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Library News and Events

Community Yard Sale - Applications Due by August 1

**Kennebunk Free Library's
Community Yard Sale**

Saturday, August 6, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Buyers

- 20+ Vendors
- Library Lawn
- Attic, Art, Garage

Sellers

- Limited 10'x10' spaces to rent: only \$35
- Prime Visibility on Main Street
- Free Advertising

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Kennebunk Free Library is hosting a Community Yard Sale on our lawn on Saturday, August 6 from 8:30-12:30. Shoppers will find an array of items from local artists and your neighbor's garage. 10'x10' spaces are available to rent for \$35 and 30"x72" folding tables are also available to rent for an additional \$15. A clean-up deposit of \$25 is required and will be returned at the conclusion of the event. You'll receive prime visibility on Main Street, free advertising and all for a small donation to benefit KFL. [Applications](#) and fees are due by Monday, August 1. Spots are limited. Applications and additional information can be picked up at the library or found on [our website](#).



Blueberry Festival Book Sale - July 23

The Friends of KFL invite you to their annual Blueberry Festival book sale from 8:30 to 12:30 on Saturday, July 23. We will have a variety of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages and an assortment of DVDs and puzzles.

KFL 25th Edition 5K - July 8 at 6:00



The 25th Edition Kennebunk Free Library 5K is about to kick-off! This year's race begins and ends in our parking lot and winds through the beautiful trails of the Hope Woods and Cemetery.

The picnic on the library lawn is back this year. Federal Jack's is providing grab-and-go snack bags including a dessert. Cummings' Market is providing fruit and Hannaford is providing bottled water. Food is free for participants and \$5.00 for everyone else, cash only.

Federal Jack's will also be providing a selection of beers on-tap for \$6.00 each, cash only. Music will be provided by the Kennebunk River Band.

Register by July
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Ben's Tiny Tech Tips

Mastering Technology Bit by Bit

Here's a Pro-Tip: Have multiple web browsers downloaded onto your computer so that you have more internet options beyond the software your computer came with. Firefox and Google Chrome are the most common browsers used as an alternative to the pre-installed options. They all function the same so there isn't much of a learning curve. With other options to choose from, you might find that problems you sometimes have online are just compatibility issues between various websites and your browser software.



Staying Safe Online

Timeliness is an easy, yet important thing to assess when reading articles online. All good articles will have a time stamp on them. These generally appear before the main body of text along with the author's name. It is important to know when an article was written so that you can mentally frame the information in the right time period. Oftentimes, old articles get recirculated and misattributed to modern events which can blur the author's meaning and serve to further a narrative that has little to do with the actual context intended at the time.

Adult Programs

In Stitches - July 5, 12, 19, 26



Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us every Tuesday at 11:00 for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person either inside the library or, weather permitting, outside at the picnic table between the library and the church. See our events calendar the day of for location. Masks are required when meeting inside.

Writer's Workshop - July 6

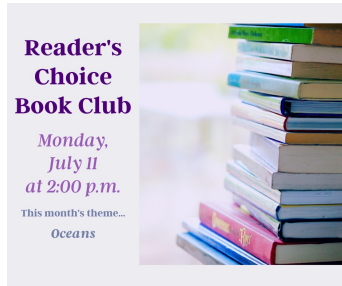
On July 6, KFL will host the final session of the summer writer's workshop, led by Caroline Joy Adams, M.Ed. Workshops are limited to 12 participants. The theme will be "Memorable Characters." If you have not already registered for the series, please call or email the library to be added to the



list.

Caroline Joy Adams is an artist, writer, and photographer. She has taught writing at the college level, in addition to hundreds of writing workshops over the past 20 years, including in Maui, Hawaii; Newport, RI; Woods Hole, Boston, and Martha's Vineyard, MA; and Scottsdale, AZ. She is the author of seven books, including *The Power to Write: Seven Keys to Discover Your Writer Within*. Her newest title, *The Great Travels Writing Journal*, will be released this spring.

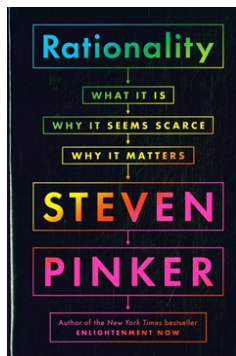
Reader's Choice Book Club - July 11



Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Oceans*.

