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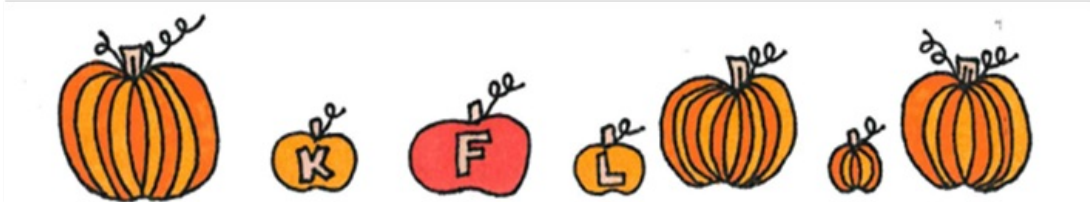


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Adult Programs

Genealogy Group - November 2

On Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m., the KFL Genealogy Group will host a Brick Walls Roundtable. Have you hit a road block tracking one of your ancestors? Have you found a new resource that you love? This is your chance to share your troubles and your tips in an informal discussion with other members of the group. A laptop and projector will be available if you have documents that you want to share.



Heart and Home Book Club - November 4

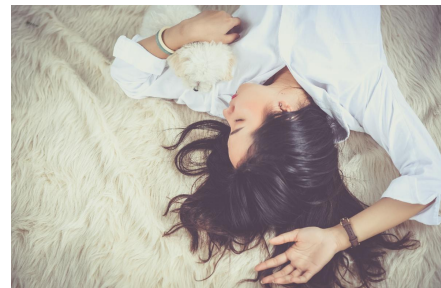
The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group at KFL. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *preparedness*. Feel

free to call or stop by the library for help finding a book!



Dream Interpretation and Analysis - November 4

Have you ever wondered what your dreams mean? On Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m., presenter Cindy Simon will teach you how to make sense of your dreams, what they mean for you and how to receive wisdom and intuitive guidance from your dreams.



Fake News: Its Challenges, Consequences, and Rise - November 6

The Camden Conference presents Martin Gagnon, former journalist and current Auburn Public Library reference librarian, at the Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 pm to discuss *Fake News: Its Challenges, Consequences, and Rise*.



This brief session will provide participants with tips to look critically and analyze digital, television, and print media resources. Through videos and slides, the session will examine the history of misinformation and the psychology of irrationality brought about by biases and social forces. This insightful presentation will also examine the role of technology in the creation and spread of "fake news" and suggest helpful resources to verify images and fact check news stories.

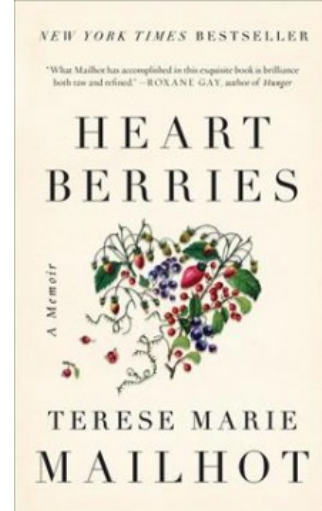
Gagnon, prior to his work in the public library profession, was a journalist for newspapers in Maine and New Hampshire. In October 2017, Gagnon and a small team from the Auburn Public Library along with Sun Journal Editor Judith Myers traveled to Chicago to participate in a media literacy initiative. The Media Literacy at Your Library was a project of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with many other partners. The training and interactive workshop featured the curriculum of the Stony Brook University Center for News. In 2018, Gagnon used the training and his past experiences in the journalism field to create a media literacy and "fake news" class at the Lewiston-Auburn Senior College along with a series of events at the library. Seeing the amount of interest and general concern for the implications and lack of civil discourse fueled by misinformation, Gagnon created a companion website. The site is non-partisan, takes no advertising and can be viewed at www.themediasawycitizen.org.

Nonfiction Book Group - November 11

Join us on Monday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Heart Berries* by Terese Marie Mailhot.

"Reflections on the turbulent life of a Native American writer. A glowing introduction from Sherman Alexie dubs Mailhot, the Saturday editor for the Rumpus, the 'biological child of a broken healer and a lonely artist,' and her debut memoir undeniably embodies those attributes. She was raised on the Seabird Island Indian Reservation in British Columbia, and her innocent youth

was spent within the orbit of a doting grandmother. The author chronicles her teenage marriage to Vito, the loss of her son Isadore in court upon the birth of second son Isaiah, and how they each 'ruined each other, and then my mother died.' Mailhot fearlessly addresses intimately personal issues with a scorching honesty derived from psychological pain and true epiphany. She discusses her precarious affair with a writing professor, visits with her psychotherapist, who tempered her manic depression with a stay at a psychiatric facility (the 'madhouse'), her prideful work as a distinguished Indian writer, and the abuses of her callous, cynical mother and 'drunk savant' father. The author's bipolar condition disrupted many of her formative relationships with new men she introduced to Isaiah, only to have them fade into obscurity. She shares these anecdotes through lyrical, brooding, vastly introspective language. Her prose expresses the urgency of her life in clipped, poetic sentences that snap and surge with grief and intensive reflection. Mailhot's proclamations about her heritage, its traits, and particularly the restlessness and codependency of Indian women permeates the text: 'Native women walk alone from the dances of our youth into homes they don't know for the chance to be away.' Her moral crisis emerges as not one of overcoming the shame of her past, but how to live and love while reconciling her need for both connection and independence. Slim, elegiac, and delivered with an economy of meticulous prose, the book calibrates the author's history as an abused child and an adult constantly at war with the demons of mental illness. An elegant, deeply expressive meditation infused with humanity and grace." (Kirkus Reviews, December 1, 2017)



Social Isolation Roundtable - November 14

Perhaps more than at any other time in history, people are feeling isolated and lonely. There are many reasons behind this huge, destructive problem.

On Thursday, November 14 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., former social worker Susan Richards will lead a round table workshop to discuss social isolation. We shall explore the causes for it and avenues to come together in community. Join us to share your ideas, experiences and questions about social isolation. We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month at 3:00. Everyone is welcome to join for as many sessions as they would like.

Round table workshops are presented by the Center for Social Isolation Remedies in conjunction with the Kennebunk Free Library.

Susan Richards has a Master's Degree in Social Work and was a therapist for fifteen years in both inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment facilities. She was also a Writing Adjunct for ten years at SUNY Ulster and Marist College. Richards is the *New York Times* best selling author of three memoirs: *Chosen by a Horse*, *Chosen Forever*, and *Saddled*. She was married to renowned Magnum Photographer Dennis Stock who died in 2013. She currently lives in Kennebunkport with two pugs.



Jewelry Making Night - November 19

On November 19 at 6:00 p.m., come and make your own jewelry at KFL! We have a variety of beads, pendants, and other materials that you can use to design your own creations. Do you want a new necklace? Earrings? Maybe a bracelet? You will be able to create any kind of jewelry you want with the materials provided. Light refreshments will be served.



Indigenous Reads - November 19 (at Wells Public Library)

The Wells Public Library and the Kennebunk Free Library are partnering to offer a book group featuring books written by authors of Indigenous heritage. The group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with the location alternating between the two libraries.

On November 19, we will discuss *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko at the Wells Public Library. On December 17, we will discuss *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee* by David Truer at the Kennebunk Free Library.



In addition to the book selections, there will be a screening of the documentary *Dawmland* at the Wells Public Library on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Ukulele Group - November 20

On Wednesday, November 20 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 - November 20

Wednesday, November 20 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.



Tech Time - November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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.

In Stitches - November 5, 12, 19, 26

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.

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.

This month, on the 1st, we will be experimenting with electrolysis! On the 8th, we will be creating leaf art! On the 15th, we will be creating reversible flexangles! On November 22, we will be holding teamwork challenges! On the 29th, we will have a relaxing board game day!



Teen Fandom Afternoon - November 20

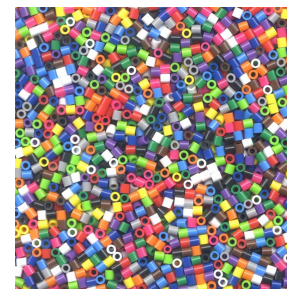
Are you interested in Anime or Sci-Fi or RPGs or any Fandom? Anything that makes you geek out, we want to hear about! While you talk, you can complete challenging LEGO builds! Join us on Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. This program is open to teens ages 10 and up.



Children's Programs

Beadcraft - November 6

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 are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is appreciated, but not required.



Musical Science - November 7

Make some noise in the Library! Children age 5 and up are invited to Kennebunk Free Library on Thursday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. to discover the science behind sounds. Whether you want to see sound waves, play around with pitch, or make your own rainstick, there is something for everyone in this fun and interactive program.

Registration is appreciated, but not required.



Chickadee Book Club - November 13

Time to read, chickadees! Chickadee Book Club at Kennebunk Free Library for kindergarten-second graders meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We meet to read and talk about Chickadee nominated picture books, and have some fun. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 3:45 p.m. We will be discussing *Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings and *Found* by Jeff Newman.

Reading the books ahead of the club meeting is encouraged, but not required. Books can be borrowed from the library, either from KFL or requested through Minerva. Registration is required, and is limited to 15 readers. Come read with us!



Discovery Station - November 20

Full STEAM ahead to Discovery Station at KFL! 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, November 20 at 3:45 p.m. and have fun with this month's theme, Edible Engineering! The program is limited to 12 children, and registration is required.

Junior Science: Bucket Towers! - November 25

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 November 25 at 4:00 p.m. as we experiment with Bucket Towers! The kids will be attempting to construct towers strong enough to support a weighted bucket. This program is designed for kids ages 5 and up; registration is required.



In September at Junior Science, the kids had a blast experimenting with Density in a Bottle! They were amazed watching different liquids rise and sink above the neutral water layer within their container.

Windows and Mirrors Book Club - November 25

Kennebunk Free Library, in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council, is hosting a book club that centers on

picture books that highlight the beauty of our diverse world. 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. The book club is open to grades K-5.

[Registration is recommended](#), but not required. Discover how we can find ourselves and learn about others through stories. Our next meeting is on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Parents are invited to join us!



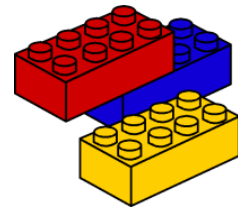
Homeschooling Group - November 25

Are you the parent of a homeschooler? Are you looking for a place to talk about your experiences with other parents? Kennebunk Free Library's homeschooling group, for parents of homeschoolers to discuss and share resources, meets on the last Monday of every month. A librarian will be available to answer questions and offer guidance. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Homeschooling is a journey - join us to talk about your travels! This month's meeting will be held at the same time as our Windows and Mirrors Book Club, for grades K-5. Children are welcome to join us for the club while grown-ups meet upstairs!



LEGO Club - November 27

Come join us on Wednesday November 27 at 1:00 p.m. for Lego Club! Please note the earlier than usual time. 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.



Drop-In Winter Crafts - November 30

It's that time of year again! Kennebunk Free Library is offering Drop-In Family Winter Crafts from 11-2 on November 30, featuring snowflakes, snowmen, and all things winter. Celebrate the start of the season with some festive crafts! No registration required.



Storytimes

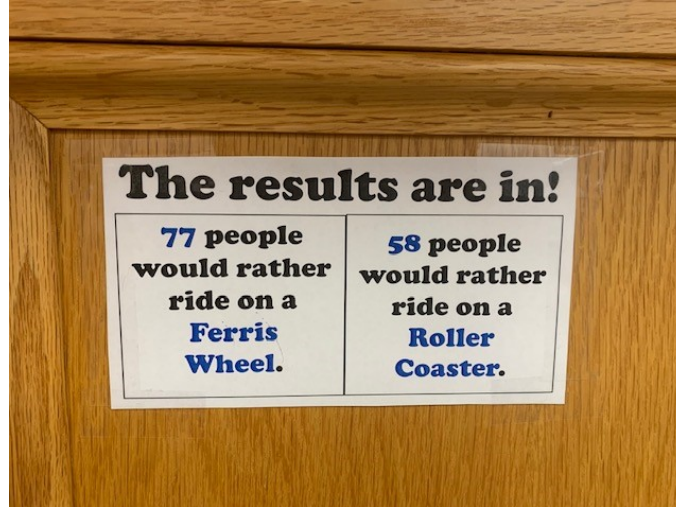
Mondays @ 10:15: Peek-a-Book Babies (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays @ 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

We will be taking a storytime break from Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29.



Children's Room Announcements

- The results of our latest Would You Rather question are in! 77 people would prefer a peaceful ride on a ferris wheel, while 58 are looking for a little adventure with a roller coaster ride. Keep your eye out for a new question!



- 10 stuffies had a great time spending the night at the library at their Stuffed Animal Sleepover!



Speers Gallery

November Artist: Sherry Holden Dresser Dec

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its November 2019 exhibition, *Haunted, A translation into paint!*, the oil paintings of Sherry Holden Dresser Dec, formerly from Kennebunk. The public is invited to view the exhibit at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

Artist Statement: "After thirty-seven years of teaching, I retired and found a new passion as I began to paint. I've found two particular elements catch me. I am forever chasing the

use of light on a surface. The power and scope of its mystery challenges me again and again with each new project. I feel like I am learning to see for the first time.

I also explore the energy underneath objects, people, and landscapes. I find that the right composition, color and value unlock a deeper level of truth about my chosen subject. Only when I can get those qualities right, do I begin to authentically paint it.

I have had a wonderful teacher for seven years, Ron Frontin, who has inspired me to work hard. He is a masterful painter and I am acquiring skills to begin the level of painting I want to express because of him. The adventure has begun and I've been waiting all my life to do this work.



My Y.A. book Haunted inspired this show. Set in Kennebunk-Kennebunkport in the 19th century, characters and landscapes from its pages fueled my imagination. I sign my book with the statement, 'Everything you do counts!' I believe that each of us have the responsibility to live deliberately with compassion and humanity. The book implies reincarnation and that a score is kept from lifetime to lifetime of everyone's intentions as they live their lives. When Julie goes back in time and becomes Victoria a hundred years in the past, she must solve a mystery and complete something she chose to ignore then."

The public is invited to an artist's reception on Saturday, November 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the works of this talented artist.

Library News & Events

Annual Wreath Sale

We are now accepting orders from individuals and businesses for wreaths which will be delivered to the library for **pick up on Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.** Made at Wreaths of Maine in Waldoboro, these beautifully handmade, double-sided 23" Balsam wreaths, centerpieces and sprays will adorn your front door and make excellent gifts.



For an additional fee, **wreaths can be shipped** to friends and loved ones. The wreaths are delivered in decorative boxes using the fastest delivery possible, so wreaths arrive fresh. They come with a personalized gift card and a hanger is attached. Orders are accepted through November 14 at Noon.

There are multiple options to choose from ranging from \$30-\$40 as well as a **33" wreath** suitable for larger windows and doors. The cost for the 33" wreath is only \$53 but not available for shipping. Every wreath is hand made by a skilled wreath-maker and decorated. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Order at our online store (<https://squareup.com/store/kennebunk-free-library>) or with a form available through our website or at KFL.

Friends of KFL Annual Meeting

The Friends of KFL thank our dedicated volunteers for another successful book sale! Your work sorting, organizing, and working the sale is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, all are invited to the Friends annual meeting on Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm

(with orientation for new and interested members at 5:45 p.m.). Join us for wine and cheese, a review of our year and to help plan for 2020.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help put several library gardens to bed with light weeding and mulching. Interested? Please [contact Deb Redding-Sampson](#) before October 31. Thank you!

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.

Hot New Releases on order for November:

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

November 5

[A Christmas Gathering](#) - Anne Perry

[Final Option](#) - Clive Cussler

[Galway Girl](#) - Ken Bruen

[Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry](#) - Mary Higgins Clark

[Noel Street](#) - Richard Paul Evans

[The Old Success](#) - Martha Grimes

[The Siberian Dilemma](#) - Martin Cruz Smith

November 12

[Twisted Twenty-Six](#) - Janet Evanovich

November 19

[The Confession Club](#) - Elizabeth Berg

[A Minute to Midnight](#) - David Baldacci

[Robert B. Parker's Angel Eyes](#) - Ace Atkins

November 25

[Criss Cross](#) - James Patterson

November 26

[The Rise of Magicks](#) - Nora Roberts

[Scarlet Fever](#) - Rita Mae Brown

[Spy](#) - Danielle Steel

[Sword of Kings](#) - Bernard Cornwell

A Message from the Library Director

As we approach our winter months, I want to remind everyone that a service available (year-round, actually) to you is home delivery of library materials. This means that if you would like to check out library materials but are unable to get to the library, we will bring them to you. You can request books, audiobooks, and movies through Minerva, ask staff to, or even let us know what you think you may like and we can bring you a selection to choose from. If you don't have a library card already we can set you up with that as well. Please contact us at kfl@kennebunk.lib.me or 985-2173 to get started. If anyone knows someone in the area in need of this service, please pass our information along.



With this in mind, we are also looking for additional volunteers to help us with home delivery. I know I have heard from some of you in the past, but it is typically this time

of year when we start getting additional requests. Please touch base!

Thank you,
Michelle K. Conners, Director

November Calendar of Events

Nov 1: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nov 1: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 2: Genealogy Group, 10:00 p.m.
Nov 2: Artist's Reception, 1:00 p.m.
Nov 4: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 4: Heart and Home Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Nov 4: Dream Interpretation, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 4: Friends of KFL Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 5: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 5: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
Nov 6: Beadcraft, 1:00 p.m.
Nov 6: Crafting Friends, 5:30 p.m.
Nov 6: Fake News, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 7: Musical Science, 4:00 p.m.
Nov 8: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nov 8: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 11: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 11: Nonfiction Book Group, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 12: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 12: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
Nov 13: Chickadee Book Club, 3:45 p.m.
Nov 14: Social Isolation Roundtable, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 14: Wreath Order Deadline
Nov 15: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nov 15: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 18: Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 19: Family Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Nov 19: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m..
Nov 19: Jewelry Making Night, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 19: Indigenous Reads, 6:30 p.m (at Wells Public Library)
Nov 20: Discovery Station, 3:45 p.m.
Nov 20: Teen Fandom Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.
Nov 20: Ukulele Group, 5:30 p.m.
Nov 20: Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 22: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nov 22: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 23: Wreath Pick-Up, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Nov 25: Junior Science, 4:00 p.m.
Nov 25: Homeschooling Group, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 25: Windows and Mirrors Book Club, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 26: In Stitches, 11:00 a.m.
Nov 26: KFL Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 27: Lego Club, 1:00 p.m.
Nov 27: Library Closing at 5:00 p.m.
Nov 28: Library Closed
Nov 29: Tech Time, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nov 29: Teen Friday Fun, 3:00 p.m.
Nov 30: Drop-In Family Winter Crafts, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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