



**Monthly E-Newsletter
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Community Survey - We Want to Hear From You!

Community Survey

Please follow the below link to our survey or pick up a copy at the Library.

- Only a few minutes of your time
- Contribute to our 2018-2023 Strategic Plan process
- Open through May 11

[Take Our Survey](#)



Adult Programming

Lawyers in Libraries at KFL - May 2

Lawyers across the state will spend time in local libraries during Law Week to provide resources and assistance to people in need, talk about statewide legal issues and meet with library patrons. *Lawyers in Libraries: Law Week 2018* is a free event that is open to the public. It will take place in libraries statewide during the first week in May.

This law week, we will host Thomas Schoening, Esq. of Drummond & Drummond, LLP. Schoening will be available for 10-minute private consultations from 5:30 to 7:30 on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Schoening specializes in real estate, corporate, and employment law. For other matters, he can provide information about free resources, low-cost legal assistance and legal referrals. Call to make an appointment or sign-up at the door.

Organizers of the series are the Maine Justice Action Group Collaboration on Innovation, Technology and Equal Access to Justice (the Collaboration) which includes Maine's public libraries, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Bar Foundation, the State of Maine Judicial Branch, Maine's legal aid providers and other organizations interested in helping people access the legal resources they need, all working under The Maine Justice Action Group.



*Because libraries are at the heart of our communities
and justice is at the heart of our democracy.*

Parenting Class - May 4

Stevie Westmoreland, LMFT, LCPC leads her Parenting Class the first Friday of each month 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.

Make-and-Take Glycerin Herbal Soap - May 7

Learn about the healing properties of essential oils and herbs and make glycerin herbal soap with Cindy Simon (NCC, RMT) on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 3:00p.m. Choices include chamomile and lemongrass or lavender and rosemary! Everyone goes home with a bar of herbal soap!

Cindy is a community educator, wellness coach, counselor, writing coach, as well as a freelance writer and published author. She truly hopes to inspire individuals of all ages to find deep relaxation through yoga, meditation and energy work. Cindy is passionate about leading people to their healthiest lifestyles and mentoring them in how to maintain such mind-body-spirit health day to day.

This class has limited space so please call 985-2173 x4 to register.

Genealogy Group - May 12

On Saturday, May 12 at 10:00, the KFL Genealogy Group will host Krista Heatley to discuss DNA and genealogy. All Genealogy Group presentations are free and open to the public.

Maine's Carnegie Libraries - May 15

The Kennebunk Free Library will present an illustrated talk entitled "Maine's Carnegie Libraries" on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00. Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Historian, will discuss the history and architecture of the public libraries funded by the famous American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Maine is home to 20 Carnegie libraries, most of which still serve their original purpose after more than a century in use. Shettleworth will also tell about the origins of Kennebunk's and Kennebunkport's public libraries.

In Stitches - May 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 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 mornings at 11am in the Walker Room. No registration is needed, just drop by for as long as you like.



Tech Time - May 4, 11, 18, & 24

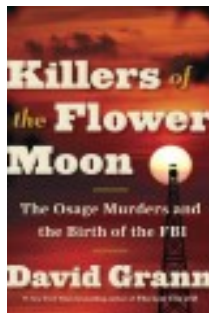
Join us on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our ongoing service, Tech Time. Attendees will work one-on-one with a librarian to answer your technology questions. Registration required.

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.

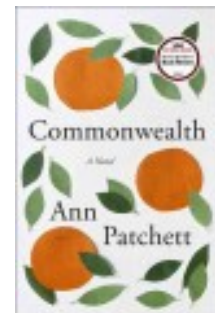
Reading Groups - May 14 and May 22



Nonfiction Book Group

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann on
Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett on
Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m.



Teen Programming

Tech & Textiles

Tech and Textiles is intended to give young people the space to explore emerging technologies and more traditional crafts. This program will meet every other Thursday at 3:00 in the Walker Room. Ages 11+

Thursday, May 3rd: Squishy Circuits, Redux

Squishy Circuits use conductive and insulating play dough to teach the basics of electrical circuits in a fun, hands-on way. There's no need for breadboards or soldering - just add batteries! Come join the fun!

Thursday, May 17th: Cross-Stitch Clinic

Cross-stitch is a form of sewing and a popular form of embroidery in which x-shaped stitched in a tiled pattern are used to form a picture. It is also one of Miss Melissa's favorite ways to keep her hands busy while watching TV or her mind occupied on a rainy afternoon. Come learn!

Friday Fun

Join Miss Melissa in the Walker Room at 3:00 to test scientific limits, create crafts worth sharing with friends and bring your favorite games to life. Ages 11+

Friday, May 4th: Board Games Galore

Did you know the library has board games available for check-out? Come play a game or two with friends before you take one home to continue the fun.

Friday, May 11th: Card Making Station

Spring is the perfect time to send a card full of sunshine and flowers. Raid the Library's craft supplies to make something to make someone special smile.

Friday, May 18th: Paper Flowers

April showers bring May flowers. Put a little bit of papercraft spring into your step. All supplies will be provided.

Friday, May 25th: DIY Hair Accessories

Warmer weather means no more winter hats. Join Miss Melissa to make your own headbands and barrettes to keep your hair in place in the sunshine.

Anime Afternoon

Wednesday, May 16th, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

An afternoon of otaku games and anime inspired crafts.

Free Audio Books this Summer

SYNC is a free summer audio book program for teens. Returning as of April 26, 2018, SYNC will give away two complete audio book downloads a week - pairs of high interest titles, based on weekly themes. Sign up for email or text alert and be the first to know when new titles are available to download at www.audiobooksync.com.