How does this book club work? You choose your own book to read, [based on the monthly theme](#), and then join us for a casual and fun conversation. Everyone is welcome!

Nonfiction Book Group - July 11



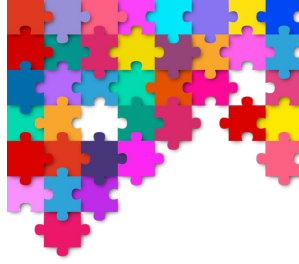
Join us on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Rationality* by Steven Pinker.

"Much-published psychologist Pinker looks at the not-so-common roots of common-sensical thinking. Rationality, writes the author, 'emerges from a community of reasoners who spot each other's fallacies.' In other words, it has a social dimension, and it invites good company in order to wrestle with big problems such as climate change. Unfortunately, 'among our fiercest problems today is convincing people to accept the solutions when we do find them.' That's because so many people are so—well, irrational, or at least encumbered by bad habits of thinking and presuppositions.

Discussing beliefs in ghosts and haunted houses, the author wryly points out that 5% more people believe in the latter than in the former, which means 'that some people believe in houses haunted by ghosts without believing in ghosts.' Rationality is not the same thing as logic, Pinker argues, though there are points in common. Along the way, he examines the differences between propensity and probability, the maddening habit of falling victim to confirmation bias (believing what we want to believe and never mind contrary evidence), the workings of the conjunction rule (by which we conflate suppositions about people and events based on little or no factuality), and our tendency to mistake coincidence for pattern. Pinker serves up plenty of mental exercises that are intended to help us overcome the tricks our minds play on us—e.g., Prisoner's Dilemma game-theoretic scenarios that help expose the reasons so many people are content to be 'free riders' in using public goods; or stupid conspiracy theories advanced by people who believe they're being suppressed, which, as Pinker notes, is 'not the strategy you see from dissidents in undeniably repressive regimes like North Korea or Saudi Arabia.' The author can be heady and geeky, but seldom to the point that his discussions shade off into inaccessibility. A reader-friendly primer in better thinking through the cultivation of that rarest of rarities: a sound argument." (Kirkus Reviews, July 15, 2021)

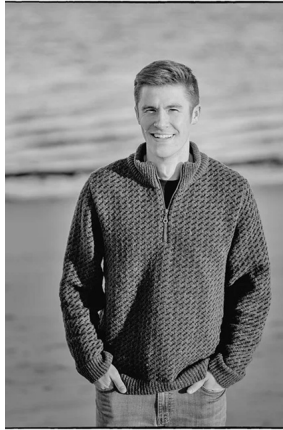
Puzzle Exchange - July 12

Over the long, trapped-inside months of the pandemic, many of us developed an expensive puzzle habit. On Tuesday, July 12, stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to



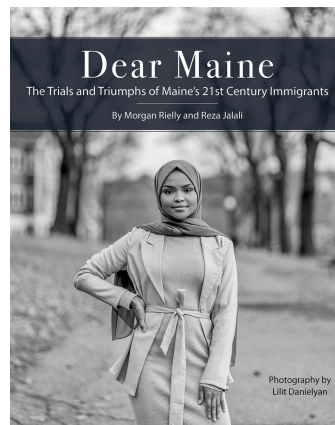
swap a stack of puzzles you've completed for new-to-you puzzles. Puzzles of all sizes are welcome! We do ask that puzzles brought for the swap be in good condition, have all of their pieces, and come from a smoke-free home. It's helpful if the pieces are contained in a large Ziploc bag so none get lost during the exchange.

Author Morgan Rielly - July 12



On Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m., the Kennebunk Free Library will host Morgan Rielly, one of the authors of *Dear Maine: The Trials and Triumphs of Maine's 21st Century Immigrants*. Morgan Rielly is the state representative for House District 34, which includes part of his hometown of Westbrook. He is a member of the Legislature's Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. Morgan is the author of *Neighborhood Heroes: Life Lessons from Maine's Greatest Generation*, which profiles Maine World War II veterans. Morgan is a graduate of Bowdoin College, where he double-majored in Religion and Government. At Bowdoin, he received a fellowship to work alongside Syrian and Iraqi refugees at a non-governmental organization in Amman, Jordan.

