



**Monthly E-Newsletter
September 2018
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Summer Reading Success

Summer Reading Rocked!

Thank you all for making summer reading so much fun! We held more than 65 summer programs between June 25 and August 17. When you add in our recurring programs (like In Stitches and Tech Time) that's 94 programs over the summer!

Registrations for our children's Summer Reading Program climbed to 177. To date, 36 kids have completed the program and collected their free book. About 277 scratch tickets were given out to teens for attending a program or checking out a book. They won buttons, books, candy, or were entered into four grand prize raffles. Fifty-seven adults entered to win 4 gift cards to local businesses. The entries came along with some insightful book reviews.

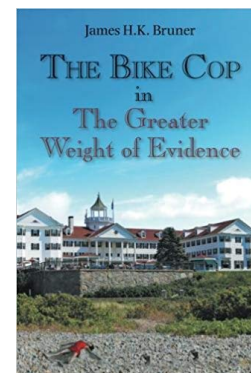
Summer reading rocked but we think that fall will be just as exciting!

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 26 WEEKDAY STORYTIMES
 BEN & THE PEANUT BUTTER PROBLEM CONCERT
 GEMSTONE DIG ANNUAL PET SHOW
 GEODE BATH BOMBS WORKSHOP
 MAKE A KITE WORKSHOP
80'S PROM
 JUNIOR SCIENCE BOTTLE ROCKETS
CANDY SUSHI DEVILISHLY DELICIOUS BREADMAKING DEMO
 HEY NOW, YOU'RE A ROCKSTAR DRESS UP 2 PAJAMA STORYTIMES
 3 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS **ROCK PHOTO HOLDERS CRAFT**
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 INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO WITH THE PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Adult Programs

Author James Bruner - September 4

On Tuesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m., local author, James H.K. Bruner will be presenting his new summer thriller, *The Bike Cop in the Greater Weight of Evidence*. A family affair where you will have the opportunity to play games, win free books, ask questions, hear more about up-coming books in James' series, and of course, get your very own copy signed! You won't want to miss the fun!



Protect Yourself From Lyme - September 4

Annie Watts will be visiting Kennebunk Free Library on Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. to teach about how to treat your clothes, body and pets as well as other preventative measures as a means to avoid Lyme Disease.

Annie, a sufferer, will discuss the disease which is often misunderstood and misdiagnosed. She will be bringing specific products to present as we enter some very dangerous months in the

woods for being exposed to deer ticks.



Make and Take Lip Balm - September 5

On Wednesday, September 5 at 4:00 p.m., join presenter Cindy Simon to make a moisturizing lip balm with all-natural ingredients. Choose peppermint, vanilla, and other essential oils for flavoring! Learn about the healing properties of essential oils. Oils include a wide variety to calm, heal, energize, de-stress, help with chronic pain, uplift mood, cleanse, inspire, purify, balance and more.



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

Call or stop by the library to register.

Genealogy Group - September 8

The Soldier in the Pantalons Rouges

A presentation on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. kicks off the eighth year of the Kennebunk Free Library's Genealogy Group. This lecture by Francine Keating and Pam Stone Eagleson, CG tells the story of Keating's paternal great grandfather Joseph Eugene Brent whose oil-colored tin-type image was given to her five decades ago by her Dad's second cousin. It is that picture which held clues that led to documenting family oral history and Joseph's ancestry.

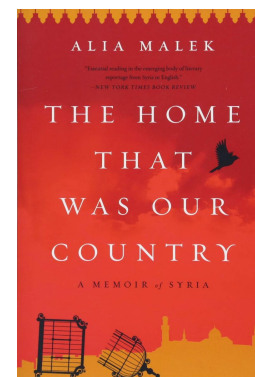


Keating, owner of a small herb business for 45 years in Kennebunk, grew up in western Massachusetts where she developed an interest in her roots as her parents recounted oral family history. Eagleson, an associate of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is a researcher, writer, and lecturer.

Nonfiction Book Group - September 10

Join us on Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Home That Was Our Country: A Memoir of Syria* by Alia Malek.

