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## Library News

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### **KFL Open By Appointment Starting May 10**

The Kennebunk Free Library will open for browsing and computer use, both by appointment, beginning May 10. You can schedule an appointment through our website or by calling us starting May 8. Curbside services remain available as well during curbside-only hours.

Monday: Appointments 9:30-12, Curbside 1-4:45

Tuesday: Appointments 12:30-3, Curbside 4-7:45

Wednesday: Appointments 12:30-3, Curbside 4-7:45

Thursday: Appointments 9:30-12, Curbside 1-4:45

Friday: Appointments 9:30-12, Curbside 1-4:45

Saturday: Curbside 9:30-12:45, Appointments 2-5

Appointments are for 30 minutes. Masks and distancing are required. If you are unable to wear a mask, we are happy to provide curbside services or homebound delivery.

We will continue to accept book donations on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00.

Please feel free to call or [email the library](#) with any questions or concerns.

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### **Help Us Reach Our Annual Appeal Goal**

Every year KFL, a 501c3 nonprofit, needs to raise about \$200,000 to maintain our operations. With your help we can reach our 2021 Annual Appeal goal of \$58,000 by June 30, 2021. We are underway and have already collected over \$20,000.

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

Please consider becoming a monthly donor and we will recognize you for your full-year's pledge.

Fireside Reader: \$1000 or more (\$84 or more per month)

Patron: \$500 - \$999 (\$42 - \$83 per month)

Benefactor: \$250 - \$499 (\$21-\$41 per month)

Partner: \$100 - \$249 (\$9 - \$20 per month)

Contributor: \$1 - \$99 (Up to \$8 per month)

If your employer offers matching gifts let us know and we'll do the work.

[Donate Now](#)

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## Seeking Board of Trustees Candidates

Don't you just love KFL? Would you like to do more to help support it? If you do, we've got a message just for you! The Board of Trustees is seeking new members. And this might be a great opportunity for you to support the Library in an exciting and new way.

Interested? Go to the [KFL website Trustee page](#). There you can meet the current board, read their stories and find, at the bottom of the page, more information, including an application that you can download and print. Being a Trustee is a wonderful way to support KFL and the communities we serve.

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Registration for the 24th Edition Road Race is now open! Be one of the first 200 to register to get a race T-shirt and goodie bag.

This year, we're hoping for the best of both worlds! We will be holding a virtual Road Race from June 21 - July 7. Run your own race course (or follow the traditional route) whenever it's convenient. We are also planning for an in-person race on July 9 (state COVID regulations permitting).

Road Race sponsorship opportunities are still available. [Click here](#) to learn about sponsorship levels and the perks that come with each.

[REGISTER](#)

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## Accepting Book Donations on Wednesdays 2:00-4:00

We appreciate your books, DVDs, and audiobooks donations. KFL uses these donations to raise money during our book sales or sometimes add to our collection.

We ask that you please adhere to the drop-off schedule, Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. When you arrive please proceed to the main entrance vestibule where you will be asked to confirm that all materials meet our [Donation Guidelines](#). KFL has a very generous community and as such, our donation guidelines help us fit our space and time constraints.

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## Adult Programs

### Heart and Home Book Group - May 3

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

If you've been thinking about trying out our book



group, we encourage you to do so. It's always fun to hear about what people read and how they link it to the meeting's theme. It's not at all uncommon for one or more of us to read a children's book or young adult novel. Our unofficial motto is "there is no wrong way to do book club", and everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Meetings:

On Monday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Mending*.

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

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

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### In Stitches - May 4, 11, 18, 25



Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

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

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### Maine Climate Action Plan Discussions - May 4 & 18



In honor of Earth Day, the Planeteers of Southern Maine and KFL have partnered to bring you a series of virtual events in May exploring Maine's new Climate Action Plan.

#### **Tues, May 4 @ 6:00**

**Community Resilience:** We will be discussing the ways community businesses and organizations are responding to and preparing for climate change. Presenters will include: Jessica Brunacini Ph.D. of the Wells Reserve at

Laudholm; Julia Dundorf, Executive Director, New England Grassroots Environmental Fund; Kate Wallace of The Resilience Hub; Students from the Gulf of Maine Studies class at Kennebunk High School and Kennebunkport Climate Initiative; Rachel Stearns of the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge; and Allison Atkins of the Kennebunk Free Library.

#### **Tues, May 18 @ 6:00**

**Coastal - Marine:** We will be discussing the ways coastal communities are supporting the mission of mitigating and adapting to climate change. Speakers include: Dr. Christine Feurt of the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve; Abbie Sherwin of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission; Gayle Bowness of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute; Students from KBK HS Gulf of Maine Studies class & Kennebunk Climate Initiative; Kristen Grant of University of Maine Sea Grant's Beach Erosion Program; and Melissa Paly, Conservation Law Foundation's Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper.

