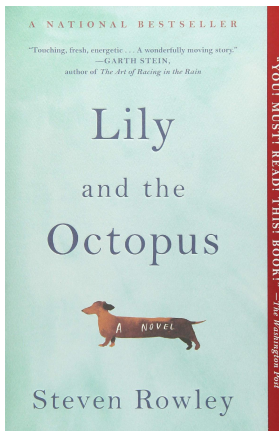
KFL will host Marine Mammals of Maine (MMoME) on Wednesday, July 14 at 6:00. Join us on Zoom as they take you through a seal's journey from stranding to release, and all of the obstacles in between. Starting with seal basics such as: whether it's normal for them to be out of the water and why you might see a baby on its own, and then dive into when



and why seals need our help. You will learn what MMoME is, what they do, the animals they care for, and how you can help. Check the rotating display or calendar on the website for the link.

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## Adult Book Discussion - July 27



Join us on Tuesday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley. 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.

"Lily is Ted's best friend. She's short and has big eyes and an infectious personality. Her Match.com profile would list her 'likes' as playing Monopoly, watching old movies, and eating mint chocolate-chip ice cream. She's also a 12-year-old dachshund with a brain tumor. Ted, who visualizes the mass growing inside Lily's head as a sentient being with a personality all its own, refuses to acknowledge it for what it is and so refers to it as an

octopus. As such, Ted faces this monster that is robbing him of his dearest companion, engaging it in a battle of wills that take on epic proportions. Rowley's portrait of a sensitive, single man facing a pet owner's worst nightmare brims with the honest emotions that come from unconditional love. This debut novel is being strongly touted, but for all its giddiness and gusto, it is about the death of a loved one, and readers who have faced similar situations will want to think before reaching for this gut-wrenching tale. Once readers commit however, the emotional toll is well worth it because Rowley has written an exceedingly authentic, keenly insightful, and heartbreakingly poignant tribute to the purity of love between a pet and its human." (Booklist, vol 112, number 16, p22)



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## Ukulele Group - July 28

Join us on Wednesday, July 28 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.

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## Take and Make: Bird Bookmarks

Looking for a fun way to mark your place in your summer reads? Beginning on Monday, July 26, drop by the library to pick up all the materials you need to make your own DIY bird bookmark. Kits will be available while supplies last.



## Teen Programs

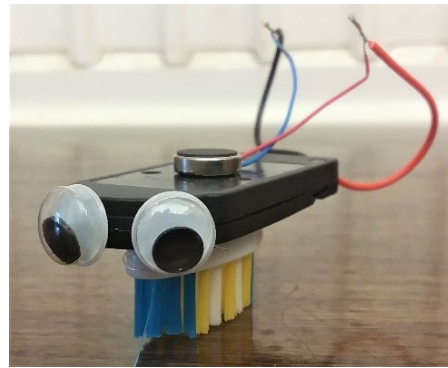


### Teen Gaming - July 2, 16, 23, 30

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 *Jackbox*! 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 - July 19, 26

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

### Tie Dye T-Shirts - July 12

Join us for a fun afternoon of messes as we Tie Dye T-shirts! This is an in-person program that will be held outside of the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday July 12 at 3:00 p.m. It is open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. White T-shirts will be provided in a variety of sizes; you may also bring your own plain white t-shirt to make sure it will fit. Please wear clothes that you don't mind being stained just in case. Masks are strongly

recommended.



## Solar Balloons - July 14

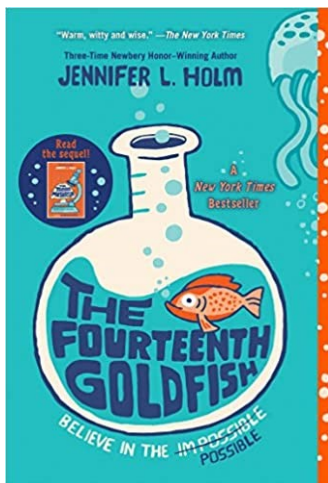
Join us for a fun afternoon in the sun as we create Solar Balloons! This is an in-person program that will be held outside of the Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday July 14 at 3:00 p.m. It is open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. We will be exploring the science behind hot air balloons and making our own! Masks are strongly recommended.



## Water Rockets - July 28

Join us for a fun afternoon as we shoot for the skies and launch Water Rockets! This is an in-person program that will be held outside. We will meet at the Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday July 28 at 3:00 p.m. but then walk to Rogers Park a short distance from the library to have more space for rocket launches. It is open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. We will be exploring the science behind rockets and making our own! Masks are strongly recommended.

