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Library News and Events

Meteorologist Jason Nappi to MC the 26th Edition 5K! - Friday, July 14 at 6:00



We are excited to announce that News Center Maine meteorologist, Jason Nappi, will serve as the inaugural Master of Ceremonies for the 26th Edition 5K Fundraiser on July 14, 2023.

Mr. Nappi was 13 when his family moved to Kennebunk in 1993 and, while not born in Maine, Mr. Nappi and his family consider the Kennebunks and Maine home.

“I’m humbled and grateful to be chosen as the first master of ceremonies in the 26 year history of the KFL 5K fundraiser. When I was attending Kennebunk Middle School in 1993 I dreamt of being a meteorologist for NEWS CENTER Maine. That dream came true in May of 2022 when I started my job at the place I fell in love with

weather 30 years ago riding a snowmobile on the Blueberry Plains in West K. I enjoy visiting local restaurants and establishments around Maine and especially the Kennebunks. It feels great to be back home,” said Mr. Nappi in a statement.

The KFL 5K fundraiser is truly a community event, hosting hundreds of runners, walkers, and their “cheer squads”. Many more folks bring their lawn chairs and settle in to enjoy the live music by the Kennebunk River Band, great food, and beverages on a beautiful summer evening. New this year, Crotux Catering of Garden Street Bowl fame, will provide gourmet sandwiches and sides for all registered 5K participants at no additional cost. (Extra sandwiches/sides will be available for non-registered guests at \$10.) Home-made pretzels (Plot Twist Pretzels) and beer (Federal Jack’s) will also be available for purchase. A few items from our 5K Online Auction will be on display, as well as an opportunity to buy 50/50 raffle tickets (currently on sale at the library).

Visit www.kennebunklibrary.org to check out the 5K Online Auction July 5 th – 18 th . The 5K takes off at 6:00 pm, following an improved course through Hope Cemetery and Woods that was established (and much enjoyed!) last year. The course was recently certified by USATF and begins and ends in the library parking lot. Prizes will be awarded for the top male and female finishers in each of nine age categories. Register online now until 11:59 p.m. on

July 12. Same day registration will be available at the library on race day.

Between registrations and the generosity of over 75 sponsors (thank you all!), the 5K now accounts for nearly 25 percent of the \$200,000 we must raise each year to support the library. KFL is deeply grateful to our Event Sponsor, Kennebunk Savings Bank; and our Diamond Sponsors, Appliance Advantage/Aspire Home and Crotux Catering/Garden Street Bowl, for their leadership support!

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THANK YOU TO OUR 5K EVENT SPONSORS!!



Save the Date!

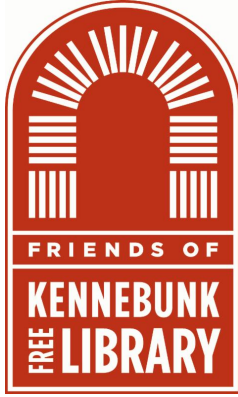
Our annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 5. Applications to rent spaces and/or tables will be available soon. Keep an eye on our website for more details!

AWS Foster Cat at KFL!

We are so excited to be partnering with Animal Welfare Society to host an adoptable foster cat in the library! Prince, our first foster was adopted in about a week (a photo of Prince with his new family is on the right below). We are now lucky to be providing a temporary home for a sweet tortie named Betty (pictured on the left).

Betty made the entire staff fall in love with her in her first two minutes here when she reached through the bars of her carrier to give a staff member a loving boop on the nose. She is curious and playful, but likes nothing more than being around people. She's a big fan of nuzzling into people's necks and purring. She came from a multi-cat household so she is used to being around other animals. She has also been very comfortable with the children who have stopped by to visit since she's been here. If you'd like to meet this cuddly girl (and maybe make her part of your family), stop by the Walker Room in the library.