Dear Maine, written by Morgan Rielly, an author and state representative, and Reza Jalali, a former refugee and executive director of the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, recounts the trials and triumphs of twenty immigrants who have arrived in Maine over the past few decades. *Dear Maine* includes black and white photographic portraits by Lilit Danielyan.



Take Note - July 18



Take Note will meet on Monday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.

What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Tiny Art: Paint and Sip - July 19



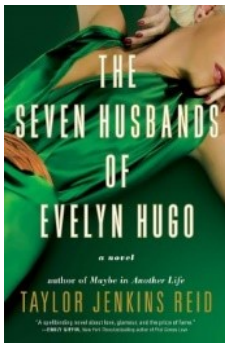
KFL will be hosting *Tiny Art – Paint a Little, Sip a Little* on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. All adults 21 and over are invited to join Artist John Forssen and paint a 4”X4” canvas and tiny easel. In keeping with our summer reading theme, “Oceans of Possibilities”, we will create a beach sunrise or sunset. KFL will supply the acrylic paints, other materials, a glass of wine and light refreshments. Space is limited, please pre-register. Artists are invited to leave their creations for a “Tiny Art Show” in the library’s display case.

Trivia Night - July 20



Carol's Trivia Night is back! Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 for an evening of fun, challenging questions. Play as an individual, bring your own team, or join a team at the library.

Adult Book Discussion - July 26



Join us on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

An aging starlet with seven marriages behind her generously offers the rights to her memoir to an inexperienced writer—at a heartbreaking cost.

Monique Grant is stunned when Hollywood legend Evelyn Hugo grants an exclusive interview to her over more seasoned journalists, but when she’s also chosen to publish Evelyn’s final confessions after her death, she learns that the 79-year-old actress has enough life experience for them both. Growing up poor in Hell’s Kitchen, young Evelyn Herrera trades her virginity for a ride to Hollywood, changes her name, and climbs the rungs of the entertainment-industry ladder one husband at a time until she hits Oscar gold. To write her off as being calculating and fickle would leave out the difficulty of being a woman, especially a woman of color, trying to get by in the late 1950s without a man’s blessing. Evelyn plays up her bombshell figure and hides her Cuban roots by dyeing her hair blonde—the first of many lies she’ll have to tell over the course of her life to prove to the world that she deserves her place in the spotlight. She’s unapologetically ambitious but not without remorse. Which of her seven husbands was her true love? Why did she choose Monique to tell her story? Evelyn recounts her failures and triumphs in chronological order, one husband at a time, with a few breaks for Monique to report back to her editor. The celebrity tell-all style is a departure from Reid’s (*One True Loves*, 2016, etc.) previous books, but Evelyn Hugo is a character who can demand top billing. When asked if it bothers her that ‘all anyone talks about when they talk about you are the seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo,’ she says no: ‘Because they are just husbands. I am Evelyn Hugo.’

Reid's heroine reveals her darkest secrets as if she were wiping off makeup at the end of the night—a celebration of human frailty that speaks to the Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor in us all." - *Kirkus Reviews*

Sea Shanties and Sno-Cones with Castlebay - July 26



Grab a picnic blanket or lawn chair and head to the library lawn on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 for an evening of Sea Shanties and Sno-Cones at Kennebunk Free Library! Musicians Castlebay will be performing songs from their book *Songs of Ships and Sailors*.

Who is Castlebay?

Since 1986 Castlebay has been weaving together Maine's nautical and British Isles legacies transporting their audience through time and across the Atlantic. Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend and experience into their personable performances. Finely crafted ballads with evocative imagery and beautiful melodies depict Maine characters, history, and life close to the elemental beauty of the sea and shore. Rich and exuberant renditions of traditional and original songs are supported with Celtic harp, 12-string guitar, fiddle & woodwinds.