## Middle School Book Group - July 21

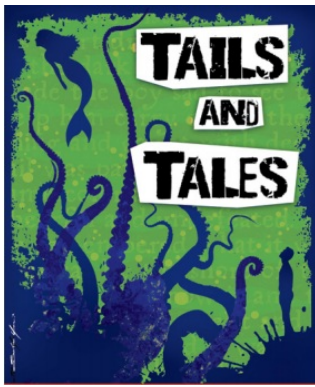


Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, July 21 we will meet in person at the Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport to chat and discuss a book. The meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades going into 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 *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm. 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.



## Summer Reading

We are very excited about this year's Summer Reading Program which will run from June 28 through August 21. All teens ages 10 – 18 will receive a raffle ticket for a fantastic prize when they register! We will be continuing all your favorite programs as well as holding special programs throughout the summer, including water balloon launchers, bottle rockets, and kite flying. For every program you attend, you will be given a badge to show you've completed that activity: see how many badges you can earn over the summer! You can track your reading time to earn additional raffle tickets to win gift cards from local businesses. See Mr. Jon for more information and this summer's calendar.

## Children's Programs



### Summer Reading: Tails and Tales

Summer is here – time for reading and playing the days away! KFL's Summer Reading Program for ages 0-10 will run from June 28 – August 21, and we have a lot planned! This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and we're celebrating our furry, feathery, and scaly friends and neighbors. Keep track of how many hours you've read using Beanstack or a paper log, and earn raffle tickets for local business gift cards! At registration, children (ages 0-10) will be able to choose a free book. Children will also be able to earn badges for reading and attending programs!

Register for the program at the library or on [Beanstack](#). Join us for some fun this summer!



### Stuffed Animal Adoption - July 1

Do you have room in your heart and your home for a new stuffie? On Thursday, July 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., KFL will be an adoption center for stuffies that are looking for their forever homes! Drop in during adoption hours to pick out a stuffie to keep. We'll have all sorts of animals to choose from! You'll also receive an adoption certificate to take home. The Animal Welfare Society be on hand to talk about their organization. While you're at the library, sign up for this year's summer reading program! Leave the library with everything you need for a summer of fun AND a new friend!



This program will be held outside of the Children's Room. In the event of rain, we will hold the program inside the Children's Room. Masks are strongly recommended.

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### **July Take and Make Craft Kits - starting July 6**

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 in the library. This month, we will be offering jungle animal crafts to celebrate our summer reading program, Tails and Tales! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, July 6. Stop by the desk when you pick up your craft kit to earn a badge! Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

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### **Storytime in the Sun - Starting July 12**

It's time for storytime – outside! Starting Monday, July 12, storytimes will be held outside on the library lawn. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Storytimes will be on Mondays at 10 a.m. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen!

These programs will be on the library's front lawn, facing Route 1. 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..

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### **Outdoor Messy Art - July 15**

What's more fun than making a mess? Join us on Thursday, July 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., and get your hands dirty while creating art! Try painting with spray bottles, bubble wrap, and more. Wear clothes that can get messy! Bring your masterpiece home or leave it for display in the Children's Room!

This program will be on the library's front lawn. In the event of inclement weather, we have scheduled a rain date of July 22 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Masks are strongly recommended.

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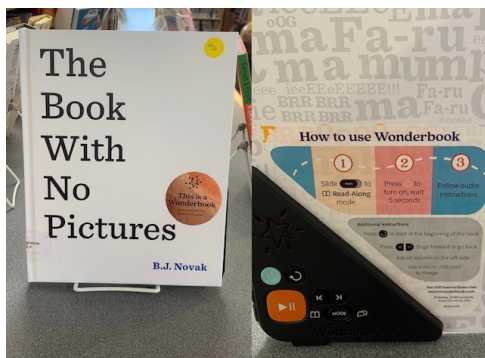
### **29th Annual Pet Show - July 19**



Kennebunk Free Library will be holding its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Show on July 19 at 6 p.m. In the past, the library has been visited by a variety of animals from cows to hermit crabs – and everything in between! Share your pet and receive a certificate! Dr. O. from Kennebunk Veterinary Hospital will be on hand to help give each pet a special title. 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! In case of inclement weather, we have scheduled a rain date of July 26 at 6 p.m. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call 985-2173 or visit the website [www.KennebunkLibrary.org](http://www.KennebunkLibrary.org).

We will also have a photo slideshow of your pets online! It will have a Facebook Premiere on Tuesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. After the premiere, the slideshow will be available to watch anytime. To submit your photo to the slideshow, send an email to [ys@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:ys@kennebunklibrary.org) with your name, your pet's photo, your pet's name, and your pet's age. Please send your email submissions by Friday, July 16.