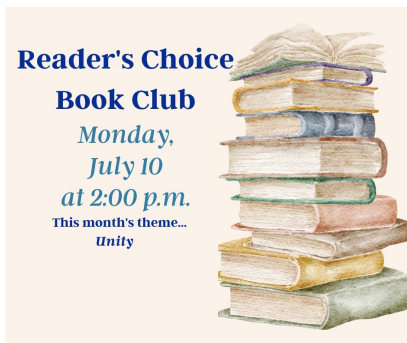
A message from the Friends of KFL

It's summer! Friends have provided basket items for the auction held in conjunction with the annual Library 5K, to be held on Friday July 14. It is a great community event! Come on down to cheer on the participants and enjoy music and food on the lawn.

Friends are also busy preparing for the Saturday, July 22, Blueberry Festival Book Sale, held inside and outside (weather permitting) from 9:00-1:00. Feel free to bring your own sturdy bag to carry away a bounty of books, puzzles, and CD/DVD items.

Adult Programs

Reader's Choice Book Club - July 10



Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday July 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room. This month's theme will be Unity.

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. Stop by the library for the bookmark with 2023's list of monthly themes. Everyone is welcome!

In Stitches - July 11, 18, 25



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 inside the library. See our events calendar for more information. **Because the first Tuesday falls on a holiday this month, there will be no Zoom meeting.**

Android Basics - July 11, 12 & 13



Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, July 11 - Thursday, July 13 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. for Android Basics with the National Digital Equity Center. Get started with your Android device, learn how to use essential applications like email, contacts, camera, and Chrome, and manage your settings. Please bring your digital item - phone, tablet, or laptop - to the class.

Register through the library calendar here or on the NDEC website here:

Christy Gardner from Mission Working Dogs - July 11



Christy Gardner of Mission Working Dogs along with some of her canine trainees will be at KFL on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 to discuss her organization and the process of training service dogs. The mission of Mission Working Dogs is: "To improve the lives of our community members who are living with a disability by providing them with properly trained service dogs to help them live more independently despite a physical disability and by providing therapy dogs which will bring mental well-being to the people of Maine such as those in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools."

Christina "Christy" Gardner is a retired Army veteran from Oxford, Maine. She was injured overseas in 2006 and spent nearly 5 rehabbing before was finally able to live on her own again and started participating in adaptive sports, thanks to her Service Dog Moxie. She's been on the US Women's Para Ice Hockey Team for 13 years and was an alternate for Tokyo 2020 in shot put and discus. She also represented the USA at the Para Surfing World Championships in 2020. Gardner also trained service dogs and therapy dogs for ten years but wanted to grow that dream to help more Mainers in need. Mission Working Dogs was founded in July 2020 as a local non-profit to do just that. The organization serves to train service dogs and therapy dogs for the local community and has started construction on a new training center in Maine.

Reader's Choice Evening Book Group - July 12



Our new Reader's Choice evening book club is starting this month on July 12 at 6:00. We will meet in the Walker Room to discuss any book of your choice that relates to this month's theme: Music! Feel free to choose any book that relates to music in some way. This could be a novel where music is a theme, a biography of a musician, a history of a certain genre of music: The options are limitless, and you're encouraged to be creative with your choice!

Grown-Up Craft and Sno-Cone Night - July 17



Join us on July 17 at 5:30 for a craft night for grown-ups! Create a beachy mason jar using crushed shells, and enjoy grown-up snow cones at the same time! All materials will be provided. 21+ only. Registration is required, as space is limited. Click [here](#) to register.

Coastal Birds with Maine Audubon - July 18

Maine Audubon presents their Coastal Birds Project. Join us on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 to learn about



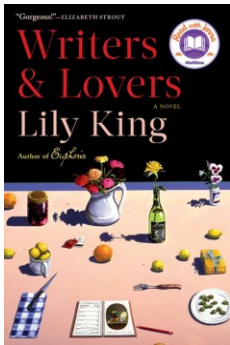
the work biologists are doing to save Maine's endangered Piping Plovers and Least Terns from extinction. Discover the many ways in which all members of the community can contribute to the conservation efforts of these unique local birds!