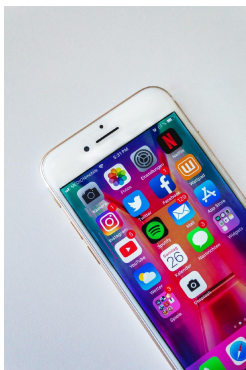
Castlebay has toured the Eastern US and Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Kosovo performing at festivals, museums, schools and folk clubs. They have released over three dozen recordings. Notable festival experience includes five International Festivals of the Sea in the UK, the Mystic Sea Music Festival, the New Bedford Working Waterfront Festival, the Golden Link Festival, and the Somerset Folk Harp Festival. Since 2003 they have annually toured the east coast in the late winter from their home in coastal Maine to Florida, performing in libraries, concert series, folk clubs, retirement communities, and house concerts.

Ukulele Groups - No July or August Meetings



The Ukulele Group and the Beginner Ukulele groups will be on a hiatus for July and August. We'll see you again in September!

Tech Time - Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays



Now more than ever, technology has become a constant in our daily lives. Though advertised as simple and easy, it moves too fast for most of us to keep up with. Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just to have a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help!

Sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, Tuesdays at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m., to meet one-on-one with a librarian and work through your technology question.

Appointments are only 45 minutes long so just keep in mind there may only be time to discuss a small number of things. When setting up the appointment help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. Contact us at 207-985-2173 or via email at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org to setup your appointment today.

Take-and-Make: Paper Flowers

This month's take and make will include all of the templates and materials you will need to make three



flower stems, plus extra crepe paper for practice runs. Kits will be available starting Tuesday, July 5, while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Chill Gaming - July 7 and 21



Want to chill, eat snacks, and play games? Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between for our event, Chill Gaming! Basically anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet every other Thursday on July 7 and July 21 from 3:30 -4:30 P.M. There will be games provided by the library, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new

games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call at (207) 985-2173.

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - July 11, 18, 25



Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet every Monday on July 11, 18, 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10

and up. New players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call at (207) 985-2173.

Message-in-a-Bottle Rockets - July 28



Did you know that the practice of bottled messages dates back to over 2,000 years ago? Philosophers, poets, scientists, and even spies have historically used them to deliver messages across the globe! While we won't be sending our bottled messages out into the ocean, we will write notes, design rockets, and build launch pads to blast them into the sky as a part of our summer reading program, Oceans of Possibilities! We will meet at the library near the faerie garden outside, and then we will walk to the field in Rogers Park where we'll set up our launch pads on July 28 from

1:30-4:30 p.m., with a rain date on August 16 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.! Decorations and bottles will be provided, but we encourage you to repurpose one from home. This event is free, open to families with children ages 3-9 from 1:30-2:45 p.m., and open to teens ages 10 and up from

3:15-4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. To learn more about the fun programs we're offering this summer, visit the library or our website for more information!

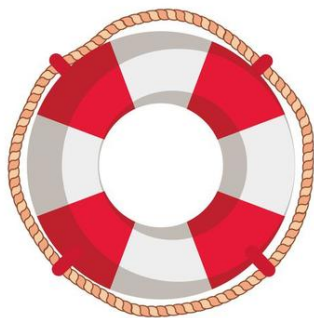
Friday Fun - July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Looking forward to the weekend? Let's kick it off together with friends at the library! Come join us on Friday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for some fun! Each Friday there will be different activities to do, games to play, and crafts to make. These events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to teens ages 10 and up! If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call at (207) 985-2173. To learn more about the fun programs we're offering this summer, visit the library or our website!

- July 1, Pokemans Project: Come join us this Friday to stretch your art skills by drawing some Pokemon with descriptions from people who have no idea what they're talking about!
 - July 8, All-Day Craft Pick-Up: In preparation for KFL's Road Race, we will not meet on this date; but not to worry - we still have stuff for you to take home! Stop by during the day to say hello and pick up some take-home pride looms and yarn sea turtle crafts. These will be available while supplies last in the Walker Room!
 - July 15, Zine Making: Interested in learning more about zines? Get involved with the counterculture and make your own revolutionary zine here at the library! Supplies and examples will be available, but feel free to bring anything you would like to use that inspires you!
 - July 22, Bookbags and Bookmarks: Let's learn how to reuse old items to make origami bookmarks and t-shirt bookbags! T-shirts will be provided, but feel free to bring your old favorite tee to repurpose. ● July 29, Trivia - Deep Sea Edition: Ready to test your knowledge on the deep sea? Come join us this Friday in a fun game of Kahoot to discover just how much you know. Make sure to bring a phone or other device that connects to the internet, and we hope to see you there!
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Children's Programs

