

March ★ at kfl



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Adult Programs

Heart and Home Book Club - March 2

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group at Kennebunk Free Library. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. To join us for one or more meetings, simply drop in! On Monday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Travel*. Feel free to call or stop by the library for help finding a book.



Adult Storytime - March 3

Join us Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. for adult storytime! Come and enjoy the cozy atmosphere of our Reading Room, while being read to in front of our fireplace by one of our staff members! There is no registration, so feel free to drop in.



Genealogy Group - March 7

Today's technologies give us many ways to share the results of genealogical research without writing a full book. On Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m., presenter Seema Kenney will discuss creative ways to share even small discoveries that might interest your living family members.

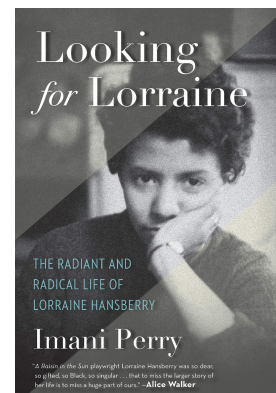
Seema is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from BU, completed ProGen and is an active member and officer of several societies.



Nonfiction Book Group - March 9

Join us on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Looking for Lorraine* by Imani Perry.

"Perry (*May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem*) explores the art and life of playwright Lorraine Hansberry, who wrote *A Raisin in the Sun*, about the struggles of an African-American family in mid-century inner-city Chicago, and died at the age of 34 in 1965. 'She was one of those great artists whose life rode the wave of some of the most pivotal and complex moments in American history,' Perry writes. 'World War II, McCarthyism, civil rights. Lorraine was right in the thick of it, trying to make sense of it all.' Perry also details Hansberry's activities as a socialist; writes with curiosity and empathy about her complex personal life, including her marriage to a white man, Robert Nemiroff, and her romances with women; and examines the influences upon her of her college-educated parents and mentors, friends such as James Baldwin and Nina Simone, and fellow writers such as Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, and Gwendolyn Brooks. Insightful literary analyses of Hansberry's writings fit alongside annotations of excerpts from her diaries and admiring and affectionate declarations about her. This book, 'less a biography than a genre yet to be named—maybe third-person memoir?', is an unusual and exceptional encomium to a brilliant writer and thinker." (Publishers Weekly, vol 265, issue 40)



Journaling Meet-Up - March 11

Do you love to keep a journal, diary, planner, or similar type of notebook? If so, you're invited on Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. for a Journaling Meetup to chat about... all things journaling! Sharing from your journal is welcome but *not* required.



Maine Science Festival Trivia Night - March 18



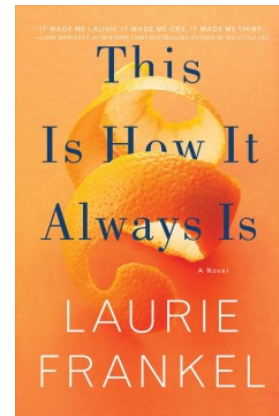
On Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30, KFL will be joining locations across the state in offering a special Science Trivia Night sponsored by the Maine Science Festival. All ages are invited to attend, but questions are geared toward those high school age and up. Refreshments will be served.

The Maine Science Festival is returning for its 6th year March 18-22 in Bangor, Maine. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.mainsciencefestival.org/>.

Adult Book Discussion - March 24

Join us on Tuesday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel.

"Rosie and Penn Walsh-Adams and their five sons live in a sprawling farmhouse full of chaos, love, and fairy tales. One summer, youngest son Claude begins to wear dresses and bikinis around the house. Rosie and Penn encourage Claude to be himself, and he decides he would be more comfortable as Poppy. While Poppy's brothers and parents accept her, they also all worry about the world she faces. The family deals with fallout from friends and teachers who struggle to understand a nonbinary child. Though their city is generally accepting, Rosie wants to move the family to somewhere they can all feel safe. The family moves to Seattle and soon confronts new challenges. They acknowledge that Poppy is their daughter's true identity, so is there any need to tell her new friends that she used to be Claude? The novel follows family members individually as they struggle with their own secrets and histories. Inspired by her own daughter's transition, Frankel tells Poppy's story with compassion and humor." (Booklist, vol 113, number 7, p28)



Devilishly Delicious Demos - March 24

Devilishly Delicious Demos is back! On Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00, the theme will be "You Can Cook Without a Recipe." Learn how to put together delicious dinners without relying on a cookbook. As always, samples will be served! To ensure that there are enough goodies to go around, registration is required. Please call or [email the library](#) to register.