Trivia Night - July 19



The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 is trivia night at KFL! Bring a team, join one of our friendly teams of regulars, or take on the challenge solo. Light refreshments will be served.

Adult Book Discussion - July 25



Join us on Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Writers & Lovers* by Lily King.

"Grieving her mother's recent death, newly heartbroken, and shouldering crushing student debt, Casey lives in her brother's annoying friend's moldy Boston coach house, working on her novel in the mornings and waitressing at a swanky Cambridge restaurant at seemingly all other hours. A book-release party introduces two points of the love triangle Casey becomes entangled in: novelist Oscar, and one of his workshop students, Silas. Widowed, Oscar approaches Casey with a mix of awe and apprehension, and Casey falls easily into his life with his two young sons. Silas, meanwhile, intrigues with his humor, chipped tooth, and leather jacket, but hits the road just when he shouldn't. The romance will draw readers in, but Casey's journey as a writer, alone, is the book's strongest magnet. Despite being reminded of the foolhardy notion that women writers could have anything to say at all, she finishes a draft and isn't prepared for what this unleashes. With deep and sensationally wrought feeling—Casey feels her anxiety as swarming bees, and as if she 'swallowed' her dead mother—King (*Euphoria*, 2014) leaves no barrier between readers and smart, genuine, cynical, and funny Casey. A closely observed tale of finding oneself, and one's voice, while working through grief." (Booklist, vol 116, number 11, p25)

History of the 50s and 60s through Popular Song - July 26

On Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m., the Kennebunk Free Library will host New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee, Marc Black, who will be your guide through an evening of song, storytelling and laughter through these two historically defining decades. You'll celebrate wonderful songs as diverse as *Itsy Bitsy*, *Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka -Dot Bikini* and *Blowin' in the Wind*, as well as tunes by artists ranging from Dean Martin to George Harrison. In addition to the music and conversation, this popular program features a slide show by Susan Black that's sure to slide you right back in time. Marc will also perform his own group's top forty hit from his tour with The Doors, Neil



Diamond, The Dave Clark Five and Van Morrison... 'Happy' by the 'Blades of Grass'.

Tech Time - Wednesdays and Thursdays



Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help! To sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet. Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology Educator can be scheduled **Wednesdays** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays**

from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Appointments are 45 minutes long, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. 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 charged device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.

Help Us Make a Library Display!

Since this year's summer reading theme is "All Together Now," we are turning over our main upstairs display space to you so we can all make a display together! During the month of July, grab a title you've read and loved from the stacks and add it to the display for others to read. Write a note about what makes your title great and slip it in the book to share with its next reader. See what your neighbors have chosen and give a new title a try!

July Take-and-Make Kit: Friendship Bracelets



Go back to your summer camp roots and pick up a kit to make friendship bracelets! Each kit will include embroidery floss and instructions to make bracelets you can keep for yourself or give to your BFF. Kits will be available starting July 10, while supplies last.

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - July 3, 10, 17



Welcome, young adventurers! Come join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons, and let's continue with our Summer Reading Campaign! Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet on Monday, **July 3, 10, and 17** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For the next three sessions of our game, we will continue on our journey to map the Forest of the Unknown to find out more about the origins of the Creatures of Unknown, and we will be encountering all sorts of characters and challenges

along the way! All playing 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 (207) 985-2173.

First Friday Fun - July 7

First Friday Fun!



Looking forward to the weekend? Let's kick it off with an activity to take home from the library! Each first Friday of the month there will be a different crafting activity and Summer Reading pin for you to pick up. For this month, on **July 7**, there will be kits to make papier mache mushrooms out of recycled materials available in the Walker Room (where we keep our YA books). You can grab one of these crafts at any time, and the bags will be available until they are all taken. This event is 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 for more information!

