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Library News and Events



On Saturday May 7, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Friends of KFL will host a May Day Book Sale. This will be our biggest sale since 2019! There will be a wide variety of books – fiction and nonfiction, for all ages – to choose from, plus DVDs, audio books, and puzzles. All members of the Friends will receive a free book of their choice at the sale. To join the friends, just pick up an application at the library, at the book sale, or [download here](#).

Annual Appeal

Hello Spring! The longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures mean that summer will make it to Maine eventually and that it's time to fundraise for all the creative programs and activities that are on the KFL calendar. Our dedicated volunteers and staff members are prepping the Annual Appeal mailing that will make its way to you shortly. As an independent nonprofit, your support is vital to making our mission “to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect”, come to life and for that we are truly grateful.

Please find more detailed information here:

[Link to AA letter 2022](#)

[Link to AA infographic 2022](#)

Bloomin' 4 Good at Hannaford



Brighten up your day with a bouquet of flowers and support the library at the same time! KFL has been selected by the Kennebunk Hannaford store as the benefiting non-profit in the brand-new Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of May! For every marked bouquet purchased this month, Hannaford will donate \$1.00 to KFL.



Fewer than 30 Goodie Bags left!

KFL's annual road race turns 25 this year! To celebrate we're making a few changes, starting with the new logo. Keep an eye on our website for other changes that will be revealed.

Some things are staying the same as ever: be one of the first 200 to register and claim a race t-shirt and one of our fabulous goodie bags. The race, on Friday, July 8, will be in person and the food, wine-and-beer tent, and music will be back! We will also be offering a virtual option for those who prefer to compete on their own schedule.

Register for In-Person

Register for
Virtual

Ben's Tiny Tech Tips

Mastering Technology Bit by Bit

- If you have trouble finding the option you are looking for, try right-clicking your mouse instead. You'll soon discover there's a whole slew of options just waiting for you under that "other" button on the mouse.


Staying Safe Online

- If ever you are using your computer and the screen suddenly fills with security warnings, stop what you are doing, don't interact with any of these "so called" warnings, and close open windows and programs until the warnings go away. These are almost never real. A real security warning will never act like an annoying pop-up, or take over your entire computer screen. Pop-ups, alert tones, flashing fonts, or threats as to what could happen if you don't take immediate action are clear signs that the message itself is a scam and not a real security warning. Real security warnings won't try to scare you into doing something.



Adult Programs

Reader's Choice Book Club - May 2



**Reader's
Choice
Book Club**

Monday,
May 2
at 2:00 p.m.

This month's theme...
Inspiration

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Inspiration*.

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. Everyone is welcome!

In Stitches - May 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 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 either inside the library or, weather permitting, outside at the picnic table between the library and the church. See our events calendar the day of for location. Masks are required when meeting inside.

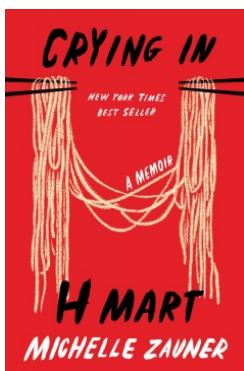
Writer's Workshop - May 4



Through July, the Kennebunk Free Library will host a series of writing workshops on the first Wednesday of each month, led by Caroline Joy Adams, M.Ed. Workshops are limited to 12 participants. If you have not already registered for the series, please call or email the library to be added to the list. Each workshop will have a unique theme. On May 4, the theme will be "Planting the Seeds of New Possibilities"; on June 1, "The Power of Place"; and on July 6, "Memorable Characters, People of Influence."

Caroline Joy Adams is an artist, writer, and photographer. She has taught writing at the college level, in addition to hundreds of writing workshops over the past 20 years, including in Maui, Hawaii; Newport, RI; Woods Hole, Boston, and Martha's Vineyard, MA; and Scottsdale, AZ. She is the author of seven books, including *The Power to Write: Seven Keys to Discover Your Writer Within*. Her newest title, *The Great Travels Writing Journal*, will be released this spring.

