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Library News

York County Audubon Donates Birding Backpacks



We are excited to announce that York County Audubon has donated two birding backpacks to the library. KFL cardholders will be able to check out the backpacks for up to three weeks at a time. Each backpack contains everything you will need to go searching for birds in Maine. The kit's binoculars will help you see the birds up close. The birding guides will help you sort out which bird is which! Checklists for both children and adults will help you organize your bird findings and perhaps start your birding "life list". The suggestions about where to find birds and the maps of local land trusts will point you in the direction of the birds and their favorite habitats. The Kennebunk area is rich with bird life, and whether you're trying out a new hobby, teaching your children, or simply wanting to enjoy a weekend in nature, KFL & YCA hope that these birding backpacks will help you get to know the beautiful birds of Maine.

Digitized Historic Newspapers



We are pleased to announce the availability of newly digitized historic newspapers from our Special Collections. With the assistance of our partner institutions, Osher Map Library and the Maine State Library, and with funding generously provided by the Maine Humanities Council Bicentennial Grant Committee, we have completed a long sought after and much needed digitization project to preserve the content in issues of three local historic newspapers which have been maintained in storage for nearly

three decades. The newspapers are: the *Kennebunk Enterprise* (1904-1920), the *Seaside Echo* (1901-1907) and the *Wave* (1887-1890).

While KFL holds microfilm of several other newspapers, these three publications have never been preserved on any other format. Not only has digitization allowed us to make these newspapers freely available to anyone via the internet, it has also saved the content within the issues from permanent loss due to rapidly deteriorating conditions of the newsprint itself. The *Enterprise* in particular was badly in need of preservation due to brittle paper flaking away with

such little disturbance as walking by the volumes. As a bonus to readers and researchers- the digitized issues are also keyword searchable!

We are very happy to share these publications with you. They are a treasure trove of information about our community and are an invaluable resource for preserving and remembering the area's history. You will find local news stories, advertisements for local businesses and services, social event columns, editorials, obituaries, regional and national news, and much more, all illustrating what life in the Kennebunks and York County was like more than a century ago. We invite you to explore the newspapers by visiting <https://digitalmaine.com/kennebunk/> where you can access each publication, along with the digitized volumes of the Andrew Walker Diaries. We hope you enjoy these resources and find them useful.

The Parsons Reading Room is Open!



The library took one big step closer to "normal" this month as the Parsons Reading Room reopened. Newspapers and magazines are back in their pre-pandemic spots and the puzzle table is waiting for visitors!

Friends of KFL Annual Meeting



Join the Friends of KFL for their annual meeting on Monday, November 15 at 5:30. All are welcome, whether you're a Friend, thinking of becoming a Friend, or just want to learn about what the Friends do. The meeting agenda and Zoom link will be posted on the [Friends page](#) close to the meeting date.

Wreath Fundraiser Returns!



Kennebunk Free Library is now accepting orders from individuals and businesses for wreaths which will be delivered to the library for **pick up on Saturday, November 20**. 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.

There are multiple options to choose from ranging from \$30-\$42 as well as a 33" wreath suitable for larger windows and doors for \$60. Every wreath is hand made by a skilled wreath-maker and decorated. All proceeds benefit the Library. **Orders are accepted through**

November 10 at Noon.

Order at our online store (kennebunkfreelibrary.square.site), pick up a form in the library, or print a form at home through our website.

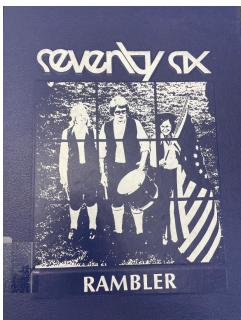
Holiday Virtual Wine Tasting



Get a jump start on your holiday entertaining plans and support your library at the same time! Kennebunk Free Library is sponsoring a Virtual Holiday Wine Tasting on Tuesday, November 16 from 6:30 to 7:30. Lani Dietz, owner of Kennebunk's Maine and Vine (13 Western Ave.) will tell us about three wines – a white, a red, and a sparkling – that are perfect for the holiday season. We will have time for discussion and questions, and trivia prizes will be awarded. Come to listen and learn or purchase the wines to sip along. Mention this KFL fundraiser to receive a 10 percent discount at Maine and Vine on the three

selected wines. The first ten folks who register will be entered in a drawing to win a luxury charcuterie box from Kennebunkport's The Port Box Co. that will be delivered to you on November 16! Suggested donation is \$10. Purchase tickets at <https://kennebunkfreelibrary.square.site/> to receive descriptions of the three chosen wines along with pairing suggestions.