Chill Gaming - July 13



Are you ready to chill, hang out with friends, and play some games? This month's Chill Gaming Program will be held as a hybrid (so either virtually or in-person), and your teamwork and logic skills will be put to the test as you help your fellow crewmates repair their broken ship - unless you're the imposter! In that case, your mission is to scheme and sabotage! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **July 13**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The library will host the game, all that

you will need is the free app available for iOS or Android, and Wifi to connect to the server. Make sure to check that your account is online, that it is connected to the Online Server, and that the settings are set to North America (to check, look in the bottom right hand corner with the globe icon, and change it if you need to). To get the lobby code, an email will be sent 15 minutes before the game begins for you to enter in the Private Lobby; or, if you are here in-person, the code will be projected on the board. To have your email on file, registration is required for this event. This event is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call (207) 985-2173.

Anime Club - July 26

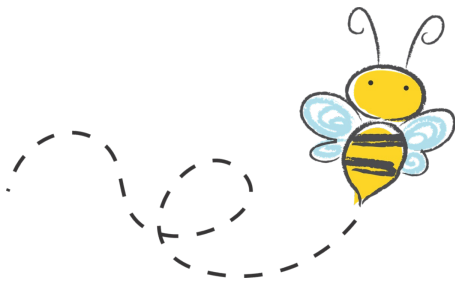
Kicking off the summer with a brand new teen program, the



Kennebunk Free Library is excited to introduce our new Anime Club! Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, **July 26**, in the Walker Room (where the YA Books live) from 5:00- 6:00 p.m. Perfect for those interested in manga, anime, or anything in between, we will spend our first meeting by making kawaii Chibi art into keychain rings, and taste-testing snacks from Japan! All supplies will be provided by the library. This program is designed for dedicated fans, and for new fans who are interested in learning more about the art and fandom. This event is 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 (207) 985-2173. We

look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Programs



Junior Science - July 3

What's the buzz? Join us for Junior Science on July 3 at 3:45pm and bee ready for some fun! We will be learning all about bees and making bee houses! For ages 5+, registration required.



Beadcraft - July 5

It's time for Beadcraft – even in the summer! 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, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, July 5 at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.

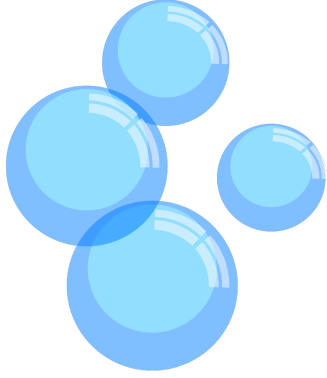


Friendship Bracelets - July 6

Old friends, new friends, all are great friends! Join us on Thursday, July 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., for some friendship bracelet fun! Make a colorful bracelet for yourself and one to share. Give a bracelet to a friend near or far and celebrate friendship! Projects for a variety of ages and ability levels will be available.

This program will be outside the library. In the event of inclement weather, we will be indoors.

Bubble Party - July 10

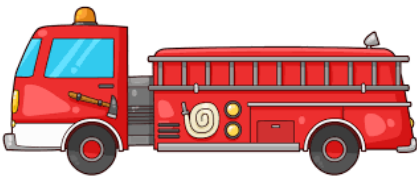


Life is the bubbles! Join us for some soapy fun outside the library on July 10 at 10:00 a.m. Come make bubbles of all sizes, and of course, make them POP! This program will be in place of our regularly scheduled outdoor storytime. In the event of inclement weather, we will schedule a rain date.

Kindness Club - July 11



In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Club on Tuesday, July 11, at 3:45. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This program is open to ages 6 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Parents are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



Visit from Kennebunk Fire and Rescue - July 17

Come to the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, July 17, at 10 a.m. to meet our local fire fighters and learn about fire fighting! Kennebunk Fire and Rescue will come visit us at the library to teach us about what it takes to become a firefighter, and how to keep ourselves safe. An emergency vehicle will be available to see up-close! All ages are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.



Outdoor Messy Art - July 19

What's more fun than making a mess? Join us on Wednesday, July 19 from 2:30-4:00 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!