Nonfiction Book Group - May 9



Join us on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

"A poignant memoir about a mother's love as told through Korean food. Losing a parent is one thing, but to also lose direct ties to one's culture in the process is its own tragedy. In this expansion of her popular 2018 New Yorker essay, Zauner, best known as the founder of indie rock group Japanese Breakfast, grapples with what it means to be severed from her Korean heritage following her mother's battle with cancer. In an attempt to honor and remember her umma, the author sought to replicate the flavors of her upbringing. Throughout, the author delivers mouthwatering descriptions of dishes like pajeon, jajuk, and gimbap, and her storytelling is fluid, honest, and intimate. Aply, Zauner frames her story amid the aisles of H Mart, a place many Asian Americans will recognize, a setting that allows the author to situate her personal story as part of a broader conversation about diasporic culture, a powerful force that eludes ownership. The memoir will feel familiar to children of immigrants, whose complicated relationships to family are often paralleled by equally strenuous relationships with their food. It will also resonate with a larger audience due to the author's validation of the different ways that parents can show their love—if not verbally, then certainly through their ability to nourish. "I wanted to embody a physical warning—that if she began to disappear, I would disappear too," writes Zauner as she discusses

the deterioration of her mother's health, when both stopped eating. When a loved one dies, we search all of our senses for signs of their presence. Zauner's ability to let us in through taste makes her book stand out from others with similar themes. She makes us feel like we are in her mother's kitchen, singing her praises. A tender, well-rendered, heart-wrenching account of the way food ties us to those who have passed." (Kirkus Reviews, March 1, 2021)

Beginner Ukulele - May 11



Are you new to ukulele or need a refresher before diving back in? Dan Riggall, leader of KFL's ukulele group will be teaching the basics of ukulele in a special session on Wednesday, May 11 at 3:00. Space is limited. Please [email](#) or call the library to reserve a spot.

Improv - May 14, 21, 28



Participants had so much fun with Improv, presenter Lisa Niedenfuhr has returned to host another session! The new session will run on Saturdays through June 18 with a new time: 10:30 to noon. Stop in for one session, or join us for all. Class size will be limited. Please [email the library](#) to register.

Please note that there will be no class on Saturday, May 7.

Take Note - May 16



Take Note will meet on Monday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.

What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Author Heather Morrison Tapley - May 17



Author Heather Morrison-Tapley will be at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and sign copies of her new novel *The Herbalist*.

About "The Herbalist"

Eden Martin had the perfect life in New York City: an amazing job as a professor, a successful fiancée, great apartment on the Upper West Side. But in one night her whole world comes crashing down. So, she does what any sensible woman would do, she abandons her life and moves to a tiny village in England, leaving everyone and everything behind. Lost and confused, a new life emerges as she follows her dream to write a book. In the process, she meets a local healer, the last in a centuries-long line of magical herbalists. She also finds love, and challenges, in ways she could never have

imagined. In this village of strange and mystical events, Eden finally learns that finding love, hope, or even your destiny can't provide happiness until you find yourself.

About the Author

Heather Morrison-Tapley is a nationally licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist with a practice in Kennebunk, Maine, where she lives with her husband and children. She recently published her first novel. Set in both New York City and a village in England. Heather is a dual US/UK citizen and grew up spending school years at home in the New York area and summers in Great Britain with her family. She has a master's degree in Oriental Medicine and completed an internship in Acupuncture & herbal medicine at the Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital in Beijing, China. She also has a master's degree from the University of Chicago in Social Science. Heather also spent time each summer in Maine where she fell in love with the state. After living in New York, San Francisco, Paris, and Santa Fe, she moved here and never plans to leave! Heather feels Maine has the kind of magic that she loves to write about - that special something you can't quite put your finger on, but that you can feel all around. She is currently working on her second novel, set in the Scottish Highlands.

Trivia Night - May 18



Carol's Trivia Night is back! Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 for an evening of fun, challenging questions. Play as an individual, bring your own team, or join a team at the library. Please call or [email the library](#) to RSVP.

