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Library News

Pre-pandemic Hours Are Back Starting June 1!

We will be open with our pre-pandemic hours; Monday and Tuesday: 9:30-8, Wednesday: 12:30-8, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 9:30-5. **Masks will still be required** for all to enter. While we will not have designated curbside hours, curbside services will still be available at request. Please note that we are not offering all of our pre-pandemic programs and services just yet and not all parts of the library will be available. Appointments are no longer needed for browsing but may be implemented in the children's room if needed. Appointments are no longer needed for computers but are encouraged. Please continue to check the website for updates.

TAILS AND TALES

Summer Reading: Tails and Tales

KFL's summer reading program is coming!! This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and all ages are welcome to participate! We'll be continuing many of our regular events, and we'll have some special events as well. 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, teens will be entered into a special raffle and children ages 0-10 will be able to choose a free book. The summer reading program will run from June 28-August 21. Join us for some fun this summer!

New Staff Email Addresses

We are transitioning to new emails. Our emails will now end in @kennebunklibrary.org. This should be easier to remember since kennebunklibrary.org is our website! For example, to reach our general email you can now email us at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org. Our @kennebunk.lib.me.us emails will continue to be valid for a few more months as we complete this transition.

Main Door Replacement

On Wednesday, June 2, our main entrance doors will be replaced and this entrance will not be accessible. Please use the children's room doors at the side of the library.

Help Us Reach Our Annual Appeal Goal This Month!

Every year KFL, a 501c3 nonprofit, needs to raise about \$200,000 to maintain our operations. With your help we can reach our 2021 Annual Appeal goal of \$58,000 by June 30, 2021. We're less than \$10,000 away from our goal!

View our FY21 [Annual Appeal letter here](#) and our [fun and colorful insert here](#).

Donate Now



New Museum Passes!

The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library have purchased three new museum passes for our patrons to check out. The **Farnsworth Art Museum** pass provides free admission to the museum, the Farnsworth Homestead and the Olson House. We have two sets with two passes. We have two **Historic New England** passes, each providing free admission to Historic New England properties for two adults plus children. The **Southworth Planetarium** pass provides free admission for up to six people. We also still have our regular passes - 2 passes that allow free entry for a carload of people to the **Maine State Parks**; the **Portland Museum of Art** pass which gives free admission to two adults plus children; and the **Brick Store Museum** pass, which includes free admission for two adults and four children; the **Seashore Trolley Museum** pass grants free entry to the patron and immediate family (up to 5 people). When the Children's Museum and Theatre reopens, we will also have that pass available. For more information about museum passes, [visit our website](#).



The 24th Edition

**ROAD
RACE**

Registration for the 24th Edition Road Race is open. Register now: goodie bags and t-shirts are going fast!

We will be holding a virtual Road Race from June 21 - July 7. Run your own race course (or follow the traditional route) whenever it's convenient. We are also holding a modified in-person race on July 9 (in accordance with any state COVID regulations in place at the time). We will not be offering same-day registration this year - all registrations must be received by July 7.

REGISTER

Adult Programs

In Stitches - June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us for "In Stitches", our 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.

In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.

Take Note - June 2



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. Come to chat, ask questions, or listen. No experience needed. New participants are always welcome! This meeting will be held via Zoom.

Upcoming Meetings:
Wednesday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m.

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

Heart and Home Book Group - June 14



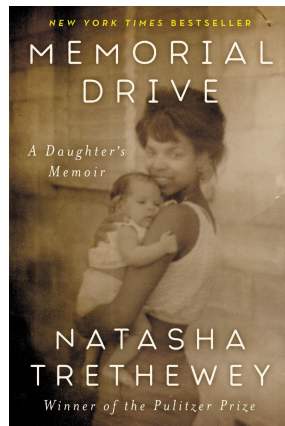
The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. Our virtual discussions take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting.

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, June 14, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Country*.
On Monday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *The Beach*.