This program will be outside the library. In the event of inclement weather, we have scheduled a rain date of **Thursday, 7/20 from 2:30-4:00.**

Junior Science - July 24

Junior Science twice in one month?! Hooray! Join us on July 24 at 3:45 p.m. and make ice cream in a

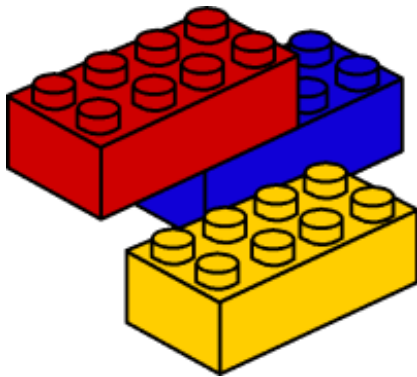


bag! What a perfect and tasty way to enjoy science in the summer! For ages 5+, registration required.

Mad Science of Maine - July 25

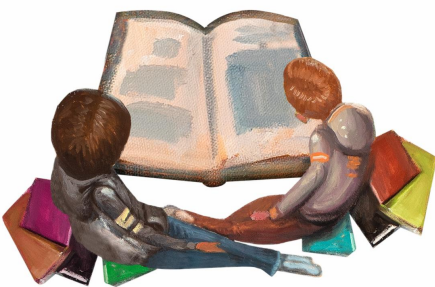


How can we connect kindness, friendship, unity, and science? Come to the library at 2:00 on Tuesday, July 25 to find out! Mad Science of Maine will be coming to Kennebunk Free Library, bringing to life some of the great scientific discoveries born out of collaboration and partnership. They'll also show us the strength and importance of human bonding by sharing the nature of chemical bonding through some awesome chemical reaction experiments!



Lego Club - July 27

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, July 27, from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Come and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. Registration is appreciated.

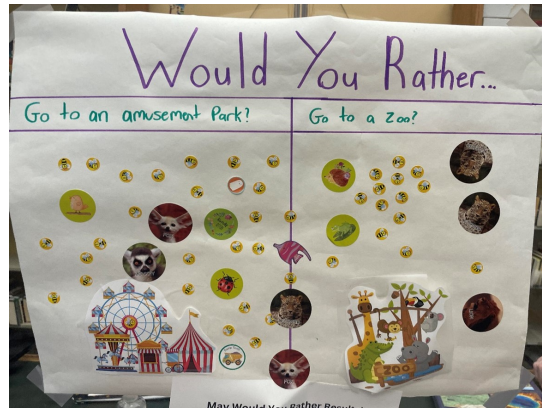


July Storytimes

Let's get all together now for some stories and songs with Miss Maria! On most Mondays in July at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. 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. On Monday, July 10, at 10 am, in place of storytime, we are having a Bubble Party! If the weather does not cooperate, we will have storytime indoors. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- July 3
- July 10 – Bubble Party!
- July 17 – Visit From Kennebunk Fire and Rescue
- July 24
- July 31

“Would you rather go to an amusement park or go to a zoo?” In the Children’s Room, 57 friends wanted to go to an amusement park, while 45 friends would prefer to go to a zoo. 30 friends just couldn’t decide and voted for both. At the adult circulation desk, 32 friends would like to visit an amusement park, and 19 friends would rather visit a zoo. 5 would like to do both. In total, we had 89 votes for going to an amusement park, 64 votes for going to the zoo, and 35 votes for both. It looks like lots of friends wanted to ride some rides – amusement part was the winner! It’s a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for next month’s question and vote for your choice upstairs or downstairs!



Speers Gallery

July Artist: Wendy Gallart

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents “Recent Works”, an exhibition of watercolor, pastel, and pencil by Kennebunk resident Wendy Gallart.

The exhibit runs July 1-31, and the public is invited to an opening reception on Wednesday, July 5 from 4-6:30 pm.