Born in Baltimore to Syrian refugee parents, Malek is an award-winning author (*A Country Called Amreeka*), journalist, and civil rights lawyer. While her original intent was to trace her family's history over the course of the last century, what Malek has produced is a valuable collection of stories of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Armenians, and Kurds as they interacted in Syria since the waning days of the Ottoman Empire in the late 19th century. Based on her own travels, the narrative recounts the fate of her ancestral home through her final departure in 2013. Readers will be moved by the insights and analysis included here: her own alienation as an Arab living in



the "provincial" suburbs of America, the difficulties of traveling as an unmarried woman in a Muslim country, and the struggles among the different ideologically driven political parties that have scarred her homeland. Most poignant is her concluding query: How can Syria ever emerge again, let alone prosper? While she gives no answers, her powerful story will cause thoughtful readers to pause and ponder. VERDICT Using scholarly sources in English and Arabic, Malek's extremely timely and highly readable narrative humanizes one of today's most complex political tragedies and will intrigue readers interested in current world affairs. --Marie M. Mullaney (Library Journal, vol 142, issue 01, p106)

Devilishly Delicious Demos - September 12

Join baker Jolene Staruch on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a cooking demonstration followed by delicious free samples. This month we will be learning about phyllo.

Phyllo-phobia: extreme fear of paper-thin pieces of bland pastry dough. Conquer your phyllo-phobia and learn how easy it is to create masterpieces that look like you spent all day on them when you really just spent an hour! Working with purchased phyllo, this demo will explore traditional strudel, how to make bakalava faster than cupcakes or cookies for school functions and mouthwatering spanakopita (Mediterranean spinach pie). Top it all off with phyllo cups for finger food!



Please call or stop by the library to register. Space is limited to ensure that there are enough samples to go around.

Introduction to Ukulele - September 19

The Kennebunk Free Library staff was blown away by the amount of interest in our recent "Introduction to Ukulele" class. So, beginning on Wednesday, September 19, we will be hosting a regular ukulele group. At 5:30 p.m., we will offer a brief lesson to less experienced players, discussing technique and learning chords. At 6:00 p.m., everyone from beginners to experts can drop in for the fun of playing with an enthusiastic group.

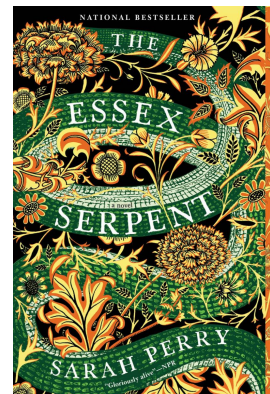


The library has a limited number of ukuleles available. Please let us know if you will need to borrow one. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Adult Book Discussion - September 25

Join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry.

"In Perry's (After Me Comes the Flood) excellent second novel, set in the Victorian era, recent widow Cora Seaborne leaves London with her 11-year-old son, Francis, and loyal companion, Martha, and goes to Colchester, where a legendary, fearsome creature called the Essex Serpent has been sighted. Scholarly Cora, who is more interested in the study of nature than in womanly matters of dress, tramps about in a man's tweed coat, determined to find proof of this creature's existence. Through friends, she is introduced to William Ransome, the local reverend; his devoted wife, Stella; and their three children. Cora looks for a scientific rationale for the Essex Serpent, while Ransome dismisses it as superstition. This puts them at odds with one another, but, strangely, also acts as a powerful source of attraction between them. When Cora is visited by her late husband's physician, Luke Garrett, who carries a



not-so-secret torch for her, a love triangle of sorts is formed. In the end, a fatal illness, a knife-wielding maniac, and a fated union with the Essex Serpent will dictate the ultimate happiness of these characters. Like John Fowles's *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, whose Lyme Regis setting gets a shout-out here, this is another period literary pastiche with a contemporary overlay. Cora makes for a fiercely independent heroine around whom all the other characters orbit." (Publishers Weekly, vol 264, issue 16)

Trivia Night - September 26

The last Wednesday of every month is Trivia Night at KFL. If you are confident in your trivia abilities, Trivia Night can be an individual sport. But you can also play in teams of up to six people. If you come with a ready-made team - great! If not, the Trivia Night regulars are a warm and welcoming lot, happy to give newcomers a spot on a team. We've been told that lasting friendships have been made when newcomers joined existing teams.



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 on September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

In Stitches - September 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 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.



Tech Time - September 7, 14, 21, & 28

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.

Register Now: Let's Talk About It - Race & Justice

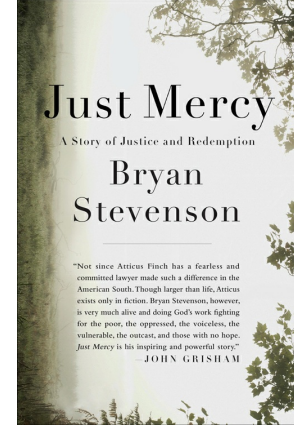
Let's Talk About It: Race and Justice in America

The Kennebunk Free Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It," a free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State Library.