Looking for a Copy of 1976 Rambler Yearbook



KFL is looking for a copy of the 1976 Kennebunk High School Yearbook to replace a vandalized copy. If you have one to donate, please [email](#) or call the library.

Adult Programs

Heart and Home Book Club - November 1



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. 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, November 1, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be: *Simplicity*

On Monday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be: *Colors*

Depending on conditions at the time, these meetings will be held in person at the library or virtually on Zoom. Location information will be posted to our website's calendar as soon as it is available.

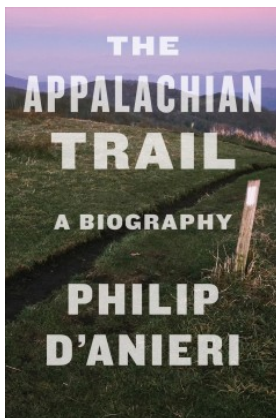
In Stitches - November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



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 inside the library; masks are required.

Nonfiction Book Group - November 8



Join us on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Appalachian Trail: A Biography* by Philip D'Anieri. The discussion will be held in person at the library; outside if weather permits. Masks are required inside.

"In this engrossing debut, urban planning professor D'Anieri takes a breezy trek through the century-long history of the Appalachian Trail . To provide a glimpse of the life of this well-traversed place as it's developed over time, he compiles profiles of the individuals who shaped it. In the late 1920s, for example, Horace Kephart—who helped establish the Great Smoky Mountains National Park—was instrumental in devising the trail's southern end, after its founding by Benton MacKaye in 1921, who saw it as 'a recreational preserve to

serve the people.' D'Anieri also chronicles the trail's early hikers, among them Earl Shaffer—a 'young loner' who charted paths in 1948 for others to follow—and Emma Gatewood, a septuagenarian who cared less about the 'purity of nature' than the freedom the walk provided. Meanwhile, Bill Bryson's influential book *A Walk in the Woods*—about his time on the trail—is given a local interpretation with criticism from the Appalachian Trail Club for its 'apparent disinterest in the trail's larger ideals.' In genial prose, D'Anieri captures the trail's majesty and its power to inspire those who ramble on it. Hikers will be captivated by the rich history, as well as those in need of inspiration for their next escape." (Publishers Weekly, vol 268, issue 19)

Take Note - November 15

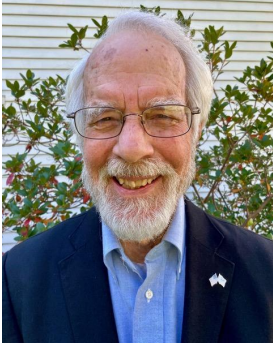


Join Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. for Take Note: a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! We'll discuss our favorite supplies & current projects in a free form discussion. Come to chat, ask questions, or listen. No experience needed. New participants are always welcome!

Depending on conditions at the time, this meetup will be held in person at the library or virtually on Zoom. Location information will be posted to our website's calendar as soon

as it is available.

Eastern Europe: Thirty Years After the Fall of the Soviet Union - November 16



present Bill Hall, president of the World Affairs Council of Maine at the Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00. Hall will be discussing *Eastern Europe: Thirty Years After the Fall of the Soviet Union*.

Hall will offer a look at this lesser-known but fascinating region of Europe today, 30 years after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. It was a momentous time. The Berlin Wall had been torn down; the Soviet Union was dissolving. Democratic capitalism, under American leadership, seemed the global future. Germany moved toward reunification, and the former Soviet republics and satellites in Europe were turned loose to make their way in a completely new international environment. What did American policymakers expect, what actually happened, and where are we now?

