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Library News and Events



Summer Reading Program - All Together Now!

Kennebunk Free Library's summer reading program is coming!! This year's theme is All Together Now, and all ages are welcome to participate! Keep track of how many hours you've read using a paper log and earn raffle tickets for local business gift cards! All ages will be eligible to enter a raffle in their age group. The summer reading program will run from June 26 - August 19. Some of the awesome programs we're doing this summer:

For adults:

- Shank Painters pirate band
- Carey Kish, author of *Beer Hiking New England*
- Craft programs for adults

For teens (ages 10 and up):

- Teen Tie Dye Party
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Anime Club
- Mario Kart Tournament

For kids:

- Stuffed Animal Adoption
- Special guests Mad Science of Maine and Children's Museum of New Hampshire

· 31st Annual Pet Parade and Show

· Messy Art

For all ages:

- Groovy 60s Summer Reading Kickoff Party
- Ice Cream Social Finale Party

We have even more program fun planned! Dates and times of all programs will be announced soon. Join us for some fun this summer!



Summer Reading Kick-Off: Groovy 60s Party - June 26

This year's summer reading theme is All Together Now, and Kennebunk Free Library is ready to get groovy! On June 26 at 5:00 p.m., KFL will host a Groovy 60s Party – and you're invited! Come



dressed in your best 60s era costume! Our party will include a DJ, fun crafts for all ages, games, a photo booth, and tasty treats. Let's kick off the summer, all together now! The Groovy 60s Summer Reading Kickoff Party is part of All Together Now, our Summer Reading Program.

26th Edition 5K Registration is Open! - Friday, July 14 at 6:00



One of our favorite parts of our annual 5K is the post-race fun! A meal comes free with your 5K registration and is available to spectators for purchase. We are very excited to announce that this year the meal will be catered by Crotux Kitchen & Taphouse at Garden Street Bowl. Here is the amazing menu:

Applewood smoked Ham & Swiss on Ciabatta with Bread & Butter Pickles and Rosemary Honey Mustard

or

Mediterranean Hummus Wrap with pickled carrots, cucumber, spinach and kalamata olives (V)

or

Roasted Turkey and Aged Cheddar on Ciabatta with Sriracha Mayo, fresh tomato and alfalfa sprouts

-Cape Cod Sea Salted Potato Chips-

-Mom's Chocolate Chip Cookie-

The meal will also include fruit provided by Cummings Market. Enjoy a relaxing post-race picnic on the library lawn while listening to music by the fantastic Kennebunk River Band. Beer from Federal Jacks and pretzels from Plot Twist Pretzels will be available for cash purchase.

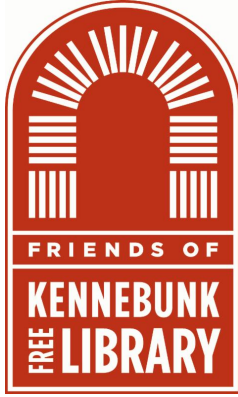
There's more good news: Our new course is now officially USATF certified. A new map with a couple of small tweaks to last year's route will be released soon. The course begins and ends in the library parking lot, winding through peaceful local neighborhoods and the beautiful and perfectly-maintained Hope Cemetery and Woods trails.

**REGISTER
NOW**

THANK YOU TO OUR 5K EVENT SPONSOR!!



A message from the Friends of KFL



The Friends thank the Kennebunk community and beyond for a great May Day book sale turn out. We raised over \$1400 for library programs and services.

New for the Friends is a partnership with Operation Paperback. They collect our unsold paperbacks and distribute them to troops overseas and veterans and military families in the U.S.

Here's to summer days ahead and all the library has to offer!

Adult Programs

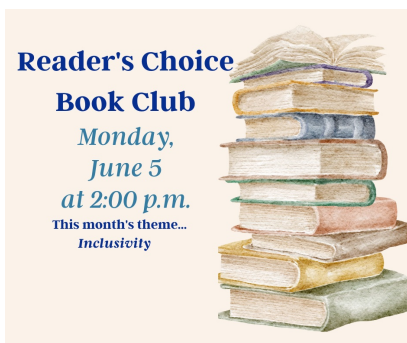
Tech Time - June 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29



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.

Reader's Choice Book Club - June 5



Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room. This month's theme will be: Inclusivity.

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!

Spanish Language Conversation Group - June 5 & 12

Stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 5:30 to 6:30 on Monday evenings, for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish with educator and native Spanish-speaker Eva Hernandez.