The in-person portion of this program will be held on the library's front lawn. Masks are strongly recommended.



## New to the children's collection: Wonderbooks!

A whole new way to experience picture books! Wonderbooks are print and audio bound together so that you can listen along with the story. Each print book includes a ready-to-play audiobook inside! Simply press the power button, press play, and enjoy the story! Wonderbooks are rechargeable and will be recharged by library staff after every check-in. There is a headphone jack to allow for independent listening. We have added the following Wonderbook titles to our collection:

- Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney
- Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho
- Blueberries For Sal by Robert McCloskey
- Lucky Ducklings by Eva Moore
- The Proudest Blue by Ibthaj Muhammad
- The Book With No Pictures by B.J. Novak
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

Come by and check out or reserve a Wonderbook today!

# New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

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*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

### July 1

[Choose Me – Tess Gerritsen](#)

### July 6

[Fallen – Linda Castillo](#)

[Nine Lives – Danielle Steel](#)

[Ghost Blows a Kiss – Carolyn Hart](#)

[The Bone Code – Kathy Reichs](#)

### July 13

[The Heathens – Ace Atkins](#)

[The Cellist – Daniel Silva](#)

[The Shadow – James Patterson](#)

### July 20

[False Witness – Karin Slaughter](#)

[The Man With the Silver Saab – Alexander McCall Smith](#)

[Black Ice – Brad Thor](#)

### July 27

[A Song Everlasting – Ha Jin](#)

[The Forbidden – Heather Graham](#)

[The Women's March – Jennifer Chiaverini](#)

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## A Message from the Friends

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To the patrons and volunteers of our June Book sales,  
THANK YOU!!!

Each sale was successful, and all proceeds benefit the



Library and its programs. It was also wonderful to see so many of you after such a long time.

Please join us on July 24 for our Blueberry Festival sale from 9:30 to 12:30 in front of the library. It will move indoors (likely the Walker Room) if the weather is bad. Adult Hardcover and DVDs will be \$1.00 each. Adult Paperbacks and All Children's Books will be \$.50. Hope to see you there. It will be our biggest and best yet!!!

Stay cool and enjoy this summer in our corner of Maine.

Donna Gomez, President of the friends

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## A Message from the Library Director

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I am incredibly thankful for the strong support we received in the homestretch of our FY21 Annual Appeal. Once we have the last figures tallied and names compiled we will post that information in the newsletter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on our decision to permanently remove fines which started this spring. As predicted and as evidenced in our fine free period during our pandemic closure we are still seeing library materials coming home on time. In fact, we have even seen a handful of long overdue books returned in our book drop. Some had been checked out for a few years. This has been a common result for libraries that have removed fines because patrons are comfortable returning materials knowing that they won't face a penalty for doing so. We have also had guardians sign their children up for cards specifically because we became fine free. We hope this trend continues and that we continue to see members of our community enjoying the library once again, or for the first time.

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## Staff Picks & Messages

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### Kat, Library Assistant

*The Exiles* – Christina Baker Kline

Author Kline does not disappoint with this well researched novel that introduces you to the lives of female prisoners from Scotland and England sentenced to the penal colony of Van Diemen's Land, Australia. The story takes place in the early 1800s and centers on four women: an orphaned minister's daughter working as a London governess, a petty thief and street hustler, a young Scottish midwife and herbalist, and an Aboriginal girl adopted by the Governor of the Penal Colony as a study and experiment in education. The characters face hardship, repression and cruelty. The stories often end tragically, but

many achieve hard won success.

*Dark Tides* by Phillippa Gregory

Oh, what a tangled web we weave....it is the 1670's, the scenes run concurrently in London, Venice and New England as we observe a scattered family with a painful past and all are still paying the price for it. Great characters, details about life in each of the locations, intrigue, deception and storyline made this a great read!

*John Adams* – HBO miniseries 2008

Adapted from David McCullough's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography. This series helps you experience the start of our democracy from the author's prospective: from the Boston Massacre of 1770 to John Adams death on July 4, 1826. The film focusses on the relationships between Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton and Burr and introduces many others whose names are not as recognizable. Abigail Adams has a large part in the story as her husband's most important advisor, often by keeping his ego in check. I enjoyed the opportunity to become familiar with the events of this important part of our history. The violence and anger of the times are revealed, for example, a person being "tared and feathered" is shown. The arguments and factions are made understandable, some appear rather silly, such as Vice President John Adams trying to legislate a regal title for the President.

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**Denise, Library Assistant**



**Happy Birthday, America!**



**Call KFL to place your  
request for a Book Stack.**