Ukulele Group - March 25

On Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m., come to KFL for the fun of making music in the library. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by to play along. Instructor Dan Riggall combines basic instruction with the opportunity to play some songs.



The library has a limited number of ukuleles available. Please let us know if you will need to borrow one. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Trivia Night - March 25

Wednesday, March 25 is Trivia Night at KFL. Play alone or bring a team (or join one of our friendly groups of regulars). Admission is free, but players who choose to pay a \$2 entry fee are eligible to collect a share of half of that night's pot if their team wins. (Of course, if you're playing alone, you keep the whole half.) The other half goes to purchasing items for the library's collection. Join us at 6:30 p.m.



Author Steve Hrehovcik - March 30

With persistence, patience and pluck, Kennebunk writer/artist Steve Hrehovcik reveals how he became an expert on survival in his book *Rebel Without A Clue - A Way-Off Broadway Memoir*. Blending a candid confessional with a sense of humor, Hrehovcik describes his turbulent, often farcical, journey in a desperate search for a career in the theater. Hrehovcik makes a presentation about his book at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m.



Never giving up, his story also reveals how he managed to carry on with some semblance of dignity and achieve a few surprising triumphs along the way - most important, a marriage of 55 years, three remarkable children and a wonderful grandson. At the end of each chapter Hrehovcik includes a cartoon drawing, adding fun to the theme of his story.

In addition to reading from his book and showing the cartoons, Hrehovcik discusses some of the advantages of self-publishing as part of his presentation.

Goal-Setting - March 31

Do you have a professional goal or challenge you've been meaning to work on? Whether it's starting that business, changing jobs or taking that career break - whatever your professional goal may be, don't put it off any longer!

If you'd like support getting clarity and getting a plan in place, come along to our 3-part goal-setting series starting on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. [Subsequent dates are April 7 and 28.] [Registration is required.](#)



This program will be led by May Ireland, a qualified executive coach and founder of VirtualPeer, a peer mentoring platform dedicated to bringing people together online around shared professional goals and challenges. May has over 20 years of experience in organizational design, performance and leadership development. Find out more about May on www.virtualpeer.co and www.virtualcoachworks.com.

In Stitches - March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 handicrafts group! This is a great opportunity to expand your skills and learn from others, about knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidering, or other handicrafts while enjoying the company of others. Bring a project you are working on, or come learn from the very beginning (please bring your own supplies). Knitting help will be available.



In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Walker Room. No registration is needed, just drop by for as long as you like.

AARP Tax Help - March 5, 12, 19, 26

It's tax season again at KFL! This year, like last year, the federal 1040A and 1040 EZ forms have all been combined into one 1040 form. The 1040 forms and booklets have arrived at the library and will be available at the adult circulation desk. As in recent years, we will not be receiving any state forms. Library staff will be more than welcome to help you print any forms from the IRS or state website for just \$.10 per page. We can also provide you with instructions for ordering forms to be mailed to you directly.



If you need some help preparing your taxes, we will once again be hosting AARP Tax Aides every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The first session this year will be held on February 6, with the program running through April 9. People will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis only. 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 2020 tax season together!

Tech Time - March 13, 20, 27

Join us on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for our ongoing 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.

Teen Programs

Friday Fun

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m. we will be conducting amazing experiments, building creative crafts, or playing great games! These programs are a great opportunity to see your friends and watch something explode! For teens ages 10 and up.

In March, we will be meeting on the 13th to create

Steam Powered Boats, on the 20th for Perler Bead Designs, and on the 27th to experiment with Glass Etching!