Eva was born in Madrid to a family of teachers. She writes, "I inherited this passion. Teaching is my vocation and learning is my attitude in life. I love education and relationships." Since she was a child, Eva has had an interest in languages. In addition to Spanish and English, she speaks French, German, Italian, and some Portuguese. She is an avid traveler, visiting countries around the globe. As a nature lover and fan of outdoor activities, Eva says that Maine is "a paradise for my senses." She is looking forward to getting to know people in the community through this program.

In Stitches - June 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 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.

Historian Vana Carmona - June 6



Nine years ago, Vana Carmona discovered the gravestone of a man named Prince near several of her family's plots. Learning he had been enslaved by her ancestors, she embarked on a historical quest to find others. Soon she found out that enslavement in Maine was more common than she ever believed. Moreover, many of our founding fathers were complicit in the human trafficking from Africa as well. Vana subsequently founded The Prince Project. Today it has evolved into a database of almost 2000 people of color who lived in Maine prior to 1800. The result has been a unique understanding of Maine enslavement, as well as New England that is

misunderstood - if not ignored. Vana's goal is to help rewrite the historical narrative of our State and to ensure that the next generation knows the truth about our earlier Maine families. She will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00 to discuss her research.

Vana has done presentations on her work at various local historical societies, libraries and schools throughout the State. In addition, Vana is a docent/guide for several historic sites in the Portland area, including Maine Historical Society and Spirits Alive (Eastern Cemetery). Eastern Cemetery is the oldest public burial ground in Portland, Maine and has two sections of African American graves. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, and completed her Masters of Liberal Arts (focusing on Medieval History) at California State University/Sacramento.

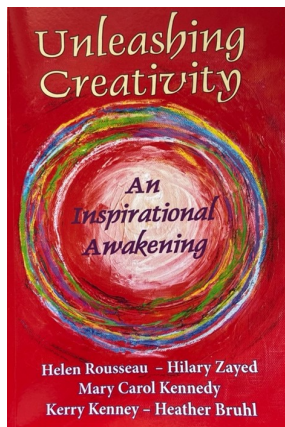
Using Facebook Securely - June 7

Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for "Using Facebook Securely" with the National Digital Equity Center. This class is designed to teach



current Facebook account holders how to use Facebook more securely, how to understand all privacy options, and how to change privacy options so the information you share on Facebook is only available to those you wish to see it. Please bring your phone, tablet, or laptop to the class, along with your Facebook login information. [Register](#) through the library calendar at kennebunklibrary.org or call the library to register.

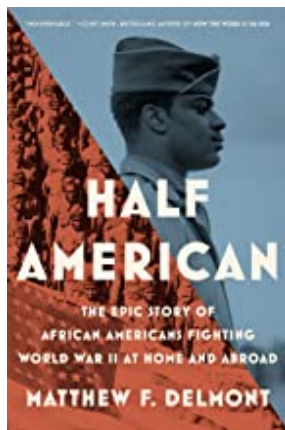
Unleashing Creativity Workshop - June 10



Join us on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00-12:30 for a journey to encourage our creative spirit to grow based on the recent book by local creatives Helen Rousseau, Hilary Zayed, Mary Carol Kennedy, Kerry Kenney, and Heather Bruhl, *Unleashing Creativity – An Inspirational Awakening*. Not only will participants learn about a creativity circle they will also hear a couple of brief readings from the book. Also, participants will receive creative exploration prompts/questions and an opportunity to create their own creativity journey boards to take back to their studios. Books will be available for sale the day of the workshop. If you are so inclined you can bring images and words that relate to the form of creativity that you want to explore more of to put on your journey board.

Registration is required as space is limited.

Nonfiction Book Group - June 12



Join us on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Half American* by Matthew Delmont.

"Black Americans played crucial roles in nearly every theater of World War II, but they have been largely ignored in historical accounts. Delmont sets the record straight. Delmont, a professor of history at Dartmouth who has written numerous books on civil rights and Black history, notes that he was surprised when his initial research revealed the number of Black men and women who served during the war: more than 1 million. Due to prejudice among White military leaders, most Black soldiers were assigned roles in construction, transport, supply, and maintenance. Even under appalling conditions, they served courageously, and the final victories in Europe and the

Pacific would not have been possible without them. Once they were allowed to serve on the battlefield, they were indispensable. 'The trailblazing Tuskegee Airmen, 92nd Infantry Division, Montford Point Marines, and the 761st 'Black Panther' Tank Battalion served bravely in combat,' writes Delmont, 'and Black troops shed blood in the iconic battles at Normandy and Iwo Jima, and the Battle of the Bulge.' As the author shows in this illuminating history, military training camps were brutally segregated, and civilian Black Americans faced obstacles when applying for jobs in war factories. One reason was the belief that military service would help fight discrimination within the U.S., a concept encapsulated in the "Double V" campaign promoted by Black leaders: victory over fascism abroad and victory over racism at home. Even after the war, little changed for the Black community. Black veterans often found themselves ineligible for the benefits available to their White counterparts, and even Black men in uniform faced harassment. Delmont suggests that the wartime contributions of Black Americans planted the seeds for later progress, although it would be a long, difficult path—and one not yet finished. The narrative is disturbing and painful, but it provides important pages that have been missing from American history. A vital story well rendered, recounting a legacy that

Author Margaret Jones - June 13



On Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m., the Kennebunk Free Library will host local author Margaret W. Jones as she discusses her book *Walking Sacred Sites*.

In this deeply personal travel guide, Jones takes readers on extraordinary walks through known and not-so-known places in Ireland, England, Jordan, Wales, and Scotland. With vivid and compelling details, she has these venerable lands tell their own stories by her willingness to be open to their messages. As you travel with her, you too may be curious about your own ancestral connections to sacred landscapes. Whether you are a seeker of unusual destinations or on a spiritual quest, walk with Margaret on

hallowed ground, kneel with her before hold wells, and travel ancient Roman roads. Discover the stories of saints, goddesses, and witches. Enter portals and experience what the ancient Celts called “the thin places.”

Margaret Jones, MEd, has a background in social work and education with a certificate in therapeutic storytelling. She is an award-winning storyteller, workshop leader, tarot reader, and travel guide. In her spare time, Margaret performs, writes, and continues her search for sacred places.

Tiny Art Paint and Sip - June 20 at 6:00



John Forssen will be here for another *Tiny Art – Paint a Little, Sip a Little* on Tuesday June 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parsons Reading Room. All are welcome to join us to paint a 4” X 4” canvas using John’s example (based on our summer reading theme: all together now, see photo) or anything you would like to paint. KFL will supply acrylic paints, other materials, a glass of wine and light refreshments. Age 21+ Space is limited, [pre-registration is required](#).

The Shank Painters Perform - June 21



Ahoy! On Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., all ages are invited to KFL for a concert by The Shank Painters. Weather permitting, the concert will be held outside the library. If it rains, we will move into the Parson’s Reading Room. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring a blanket and picnic on the library lawn. Light refreshments will be served.

The Shank Painters are a pirate-themed folk music trio based in Portland, Maine. The band's repertoire consists of Shanties - a variety of mostly nautical classic folk songs with catchy sing-along refrains, beloved by children and grown-ups alike. These works are treasures of history, preserving the travails and spirit from centuries of seafaring culture.

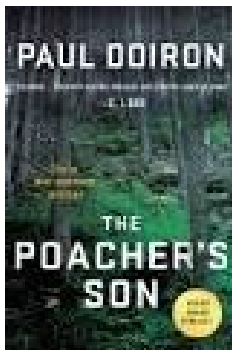
Formed in the Summer of 2016, the band began performing at Portland's First Friday Art Walk and has since performed at festivals, parties, pub crawls, restaurants, and bars all over New England. Bringing together accordion, voices, banjo, and guitar, the Shank Painters bring the past alive with their mixture of playful, rollicking, heartbreaking, and hilarious songs.

Trivia Night - June 21



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 - June 27



Join us on Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron.

"Maine Game Warden fights to clear his no-account father of murder charges in this deeply felt actioner.

Even before his parents divorced, Mike Bowditch wasn't close to his father, and after the breakup, when Jack Bowditch descended into a swamp of womanizing and drinking, Mike had less and less to do with him. Since the last time he saw his father two years ago, he's become a Game Warden—a slap in the face to both his poacher father and his girlfriend, Sarah Harris, who left Mike when she realized he was never going to go to law school. Now Jack's back in Mike's life with a vengeance. Someone has shot Jonathan Shipman, the spokesman for the deeply unpopular corporate purchaser of a 100-year-old campground that's obviously planning to shove the current residents aside in the name of development, and Bill Brodeur, the deputy who was guarding him. Det. Wayne Soctomah is convinced that Jack was the shooter. So is almost everyone else in Somerset County except for Mike and his mother, Marie Turner. Scorning Marie and her second husband, attorney Neil Turner, who go into hiding to avoid Jack, Mike vows to do whatever he can to vindicate the father who's been phoning him for help. His decision leads to a series of disastrously self-destructive actions that Doiron makes perfectly credible, all interspersed with a series of flashbacks to Mike's childhood that are both tender and chilling." - Kirkus Reviews

New Book Club Starting in July!

Starting in July, a new Reader's Choice book club will be meeting in the evenings on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00. Readers are invited to read any book that fits the month's theme and share what they have read with the rest of the group. You are invited to select from any type of book: fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, young adult, even children's books! We hope you'll join us!

2023's Book Themes:

- **July:** Music
- **August:** A "Classic" You Have Always Wanted to Read
- **September:** Translations
- **October:** LGBTQ+ Authors
- **November:** Nature, Conservation, and Climate

- **December:** Books made into Film or TV
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Interest in a writer's group?

At our Flash Fiction program last month, some participants expressed an interest in getting together once a month to read each other's writing and provide feedback. If you would be interested in having the library host a monthly writer's group, please [email Allison](#) with dates and times that would work best for you.

June Take-and-Make Kit: Paper Chain Wall Hanging



Remember the fun of making paper chain garlands as a kid? June's take-and-make brings that back in the form of a colorful paper chain wall hanging! Kits come with pre-cut paper strips, patterns, and hanging materials and will be available starting Tuesday, June 6 while supplies last.

Teen Programs

First Friday Fun - June 2



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 **June 2**, there will be kits to make two rainbow friendship bracelets 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!

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - June 5 & 12

Welcome, young adventurers! Come join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons, and let's get started on a brand new campaign to kick off Summer Reading! Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet on Monday, **June 5 & June 12**, from 3:30-4:30 P.M. Our first meeting (**June 5**) will be dedicated to making level 1 characters, familiarizing ourselves with the game,



and embarking on our new story. Once we have gone through this step, we will begin a 7-session game that will conclude at the end of summer. 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.

Chill Gaming - June 8



Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some 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! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **June 8**, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or you can just come to

hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! 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 (207) 985-2173.

Teen Tie Dye Party - June 29



Summer is here, so come join us for a fun afternoon as we tie-dye bandanas as a part of our Summer Reading Program, All Together Now! Tables and supplies will be outside of the Kennebunk Free Library on Thursday, **June 29** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event will be open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. White bandanas will be provided; but you may also bring your own items to dye if you would like to repurpose something for this program. Please wear clothes that you don't mind being stained - just in case! This event is free and wheelchair accessible. 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,

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Children's Programs

Birding Together with Kennebunk Land Trust



Kennebunk Land Trust

It's bird watching season! Have some birding fun with a self-guided activity from Kennebunk Free Library and Kennebunk Land Trust during the month of June. Start your avian adventure at the library by checking out our display of bird books. We have many to explore! While you're at the library, grab a bird coloring sheet. Head

out on a trail and decorate your bird using natural materials found from a Kennebunk Land Trust property! If you'd like to decorate your bird at the library, we'll have craft materials ready. Then, bring your bird back to the library and add it to our bird mural!

Don't forget – KFL has birding backpacks from York County Audubon available for checkout, and Kennebunk Land Trust has bird walks scheduled on Fridays with local guides. What a great way to bring us all together now!



June Storytimes

It's time to get all together now for Storytime! On Mondays at 10:00 a.m., join Miss Maria or Miss Aspen for songs, stories, rhymes, and fun! If we have a warm morning, Storytime will be outside the Children's Room. If it's chilly or rainy, we'll be inside the library in Hank's Room. Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! Because of the holiday, we will be having Storytime on **Tuesday, June 20**. There will be no Storytime on Monday, June 19.

Upcoming storytime dates include:

- June 5
- June 12
- **Tuesday, June 20**
- June 26



Beadcraft - June 7

It's time for Beadcraft! 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, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend the afternoon on RSU 21's early release Wednesday! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Thursday Family Fun Play - June 8, 15, 22, 29

Have a morning of play at the library! On most Thursday mornings in the month of June, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from 10 am to 11 am. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups.

[Registration is required.](#) Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- June 8
 - June 15
 - June 22
 - June 29
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Kindness Club - June 13

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for an extra special meeting of our Kindness Club on Tuesday, June 13, at 3:30. This month, we are partnering with the Brick Store Museum to paint rocks for their community kindness rock garden! From 3:30-4:30, we'll paint and decorate rocks for the garden. At 4:30, we'll walk to the museum to place our rocks in their new home! 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!



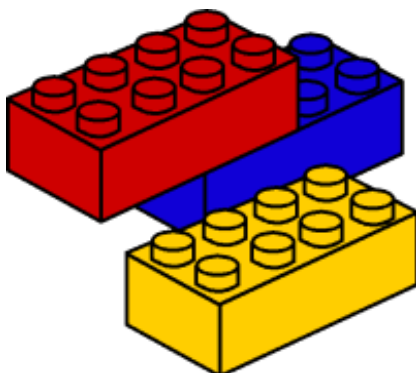
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Stuffed Animal Adoption - June 28

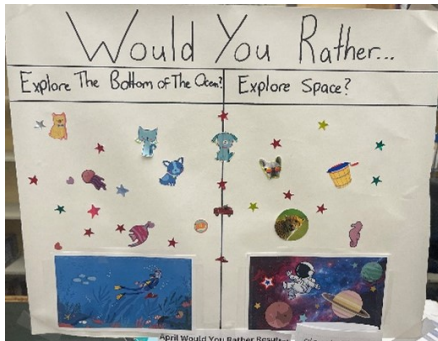
Do you have room in your heart and your home for a new stuffie? On Wednesday, June 28, from 2 to 4, KFL will be an adoption center for stuffies that are looking for their forever homes! Drop in during adoption hours to pick out a stuffie to keep. We'll have all sorts of animals to choose from! You'll also receive an adoption certificate to take home. The Animal Welfare Society will also 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!



Lego Club - June 29

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, June 29, 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.](#)

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In March, we asked, "Would you rather explore the bottom of the ocean or space?" In the Children's Room, 31 friends wanted to explore the bottom of the ocean, while 31 friends would prefer to explore space. 39 friends just couldn't decide and voted for both. At the adult circulation desk, 18 friends would like explore the bottom of the ocean, and 17 friends would rather explore space. 5 would like to do both. In total, we had 49 votes for exploring the bottom of the ocean, 48 votes for exploring space, and 44 votes for both. It's a tough question, and the closest vote we've had to date with the ocean winning overall by one vote! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for next month's question and vote for your choice upstairs or downstairs!



Speers Gallery

June Artist: Elizabeth T. Schoch

The Japanese concept of wabi-sabi -- which celebrates that which is imperfect, transient, aged, or incomplete -- is the theme of the June exhibit at The Speers Gallery, located on the lower level of the Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine. "Wabi-sabi: Finding Beauty in the Imperfect," is an exhibition of photography by Maine resident Elizabeth T. Schoch.



"The idea of wabi-sabi resonates with me," Schoch explained. "Wabi-sabi encourages us to see beauty in the imperfect. It reshapes our expectations of what beauty is. I view my subjects as *perfectly imperfect*."

"Wabi-sabi: Finding Beauty in the Imperfect" runs from June 1 through June 30. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Schoch, a self-taught photographer and artist, is a retired writer who resides in Biddeford. She is the author of *The Everything Digital Photography Book (first edition)*.

Schoch's photos and gelatin prints have been on display at various venues in Southern Maine, including Engine in Biddeford, Brick Store Museum Holiday Shop in Kennebunk, Fa-Fa Gallery in Portland, and Dyer Library in Saco, among others. She is a regular participant of the monthly Reader's Choice group at Kennebunk Free Library.

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

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from June 1-30 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:

June 5

[Cross Down – James Patterson](#)

June 6

[Near Miss – Stuart Woods](#)

[Lady Tan's Circle of Women – Lisa See](#)

[The Survivor - Iris Johansen](#)

[The Wind Knows My Name – Isabel Allende](#)

June 13

[The Five-Star Weekend – Elin Hilderbrand](#)

[Private Moscow – James Patterson](#)

[Trial – Richard North Patterson](#)

[Be Mine – Richard Ford](#)

June 20

[Zero Days – Ruth Ware](#)

[Nemesis – Wilbur A. Smith](#)

June 27

[Palazzo – Danielle Steel](#)

[The 9th Man – Steve Berry](#)

[Whispers at Dusk – Heater Graham](#)

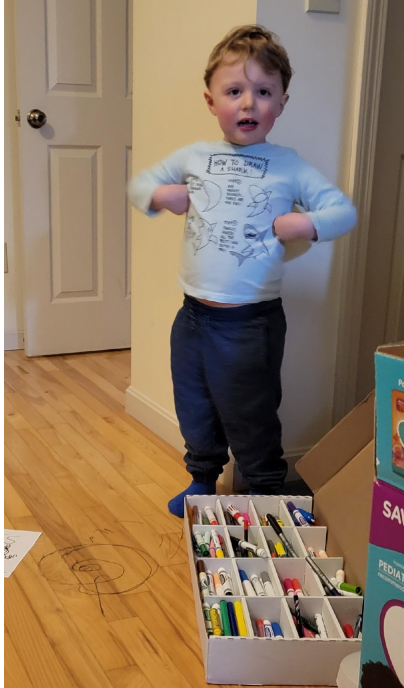
[The Road to Roswell – Connie Willis](#)

[The Sound of Sleighbells – Janet Dailey](#)

[Dead Man's Wake – Paul Doiron](#)

A Message from the Library Director

June is always an exciting month. School is just about over, the weather is warming up, and at the library, the Summer Reading Program (SRP) holds



its kick-off! This year, on June 26, we are having a 60s Dance Party. This event serves as an indicator that our SRP isn't all about reading. Over the years, SRP's have evolved to include the many ways in which people learn, which can include books, but also programs and social gatherings as well. Additionally, SRP's aren't just for kids. There are also great activities for teens, adults, and families too. I hope to see you there.

Pictured: Sometimes work life and home life come into conflict. In this picture, I'm at home sitting at my desk for an online meeting. This picture is of my son, Max, who decided to stop drawing on paper and switched his canvas to the wood floor while my attention was elsewhere.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

In Transit: Being Non-binary in a World of Dichotomies by Dianna E. Anderson

Want to better understand what non-binary people experience in our society? I can't improve on the Goodreads review (including a 5 star rating): "For decades, our cultural discourse around trans and gender-diverse people has been viewed through a medical lens, through diagnoses and symptoms set down in books by cisgender doctors, or through a political lens, through dangerous caricatures invented by politicians clinging to power. But those who claim non-binary gender identity deserve their own discourse, born out of the work of the transsexual movement, absorbed into the idea of transgender, and now, finally, emerging as its own category."

Poetry Unbound: 50 Poems to Open Your World by Padraig Ó Tuama,

This book did open a whole new world for me. The author also hosts a podcast (Poetry Unbound) with The On Being Studios. He is from County Cork, Ireland and has the most delightful accent (KFL has this book on cd). Both a poet and a theologian, Padraig takes one poem from anywhere in the world, reads it, talks about it, and then reads it again. I love this new interest.

Embrace Your Space: Organizing Ideas and Stylish Upgrades for Every Room on Any Budget by Katie Holdefehr

This little book is geared toward small spaces, making the best use of what you have and how to make judicious changes to make the space work for you. Hints on decluttering, adding that pop of color and tweaking the kitchen to cater to your lifestyle. Allows a non-apartment dweller to peek into the lives of tiny living.

Ian, Library Assistant

I've been in a bit of a reading slump lately, with the weather being so nice in the afternoons and the NBA playoffs on the tv in the evenings. Still, I've been able to make a lot of time to read to my daughter, so this month's recommendations are some of our favorite children's books that we've read in the past month. Jon J. Muth's *Stillwater* books are calming, insightful, and beautifully illustrated. Our favorite is his newest: *Stillwater and Koo Save the World*. Effie has also really enjoyed reading *Can I Be Your Dog?* and *I Found a Kitty* by Troy Cummings which was suggested to us by Maria. These sweet books are written in the form of letters (which I recently found out is called an epistolary....you never stop learning) and feature a dog named Arfy. We are a family of animal lovers and stories of animals finding homes never fail to make an impression on us. Finally, Effie has really enjoyed the series of *Amy Wu* books by Kat Zhang with illustrations by Charlene Chua. She picked out *Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome* somewhat randomly after seeing it on this month's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month display in the children's room. As a parent, I'm so grateful to Maria, Aspen, and Maggie for highlighting diverse books in our collection.

We also took out *Making a Meal for a Fairy* by Ruth Owen, part of the *Mythical Meals* series. These are small cookbooks centered around fantasy creatures that can be a fun way to start cooking with a younger child. Here's Effie with our finished "Fairy Frappe."