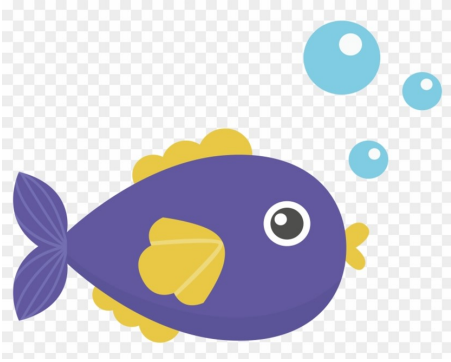


Ocean Survival Adventure - July 5

Could you survive in open water? How about on a deserted island? Learn some tips and have fun with activity stations at an Ocean Survival Adventure program! On July 5 at 4 p.m., try your hand at Morse code, make a water filter, build a tiny raft, and more. This event is designed for children and their grown-ups to work together. Everyone is welcome, but the activities will be best enjoyed by children ages 6+.

Bubble Party - July 11

Life is the bubbles! Join us for some soapy fun outside the library on July 11 at 10:00 a.m. Come



make bubbles of all sizes, and of course, make them POP! This program will be in place of our regularly scheduled outdoor storytime. **In the event of inclement weather, this program will be held on August 1st, and we will have storytime indoors on July 11.**



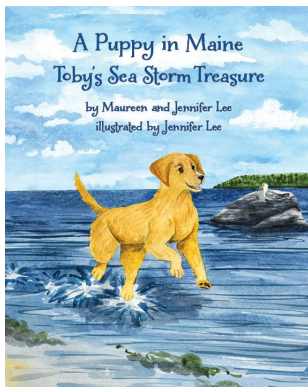
Jaw-some Shark Party - July 13

CHOMP! Sharks are some of the most fascinating creatures of the ocean. On July 13 at 3:00 p.m., come celebrate and learn about these often-misunderstood fish with crafts, activities, and games. Join us for a jaws-some time! In the event of inclement weather, this program will be held on July 29 at 3:00 p.m.



Family Fort Night - July 14

From octopuses to hermit crabs, sea creatures are masters at creating their own homes! On Thursday, July 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., throw on your comfy clothes and grab your blankets for Family Fort Night. After the library closes, stake out a spot and build your very own blanket fort. Spend some time in your family fort – reading, coloring, or playing games. We'll have fun crafts on hand, plus some yummy snacks. This is a families-only event. Adults must be accompanied by a child. Please call or visit the library to register.



Authors Maureen and Jennifer Lee - July 18

Do you like to find treasures on the seashore? Toby does! Join us to welcome authors Maureen Lee and Jennifer Lee on Monday, July 18 at 10 a.m. Local authors Maureen and Jennifer will share their book titled *A Puppy in Maine: Toby's Sea Storm Treasure*. This heartwarming story is about a lively puppy who finds an unexpected treasure on the beach. He learns to believe in himself and helps an ocean family along the way. After hearing the story, we will make a craft. Join us for this special presentation!

Salty Circuits - July 20

Join us on Wednesday, July 20 at 3:30 p.m. for this



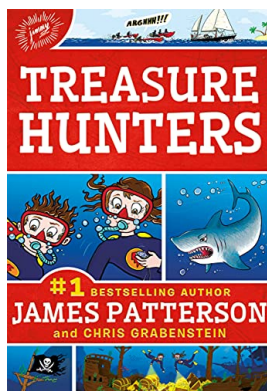
fun and informative STEM craft as we explore making a simple electrical circuit with the most unusual of things: salt! Keeping in theme with summer reading's "Ocean" of Possibilities, we will explore how salt and water make very good conductors of electricity. Kids will begin by making a simple craft with salt and glue. Then, with our new-found knowledge of electricity we will transform them into a simple electric circuit that can light up an LED!