MSK Teen Book Group - March 24

Join us on March 24 from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. at the MSK library. This month, each member of the group will be reading the graphic novel *The Last Pick* by Jason Waltz. Snacks will be provided as we discuss the book, spend time with friends, and even play a game or two. This program is open to MSK students of all grades. Students should be picked up at the school at 3:45 p.m. or be prepared to take the late bus home. This program is put on in collaboration with the Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport. Please visit either library to reserve a copy of the book.



On February 25, we held our monthly meeting and discussed the Advanced Reader Copies that kids have been reading over the past month. Each member of the group received a different book to read that will be published later this year. They each shared a short summary of their books and what they thought of them.

Children's Programs

Junior Science: Grass Animals! - March 2

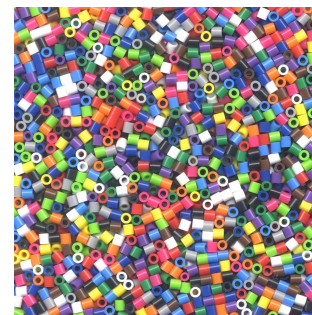
Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Come join us on Monday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m. as we create Grass Animals!

February's Junior Science was a blast as we created Rubber Band helicopters! The kids really enjoyed watching their helicopters fly. We discussed how they worked as well as the differences between potential energy and kinetic energy.



Beadcraft - March 4

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, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. No registration required.



Quilting Crafts - March 13

March is National Quilting Month! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, March 13 between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. to make a no-sew quilting craft. We will have several crafts available to complete. Create a paper square to be added to a community quilt that will be displayed in the Children's Room. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



Discovery Station - March 18

Full STEAM ahead to Discovery Station at Kennebunk Free Library! Discovery Station is a monthly STEAM program designed for children 2-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through activities that support curiosity and creativity. STEAM activity stations will give children, with their parent or caregiver, an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning while having fun!



Join us on Wednesday, March 18, at 3:45 p.m. and have fun with this month's theme, Transportation and Things that Move! The program is limited to 12 children, and [registration is required](#).

Books and Beyond - March 19

Read, make, and do! Kennebunk Free Library is starting a new program called Books and Beyond. Every month, we will read picture books that share a theme, and explore activity and craft stations. This month, the program will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 3:45. Our theme will be Women's History Month. We'll wrap things up with a march through the library. This program is for ages 3 and up. No registration is required. Come read, play, and learn with us!



Windows and Mirrors Family Book Club - March 23

Kennebunk Free Library, in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council, is excited to start a new family book club that centers on picture books that highlight the beauty of our diverse world. Children in grades K-5 with their caregiver are invited to join us to hear stories, create art, and talk about the special things that make us both different and the same. Maya Williams, local poet, will be joining us to talk about ways to celebrate ourselves and each other. Registration is required. We will be meeting at the following dates and times:

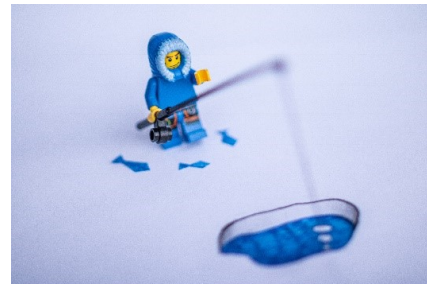


- Monday, March 23 at 6 pm
- Monday, April 27 at 6 pm
- Monday, May 11 at 6 pm
- Monday, June 8 at 6 pm

At our March 23 meeting, we will be reading and discussing All the Colors We Are by Katie Kissinger and Honeysmoke by Monique Fields. Discover how we can find ourselves and learn about others in stories.

LEGO Club - March 25

Come join us on Wednesday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! This month come join us for a building challenge that will push your building abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own imagination. [Registration](#) is not required but recommended, for kids ages 4 and up.