For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website's homepage or the calendar listing for this program. Please call or email the library if you have any questions.

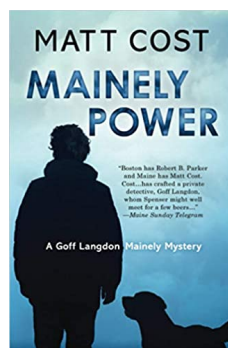
Nonfiction Book Group - June 14



Join us on Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Memorial Drive* by Natasha Trethewey. 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.

"Exploring personal trauma, memory, and closure, Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winner Trethewey returns to the site of her mother's murder. The daughter of an African American mother and white Canadian father, Trethewey grew up in civil rights-era Mississippi and Georgia. After her parents' divorce, her mother married an unstable Vietnam veteran who, over time, became psychologically and physically abusive. After ten years, her mother left with Trethewey and her younger brother in tow but continued to live in fear of her ex-husband. Working with victims' rights groups, the state's attorney general, and local police, her mother achieved renewed independence and strength. But that did not stop Trethewey's former stepfather from murdering her mother in June 1985. Through spare prose and vivid imagery, the author presents a narrative of a trauma survivor's need to remember a past that, for 30 years, lapsed into the mind's shadows. VERDICT A moving, heartbreaking memoir about a traumatic event and the path to healing." (Library Journal, vol 145, issue 4, p104)

Author Talk/Book Discussion with Author Matt Cost - June 16



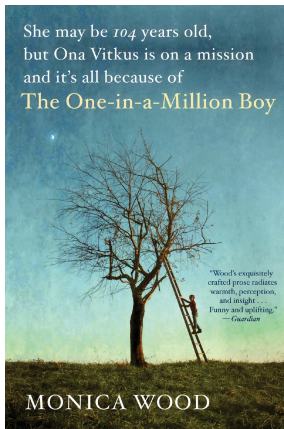
Join us on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss Matt Cost's *Mainly Power* as part of the statewide Read ME program. Matt Cost will be joining in the discussion to talk about the book and answer questions. You can get a copy of the book at Kennebunk Free Library and we will post the Zoom link for the event on our website.

"Langdon is a laid back, slacker detective, happy with his work, friends, and way of life in the town of Brunswick, Maine. To compliment his income in small town Maine's scarce private detective market, Langdon also owns and operates a mystery bookstore named after his trusted companion, Coffee Dog.

Does Langdon stand a chance against corrupt cops, crooked politicians, greedy millionaires, radical environmentalists, and a deadly assassin named Shakespeare? With the help of Bart, the bear of a cop; Jimmy 4 by Four, the hippie lawyer; the immigrants Jewell and Richam; and his true desire and employee, Chabal—Langdon sets out to do just that. And then he is framed for not one, but two murders, and events become very complicated.

Follow Langdon and his band of friends as they attempt to untangle the web of intrigue and return Brunswick to 'the way life should be'."

Adult Book Discussion - June 22



Join us on Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The One-In-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood. 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.

"Wood (*Any Bitter Thing*, 2005) tells a simultaneously sad and joyous story of a unique 11-year-old boy and the legacy he leaves behind. Known only as 'the boy,' he has no friends, and spends his time obsessively compiling mental lists and memorizing countless Guinness world records. As part of his work to earn a Boy Scout badge, the boy does yard work for 104-year-old Ona Vitkus, a Lithuanian immigrant living nearby. They forge a close bond over the

course of seven Saturdays, then the boy dies. His mostly absent musician father, Quinn, volunteers to finish the last three of the boy's weekends. Quinn becomes aware of his son's and Ona's plan to get her into a Guinness records book — hopefully, as the oldest licensed driver — and this leads first to a road trip to find Ona's only living son, now 90, and eventually to a visit to her homeland at age 109." (Booklist, vol 112, number 13, p42)



Ukulele Group - June 23

Join us on Wednesday, June 23 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.