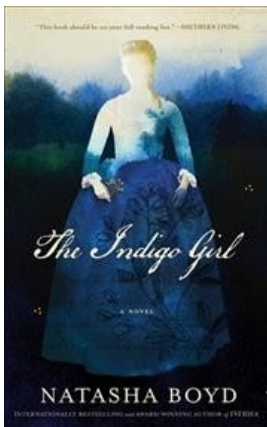
Climate Policy Workshop - May 23



Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for an engaging interactive Climate Policy Workshop to explore effective and equitable solutions to the climate crisis. Speaker Peter Dugas will use MIT's EN-ROADS Climate Simulator to explore policy options, and lead a discussion on what we all can do to ensure a safe and livable future for all. This program is cosponsored by the Kennebunk Free Library and the Planetears of Southern Maine.

Peter Dugas is an EN-ROADS Climate Ambassador, Citizens' Climate Lobby Liaison to Senator Angus King, and 2021 Maine Sunday Telegram Source Award Winner.

Adult Book Discussion - May 24

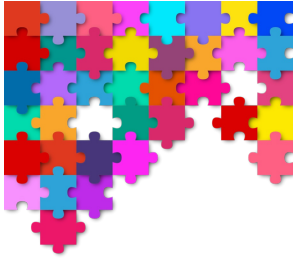


Join us on Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd.

"Set on South Carolina's plantations beginning in 1739, this excellent historical novel by Boyd (Eversea) is based on the true story of Eliza Lucas Pinckney (1722–1793). Sixteen-year-old Eliza Lucas is charged with running her father's three heavily-mortgaged plantations while he pursues a military career in the Caribbean. He has trained Eliza well in business, agriculture, and plantation management, and she is bright, considerate, and ambitious. Eliza sees the production of indigo dye as the family's financial salvation, but indigo is risky to grow, and dye-making is a valuable but well-kept secret so she must approach her new

assignment with caution. Kindhearted Eliza is independent and forward-thinking. She defies the Negro Act of 1740 and teaches her slaves to read, seeks their advice, and banishes the lash. As a marriageable young woman she rejects all suitors and expects to be a spinster, but as the plantation booms and her public stature grows, so does her affection for a married gentleman friend. Add threats of war with Spain and the strict social and cultural codes for Southern women, and Boyd has crafted a captivating novel of Southern colonial history." *Publisher's Weekly*

Puzzle Exchange - May 24



Over the long, trapped-inside months of the pandemic, many of us developed an expensive puzzle habit. On Tuesdays, May 24, June 14, and July 12 stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to swap a stack of puzzles you've completed for new-to-you puzzles. Puzzles of all sizes are welcome! We do ask that puzzles brought for the swap be in good condition, have all of their pieces, and come from a smoke-free home. It's helpful if the pieces are contained in a large Ziploc bag so none get lost during the exchange.

Ukulele Group - May 25



Join us on Wednesday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m., for ukulele group with leader Dan Riggall. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by and play along. This month, the group will be held in person at the library. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music.

Tech Time - Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays



Now more than ever, technology has become a constant in our daily lives. Though advertised as simple and easy, it moves too fast for most of us to keep up with. Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just to have a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help!

Sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, Tuesdays at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m., to meet one-on-one with a librarian and work through your technology question.

Appointments are only 45 minutes long so just keep in mind there may only be time to discuss a small number of things. 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 device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. Contact us at 207-985-2173 or via email at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org to setup your appointment today.

Take-and-Make: Pollinator-Friendly Seed Bombs

Using just clay, soil, and seeds, you can make a seed bomb that you can plant anywhere! With pollinator-friendly seeds, you'll be sure to attract butterflies, bees, and other friendly and important insects. Each kit



contains enough materials to make 3-4 seed bombs. Kits will be available starting May 10th, while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Teen Magic the Gathering



Come and test out your Magic the Gathering deck among friends! Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet every other week on Thursday on May 12 and 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Players are free to bring their own deck or use decks provided by the library. If you've never played before, feel free to come and learn at your own pace. Open to teens ages 10 and up! If you have any questions, call Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room at (207) 985-2173.