The series "Race and Justice in America," begins on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., with sessions every two weeks until November 27. The series will be facilitated by Dr. Leroy M. Rowe of USM. Professor Rowe's research and teaching interests focus on the social and political experiences of African Americans during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Books to be read and discussed in this series are *Contempt of Court: The Turn-of-the-Century Lynching that Launched a Hundred Years of Federalism* by Mark Curriden and Leroy Phillips, Jr.; *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle; *The Contested Murder of Latasha Harlins: Justice, Gender, and the Origins of the LA Riots* by Brenda Stevenson; *Just Mercy: A Story of Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson; and *The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race* by Jesmyn Ward.

Please call or stop by the library to register for the program and pick up the books. For more information about "Let's Talk About It" and the work of the Maine Humanities Council, see www.mainehumanities.org or call the office in Portland at 207-773-5051



Teen Programs

Friday Fun

September 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Would you like the opportunity to play with extremely powerful magnets? Come join us at 3 p.m. as we make Ferromagnetic Fluid and experiment with Rare earth magnets!

September 14 at 3:00 p.m.

The start of school is always a stressful time, come join us at 3 p.m. as we make our own stress balls. Tell us what classes your taking this year and see how we can help take the stress out of school.

September 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we discuss the basics of how to create a circuit and experiment with different conductive materials and make graphite circuits.

September 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us and celebrate banned books week! We will talk about books people don't want us to read and why they try to ban them, as we make banned book poetry!

Teen Anime

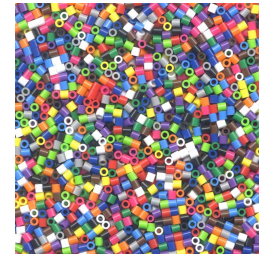
Teen Anime Club September 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Come to talk about anime, learn to draw your favorite characters, watch your favorite anime films and TV shows on the projection screen and everything anime in-between on Wednesday, September 12. (Grades 6-12.)

Children's Programs

Beadcraft - September 12

Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950s and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m. Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. Registration is required.



Junior Science: Hot Ice! - September 17

Science can be wacky, wild, or funny, but it's always an adventure! We will be holding a Junior Science series of programming for young scientists to experiment and observe the surprising results. Please join us on Monday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. as we experiment with Hot Ice! For kids ages 5 and up, registration is required.

In August at Junior Science the kids had a so much fun as we experimented with Elephant toothpaste! They learned about chemical reactions and new terms like catalyst and an exothermic reaction.



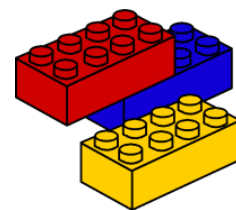
Crafternoon - September 19

Are you ready to get crafty? Come on Wednesday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m. for all the crafting you can handle! We will have several crafts available for you to choose from. Make one, or make them all! All ages are welcome to attend; however, please be aware that paint and small craft pieces may be present. No registration required.



LEGO Club - September 26

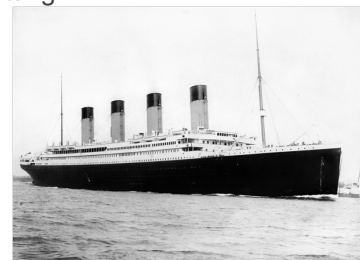
Come join us on September 26 at 4:00 p.m. for Lego Club! This month come join us for a building challenge that will push your builder abilities to the limit. If you are feeling more creative come build a Lego creation of your own imagination. Registration is required, for kids ages 4 and up.



I Survived: Titanic Edition - September 20

Of all the ships in history, few have captured our imagination like the ill-fated Titanic. The largest ship in the world when completed in 1912, it famously sank after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, becoming one of the deadliest peacetime shipwrecks in history.

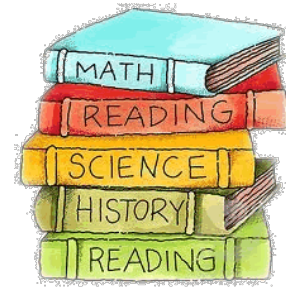
Children in grades 1+ are invited to join us on Thursday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. for *I Survived: Titanic Edition*, the first in a series of programs inspired by the popular *I Survived* books by Lauren Tarshis.