Outdoor Messy Art - July 21



What's more fun than making a mess? Join us on Thursday, July 21 from 2:00-3:30, 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 outside the library. In the event of inclement weather, we have scheduled a rain date of **Friday, July 22 from 2:00-3:30**. Masks are strongly recommended. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call 985-2173.



Page Turners Book Group - July 27

The Page Turners Middle Grade Book Group is back! In July, we will be reading *Treasure Hunters* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein. Stop by either library to pick up your copy of the book. On Wednesday, July 27 at 3:00 p.m. we will meet in person at the Kennebunk Free Library to chat and discuss the book. Meetings will run from 3:00 until 4:00, and snacks will be provided. This program is open to teens and tweens from ages 10-14.

This book club is being offered by Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library and Kennebunk Free Library. Hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Maria Richardson from Kennebunk Free Library. Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library at 967-2778 or Kennebunk Library at 985-2173. Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information. Join Miss Terri and Miss Maria for some great conversations and fun!

Outdoor Storytimes - July 5, 11, 18, 25

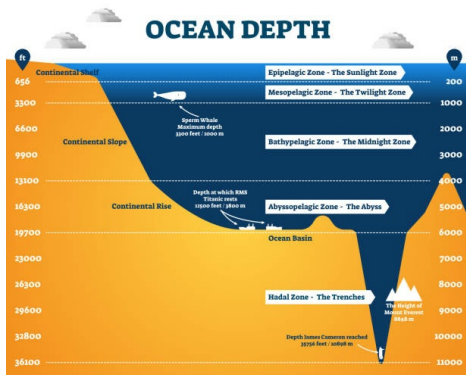
Dive into some stories with Miss Maria! On select days in July at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Join us for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to



sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain or inclement weather, storytime will be held indoors. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on the morning of storytime, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website.

On some days in July, in place of storytime, we have special events! On Monday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m., join us for a Bubble Party! If the weather does not cooperate, we will have storytime indoors. On Monday, July 18 at 10 a.m., Maureen Lee will join us to read her book titled *A Puppy in Maine: Toby's Sea Storm Treasure*. Upcoming storytime dates include:

- Tuesday, July 5
- July 11: Bubble Party!
- July 18: Special storytime with Maureen Lee!
- Monday, July 25

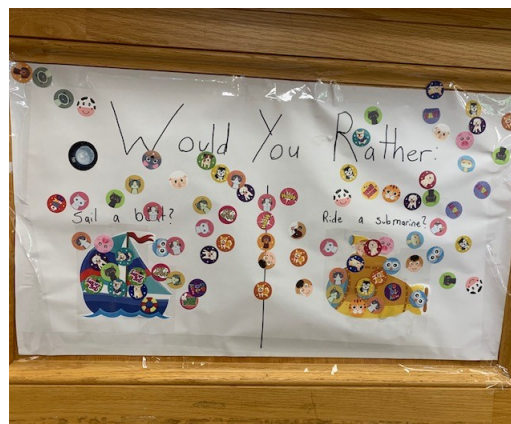


Ocean Zone Crafts

Kennebunk Free Library is continuing our deep dive with ocean zone crafts! Throughout the summer, explore ocean zones with a new craft every 2 weeks. Complete your craft during a visit to the library! Crafts will be set up to complete at the craft table in the Children's Room. You'll learn about the five zones of the ocean and make something fun to take home! Ocean Zone Crafts in July include:

- July 5-July 16: Hermit crabs from the Twilight Ocean Zone
- July 18-July 28: Sea anemones from the Midnight Ocean Zone
- July 29-August 6: Jellyfish from the Abyssal Ocean Zone

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In June, we asked, "Would you rather sail a boat or ride a submarine?" 36 friends wanted to sail a boat, while 45 friends would prefer to ride a submarine. 5 friends would love to do both, and placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!



Interested in winning one of these awesome building prizes? These raffles are open to anyone

who participates in the Children's Summer Reading Program! Find out more information and how to enter in the Children's Room!