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers



Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will now begin meeting every Monday on May 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 3:30-4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This program is open to Teens ages 10 and up, and new players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, call Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room at (207) 985-2173.

Children's Programs



Faerie Festival - May 7

The days are getting longer and warmer, which can only mean one thing – it's time to welcome the faeries back to Kennebunk Free Library! Join us on Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for faerie crafts and fun! Did you submit a faerie house to the library by Tuesday, May 3? Come find Miss Maria during Faerie Festival for your certificate! Wear your faerie finery!

Outdoor Storytimes - May 2, 9, 16, 23



Outdoor storytimes are back! We're so excited! On Mondays, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, and 5/23, at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain or inclement weather, storytime will be held on Facebook Live. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on the morning of storytime, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. These events are free and wheelchair accessible. Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main St., Kennebunk. For more information, please call 985-2173. Upcoming storytime dates include:

- May 2
- May 9
- May 16
- May 23



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 in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering crafts to celebrate magical creatures! Kits will be available starting Monday, May 2. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!



STEAM to Go Kits

Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering STEAM To Go kits for grades K and up with all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. This month, we will be offering the materials to faerie play-dough! Use the ingredients and follow the simple recipe to make play-dough fit for a faerie. Kits will be available starting Monday, May 2. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!

Book Stacks for Children

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 at ys@kennebunklibrary.org or

by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!



Scavenger Hunt

Calling all sleuths and searchers! Kennebunk Free Library offers a new scavenger hunt every month in the Children's Room. This month, faeries have visited the library, and they need your help to make a potion for Spring! Hidden in the Kennebunk Free Library Children's Room are 6 ingredients for you to find inside of 6 colored envelopes. Find and take each item on the list, mark it off on your potion maker's sheet, and turn it in to the special files box for a prize! Keep up the faerie fun at home by checking out some faerie books, and be sure to attend our Faerie Festival on May 7!

Virtual Stories on Facebook



Want to add some more stories to your day? Join in virtually for stories with Miss Emmaline! Keep an eye on our Facebook page -- you will find videos from Miss Emmaline sharing fun stories and songs. Videos will typically be posted once a week. Our Facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/KennebunkFreeLibrary>. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page! Settle in and enjoy the stories!



Would You Rather?

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In April, we asked, "Would you rather grow a flower garden or grow a vegetable garden?" 47 friends wanted to grow a flower garden, while 48 friends would prefer to grow a vegetable garden. 11 friends wanted to grow both, and placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!

Join Us for the May Day Parade!

Would you like to march in the May Day parade with the Friends and Trustees of the Library? If you'd like

more information, fill out this [Google form!](#)



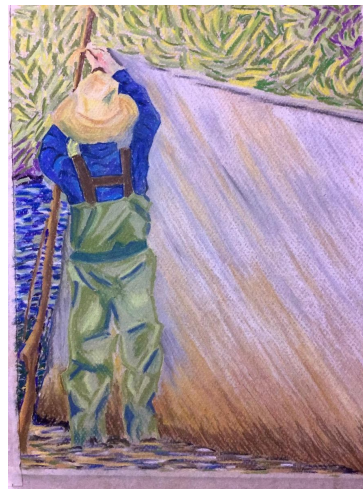
Speers Gallery

May Artist: Leo A. Martel

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its May exhibition, “Elvers at the Mousam River”, featuring the pastels of Kennebunk resident Leo A. Martel. The exhibit will be shown Monday, May 2 to Tuesday, May 31.

Leo Martel has no formal artist training, but was intrigued by elver (baby eel) fishing he saw along the Mousam River and took many photographs of the fisherman at work. He later turned the photos into lively pastels capturing this unique industry.

Leo explains the exhibit: “What started as merely a series of pastels depicting various stages of the elver harvesting season has grown into a real-life experience. Each pastel has a plaque next to it relating to a different fact or anecdote about the harvesting. The industry started back in 1970-71 where one pound of eels was valued around \$150-200, hardly worth it for all the work involved, for such a short season. The value of one pound of elver in 2019 was as high as \$2,500.”