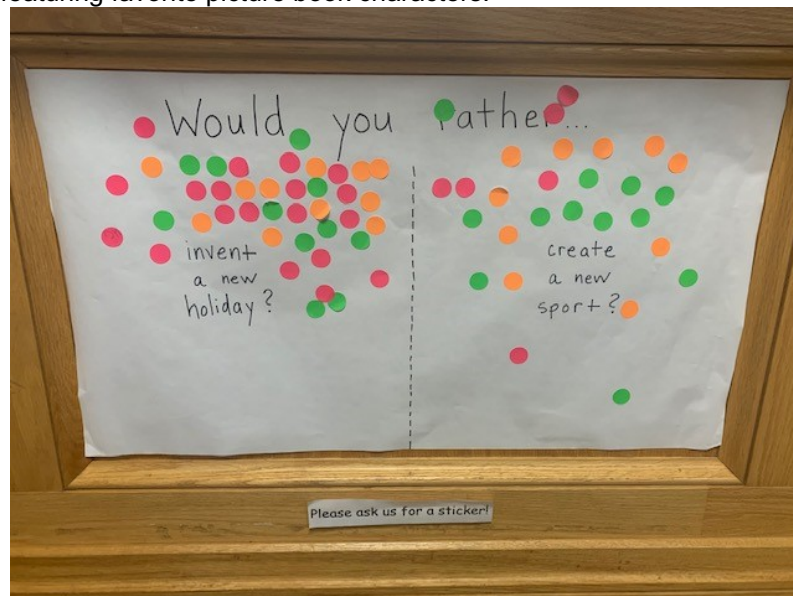
Storytimes

Mondays @ 10:15: Peek-a-Book Babies (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5)



Children's Room Announcements

- The results are in! 41 people would like to invent a new holiday, while 28 people would choose to create a new sport! Stay tuned for next month - we will be having a "mini March Madness" featuring favorite picture book characters!

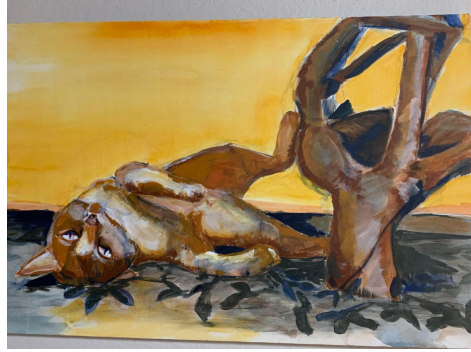


Speers Gallery

March Artist: The New School and the School Around Us

We are pleased to announce our March 2 to 31, 2020 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 an independent democratic high school where students are encouraged and supported to find their voice, pursue their passions, and become lifelong learners. Students actively participate in creating curriculum, connecting to their community, and engaging in real-world learning opportunities. Students at The New School are creative and informed thinkers who are stewards of our world. 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. This is the third consecutive year that these schools have exhibited at KFL.



The School Around Us is a holistic learning community for students ages 5-14. 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. The School Around Us celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020, making it one of the oldest independent schools of this type 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 a reception Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. KFL is pleased to host this exhibit.

Library News & Events

March Madness - March 2 - 27

Visit the Kennebunk Free Library to place a bid on an amazing auction item during our silent auction fundraiser, March Madness, from March 2 through March 27.

We have a range of fabulous auction items this year, including signed sports memorabilia, tickets, gift cards and themed baskets. New this year, in addition to the auction items, we will have one raffle basket: a Seabag tote filled with 5 Dahlov Ipcar books, a retail value of \$250. Tickets will be \$1 each.

Raffle tickets and bid numbers will be available at the library's adult services desk. Bidding will end at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27 at the close of business. Winning bidders will be notified on Monday, April 2.

KFL is a nonprofit organization. Each year, we must raise about 25% of our operating budget through fundraisers such as this.



Pi Day Bake Sale!

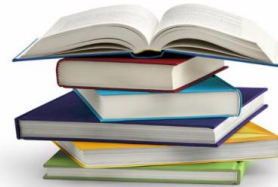
Pi Day falls over the weekend this year so Kennebunk Free Library is celebrating early! We will be hosting a Pi Day Bake Sale on Thursday, March 12 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Looking for a piece of pie to satisfy the sweet tooth? A whole pie for the family? A savory pie for lunch? We'll have it all!



We welcome baked contributions from the community. Be as creative as you want when deciding what fits the theme! 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 to the library the morning of the sale to the staff entrance, located on the side of the building facing the church. Please include a listing of ingredients.

Reading History is Here!