Children's Programming

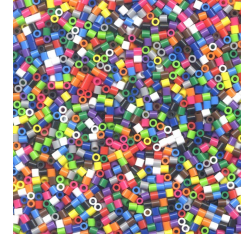


May is National Pet Month

May is National Pet Month! Bring in a photo of your pet for display in the Children's Room!

Beadcraft - May 2

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, May 2 at 1 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! [Registration is required.](#) All craft materials will be provided.



Faerie Festival - May 5

Faerie Festival - Saturday, May 5, 9:30-11 a.m., all ages
Join us to welcome the faeries back for the summer! A KFL tradition, Faerie Festival will be a magical morning of crafts, games, and fun! Certificates for faerie houses will be awarded at 10 a.m. Wear your faerie finery!



Pet-apalooza! - May 17

Did you know that May is National Pet Month? Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on May 17 at 3:30 p.m. for stories about our furry, scaly, feathery friends and a fun craft!



Junior Science: Bubble Snakes! - May 21

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.

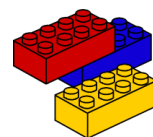


Please join us on Monday, May 21 at 4 p.m. as we experiment with Bubble Snakes! For kids ages 4 and up, [registration required.](#)

In the April Junior Science, the kids had so much fun experimenting with DIY Greenhouses! They learned about how plants grow and how greenhouses accelerate that growth. The kids will soon be able to watch their plants grow.

LEGO Club - May 23

Come join us on Wednesday, May 23 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 is required.](#) for kids in grades K and up.



Storytimes - May 7 through June 5

Storytimes will be resuming on Monday, May 7! Join us for stories and songs on these dates:
May 7 - June 5

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

Tuesdays at 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 2-5)



Library News & Events

Library Repair - May 2

You may remember the broken pipe that caused a flood in our children's room on a cold February day two years ago. To avoid future similar disasters, we will be relocating the pipe, moving it further away from the outside wall.

On Wednesday, May 2, expect some noise and dust as the work is being completed. Parts of the collection may be inaccessible to patrons, but staff can retrieve items for you. We expect the work to take just the one day, though it may extend into Thursday morning. We thank you for your patience.

KFL's Annual Appeal

This year the Library needs to raise nearly \$200,000 to supplement funding from municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel - \$67,000 of this total will come from the Annual Appeal. With your help we can reach our 2018 Annual Appeal goal by June 30, 2018.

[Check out what's been going on at KFL!](#)

You can contribute at [our website](#) or at the Library.

Thank you,
Michelle K. Conners, Director

May Day Book Sale - May 5

The Friends of the Kennebunk Free Library will have a book sale on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with the May Day Festival.

The sale will be held in Hank's Room and, weather permitting, outdoors on our plaza. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on gently-used books and other media. Current Friends are invited to attend



the Friends' pre-sale event on Friday, May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Membership forms for joining the Friends will be available.

A Message from the Friends...

The Friends of KFL are busy assisting staff with sorting and organizing books for our May 5th book sale. This sale has the added bonus of a May 4th preview night for current members of the Friends to shop first. Bring your member card or plan to join as a member on the spot! Are you a new Friend? Contact KFL to sign up to help at our sale. It's fun and busy, and you meet great people, our patrons!

You may have noticed a request that people hold off on further book donations right now; we need to focus on processing the many books in hand leading up to any book sale. And we encourage all who come to our book sales to bring your own sturdy carry bag if you are able.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in May!

May Artist - Patricia Wooldridge

Our May 2018 Speers Gallery exhibition will be "**Mainly Horses; One Barn,**" the mixed media works of Patricia R. Wooldridge. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. The public is invited to attend an artist's reception on Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 to 12:00 AM.



Registration Now Open!

There's still time to be one of the first 200 to register and receive a fabulous goodie bag, including this year's commemorative T-shirt.





Special Thanks to Kim Reiser

Bragging Rights

KFL staff and trustees offer a special thank you to Kim Reiser, who placed the winning bid on the "Bragging Rights" basket at our March Madness auction. We appreciate your support.

May Calendar of Events

- May 1: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
- May 1: Last Day to Drop Off Faerie Houses
- May 2: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
- May 2: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
- May 2: Lawyers in Libraries, appointments available 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 3: Tech & Textiles, 3:00 p.m.
- May 4: Parenting Class, 10:00 a.m.
- May 4: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- May 4: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
- May 4: Friends of KFL Book Sale Preview, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- May 5: Book Sale, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- May 5: Faerie Festival, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- May 7: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- May 7: Make & Take Glycerin Herbal Soap, 3:00 p.m.
- May 8: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- May 8: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
- May 11: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- May 11: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
- May 12: Genealogy Group, 10:00
- May 12: Artist Reception, 10:00
- May 14: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- May 14: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
- May 15: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- May 15: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
- May 15: Maine's Carnegie Libraries, 6:00 p.m.
- May 16: Anime Afternoon, 4:00 a.m.
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- May 17: Pet-apalooza, 3:30
- May 18: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- May 18: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
- May 21: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
- May 21: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.

May 22: Family Storytime, 10:15 p.m.
May 22: In Stitches, 11:00 p.m.
May 22: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 p.m.
May 23: Lego Club, 4:00 p.m..
May 25: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 25: Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
May 28: Memorial Day - Library Closed
May 29: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
May 29: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
May 29: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
May 30: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.

STAY CONNECTED:



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