Martel will host a reception on Wednesday, May 4 from 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. It will feature a copper model of a Fyke net used by elver fisherman, and a short video of the local elver harvest that will be shown on a loop.

Kennebunk Free Library looks forward to displaying this special exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from May 2 - 31, 2022 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.

Hot New Releases on Order for May

May 3

[22 Seconds – James Patterson](#)

[Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted Cottage – Nancy Atherton](#)

[When She Dreams – Amanda Quick](#)

May 10

[Overboard – Sara Paretsky](#)

[The Summer Place – Jennifer Weiner](#)

[The Lioness – Christopher Bohjalian](#)

[Countdown to Midnight – Dale Brown](#)

May 17

[Thrill of the Hunt – Rita Mae Brown](#)

[Take Your Breath Away – Linwood Barclay](#)

[Razzmatazz – Christopher Moore](#)

[Omega Rules – Eric Lustbader](#)

May 24

[Every Cloak Rolled in Blood – James Lee Burke](#)

[Nightwork – Nora Roberts](#)

[Sound of Darkness – Heather Graham](#)

May 31

[Sparring Partners – John Grisham](#)

[Secrets – Fern Michaels](#)

[Happy-Go-Lucky – David Sedaris](#)

A Message from the Library Director



Fundraising at KFL has picked up again and there are all kinds of ways that you can participate. Our [Annual Appeal](#) is underway and it is our largest direct mail fundraiser which concludes on June 30, shortly before our largest event fundraiser, the 25th Edition KFL 5K, on July 8. Whether you want to participate in our 5K [in-person](#) or [virtually](#) or join on as a [business sponsor](#), or donate to our [Annual Appeal](#), it all helps KFL, a 501c3 nonprofit, give back to the community.

Another way you can contribute to KFL is through volunteering. If you're interested in offering general library support please stop by to pick up a volunteer application or request one via [email](#). The [Friends](#) of KFL are always looking for members, and our Board of Trustees is currently accepting [applications](#).

This month's picture is my son Max splitting his attention between two different books.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Harlem Shuffle – Colson Whitehead

Ray Carney is the owner of a used furniture store in New York City in the 1960's. Ray is a family man, expecting his second child with wife Elizabeth. His in-laws think he is not good enough for their daughter. His family history is more than a bit shady and he struggles to remain honest. Money is tight and temptation draws him into trouble. I enjoyed the recreation of Harlem in the 60's. An aside: Ray's habit of sleeping in two shifts with a work session in the middle of the night is interesting.

Notes on a Lost Flute – A Field Guide to the Wabanaki – Kerry Hardy

Maine as lived by our Indigenous People is described, explained and cherished in this book. The wisdom and lifestyle of people living naturally and respectfully on their land is beautiful and valuable. Adapting to flourish in their natural environment and seasonal changes is amazing. My favorite chapters were "Food from the sea and shore" and "A culture built around nature".

Supernova - written and directed by Harry Macqueen

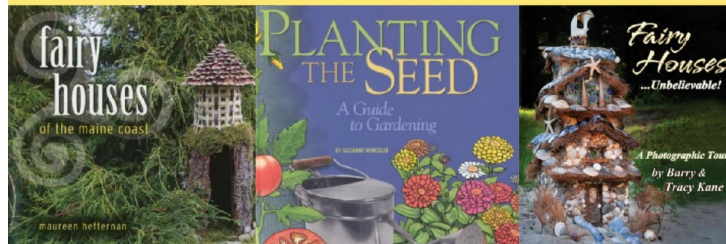
A film starring Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci in a British romantic drama film. A longtime couple deals with a dementia diagnosis by heading out in their old and trusty RV visiting friends and seeing new things. A thoughtful depiction of a difficult life situation.

Denise, Library Assistant



A sampling of fairy and gardening books for spring available at KFL.

To order books call or visit our website.



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