Living a Life Less Wasteful: Tips and Strategies to Reduce Your Trash - June 28



The Kennebunk Free Library and the South Berwick Public Library will host Julie Olson of Zero Waste ME on Monday, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Learn how Olson has reduced her household's trash by more than 85 percent and how you too can make less trash using a variety of practical skills and strategies.

Julie (Jules) Olson is a librarian and lifelong learner who shares her suburban home with her husband, son, and beloved rescue pets. A dedicated maker and a supporter of eating and shopping locally, Julie loves finding strategies and resources that support zero waste and spreading the word with others.

Check the website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.



Take and Make: DIY Beeswax Wraps

Beeswax wraps are an earth-friendly substitute for plastic wrap. Did you know that you can make your own? Beginning on Monday, June 14, KFL will have kits available with all of the materials that you will need to make 2-3 wraps. Registration is required as we have a limited number of kits. Please call or [email the library](#) to reserve yours.

Instructions will be included with each kit and an instruction video will be available through the KFL YouTube channel. As a bonus, each kit will include a beeswax wrap from beeswrap.com, donated by the Planeteers of Southern Maine.

Teen Programs

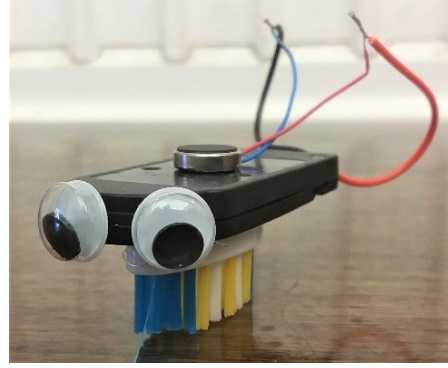


Teen Gaming

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

Every week kits will be available to be picked up in the library. 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

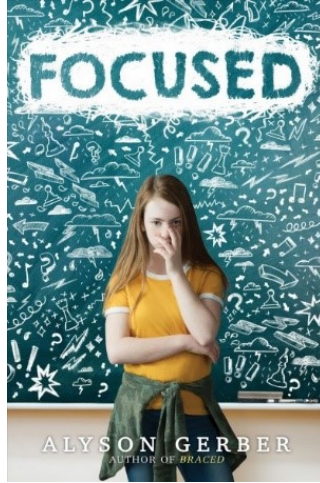
Middle School Book Group - June 23

Join us for Middle School Book Group!

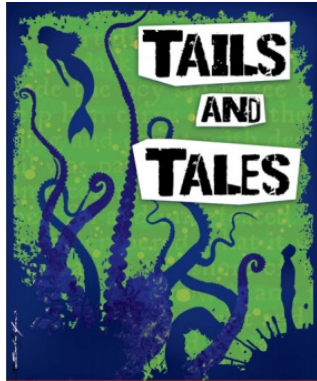
On Wednesday, June 23 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss a book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

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 *Focused* by Alyson Gerber. 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. You can track your reading time to earn additional raffle tickets to win gift cards from local businesses. Stay tuned for more information on how to have an amazing summer of fun!

Children's Programs



Take and Make Kits

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 available curbside and in the library. This month, we will be offering rainbow crafts to celebrate Pride Month! The kits will include:

- A chenille stem rainbow craft
- A weaving fish rainbow craft
- A torn paper rainbow craft

A paper plate woven rainbow craft will be available for more experienced crafters. Kits will be available starting Monday, 6/7. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get



your zoomy hands ready and let's go! From May 3- June 28, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be most Monday's at 10:00 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please register by email at ys@kennebunklibrary.org or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- June 7
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28

All storytimes will begin at 10 a.m. Zoom Storytime Kits including crafts, shaker egg, scarf, and song sheet are available while supplies last! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



MSBA Virtual Challenge

It's the last month to participate in our MSBA Virtual Challenge! Through 6/30/21, students in grades 4-8 can earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title read and reviewed. Readers will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org. If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or [via email](#). MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!