Speers Gallery

July Artist: Patricia Sevigny-Higgins

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its next Speers Gallery exhibit, "Up Close and Beyond" by Patricia Sevigny-Higgins, opening July 1. The public is invited to attend an artist reception on Friday, July 15 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The exhibit is an accumulation of four different series of paintings done when the lockdown for Covid began, up until the present. Patricia says "I would need to be out of doors often and would spend many hours on trails, at beaches and on the backroads on Sundays exploring. In the winter and late fall months I would spend copious hours in my studio with set up still lifes and photos from my adventures. The backroads had me searching for those "Lost" Barns", the ones that were tucked away, or aging. I felt a need to capture them before they were gone. I was also mourning the loss of the land adjacent, in that I felt that these families had to sell land next to them to keep what they had. The second series was the "Marsh walks". My husband and I spent many hours walking the trails around the Kittery ocean and marshlands. These I was compelled to do more abstractly and in Mixed Media. The third series and the series I am still working in, was the "Sticks and Stones". This series is an endless fascination with all of the treasures I find on the beaches and wooded areas. This series allows me full concentration on objects, sharpens my drawing skills. I use a still-life set up for most of these. The last series and quite short-lived due to the weather is the "Pine and Snow" trees. Again, many hours on trails with my camera"



Patricia resides in Kittery Point, Maine, and is currently spending most of her time on studies for abstractions, done in Mixed Media; as well as mini seascapes in oil.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the work of this talented artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from June 1-30, 2022 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 5

[The Hidden One – Linda Castillo](#)

[Listen to Me – Tess Gerritsen](#)

[Rising Tiger – Brad Thor](#)

[Cold, Cold Bones – Kathy Reichs](#)

July 12

[The 6:20 Man – David Baldacci](#)

[The Best Is Yet to Come – Debbie Macomber](#)

[Chrysalis – Lincoln Child](#)

[Upgrade – Blake Crouch](#)

[The It Girl – Ruth Ware](#)

July 19

[Shattered – James Patterson](#)

[Portrait of an Unknown Woman – Daniel Silva](#)

[Sweet Remnants of Summer – Alexander McCall Smith](#)

[The Big, Dark Sky – Dean Koontz](#)

[Switchboard Soldiers – Jennifer Chiaverini](#)

[Grace Under Fire – Julie Garwood](#)

July 26

[Aura of Night – Heather Graham](#)

A Message from the Library Director



Summer reading is underway and I want to take this time to remind you that we have summer reading programs and prizes for all ages. Please stop by and pick up a summer reading booklet that outlines all of the wonderful programs and events going on at KFL over the next two months. The staff has put together an incredibly packed schedule to keep you busy and entertained.

Pictured: A collection of my daughter's drawings. While she is five and only starting to learn how to read, she loves to page through books, including graphic novels. At the end of the Dog Man books by

Dav Pilkey, they have a section that shows the steps of how to draw some of the characters. My daughter loves this!

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of An American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe

I listened to the audio version available on Overdrive, read by the author. The story of the Vanderbilt family starts in New Amsterdam in 1660 with a broke farmer from Holland, Jan Aertsen van der Bilt or “from the Bilt.” The goal of acquiring wealth started during these earliest days and culminated with Cornelius Vanderbilt born in 1794. Known as the Commodore, he started his career at the age of 11 running a ferry service for vegetables and passengers between Staten Island and Manhattan, a sometimes-challenging distance of five miles. The stage is set: how a hardworking, business savvy young man became American Royalty. I really enjoyed the chapters about the sinking of the Lusitania, Truman Capote and the author’s time with his mother, Gloria at the end of her life.

Mass written and directed by Fran Kranz

This is a serious, fictional look at two couples that come together in dialogue about how their lives are tragically connected: one of their sons is a mass murderer and the other son died at his hands. Stunning in honesty and so terribly relatable, I was glued to my couch.

Call Us What We Carry poems by Amanda Gorman

This poet has an amazing gift for communicating stark realities but always with an undertone of hope. I find myself repeating phrases out loud to hear them again. Topics range from the whaling ship Essex in 1820, George Floyd and Black Lives Matter to Practice Makes People. Ms. Gorman explores the Spanish Flu epidemic as well as what our world has gone through, blow by blow, in 2020 and 2021. It is incredible that such a young person has such a distinguished voice. KFL has this in print and the audio is available on Overdrive.

Denise, Library Assistant

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