Pursuing her lifelong desire to study art and art history, Wendy Gallart received her undergraduate degree in fine arts and education. Subsequently, Wendy began her career in marketing and commercial art. Her career led to increasingly responsible positions at several Fortune 500 companies, where she directed design and public relations teams through branding and logo designs, extensive advertising and public relations campaigns and product launches. Wendy then applied her knowledge and experience to the not-for-profit sector. She received a Masters of Public Administration and then worked toward bettering the health and welfare of animals.

Since her retirement, she has returned to her true loves, drawing and painting. She has studied under internationally renowned painters and teachers such as Peter Barnet and Theresa Troise Heidel and currently works with local artist Russell Whitten. In addition, she has remained an avid collector of photography and fine art through her past business connections with auction houses and dealers.

Wendy enjoys the beauty of the hills, fields and coastline of southern Maine everyday, often accompanied by her dog Summer. She primarily works in watercolor and has recently begun to show her work in York County community venues.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the works of this veteran artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from July 1-31 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)?

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

Books on order for June:

July 4

[Circle of Death](#) – James Patterson

[Flop Dead Gorgeous](#) – David Rosenfelt

July 10

[Obsessed](#) – James Patterson

July 11

[Must Love Flowers](#) – Debbie Macomber

[Flags on the Bayou](#) – James Lee Burke

[An Evil Heart](#) – Linda Castillo

July 18

[After Death](#) – Dean Koontz

[Zero-sum](#) – Joyce Carol Oates

[Onlookers](#) – Ann Beattie

[Crook Manifesto](#) – Colson Whitehead

[The Collector](#) – Daniel Silva

July 25

[Secrets in the Dark](#) – Heather Graham

[Somebody's Fool](#) – Richard Russo

[Dead Fall](#) – Brad Thor

[Pink Lemonade Cake Murder](#) – Joanne Fluke

A Message from the Library Director



It is that time of year again for our 5K! This is our 26th Edition race and we are having more fun than ever. Join us on Friday, July 14, for our largest event fundraiser. You don't even have to be a runner or walker to enjoy it! There's great food by Crotux at Garden Street Bowl, music by the Kennebunk River Band, beer garden provided by Federal Jack's, a 50/50, and an online auction coming soon. And the best part? It is all a big fundraiser for KFL!

[You can register at this link.](#)

[More information at this link.](#)

Interested in volunteering? [Fill out this form.](#)

Pictured: Sophia falls asleep reading *Tacos Today: El Toro & Friends*.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

The Marriage Portrait – Maggie O'Farrell

I loved *Hamnet* so really looked forward to reading this newest book by the author. It takes place in Florence, Italy in the 1550s. Lucrezia is just a child of 13 when her older sister dies suddenly and she is selected to replace her in betrothal to the ruler of Ferrara, Modena and Region, Duke Alfonso. Her groom has a reputation for being two different people: an interested and endearing companion who suddenly becomes a cruel, tyrannical, demanding ruler. Lucrezia soon realizes what she has married into and feels the pressure to produce a male heir. Will she conform? Will she escape? The story picks up pace and the mood changes. A good read.

What Is My Plant Telling Me: an illustrated guide to houseplants and how to keep them alive by Emily L. Hay Hinsdale, illustrated by Loni Harris

There is no such thing as too many houseplants! Having them in your home during our long Maine dark season just makes things happier. For those of us that were lucky enough to grow up with plants and know how to keep them this is effortless. How many people believe that they kill all houseplants and don't even try anymore? If you are one of these poor plant-less home people, this might be the book for you. In low-key, clear, simple language and illustrations 50 common houseplants are de-mystified. This might be the confidence boost you need to have worry-free houseplants.

A Man Called Otto a film by Marc Foster

Based on the book by a similar name, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, the movie stars Tom Hanks and remains true to the spirit of the book: how this grumpy, elderly man in the pit of despair after the loss of his beloved wife finds new ways to live. In my opinion, Mariana Treviño as Marisol makes the movie, despite my adoration of Tom Hanks, who is awesome too. Loved this movie.