No registration needed, just drop by to learn a little about the Titanic, and challenge yourself: Can you build an

Homeschooling Group - September 24

Are you the parent of the homeschooler? Are you looking for a place to talk about your experiences with other parents? KFL is starting a group for parents of homeschoolers to discuss and share resources. A librarian will be available to answer questions and offer guidance. The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be focused on discussing best meeting times, goals for the group, and other preliminary information. Homeschooling is a journey - join us to talk about your travels!



Storytimes Resume September 17

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

Tuesdays at 10:15: Family Storytime (ages 0-5)



COMING SOON: Chickadee Book Club!

Starting in October, KFL will have a book club for first and second graders! We will meet to read and talk about Chickadee nominated picture books, and have some fun! The club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month, from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration is required, and is limited to 15 readers. Registration will open on Monday, September 10. For more information, call 985-2173. Come read with us!



Library News & Events

New in September: Take 10 DVDs at a Time!

You asked, we listened! Beginning on September 4, our lending policy is changing to allow you to check out ten DVDs at a time instead of our current limit of four. The new limit applies to interlibrary loan DVDs as well as our items - no more choosing your four favorites when all of the movies that you ordered come in at once!



Fall Clean-Up

Fine Amnesty Week

Summer is always a busy season, with vacations and visiting family and friends. It's easy for library books and DVDs to get lost in the shuffle (we librarians are no better about getting books back on time than anyone else). As we head into fall, we are giving you a week to get those items back to us consequence free. There will be no new fines on items returned the week after Labor Day (Sept. 4 - Sept. 8). If you have existing fines, pay half during amnesty week and we'll waive the rest. This applies to fines only, not to lost or damaged items.

Replacement Cards

Has your library card seen better days? Maybe you lost yours a long time ago and haven't gotten around to getting a new one? This month, in honor of library card sign-up month, we'll be replacing library cards for *free!* Any time during the month of September, bring in your photo ID and stop by either desk to get a brand new set of cards!

Elmina B. Sewall Charcoal Portrait Dedication

On Friday, August 3, KFL welcomed a new portrait in our lobby. Elmina B. Sewall was a Kennebunk resident and dedicated philanthropist. She was even named "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce in 1996. Her organization, the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, carries on her legacy and KFL has been a recipient of regular funding over the years. Now a charcoal study of a portrait of Mrs. Sewall by artist Tony Falcone joins our lobby, a lobby Mrs. Sewall made happen during our expansion in the 1990s. The portrait was donated by Mrs. Sewall's good friend and the man who commissioned the portrait, Bill Curran. The below photo shows Mr. Curran (left) and Mr. Falcone (right).



Last Month to Use CMNH Pass

KFL's membership to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover expires at the end of September. Be sure to check out the pass for 50% off admission for up to four people! CMNH has some fantastic exhibits, and also has a wonderful outdoor area that explores the Cocheco ecosystem.



New Changing Table!

KFL now has a changing table in the children's bathroom, which is located in the Children's Room.



How to Help

Annual Wreath Sale

Planning for Christmas already? We have you covered. Order forms for pickup and delivery for our annual Wreath Sale Fundraiser will be available soon. Wreaths can be shipped all across the country for a base fee from the end of November through the end of December. You can also plan to pick your wreaths up in-person at KFL on Saturday, November 17.



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choice. Amazon will do the rest, donating .5 % of the price of your purchase to KFL.

KFL Trustees Annual Meeting

The Annual Trustee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. As with all other trustee meetings, this one is open to the public. All are welcome.

Speers Gallery

August Artist - Bob Lown

Our September 3 to 29, 2018 exhibition will be "**Watercolors: Scenes of the Kennebunks**" the paintings of Bob Lown. The public is invited to view the exhibit Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

Bob has been painting since 1960. In his younger years when his time was filled with job and family, his painting had to be tucked in between other priorities. Upon retirement in 1995 Bob was able to paint more regularly. Though mostly self taught, Bob has been able to take courses from various artists while on vacation and in retirement. Some memorable teachers were George Shedd, Carlton Plummer, Phoebe Flory, Russell Whitten, Carl Schmaltz and Dewitt Hardy. Bob is an active member of Art Guild of The Kennebunks.



On September 7, 2018 this exhibit will be included in the "Art Trail of the Kennebunks" from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited.

New Books, Audio Books, & DVDs

[Click here](#) for a look at our new books.

[Click here](#) for new audio/video.

September Calendar of Events

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