Many of you have asked if there was any way to keep track of items you've checked out, and finally, you can! We recently launched the Reading History option on your Minerva account (accessible at minerva.maine.edu). This feature is "opt in," so you'll have to go to your account to turn it on. Items will only be saved to the list once you've opted in, so unfortunately anything you've checked out in the past will not show up. You can choose to delete specific items from the list, to delete the entire list, or to opt out at any time.



Library staff will be more than happy to show you how to activate this feature, but cannot access this history for you. Please see us with any questions!

Applications Being Accepted for KFL Board of Trustees

KFL is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. There are openings available for our new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020.

This is a very exciting time for KFL. We have recently completed a new [strategic plan](#) and are looking forward to putting the plan into action. Would you like to bring your ideas and skills to the table? Thank you for your consideration.

To learn more about being a Trustee, visit our website for [FAQs](#) and a [Trustee job description](#). The application is [available online](#) or can be picked up at the library's adult circulation desk.



23rd Edition Road Race - Registration is Open!

It may be hard to believe, but summer is on the way! With summer comes the 23rd Edition of our annual Road Race, which falls on Friday, July 10 this year. In honor of the Bicentennial Celebrations for the town and the state, the logo (and t-shirts) this year will be a festive Bicentennial blue.

Registration opened on February 10. Be sure to register early to ensure that you are among the lucky 200 to collect one of our fabulous goodie bags!



Another library user has been born! My son arrived in January and was greeted by his very excited parents and big sister. While I have been out on maternity leave I have missed some things going on at KFL but not many because where else does one go when home for many weeks with two little ones, especially during the winter? The library of course! I'll admit that my three-year-old daughter rarely looks at books at the library (though she loves to read at home). Mostly, she's excited to play with games and toys, engage in activities, and attend programs. It has been an extra special reminder just how all-encompassing KFL's offerings are. Here's hoping I can get her in for the new Books and Beyond program on March 19 and maybe my husband and I can escape for the Maine Science Festival Trivia on March 18.

Michelle Connors
Library Director



New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

[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

Hot New Releases on order for March:

(Click on the title to go to the item record in the catalog & place a hold.)

March 3

[Victim 2117 by Jussi Adler-Olsen](#)
[The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich](#)
[Trace Elements by Donna Leon](#)
[The Numbers Game by Danielle Steel](#)

March 10

[Journey of the Pharaohs by Clive Cussler](#)
[A Forgotten Murder by Jude Deveraux](#)
[A Reasonable Doubt by Philip Margolin](#)

March 17

[The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian](#)
[The Boy from the Woods by Harlan Coben](#)
[A Conspiracy of Bones by Kathy Reichs](#)
[The Jerusalem Assassin by Joel Rosenberg](#)
[Hit List by Stuart Woods](#)

March 30

[Texas Outlaw by James Patterson](#)

March 31

[The Final Deception by Heather Graham](#)
[After Sundown by Linda Howard](#)
[Devoted by Dean Koontz](#)
[It's Not All Downhill from Here by Terry McMillan](#)
[Fearless by Fern Michaels](#)

March Calendar of Events

March 2: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
March 2: Heart and Home Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
March 2: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.
March 3: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
March 3: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
March 3: Artist Reception, 4:00 p.m.
March 3: Adult Storytime, 6:00 p.m.
March 4: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
March 4: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
March 5: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m.
March 7: Genealogy Group, 10:00 a.m.
March 9: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
March 9: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
March 10: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
March 10: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
March 11: Journaling Meet-Up, 5:30 p.m.
March 12: Pi Day Bake Sale
March 12: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m.
March 13: TechTime, 10:00 a.m.
March 13: Quilting Crafts, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
March 13: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
March 16: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
March 17: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
March 17: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
March 18: Discovery Station, 3:45 p.m.
March 18: Maine Science Festival Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.
March 19: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m.
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March 23: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
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March 25: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m.
March 25: Ukulele Group, 5:30 p.m.
March 25: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.
March 26: Tax Help, 9:30 a.m.
March 27: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.
March 27: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
March 30: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
March 31: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
March 31: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
March 31: Goal Setting, 6:00 p.m.
March 31: KFL Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

STAY CONNECTED:



