



## Monthly E-Newsletter February 2018 Volume 25, Issue 3

### Dovecote, Local Author Presentation

Anne Britting Oleson will discuss her novel, *Dovecote* on **Wednesday, March 21** at 6:00 p.m.

Six years ago, Gwynn Forest's husband Richard committed suicide. After that, she struggled to keep things together, emotionally, mentally, and financially. Then three fortuitous things happened: she sold the family construction company; she inherited a seaside cottage from an elderly English great-aunt whom she had never met, and she was offered a job illustrating a book for a friend. Thus, a new start in a new place. Once ensconced in Gull Cottage, she begins to learn disturbing things about her great-aunt and her new home. The cottage itself seems unwelcoming, perhaps haunted by the imprint of a sad and lonely old woman, with peculiar noises, strange happenings, and a back garden full of untameable brambles, no matter how much they are cut back. Gwynn doesn't believe in ghosts-until the disturbing occurrences at Gull Cottage change her mind.

Gwynn doesn't believe in herself-until, with no one else to turn to she has to rely on her own inner resources to confront the mysteries of Gull Cottage.

Anne Britting Oleson lives and writes from the mountains of Central Maine; she is a graduate of Bowdoin College and the Stonecoast MFA program of USM. She is a founding member of Simply Not Done, a women's reading, writing, and teaching cooperative. Her poetry includes *The Church of Saint Materiana* (Moon Pie Press, 2007) and *The Beauty of It* (Sheltering Pines Press, 2010).



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### What is a Town Historian?

The Kennebunk Free Library Genealogy Group will host Steve Spofford, Kennebunk Town Historian, on **Saturday, March 3** at 11 a.m. Please note this is an hour later than the usual start time.

Spofford will talk about what a town historian does and highlight what's available at the Brick Store Museum with a focus on the family history section. He'll also have "so you think you know Kennebunk?" images to quiz attendees. Steve is a lifetime Kennebunk resident and has served as town historian since 2014.

The Genealogy Group is free, open to the public and meets nine times a year. We welcome all

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## March Madness Silent Auction

Visit the KFL to place a bid on an amazing auction item during our silent auction fundraiser, March Madness, from **March 5 through March 27**.

Auction items include an alto saxophone with case, a two-drawer card catalog and themed baskets such as Maine history, chocolate, embroidery, and wine. Items will be displayed on top of the large-print bookcases on the main level.



*The Chocolate, Chocolate basket contains chocolate wine and glasses, Stonewall Kitchen hot chocolate and mugs, Ghirardelli, Lindt, and Dove chocolates and a chocolate cookbook.*

A brochure with additional information about each item will be available at the adult services desk as well as online. People who wish to place a bid on any of the items will first need to sign up for a free bid number at the adult services desk. Bidding will end at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 at the close of business. Winning bidders will be notified on Thursday, March 28.

Your support helps KFL achieve our mission to serve the diverse cultural, informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. Each year, we must raise about 25% of our operating budget through fundraisers such as this.

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## Pi Day (3.14) Bake Sale

KFL is hosting a Pi Day Bake Sale on none other than **Wednesday, March 14** from 12:30-8:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Whole pies and pie slices will both be available.

This fun fundraiser features sweet and savory pies and accepts baked contributions from the community. Please call or stop by to sign up to let us know what you will be bringing in. Contributors are asked to please bring your pies the morning of the sale to the staff entrance. Please include a listing of ingredients.

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## The New School & The School Around Us

KFL announces its March 2018 exhibit of the artwork of students of The New School in Kennebunk and The School Around Us in Arundel. The show features pieces of different media; all created by students ages 5 to 18. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

"The New School is a democratic high school whose mission states that it strives to empower students to reach for the best in themselves, love learning, and become responsible stewards of our world. TNS is a state approved independent school that can accept public

tuition from towns such as Arundel and Acton without high schools. In 2016, The New School was featured in a one-school art show at Full Circle Gallery in Biddeford and in 2017, at The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk.



The School Around Us is a holistic learning community for students ages 5-4. Holistic education is a philosophy of education based on the premise that each person finds identity, meaning, and purpose in life through connections to the community, the natural world, and humanitarian values such as compassion and peace. We love that we are small enough that each student can feel valued for who they are and shine brightly in this world. School Around Us has been in operation since 1970 making it one of the oldest independent schools in the country.

The arts are an important part of the curriculum at TNS and SAU fueling imagination and personal expression, contributing to the development of a sense of self, supporting close observation of the world and the ability to fuse emotion and intellect, and building self-confidence and the ability to connect with an audience. Art at these schools is integrated into much of what is done rather than as separate subject. We find that the balance between academic pursuits and artistic expression meets our belief in holistic education."

*The public is invited to attend an artist's reception on Monday, March 5, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.*

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## **Blizzard of '78**

KFL will host Larry Dwight, on **Wednesday, March 7** at 6 p.m. and his presentation about the blizzard of 1978.

This presentation, by Kennebunk resident Dwight, features a collection of personal photos of the damage sustained to his coastal home and the surrounding areas during this historic northeast weather event that killed nearly 100 people and injured 4500. Comparisons to the recent "bomb cyclone" from early January of this year will be made especially in relation to coastal flooding. There will also be a discussion about the architectural choices of both home and seawall building. This historic event shows the destructive power of the ocean.

Dwight is a full time resident since the fall of 1978 and is the great grandson of George Parsons, the donor of the original library in 1907. His wife Rae, who passed in August 2016 was Chair at the time of the expansion in 1995. Louise Spang, Larry's daughter served a term and Larry is a strong supporter and Trustee Emeritus.

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**[Registration Now Open!](#)**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Edition



**ROAD  
RACE**

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## Tax Forms and Tax Help

According to the old saying, the only sure things in life are death and taxes. However, you can also count on KFL being here to help each time tax season rolls around. This year, we are expecting to receive only the federal 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ forms and instructions - no state forms at all. We have been notified the federal forms will likely be arriving later than usual due to legislative changes. We will put them on display the minute they arrive. In the meantime, if you need any forms that we do not have in stock, we are always happy to help you print them from the IRS or state website for just \$.10 per page. We can also provide you with instructions for ordering the forms directly from the IRS or the State of Maine.

If you need some help *preparing* your taxes, we will be hosting AARP Tax Aide every Thursday from 9:30 and 12:30. The program runs through April 12. Appointments are not required - people will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the lobby when the library doors open at 9:30.

So let's talk about the wait... Unfortunately, because of insurance regulations, we are unable to allow anyone into the library before we open, regardless of how cold, snowy, or miserable it is outside. We would encourage you to come close to opening time and wait for your appointment inside the library. The heroic AARP volunteers have been great about staying until everyone has been seen. We will have hot chocolate, marshmallows, and snacks available, a fire blazing in the fireplace, and plenty of reading material. All-in-all it will be a far more pleasant wait than standing outside in the snow before we open.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the adult circulation desk: (207)985-2173 x4. We look forward to facing the inevitable frustrations of the 2018 tax season together!

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## Friends in February

The Friends of KFL raised over \$700 for the library at our Winterfest "BOGO" book sale and saw 13 new members join. Thank you! Our next book sale will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with a preview sale set for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The preview sale is open to any current members of the Friends, so remember to bring your membership card. You may also join as a new member at the preview sale or on the day of the public sale. Membership in the Friends is \$5.00 annually.

Our next Friends of KFL meeting is April 2 (6:00 -7:00PM) in Hank's Room. All are welcome!

Deb Redding-Sampson, President  
Julie Ottomano, Vice President  
Donna Gomez - Trustee Liaison

Have a question? Please [email us](#).

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## Teen Programming



Teen Tech Week is an annual, nation-wide library event for young people: The 2018 theme, "Libraries are for Creating" encourages teens to take advantage of all the great digital tools offered through the library to become content creators, and to leverage library resources to share out their creations, whether they be podcasts, videos, apps, games, wearable tech, or some other fabulous invention or creation!

Here at KFL, we will be celebrating Teen Tech Week with variety of events and activities for teens throughout the week. Each program will start at 3PM. Ages 11+.

**Monday, March 5:** Photo Booth Fun: The library will provide backdrops and props. Bring your cameras and your friends.

**Wednesday, March 7:** Book Crafts: Re-imagine and re-purpose books into a creative masterpiece. The library will provide all the necessary materials.

**Thursday, March 8:** Stop Motion Animation: Be among the first to try out the Library's new stop motion animation kit. Use the provided green screen and props to film a mini-movie with your friends.

**Friday, March 9:** Break It and Remake It Computers: Have you always wanted to see what the inside of a computer tower looks like? Now's your chance!