Bill Hall is the president of the World Affairs Council of Maine. He was an intelligence officer in the U. S. Air Force and spent nearly 18 years overseas, in Asia and Europe. Hall graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in politics and from the University of Virginia with a master's degree in foreign affairs. He lives with his wife, Nancy, on Peaks Island.

The Camden Conference is an annual world affairs conference held in Camden, Maine. The topic for this year's Conference, February 25 – 27, is *Europe: Challenged at Home and Abroad*.

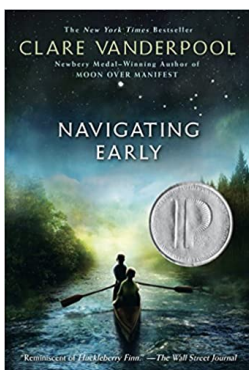
Fall Take and Make - Available November 15



Looking for simple but festive fall decor? Stop by the library beginning November 15 to pick up this month's take and make: Color Wrapped Wheat. Available while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Middle School Book Group: The Page Turners - November 18



Join us for our Middle School Bookgroup!

On Thursday, November 18 from 3:15 to 4:00, we will meet to discuss *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool. The link to the meeting will be posted on our events calendar as well as on our Facebook page. This program is open to teens in the grades 6 - 8.

This Book club is being offered by Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library and KFL. Hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Maria Richardson from KFL. Stop by either library to pick up your copy of the book.

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

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 Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. We will meet this month on **November 4** and **November 18**. 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!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Adventures



Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of D&D. Open to new and experienced players alike. We will meet on **November 8** and **November 22** from 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. You're welcome to bring your own character or make a new one. All other supplies will be provided. New players are encouraged to come and join the adventure. Open to Teens ages 10 and up!

Children's Programs



Outside Storytime - Mondays

Outdoor storytimes are continuing for as long as the weather allows! If Mother Nature agrees, storytimes will be held outside the library on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and bundle up if it's chilly! In the event of inclement weather, storytime will be held on Facebook Live. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on Monday morning, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. Masks are strongly recommended.

Weather permitting, upcoming storytime dates include:

- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- November 22
- November 29

Nighttime Stories on Facebook



What better way to wind down at the end of the day than with a story or two? Join in for nighttime stories with Miss Emmaline! Every week, you can find a video from Miss Emmaline sharing some relaxing stories for bedtime. The videos will be posted on our Facebook page, which you can access [here](#). You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page! Settle in and enjoy the stories!

STEAM To Go Kits - Starting November 1



Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? We 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 a fizzy dinosaur egg project that shows simple chemical reactions! Kits will be available starting Monday, November 1. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!



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 dinosaur crafts to celebrate DiNovember! Kits will be available starting Monday, November 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!



Book Stacks for Children

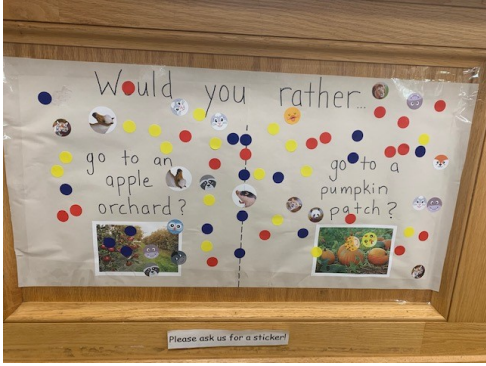
Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! We have lots of brand-new books to share with you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests 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!

Scavenger Hunt

Have you done the Great Book Character Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room yet? There's still time! Pick up a clue sheet at the desk in the Children's Room. Find the pictures, check them



off on your sheet, and get a small prize! Happy sleuthing!



Would you rather...

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In October, we asked, "Would you rather go to an apple orchard or a pumpkin patch?" 32 friends wanted to go apple-picking, while 36 friends would prefer to pick out a pumpkin! 6 friends wanted to do both and placed a sticker right in the middle. 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!

Speers Gallery

November Artist: Art Guild of the Kennebunks

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its November 2021 exhibit by the Art Guild of the Kennebunks, to be shown in the Speers Gallery. The exhibit is part of the guild's 40th Anniversary celebration during 2021. It included shows at the Port Gallery in Kennebunkport, a "Pop-Up" show at Maine Art Hill in Kennebunk, and the Annual Awards Show at the Community Center in Kennebunkport.



The Art Guild of the Kennebunks (AGK) was founded "to foster camaraderie, support, and professional stimulation." The group is made up of approximately 60 juried artist members representing a wide variety of visual arts mediums.

The AGK has exhibited in the Speers Gallery several times before, and the Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to welcome back these talented artists.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the Speers Gallery from November 1 – November 29 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 November

November 2

[The Christmas Promise – Richard Paul Evans](#)

[A Christmas Legacy – Anne Perry](#)

[Game On – Janet Evanovich](#)

[Clive Cussler's The Devil's Sea – Dirk Cussler](#)

November 9

[Never – Ken Follett](#)

[The Dark Hours – Michael Connelly](#)

[The Sentence – Louise Erdrich](#)

November 16

[A Man of Honor – Barbara Taylor Bradford](#)

[The Missing Piece – John T. Lescroart](#)

[Mercy – David Baldacci](#)

November 23

[Fear No Evil – James Patterson](#)

[Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone – Diana Gabaldon](#)

[The Becoming – Nora Roberts](#)

[Flying Angels – Danielle Steel](#)

[The Midnight Lock – Jeffery Deaver](#)

November 30

[Autopsy – Patricia Cornwall](#)

[Wish You Were Here – Jodi Picoult](#)

A Message from the Library Director

You may have been hearing about [publishing or supply chain issues](#) with regard to books especially as we approach the holiday season. We have already been experiencing delays in getting books mailed to us by suppliers and on the shelves for you to check out and unfortunately, we are expecting that to get worse. However, KFL has a great opportunity for you as you try to find your next great read. The [Seven to Sample reading program](#) goes through December 31, 2021, challenges you to go outside of your comfort zone, and gives you a chance to win prizes too.



In KFL news, we are now distributing library cards with new sequencing. If you already have a library card you don't need a new one but we will need to know the last six digits of your card now instead of the last five. Please remember that to check out items at KFL you need to have your card, a picture of your barcode, or have your number written down or memorized to access your account.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

This Is Your Mind On Plants by Michael Pollan

“Of all the things humans rely on plants for, surely the most curious is our use of them to change consciousness to stimulate or calm, fiddle with or completely alter, the qualities of our mental experience.” This short book looks in depth into the history, provides commentary, shares experiences of and pretty much, every angle of the opium poppy, caffeine and peyote.

I am sharing two book recommendations from my friend, Mary Ann.

The first is *The Atlas of Disappearing Places – Our Coasts and Oceans in the Climate Crisis* by Christina Conklin and Marina Psaros

With many pictures, graphs and projections, this book takes a look at the Earth's changing chemistry, strengthening storms, warming waters and rising seas. If you would like a clearer understanding about the issues facing us, spend some time with this book.

The second is *Once Upon a Town* by Bob Greene

From Christmas Day 1941 until the April 1, 1946 the people of North Platte, Nebraska turned their small railroad depot into a free Canteen for the trains of soldiers travelling to war. For a few minutes the soldiers enjoyed food, music and hospitality staffed and funded by volunteers. By the end of World War II, the town with a population of 12,000 people had provided more than 6 million GIs encouragement and creature comforts. This eye witness history is based on interviews with North Platte residents and the GIs that passed through.

Jenny, Library Assistant

Recently, I received a link to a newspaper article about one of my favorite topics. I was excited to read the article, but then I was disappointed when I encountered a paywall. After a few moments, however, I remembered that I could search for the article online, through the Global Newsstream database on [Digital Maine Library](#). I followed steps 1 – 7 in [this guide](#) and then searched for the title of the article, which I found! It was also easy to email or print the article to read at a later time. The Digital Maine Library has many

other helpful databases, including Gale LegalForms and, my favorite, Novelist Plus, which is great for finding title, author & series read-alike recommendations.

Denise, Library Assistant



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