Request a Book Stack

Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us [via email](#), or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!

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.

Hot New Releases on Order for June

June 1

[Unfinished Business – J.A. Jance](#)

[The Kobalt Dossier – Eric Van Lustbader](#)

[Jackpot – Stuart Woods](#)

[Golden Girl – Elin Hilderbrand](#)

[The Eagle's Claw – Jeff Shaara](#)

[The President's Daughter – Bill Clinton and James Patterson](#)

June 8

[Castle Shade – Laurie King](#)

[The Bullet – Iris Johansen](#)

June 29

[Dead By Dawn – Paul Doiron](#)

A Message from the Friends



Happy Spring to one and all! The officers of the Friends - Deb, Risa, Peg and I - are so happy that we can now go into the library and browse for books on our must read lists and use of the computers.

We will be holding weekly Saturday book sales from 9:30 to 12:30 starting May 29 (weather permitting) until the end of June. The price is set at \$5.00 per bag with a wide variety of books, CDs and DVDs

available. There will also be magazines and some special additions. We will *not* be accepting donations through June.

All of this takes volunteers like yourselves to prep and conduct these sales. I am very grateful to all who support our efforts.

The Friends are also working with The board of Trustees to bring new and fun activities for all to enjoy.

Happy Reading!

A Message from the Library Director



KFL is once again going through a lot of changes and improvements. We have all become familiar with a rapidly changing environment over the past year plus but it doesn't necessarily make it easier. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we endlessly adapt particularly as we open up for our regular hours at the same time as some maintenance projects. This is certainly not intentional. It is the timing of the season, the weather, and contractor availability and everything just happened to fall into the same short time frame.

You will notice that even while we are opening up for our regular hours again that not all will be 100% back to a pre-pandemic library. In need of storage and shifting staff work spaces, some areas of the library will remain closed at this time. Recognizing that a large portion of our library users haven't had the opportunity to get vaccinated yet we may need to revert back to methods such as appointments or limited use in the children's room. Only time will tell.

I can state with absolute certainty that the KFL staff has been working to their fullest ability to ensure the community has had the best library services possible. It is wonderful to watch their passion, hard-work, and kindness behind-the-scenes. I'm glad we'll all be able to see each other again soon.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Maine Bicentennial Community Cookbook 200 Recipes Celebrating Maine's Culinary Past, Present & Future, Compiled and Edited by M. Hathaway & K. Schatz

Not only are there great recipes for classic Maine dishes, there are people's stories of gathering ingredients and preparing the food with grandparents, other relatives and neighbors. I was surprised by a recipe from one of my culinary teachers sent in by her granddaughter! Which whoopie pie recipe is most like Mom used to make? Will the chicken croquettes be as good as the Glenmore Restaurant served? I sure hope the Iraqi Kofta with eggplant and rice is as good as it sounds. Now to try them....

Magic Lessons by Alice Hoffman

This is the prequel to Practical Magic. It is a story of independent women, that can heal people, know the purposes of medicinal plants in the 1600's in England and New England, so of course they must be witches. Maria Owens starts her life as a foundling

being watched over by a crow, Cadin, her familiar, who remains with her his whole life. Maria is taken in and raised by Helen Owens who teaches her to “only love those that love you back” and green magic in Essex County, England. When Maria must flee to the island of Cara \square ao, she meets two men that will alter her life forever. She follows one of the men to Essex County, Massachusetts where he is a magistrate in Salem. Nothing good can come of this! I loved all the details about herbal medicine and healing, the different places and characters. Black magic does come into play but at a very high price to the practitioner.

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

Sam Hill is born with ocular albinism and his pupils are red leading to taunts of “Devil Boy” and “Sam Hell”. This novel follows Sam and his loving family through his early struggles and into adulthood. It is a story of successes and failures and finally making sense of things in middle age. I enjoyed every minute of it, especially the ending.

Denise, Library Assistant