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## Take Note - April 7



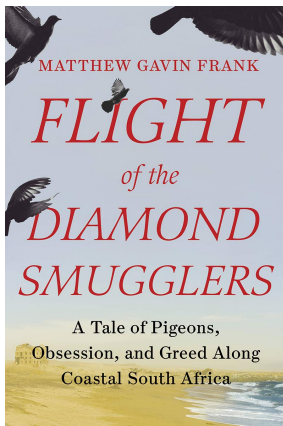
Take Note is a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! We discuss our favorite supplies & current projects in a free form discussion. Come to chat, ask questions, or just to listen. No experience needed. New participants are always welcome! This meeting will be held via Zoom.

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

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

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## Nonfiction Book Group - May 10



Join us on Monday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Flight of the Diamond Smugglers* by Matthew Gavin Frank. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Blending elements of reportage, memoir, and incantation, *Flight of the Diamond Smugglers* is a stunning investigation into the role of carrier pigeons in South African diamond smuggling. Nearly every town along South Africa's infamous diamond coast has been deemed 'overmined.' Before the area fully becomes a series of abandoned outposts, journalist Matthew Gavin Frank drives from Oranjemund, Namibia to the De Beers mining towns of Alexander Bay, Porth Nolloth, and Kleinsee. Weaving interviews with local diamond miners who raise pigeons in

secret with harrowing anecdotes from former heads of security, environmental managers, and vigilante pigeon hunters, Frank reveals how these feathered bandits became outlaws in every mining town." - Novelist

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## Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts - May 24

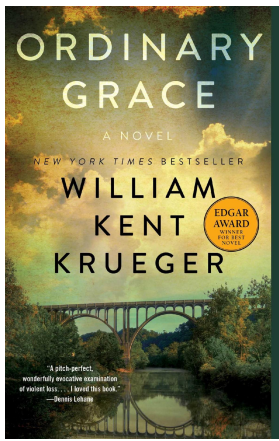


This month, Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts will be discussing the statues and markers for veterans that you see around Kennebunk. Join us on Zoom on Monday, May 24 at 6:00. Check our website rotating display and calendar for the link.

Previous discussions can be viewed on [KFL's YouTube channel](#).

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## Adult Book Discussion - May 25



Join us on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Best known for the Cork O'Connor mystery series, Krueger (*Trickster's Point*) has produced an elegiac, evocative, stand-alone novel. The summer of 1961 finds thirteen-year-old Frank Drum living in small-town New Bremen, Minn. He and his younger brother, Jake, idolize their older sister, Ariel, a talented church organist who's also the "golden child" of their parents, WWII veteran and Methodist pastor Nathan and church music director Ruth. Nathan and Ruth befriend the accomplished musician Emil Brandt, a veteran left blinded by his service, who tutors Ariel in her music education. Meanwhile, Jake, who has a stutter, forms a close bond with Lise, Emil's deaf older sister and caretaker, while Ariel dates Emil's wealthy nephew, Karl. The Drums' peaceful existence is shattered, however, when Ariel fails to return from a late-night party. In the aftermath of her disappearance, Karl comes under suspicion, Ruth undergoes a crisis of faith, and dark secrets about New Bremen come to light. The small-town milieu is rendered in picturesque detail, accurate down to period-appropriate TV programs, for what becomes a resonant tale of fury, guilt, and redemption." (Publishers Weekly, vol 260, issue 03)



### Ukulele Group - May 26

Join us on Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.



### Take and Make: Botanical Collage Greeting Cards – available beginning May 3 while supplies last

Would you like to relax with a craft, celebrate spring, and make something special for a friend? Beginning, Monday, May 3, stop by the library during our curbside hours to pick up a botanical collage greeting card take-and-make kit. Each kit will include two blank notecards, botanical magazine clippings, a glue stick, a pen or marker, and instructions for making your cards. You will need to provide your own scissors, and any postage, if needed. No registration required; kits available while supplies last. Happy spring crafting!

## Teen Programs

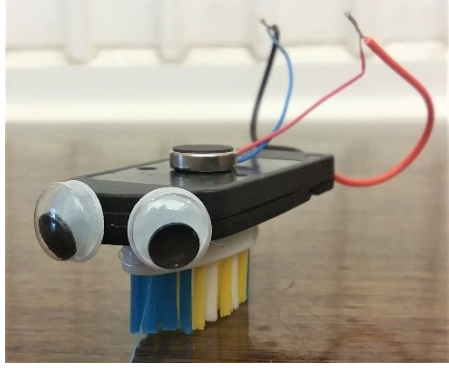


### Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play *Jackbox!* We also occasionally dabble in Minecraft and Among Us. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game!

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



### Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up in the library or along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All teens ages 10 and up are welcome! Join us for fantastic programs and to spend time with friends.

ZOOM LINK

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### Middle School Book Group - May 26



Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, May 26 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss a book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8.

The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

This month we will be reading *A Wolf Called Wander* by Roseanne Parry. Copies of the book are available at both libraries.

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read the book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.



## Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available curbside. This month, we will be offering crafts to celebrate Spring! The kits will include:

- A paper plate butterfly craft
- A handprint flower craft
- A flower wreath paper craft

Kits will be available starting Monday, May 3. Visit us curbside to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!



## Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! From May 3 - June 28, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime for ages 2-5 will be most Mondays at 10:00 a.m. To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please register by email at [ys@kennebunk.lib.me](mailto:ys@kennebunk.lib.me) or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- May 3
- May 10
- May 17
- May 24
- June 7
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28

All storytimes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Storytime Kits including crafts, shaker egg, scarf, and song sheet are available while supplies last! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



## Facebook Live Storytimes

Join us on Facebook Live on Tuesdays in May at 10:00 a.m. for stories and songs! Storytime is designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is invited to watch and participate! We'll have a great time! Storytime Live dates are:

- May 4
- May 11
- May 18
- May 25



## MSBA Virtual Challenge

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

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## Request a Book Stack

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

Below are some human and animal friends enjoying their book stacks! Clockwise from the top left are Amos, Shok, Ellen, Leroy (cat), a book stack, and Story.





# New Books, AudioBooks, and DVDs

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*Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.*

[Click here](#) for a look at books that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

**Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?**

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

## Hot New Releases on Order for April

### May 4

[Find you First – Linwood Barclay](#)

[Hour of the Witch – Chris Bohjalian](#)

[Basil's War – Stephen Hunter](#)

[21st Birthday – James Patterson](#)

[Tiny Tales – Alexander McCall Smith](#)

[Family Reunion – Nancy Thayer](#)

[The Lady Has a Past – Amanda Quick](#)

### May 11

[The Final Twist – Jeffery Deaver](#)

[China – Edward Rutherfurd](#)

[That Summer – Jennifer Weiner](#)

### May 25

[Arctic Storm Rising – Dale Brown](#)

[The Saboteurs – Clive Cussler](#)

[The Unforgiven – Heather Graham](#)

[Hidden – Fern Michaels](#)

[Legacy – Nora Roberts](#)

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## A Message from the Friends

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The Friends of KFL would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped the library during the past year, as well as those who have supported the library as patrons and advocates despite being unable to volunteer on-site. You are truly wonderful. We hope to have an in-person celebration in the fall, with details to come later. Enjoy the summer!



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## A Message from the Library Director

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Our spring projects are just around the corner. With capital funding support from the Town of Kennebunk we will be replacing our original front doors (facing Main Street) and our current front doors (facing Fletcher) in the next few months. Our Main Street doors will be removed for about a month to be fixed, refinished, and restored to their original color. Our Fletcher doors will be replaced with new doors of the same color and wood type. We are also getting our parking lot resealed and striped. We do expect minor disruptions in accessing the library during the latter two projects but we will keep you posted.

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## Staff Picks & Messages

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### **Kat, Library Assistant**

*Mend – A Refashioning Manual* by Kate Secules

As someone that spent a lot of time putting visible patches on jeans in the 1980s and always doing quick repairs on the family's clothing, I was intrigued by the premise of this book. The author looks into every aspect of the ancient art of extending the life of clothing, as well as how items make it to market, in the past and currently. Fabric was very valuable even as late as the early 1900s. Currently, mending is a very "green" practice. There are chapters on technique, materials, the extensive variety of needles, other supplies and the current trends in visible patching. I particularly enjoyed taking a look into other people's sewing notion boxes.

*Life in the Studio Inspiration and Lessons on Creativity* by Frances Palmer

This book is a lush, gorgeous shot of creative juices in a great array of pursuits that most of us can relate to. It dives into not only pottery, but photography, cooking, gardening, flower arranging, entertaining, décor and organizing life. The author shares how she deals with deadlines, creative blocks and working from home. I found the whole book to be one delightful page after another.

*Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

Emira Tucker, a 25-year-old Black woman is the babysitter for Alix Chamberlain's toddler. One evening, Emira and Briar, her 2-year-old charge, are in a grocery store. A customer contacts Security with the suspicion that the white toddler has been kidnapped by a Black woman. The confrontation is video recorded by another customer and the stage is set for drama and a mini study in race relations and misconceptions.

This was our book for the Adult Discussion in April. When I started reading it I hated it, thinking it was just a new stereotyping of young women of color. I looked at the reviews again and it got high praise. As I continued reading and the story line and characters developed, the book won me over. It presents a very interesting perspective that I found enlightening. I am really looking forward to our discussion!

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### Jenny, Library Assistant

The [\*Peterson Guide to Bird Identification - in 12 Steps\*](#) by Steve N. G. Howell & Brian Sullivan is written in a conversational style to teach new birders (or remind more experienced birders) of the important steps, or factors, in identifying birds, including the overlooked basics of location, habitat, and season. The steps build upon each other, and there is a summary chapter that demonstrates the steps in a real-world example. There are also lots of well-captioned, color photographs. As a sort of "advanced beginner" myself, the steps have provided a flexible structure to guide me in improving my birding success.

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### Denise, Library Assistant



A SAMPLING OF BOOKS ABOUT FLOWERS  
THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT KFL.  
CALL TO PLACE YOUR REQUEST.