#### TECH AND TEXTILES

**March 8: Tech Edition - Stop Motion Animation (Part of Teen Tech Week)**

**March 22: Textiles Edition - String Art**

3 - 4 p.m.

Tech and Textiles is a new KFL program for teens. It is intended to give young people the space to explore emerging technologies and more traditional crafts. This program will meet every other Thursday in the Walker Room. Ages 11+

#### FRIDAY FUN

**March 9: Break It and Remake It Computers (Part of Teen Tech Week)**

**March 16: Toothpick Towers**

**March 23: Binary Beads**

**March 30: Life-Sized Oregon Trail**

3 - 4 p.m.

Friday Fun has been reinvented for 2018. Join Miss Melissa in the Walker Room to test scientific limits, create crafts worth sharing with friends and bring your favorite games to life. Ages 11+

#### ANIME AFTERNOON:

**March 21**

4-5 p.m.

An afternoon of otaku games and anime inspired crafts. Ages 11+

# Children's Programming

## Parenting Class

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class on **Friday, March 2** at 10 a.m.

This class offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to gather to share the joys and challenges of parenthood. Skills developed will focus on identifying and understanding a child's four basic feelings, calming ourselves down and the positive effect of mirror neurons with your child.

Stevie has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for over 30 years. She also brings her own experience as a parent and grandparent to the discussion.

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## Read Across America - Oh, The Places You'll Go

**Friday, March 2** is the 21st annual National Read Across America Day! Join us at 4 p.m. and celebrate with a reading of Oh, The Places You'll Go! and a fun craft! All ages, no registration.

Read Across America, sponsored by the National Education Association, is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Join us to hear a great story and have a Seuss-tastic time!

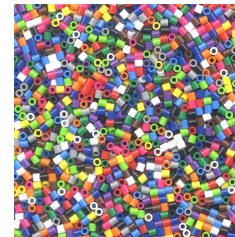


[www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross)



## 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 (5, with caregiver) and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun **Wednesday, March 7** at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be provided.



## Imagination Station - Oobleck!

Join us on **Thursday, March 8** from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. for March's Imagination Station: Oobleck! Some things are liquid, some things are solid, some things are...both? Come create a "non-Newtonian fluid," a substance that sometimes behaves like a liquid and sometimes like a solid. A word of warning: this Imagination Station might get a little messy; please dress accordingly. All ages.



Everyone is encouraged to join us for this series of programs showcasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) - in ways that are fun and accessible for all ages. Find out how stuff works, why things happen, and what makes our world the way it is. All Imagination Station programs are drop-in; stay the whole time or come when you can.

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## Tail Waggin' Tutor

Jack, a Tail Waggin' Tutor, will be at the library on **Saturday, March 10** from 10-11 a.m. to listen to children read. Children of all

ages and abilities are encouraged to sit with Jack, and experience the pleasure of reading to such a non-judgmental listener. Children often relax in a manner they might not when reading to an adult or sibling. Practice gained by reading to a dog has been shown to help students increase reading fluency. Jack is a certified therapy dog, and will be accompanied by his favorite humans, Ursula and Kate Roesse. He also volunteers at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



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## Storytimes

It's time for storytime! Join us at KFL for stories, songs, and rhymes during our next storytime session. Start building your child's early literacy skills and have fun at the same time! Storytimes are designed for different ages, but anyone is welcome! Our next session will be held January 8-April 20 at the following times:

-Mondays at 10:15: Peek-A-Book Babies  
(ages 0-2 years)

-Tuesdays at 10:15: Family Storytime  
(ages 0-5 years)

### Lots of Luck Evening Storytime

Top o' the evening! Kennebunk Free Library will be hosting an evening storytime for ages 0-5 at 6 p.m. on **Monday, March 12**. Join us for St. Patrick's Day stories, songs, and fun! We may even find a treat from the leprechauns!



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## Meeting a New, Furry Friend with the Animal Welfare Society

How do you say hello when you meet a dog for the first time? On **Friday, March 16** at 3 p.m., Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk will bring a Canine Good Citizen to tell us the best ways to greet a new furry friend. Come hear a presentation and make a new canine pal! All ages, no registration.

*Animal Welfare Society is an open-admission No Kill shelter serving York County, Maine. AWS operates an animal shelter and adoption center in West Kennebunk and offers life saving community programs.*



### Mad Science: Bottle Divers!

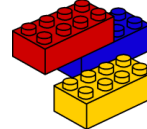
Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Mad Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Please join us on **Monday, March 19** at 4 p.m. as we experiment with Bottle Divers! For kids ages 6 and up, [registration required](#).

At February's Mad Science the kids had a so much fun making fizzing hearts. They learned about the reaction of baking soda and vinegar. They made beautiful designs on hearts by adding different colors to the reaction to watch them mix.

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## LEGO Club

Come join us on **Wednesday, March 28** at 4 p.m. for Lego Club! This month there will be a building challenge that will push your builder abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your heart's content. [Registration](#)



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## Consider Now, Consider for the Future

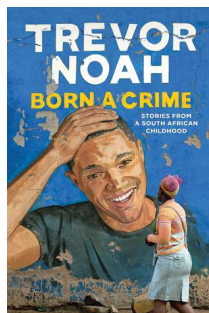
KFL is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. There are currently openings available and leading up to our new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018, we'll also be on the lookout for additional trustees.

This is a very exciting time for KFL. We're about to enter into a new strategic planning process which will result in a visionary five-year plan. Would you like to bring your ideas and skills to the table? Thank you for your consideration.

To learn more check out our [Trustee FAQ](#) and [Trustee Job Description](#). [Apply here](#).

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### Reading Groups



Nonfiction Book Discussion  
*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah on  
**Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.**



Adult Book Discussion  
*A Visit from the Good Squad* by Jennifer Egan on  
**Tuesday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m.**

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## Frustrated with Technology?

Join us on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

Technology is becoming more complicated so we're here to help. Having difficulty downloading the cloudLibrary app? Got a tablet for your birthday and need help setting it up? Please make an appointment by contacting the library at 207-985-2173. This service has quickly become very popular so your patience in waiting for an accommodation is greatly appreciated.



This service is intended to help educate you about your device or to troubleshoot minor technology issues. Our goal is that you'll leave our session with the confidence and knowledge to troubleshoot your own future technology hurdles.

Please bring your device with you. **Our March dates are 2, 9, 16, & 23.**

## March Calendar of Events

- March 1: Tax Help, door open & signup starts at 9:30 a.m.
- March 2: Parenting Class, 10 a.m.
- March 2: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- March 2: Read Across American: Oh the Places You'll Go!, 4 p.m.
- March 3: Genealogy Group, 10 a.m.
- March 5: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- March 5: Teen Tech Week: Photobooth, 3 p.m.
- March 5: Artist's Reception, 4:30-6 p.m.
- March 6: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- March 6: In Stitches, 11 a.m.



March 7: Beadcraft, 1 p.m.  
March 7: Teen Tech Week, Book Crafts, 3 p.m.  
March 7: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.  
March 8: Tax Help, door open & signup starts at 9:30  
March 8 : Tech & Textiles, 3 p.m.  
March 8: Imagination Station, 3:45 p.m.  
March 9: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
March 9: Friday Fun, 3 p.m.  
March 10: Tail Waggin Tutor, 10 a.m.  
March 12: Peek-a-Book-Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
March 12: Lots of Luck Storytime, 6 p.m.  
March 12: Nonfic Book Group, 6:30 p.m.  
March 13: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
March 13: In Stitches, 11 a.m.  
March 15: Tax Help, door open & signup starts at 9:30  
March 16: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
March 16: Friday Fun, 3 p.m.  
March 16: Meeting a New Furry Friend, 3 p.m.  
March 19: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
March 19: Mad Science, 4 p.m.  
March 19: Needle Felting, 5 p.m.  
March 20: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
March 20: In Stitches, 11 a.m.  
March 21: Teen Anime, 4 p.m.  
March 21: Author Talk, 6 p.m.  
March 22: Tax Help, door open & signup starts at 9:30  
March 22: Tech and Textiles, 3 p.m.  
March 23: Tech Time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
March 23: Friday Fun, 3 p.m.  
March 26: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.  
March 27: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
March 27: In Stitches, 11 a.m.  
March 27: Adult Book Discussion, 1 p.m.  
March 27: Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.  
March 28: Lego Club, 4 p.m.  
March 28: Trivia Night, 6: 30 p.m.  
March 29: Tax Help, door open & signup starts at 9:30  
March 30: Tech Time, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
March 30: Life-Sized Oregon Trail, 3 p.m.

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